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Glenmont has long history

Before the intersection of Feura Bush Road and Route 9W boasted bustling traffic and business, it was known as Bethlehem Center and, even earlier, as Babcock's Corners.

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Christmas fun for free

For the ninth year, Quick Response Restoration is hosting Santa's Playland Open House this weekend, complete with light displays, visits from Santa, live reindeer and refreshments. What's more, it's all free.

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Dutch falter in fourth

Columbia outscored Guilderland 20-9 in the fourth quarter to pull out a 50-45 victory in last Friday's Suburban Council South Division game in East Greenbush, denying the Dutch their first win.

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A CDTA bus is stuck at the corner of routes 85 and 140 on Wednesday, Dec. 9. Emergency service vehicles responded during the snowy morning.
 Dan Sabbatino/Spotlight

Snow removal on track

Plowing for first storm hampered by time, not budget

By CHARLES WIFF
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Motorists awoke on Wednesday, Dec. 9, to a collective groan as the Capital District took in the first winter storm of the season and many, as they slid out of their driveways into stalled traffic on the area's roadways, wondered why the driving conditions were so poor.

Well, it wasn't just their imaginations. According to Bethlehem Highway Superinten-

dent Gregg Sagendorph, crews Wednesday morning had a tough time clearing the roads because the event was something of a perfect storm.

"It just hit at the wrong time, and the intensity was just a couple of inches an hour," he said. "Under normal circumstances, we're on the road at 3 to 3:30 [a.m.] with our plows...this time it didn't start snowing until 3, so there wasn't any snow to plow until 5 o'clock."

But according to town officials, a rough morning doesn't mean that the department is cutting back on snow removal, no matter how lean the times might be.

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Beverwyck refocuses nursing home plan

Proposal features greenhouse-style housing

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A Slingerlands nursing care provider is scrapping an approved expansion in favor of a design that would bring new industry developments into play.

The Eddy Village at Beverwyck will seek the approval of the Town of Bethlehem to build two 12-bed buildings in the "greenhouse" style of nursing home care. Developed over the past six

years and spreading in popularity nationwide, greenhouse design focuses on creating a community atmosphere for small groups of seniors who require skilled nursing care.

"I think over the last 30 years nursing home operators have tried their best to make nursing home environments what they'd call homelike...but this actually goes beyond that. It actually houses people in a setting that is more like a home," said Beverwyck Executive Director Douglas Miller.

The proposal features private rooms with private baths and a
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Town gets earful on noise law

Public hearing to remain open until next meeting

By CHARLES WIFF
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The Town of Bethlehem will remain without a noise ordinance for at least the time being, as the Town Board on Wednesday, Dec. 9, decided after a public hearing that there are questions to be answered and adjustments to be made to the proposed local law.

The draft legislation, emerging about two years after a committee was formed to study the matter, would make it illegal to produce noise in excess of 75 decibels between the hours of 11 p.m. and 7 a.m., as measured from the offender's property line or from a distance of 20 feet if the noise occurs on the street.

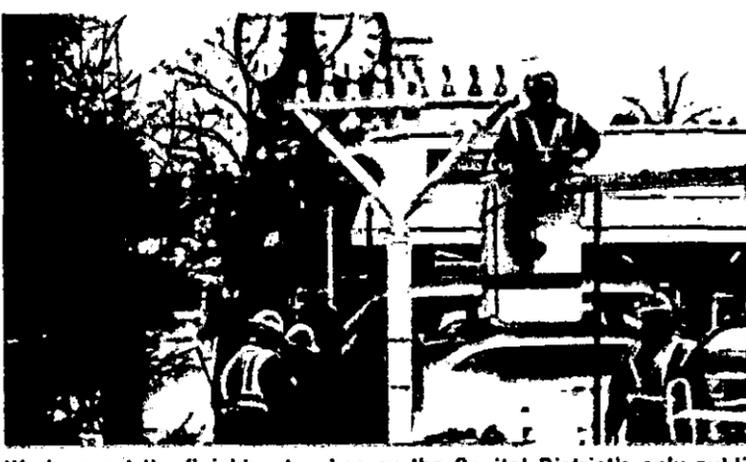
Supervisor Jack Cunningham emphasized that the intent of the law is not to disallow noise in the town, but to give law enforcement a means to deal with noise complaints.

"Occasionally, we have residents who create noise very late in the evening, and sometimes we have trouble getting them to cooperate with neighbors and the police on keeping that level of noise down," he said. "We're just trying to give the police the tools to do their job."

While there was little outright opposition to the idea of a noise ordinance on Wednesday, residents raised several questions about the language and purview of the law.

Planning Board member John Smolinsky
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Festival of Lights



Workers put the finishing touches on the Capital District's only public menorah, at the Four Corners in Delmar, on Friday, Dec. 11, as Rabbi Nachman Simon looks on. See story on page 22.

Ryan Munks/Spotlight

Top DWI dog



Albany County held its annual law enforcement evaluation commitee breakfast at Martel's Restaurant on Friday, Dec. 11. Bethlehem Police Officer Kenneth Beck Jr. was awarded the Guy J. Barringer Award for his Dedication to DWI enforcement. Officer Beck Jr. has been with the Department since 2005 and ranks in the top tier of the department for DWI arrests. FROM LEFT: Bethlehem Police Deputy Chief Tim Beebe, Beck Jr., Lieutenant Tom Heffernan Jr. and Town Supervisor-elect Sam Messina.

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Police Blotter

Alleged G'land burglar also charged by Colonie police

Colonie police charged Jeremy Trevor Anderson, 20, of Staten Island, on felony burglary and criminal mischief charges, according to police reports.

The arrested was made in connection to an alleged burglary of the Colonie Animal Hospital on Friday, Dec. 4. According to police, Anderson was charged with another burglary on Friday, Dec. 4 at the Albany County Veterinary Hospital in Guilderland.

Police reports state that at 4:42 a.m., Anderson attempted to break into the Colonie Animal Hospital by breaking two windows, but could not gain entry. He attempted smash the glass front door, but set off the alarm and was forced to flee without getting anything, the report states.

"Later that morning, the defendant was apprehended in Guilderland after committing a similar crime. The quick resolution of this case is a credit to the dedication and diligence of the Guilderland Police and their cooperation with our investigation," according to information provided by the Colonie Police Department.

Anderson was arraigned in Colonie Justice Court and has been released on \$10,000 bail. He will appear in court again on Wednesday, Dec. 30.

Other arrests

• Von Edward Williams, 43, alias Von E. Hall, of 27 Hampton

St., Albany, was transported to the Bethlehem Police Department on Tuesday, Dec. 1, pursuant to an active warrant for the charges of forgery in the second degree, identity theft in the first degree, two charges of criminal possession of stolen property in the fourth degree, conspiracy in the fifth degree and petit larceny. All but the latter two charges are felonies.

The warrant was signed on Nov. 30, and stemmed from a Nov. 12 incidence at the Wal-Mart at 311 Route 9W in Glenmont.

Williams was represented by the public defender and the case was waived up for the action of the grand jury, according to police reports. Williams was sent to Albany County jail without bail due to having three pervious felony convictions. A control date of Tuesday, Feb. 2, was set.

• Bethlehem police were called to investigate a possible instance of grand larceny on Wednesday, Dec. 2, when Slingerlands resident Marianne Quinn reported that one of her checks had been stolen and forged.

Quinn allegedly mailed the check to Citi Card AA Advantage in the amount of \$5,700 from the Slingerlands Post Office on Oct. 26, and it was altered to read \$4,700 and the name payable was altered, according to police reports.

An investigation is continuing.

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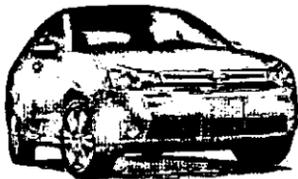
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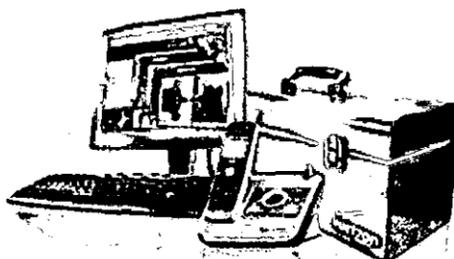
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Merry and bright



The New Scotland Kiwanis held a tree lighting Saturday, Dec. 5, at the Hannaford parking lot in Voorheesville, where the organization sells trees. Hot cocoa was served while kids decorated and caroled. Supervisor Tom Dolin lit the Christmas tree. The New Scotland Kiwanis have been selling trees for more than 20 years, and it's one of the biggest fundraisers.

Photos submitted by Janna Shillinglaw



Power to the people

National Grid makes some improvements to Slingerlands neighborhood

By CHARLES WIFF
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Slingerlands resident Janice Pata moved into her home on Southwood Drive about four years ago, and it didn't take her long to become acquainted with the neighborhood gripe: power outages.

"It seemed like any small weather issue and we'd have an outage," she said.

The problem was frequent enough for the neighborhood to band together in petitioning National Grid and the Town of Bethlehem for a solution to the problem, and after a \$36,000 March upgrade, the power company says that outages to Pata's neighborhood have decreased dramatically.

In 2007 and 2008, the circuit feeding the neighborhood experienced 10 outages and 13 outages, respectively. Four outages have been recorded in 2009, according to National Grid.

The biggest cause of outages in this part of town is foliage bringing down lines, which happens most often in ice storms and periods of high wind, said Manager of Overhead Lines Jim Murphy.

"We did have issues," he said.

The solution was to trim tree branches and remove "danger trees," or dead, heavy trees that could collapse onto the lines. Since the power lines in these neighborhoods ran behind the houses, they were not only more likely to be surrounded by foliage but were also more difficult to access.

National Grid made numerous equipment upgrades in the area, including replacing and improving poles, transformers and fuses.

It took the area's most dramatic ice storm in years to bring crews out to the neighborhood. Pata and her neighbors raised their concerns at a January meeting at Bethlehem Town Hall that was called to discuss the December 2008 ice storm. National Grid representatives were present at that meeting, and agreed to meet again in March to listen to the Slingerlands residents.

Slingerlands resident Philip Carter questioned why it took residents approaching company officials at an open meeting to get the problem addressed. He said that the January meeting wasn't the first time National Grid had heard about the problems—he'd been complaining for years.

"They did a lot of work, but it was only after years of instigating," he said. "We just had lots and lots of power outages. It takes forever to get crews in here for some reason."

National Grid spokesman Patrick Stella said that the company reacted quickly when it became aware of the problem, and added that communication is key to smooth service.

"It comes down to the customers having us know this is a chronic issue," he said.

Stella added that National Grid crews generally trim along lines in a five-to-seven year cycle; they last did rotational trimming in this Slingerlands neighborhood in 2006.

G'land gives Glassworks the go-ahead

Planning board's final approval paves the way for 'New Urbanism'

By RYAN MUNKS
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On Wednesday, Dec. 9, the Guilderland Planning Board unanimously approved a plan to build a mixed-use development called Glassworks Village on a 57-acre site located at the southeast corner of the intersection of Winding Brook Drive and Western Avenue. The development has been promoted as a town center for the sprawling suburb.

The town's approval was the final

hurdle for the plan that calls for the building of 300 residential units that will include condominiums, townhouses and single-family homes. Also included in the plan is 190,000 square feet of commercial space, with 115,000 square feet devoted to retail space and 75,500 square feet devoted to office space.

The Glassworks Village development has not been without controversy since it first came before the town.

Republican Town Board member Warren Redlich has been critical of the potential influx of traffic the development will bring to Western Avenue. He cited the density of the development and the addition of 1,400 parking spaces over the span of 50 acres.

"It's a beautiful project," said Redlich. "However, it is located on the wrong side of [Route] 155."

He went on to say that it is "reckless to build this development where it will create traffic and exacerbate an already existing traffic problem," referring to traffic going eastbound on Western Avenue in the morning

and westbound in the evening.

Redlich voted against allowing the development in 2008.

Town Planner Jan Weston admitted that an environmental impact study on Glassworks Village did show a significant impact on traffic where Route 155 and Route 20 meet; however, she said the benefits of the project outweigh any negative impacts.

Specifically citing a \$1 million payment the developer will make to compensate for its impact on traffic, Weston stated the money will go "to buy open space to offset development in the future, make improvements in the Hamlet of Guilderland, and add a CDTA stop."

"We aren't ignoring the problem, but we are making improvements in other areas," said Weston.

There is no word on when NAI Platform, the developer of the project, will begin construction. Daniel O'Brian, the company's president, said there are still some things to be finalized.

"We'll know better by Jan. 15," he said.

O'Brian said he doesn't feel

the still-sluggish economy will have much of an impact on the development of the site.

"The economy is tough, but we are diversified" he said referring to residential projects offered alongside the office and retail spaces.

According to information from NAI Platform, Glassworks Village will be "Albany's first true New Urbanism Development." The term "New Urbanism" refers to a development whose architectural and landscape design are planned out to specifically foster the development of a community.

New Urbanism mandates a design of residential, office and retail spaces within close proximity to one another, allowing a person to live within walking distance their job and recreational activities. Theoretically, this will cause residents of the development to take greater stock in their surroundings, promoting safety, civic bonds and other elements essential to the growth of the community.

"I think we are in tune with New Urbanism" said O'Brian. "We have a walkable community with residential space next to commercial space. ... We have the best of both worlds. We have parking, but you won't need it."

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Spending the green, feeling green, finding joy

By ROBIN SHRAGER SUITOR
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I started to feel all bah-humbuggy back in late October.

It happens to me every year when, seemingly overnight, stores are bursting with holiday merchandise and nearly every print, radio and TV advertisement is aimed at "helping" me to buy the perfect gifts.

I stop at the drugstore to pick up some toiletries and the place is overflowing with not only boxed gift sets of fragrances, cosmetics and personal care items (read: shaving supplies) but also an expanded selection of toys, candles and small kitchen appliances.

I don't mean to sound ungrateful about the opportunity to purchase ibuprofen, tampons, and a waffle iron at a single location. It's just that the only reason the blenders and Chia Pets are suddenly sharing space with the batteries and shampoo is because the retailers want to make sure each shopper's special someone is remembered at holiday time.

I'm no Scrooge. I like giving and receiving presents, I love singing songs, and I like eating food. But the commercialism drives me bonkers, and I get down on myself when I get caught up in the frenzy.

Every year I remind my daughter that Hanukkah is not



about the presents. That said, every year I buy her presents. Usually it's just one main present, like an MP3 player, plus items like a DVD, art supplies, books, pajamas and movie tickets.

Hanukkah, which began this year on the evening of Dec. 11, commemorates the Jews' victorious fight for religious freedom. Over 2,100 years ago, Antiochus Epiphanes, the Greek King of Syria, declared that all people must worship Greek gods. Jewish rituals were outlawed and the Jews' holy temple was seized and defiled.

The Jews eventually won the long battle against the Syrian army. While preparing to rededicate their reclaimed temple, the Jews found one flask of holy oil, enough to light the lamps for just one day. A miracle occurred and the oil burned for eight days, enough time to obtain a new supply of oil.

Each year at Hanukkah, Jews celebrate for eight nights by lighting and displaying candles in a menorah (candelabra). The Hanukkah menorah holds a total of nine candles, one for each

day of the holiday plus a ninth "helper" candle that is used to light the other candles. Over the course of the holiday, a total of 44 candles are used for each menorah.

In addition to lighting candles, other Hanukkah rituals include playing dreidel, eating chocolate-gelt, and frying potato latkes.

These activities should make the holiday special enough. But over time, and due in no small part to its proximity to Christmas, Hanukkah, for many people, has become about the presents.

Both holidays have been ravaged by commercialism. This saddens me, yet I will readily confess that I contribute to the problem.

I give my daughter presents and we also put up decorations. I've got strings of foil dreidels that swing from the archway in the dining room. I've got multiple Happy Hanukkah banners and also window clings shaped like a menorah, candles, and the Star of David.

I comfort myself in the fact that each year we put less emphasis on presents and focus more on celebrating with friends, sitting down as a family to play a game or watch a movie, or taking the time to sing some Hanukkah songs as we watch the candles burn.

And yet, I still look forward to giving my daughter at least one

present that will make her eyes light up. This year, I had that present in hand in October, by far the earliest I have ever completed a purchase for Hanukkah.

And then, about a week before Hanukkah, my 13-year-old daughter asks if she can put in a gift request. She's notorious for not knowing what she wants until the last minute. In past years she has agreed to skip submitting a wish list in lieu of being surprised. I prefer the surprise method because if she doesn't make an outright request, then I don't have to make an outright denial. Also, I generally know what she would like and I'm more inclined to buy her something if she doesn't pester me about it.

"It's not about a computer," she says.

"OK then, what is it?" I ask, praying that she doesn't mention the item that I already have.

"I want a camera," she says, and I am relieved because this is not my surprise gift.

"But your phone takes pictures," I tell her, going full well her response is going to be related to the "inferior" quality of those pictures.

And sure enough she says, "Yeah, but it doesn't take very good ones."

I find out later that she also desires an iPod, even though her phone also plays music.

The music quality is fine. The "problem" is that she is unable to listen to a full song without getting interrupted by text messages from friends.

I immediately think of the author Laura Ingalls who was overjoyed the Christmas she received a tin cup (she had been sharing one with her sister, Mary) and a stick of peppermint.

If only I could bottle the grateful feeling from the "Little House on the Prairie" and spray it throughout my ample house in the suburbs. And yet, it's entirely possible that in today's world even Laura would prefer iTunes to Pa's fiddle playing.

Surprisingly, once December arrived, my bah-humbug feelings subsided. We hung our Hanukkah decorations. And I found my "Hanukkah Pilgrims" sign and taped it near the Thanksgiving decorations that I don't bother taking down until New Year's. The Pilgrim decorations are ones my daughter has made over the years and they contain written declarations of items and people for which she is thankful. They make me smile when I walk in the room.

Other reasons to smile include the friends and family with whom I celebrate, the charming school orchestra and choir concerts I will attend this month, and the wickedly delicious potato pancakes I will eat straight from the frying pan!

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By Matt Zalen
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Thursday, December 17	59°/1984	-8°/1942	
Friday, December 18	60°/1921	-9°/1919	
Saturday, December 19	54°/1895	-13°/1973	
Monday, December 20	61°/1957	-19°/1951	
Monday, December 21	59°/1957	-18°/1942	
Tuesday, December 22	60°/1990	-8°/1955	

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Sunday	7:22am	4:24pm
Monday	7:22am	4:24pm
Tuesday	7:23am	4:25pm

Moon Phases
Dec 16th New
Dec 24th First

Planets

Planets	When	Where
Mercury	Dusk	V Low SW
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Mars	Dawn	Very High S
Jupiter	Evening	Low SW

Tides at Albany

Day	High	Low
Wednesday	4:33am, 4:53pm	10:54am, 11:35pm
Thursday	5:16am, 5:33pm	11:38am, -----
Friday	5:57am, 6:12pm	12:18am, 12:22pm
Saturday	6:36am, 6:50pm	1:01am, 1:06pm
Sunday	7:15am, 7:28pm	1:43am, 1:51pm
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Arbitrator finds charge against officer without cause

Overtime pay still denied for Hughes; other charges await decision

By CHARLES WIFF
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An embattled Bethlehem police officer has had one set of disciplinary actions against him dropped as the result of arbitration, but through the same decision lost his bid for the special detail pay that sparked the charges.

Officer Christopher Hughes said the decision rendered Friday, Dec. 4, by a state Public Employment Relations Board arbitrator vindicates his position and shows evidence that the town and police department singled him out for unwarranted disciplinary action.

"This is, in my opinion, retaliation for my being vocal about certain issues," Hughes said.

The case involved an overtime request made by Hughes in May of 2009. According to PERB Arbitrator Deborah Sabin's opinion, Hughes had agreed to work a special detail on May 10 to cover the town's annual Mother's Day races but was told the detail would conclude by 10:30 a.m., when he had a personal commitment. When he

reported for duty, however, he found that the first race didn't start until 10 a.m. and the detail would probably last until noon. Another officer was found to cover the detail and Hughes left without donning his uniform.

The following day, Hughes submitted a request for four hours of pay, pursuant to the collective bargaining agreement between the town and department that states an officer completing his or her "tour of duty" and returning home shall receive four hours of compensation, whether he remains for the duration of four hours or not.

The department denied Hughes's request, saying that Hughes had been excused on his own request and another officer had taken his place. Officer Adam Cobb, who took Hughes's place, requested and was paid four hours.

Hughes filed a grievance, and in response, the department instituted disciplinary procedures against Hughes for making a false claim for overtime pay,

filing a false instrument and filing a false report. The penalty sought by the town was a 30-day suspension.

Lawyers for the Bethlehem Police Benevolent Association attempted to establish a departmental pattern, presenting several instances in which department personnel were paid after reporting to court or overtime work then being turned back home. Sabin noted that section 6.8 of the agreement with the town does not mention special details, however.

"The PBA has failed to establish a clear past practice with respect to recall pay for special details," the decision reads.

She also found that the town had failed to establish that Hughes knew his claim lacked support and intentionally filed a claim without merit, leading her to order the disciplinary charges against Hughes be rescinded.

"That Officer Hughes and the PBA were mistaken in their interpretation of section 6.8 with

respect to its applicability to special details does not rise to the level of misconduct on the part of Officer Hughes," the decision reads.

According to Supervisor Jack Cunningham, the disciplinary motion has been removed from Hughes's file.

"We'll abide by the decision," he said. "I don't have any problem with it."

Hughes has been out of the department on sick leave since and was stripped of his badge and gun in September.

He went to Cunningham and the media with information about

the now-infamous recording of Chief Louis Corsi uttering a racial slur during a telephone call.

Hughes came forward after being brought up on separate disciplinary charges for improper use of sick leave time and having an improper interaction with a superior officer, with the town seeking a 30-day suspension. An arbitrator has heard that case, and a decision is expected by early February.

Hughes and the PBA will also go before an arbitrator in upcoming months to argue for the return of his badge and gun.



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Matters of Opinion *in the* Spotlight

Why not veto?

The Albany County Legislature passed a \$573 million budget Monday night, Dec. 7, despite multiple entreaties from Albany County Executive Michael Breslin to pass his proposed \$571 million budget. The approved budget saves more than 100 municipal jobs, but also dips into millions of dollars in reserve funds in order to balance out spending.

Over the past weeks, Breslin offered a few olive branches to the legislature, including an offer to keep a 120- to 150-bed nursing home in the county, something he came out in opposition to last month.

In spite of this, the legislature passed a budget that Breslin said would cause inordinate tax increases down the line and "fails to address long-term spending that is necessary to protect property taxpayers in 2011 and 2012."

Nearly one-third of Albany County legislators must have felt the same way, as 12 voted against the budget.

Breslin said at first that he would consider vetoing the budget based on its merits and not on the likelihood that a veto will stick. But, as of Monday, Dec. 14, the county executive told *The Spotlight* that he will not do so.

That's too bad. We at *The Spotlight* understand that Breslin's veto power is limited to spending increases, and that there are hundreds of jobs on the line here, but it would have been refreshing to see a politician, at the very least, show his or her constituents — many of whom are absolutely disgusted with the "politics as usual" mentality that has overtaken our state government from the state legislature on down — that they have the gumption to stand for their convictions.

We're not naïve enough to think that a veto would have held up — only 12 Albany County legislators voted against the budget, two shy of the 14 needed for a veto — but wouldn't it make for a great show of support for constituents if a principled leader actually stood for what he believed was right in light of an unsuccessful outcome?

Politicians were once held in regard for their courage and pioneering spirit. Now they're considered fools if they bring a motion to the table without knowing exactly what the votes will be. It's sad, really.

Detractors may say that you're holding up the budget process for a pointless stand, but it may not be that point-less. First of all, it fires a warning shot across the bow of those legislators that voted in favor of the budget while decrying its imperfection. Secondly, it endears you to a public that you should be empathetic toward, a public that polls show 70 percent of are ready to lynch the nearest incumbent government official they can find.

Editorial

Make the most of winter gardens with plants for all seasons

By CHUCK SCHMITT

The author is a senior resource educator with Cornell Cooperative Extension, Albany County.

Just because the snow flies and the gardening chores come to an end, the pleasure our gardens bring doesn't have too. Avid gardeners know that the garden isn't just something to be enjoyed during the growing season. A garden should be planned to provide enjoyment for all 12 months of the year.

We often hear about plants with multiple seasons of interest — plants that have a lot going on and add something to the landscape every season; plants that continue to grow, develop, transition and inspire as the seasons progress.

The toughest season to plan for is obviously winter. We have plants with colorful stems/berries — the red and yellow twig dogwoods, stripped maples and holly. We have many trees and shrubs with exfoliating bark; birches, paperbark maple, and oak leaf hydrangeas. We also have plants with interesting architecture — Japanese maples, flowering dogwoods and Harry Lauder's walking stick. The most difficult attribute for our woody plant material to achieve in winter is flowering. Most of our winter bloomers are grown from bulbs.

Winter blooming trees and shrubs are more abundant in the temperate regions. I enjoyed a variety of plants while living in the south and out in California. Our zone 5 climate provides us with some limitations in late winter/early spring bloomers. I am highlighting a few selections that offer late winter/early spring blooms. Certainly there are others not mentioned here.

Winter Honeysuckle,

Point of View

(*Lonicera fragrantissima*) is a "breath of spring" as the lemon-scented blossoms open in late winter/early spring. This weeping shrub can reach 10 feet in height with equal spread. It is adaptable to many soils and is a fast grower. Winter honeysuckle is often used to make a good screen, hedge, border plant and to pull oneself out of the winter doldrums. The branches can become a tangled mess. To control its size, prune after the flowers fade. They can be cut back to the ground as new shoots are readily produced.

Several varieties of Japanese Pieris (*Pieris japonica*) are available that will reach 10 to 12 feet tall by 8 feet wide and provide a spectacular display in late winter to early spring. The bell-shaped pendulous flowers, with a hint of fragrance, are produced at the tips of last season's growth. White or pink pendulous flower clusters cover the entire shrub. After blooming, the new foliage is a rich bronze color that matures to green. New cultivars such as Mountain Fire can be outstanding. Pieris prefer a rich, fertile, well-drained soil in a partial to full shade situation. For a smaller version check out the varieties Compacta, Debutante, and Little Heath — they grow up to about 3 feet tall and wide and are able to fit into any landscape.

Pussy willows, (*Salix discolor*) blooming in the landscape are always a welcome sight in late winter. The soft, silver, powdery blooms open onto bare wood. Pussy willows are colonizing plants, spreading and increasing from their original planting to cover a larger area. They can

grow to 25 feet tall but are able to withstand severe pruning if needed to keep them in check. The best time to prune is after flowering. They are native to swampy areas so a low-lying or moist part of the landscape would suit them best. Birders also enjoy pussy willows as its blooms attract birds as well.

Witchhazels, *Hamamelis vernalis* and *Hamamelis virginiana*, are very durable, adaptable early bloomers that can also be used to make a good hedge or screen. Vernal witchhazel usually matures at 6 to 10 feet in height and is tolerant of pruning if necessary. The small flowers are yellow to bronzy-orange, depending on cultivar, and are also very fragrant. Witchhazels are best planted in a container or as a balled and burlapped plant. Native to rocky stream banks, they perform well in moist, poor soils with a wide pH tolerance. Witchhazels are not plagued by any serious pest problems.

Another pest-free underused landscape plant is the Cornelian cherry Dogwood, (*Cornus mas*). This small tree is a slow to medium grower reaching 25 in height with equal width. It does well in full sun or partial shade and is adaptable to a wide range of soils and pH's. Small yellow flowers appear before leaves on short-stalked umbels early in the spring. Bright cherry shaped fruits follow. This small tree is often low branching or multi-branched and works well in the shrub border, foundation planting, or as a hedge or screen.

Consider adding some early bloomers to your garden this spring. Plants with yearlong interest allow us to truly enjoy the fruits of our labor in every season.

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Breslin says he won't veto county budget

Albany County officials battle over budget process

By DAN SABBATINO
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Albany County Executive Michael Breslin will not veto any portion of the Albany County budget, according to Mary Duryea, a representative of the county executive.

On Monday, Dec. 14, Duryea said Breslin's office was forwarded a copy of the official budget but will not veto it. Under the county charter, the executive's veto power applies only to spending increases, and Duryea said any cuts to that would "cripple county government operations."

She said, though, the executive continues to have some concerns about the budget and the county's nursing home, and they will be addressed in the coming week.

Breslin's decision comes in the wake of an allegation made by Albany County Legislator Richard Mendick, R-Selkirk that claims there have been changes in the adopted budget "by unknown county officials that falsely identifies it as one passed by the County Legislature."

He said there are 11 differences between the document approved by the legislature on Dec. 7 and the one that was submitted to the Albany County comptroller.

The budget passed 27 to 12, with Mendick voting against.

Mendick alleges a "dangerous game of bait and switch" with tax money and said that close to \$2 million in reserve funds, not approved by the legislature, was added to balance the budget.

"I have determined that the changes made are deliberate," said Mendick. "I am calling for the legislature to investigate these deceptive actions. Someone has falsely presented this budget as the one approved by the legislature and it's not."

Mendick is calling for a bipartisan committee to investigate the situation.

Mendick said the executive has the ability to make certain changes under the county charter, but after a budget is voted on by the legislature, there are no provisions in the charter allowing for legislative changes.

He charges that close to \$2 million in reserve funds was added in an attempt to correct budget deficiencies. He said he is concerned this is a "planned maneuver to

deceive both the County Legislature and the taxpayers."

Albany County Majority Leader Frank Comisso, D-Albany, who chairs the audit and finance committee, responded to the allegations, stating "[Mendick] is an unwitting county legislator [who] needs to acknowledge a lack of understanding of the process before seeking headlines."

Other members of the finance and audit committee also disagreed with Mendick's take on the situation. "On the night of the vote by the legislature, he knew that we needed to balance the budget before sending it back to the executive. He helped identify a mistake that needed to be fixed. Now he's pretending it's criminal to balance the adopted budget. That doesn't make any sense to me, said Gary Domalewicz, D-Albany, a member of the audit and finance committee in a statement.

Comisso said Mendick is calling responsible finance inappropriate. "On top of it all, Mendick identified a mistake that staff that needed to be rectified and then cries foul when the mistake is fixed. Mendick is complaining about presenting the executive with a balanced spending

plan, something necessary and understandable by anyone who understands accounting," Comisso said in a statement.

Albany County Comptroller Michael Conners said his office helps balance the budget after it is passed from the legislature to the executive, and it is not abnormal to make sure expenses equal revenue.

He said the legislature works with an abbreviated document during its meeting to adopt a tentative budget, and sometimes there are discrepancies between that document and the actual budget, which is hundreds of pages long.

"There were errors in it that were corrected," he said.

Conners said Mendick's interpretation of the process is in error, and it is "absolutely not" the case that there was any intentional deception.

Duryea said she could not comment on the procedural aspects of the budget, but acknowledged the executive budget office did notice some differences between the budget forwarded from the legislature and the spreadsheet used at the meeting.

Your Opinion

Multi-age classrooms a 'worst-case scenario'

Editor, *The Spotlight*:

Superintendent Michael Tebbano's comments at a recent Bethlehem Board of Education meeting were taken out of context in the article "BC: Future Enrollment Expected to Decline" (Dec. 9).

In Charles Wiff's article, he quotes Dr. Tebbano as suggesting the removal of 11 elementary teachers from next year's budget via adding many multi-age classes. The article failed to mention that Dr. Tebbano was pressed to give a worst-case scenario and is not recommending such cuts to the board.

In fact, a recent Multi-Age

Committee comprised of Dr. Tebbano, principals, teachers and parents recommended the elimination of multi-age classrooms in our district. It was largely agreed that with state standards as they currently are, it is very difficult to implement the model successfully.

It is my sincere hope the Bethlehem Central School District board will heed the recommendations of the committee and join other area districts in eliminating multi-age classrooms at Bethlehem Central.

May Saubier
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Glenmont has long bustled with activity

Area a center of commerce and travel over the centuries

By CHARLES WIFF
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Many might grumble at the Thruway tollbooths, but what if you had to put up money for the privilege of traveling between Glenmont and Selkirk?

That was the reality for many years in the Town of Bethlehem, when the transportation industry was largely made up of plank roads that crisscrossed many parts of the state. In Glenmont, several met at the area once known as Bethlehem Center.

Today, this intersection of Feura Bush Road and Route 9W is what one might consider the center of Glenmont, with its bustling traffic and business. But in the past, it was known as Bethlehem Center and, even earlier, as Babcock's Corners, likely after Joshua Babcock and not the better-known Dr. John Babcock who practiced at Becker's Corners.

In an 1886 history, Bethlehem Center was described as having 190 inhabitants, two blacksmiths, two wheelwright shops, a schoolhouse, a church and a hotel. While "Bethlehem Center" has undergone a dramatic change since the 19th century and is now home to shopping plazas, gas stations, a housing development and a golf course, one can still see some prime examples of

Victorian architecture in the homes that line Feura Bush Road.

Also located at Bethlehem Center was a post office that doubled as a tollgate house for the South Bethlehem Plank Road, which later became 9W (running to the north and into the city was a separate venture, the Albany Plank Road, and to the west was the Clarksville Plank Road). Mrs. A. M. Babcock operated both the post office and tollbooth, and also ran a candy counter.

Plank roads were quite the rage in the mid-1800s, and were constructed by groups of investors who then collected tolls from those passing on horse or carriage. Eventually, these connected Bethlehem to many surrounding communities.

The South Bethlehem Plank Road was the first Bethlehem plank road venture to become incorporated, in 1851. It consisted of investors who purchased a total of 240 shares at \$50 apiece. Plank roads were a short-lived phenomenon, however, since the boards tended to rot out after about five years of use. Road builders were quick to adopt other, longer lasting methods.

The state took over many of these plank road routes later on, which is a big reason why most of upstate New York is a conglomeration of state and local roadways.

Mrs. Babcock collected various tolls depending on what was passing along the road. A

horse and rider was charged two cents, a wagon drawn by two horses or oxen six cents and a four-horse coach or stage was charged 12 cents.

Additionally every score of sheep or hogs was charged four cents and every score of cattle was charged six cents. A few exceptions from the toll were allowed: those going to or returning from church, meetings or funerals; residents going back and forth between their farms and the grist mill; and militiamen on military exercises. Also, some went so far as to build side roads, or "shunpikes," onto the plank road so as to avoid the tollgate.

The Bethlehem Center tollgate was eventually relocated by the Bethlehem Historical Association and can still be seen at the Cedar River Schoolhouse in Selkirk.

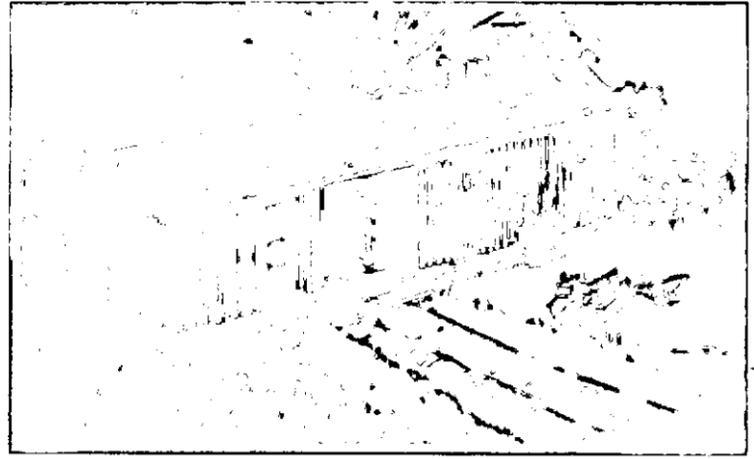
To the east of this intersection was what would have been considered the center of Glenmont in days of yore, down the hill at the intersection of Glenmont Road and Route 144. This area was temporarily known as Frazertown, as evidenced in an 1851 map, perhaps for the Frazier family that lived near this intersection.

But before almost anything else came Bethlehem's oldest inn: the Abbey Hotel, built in 1710—allegedly by a van Rensselaer—and razed in 1961.

The hotel was a hotbed of activity in the area's early days, hosting travelers (it was located halfway between Albany and Van Wie Point, a popular place to dock in earlier times due to shallow channels around the city), politicians and local clubs. There was even harness racing near the river.



The Abbey Hotel was Bethlehem's first hotel, built in 1710 and razed in 1961. It was a popular destination for travelers and leisure lovers alike during its 250 years of operation.



This tollgate located at Bethlehem Center (the present day intersection of Feura Bush Road and Route 9W) was manned by Mrs. A. M. Babcock, who collected tolls from those traveling on the South Bethlehem Plank Road. She also ran a post office and candy counter out of this location.

Submitted photo courtesy Bethlehem Town Historian Susan Leath

In the era of prohibition, it was said the Abbey served as a speakeasy, according to Delmar resident Don Guertze, who heard many stories of the hotel through his father.

"As the story goes, back during prohibition time, they used to have an area up on the

second floor where they had a band playing and I guess they had some alcohol there," said Guertze.

In fact, Guertze said his uncle, who played banjo, made a daring and quick-footed escape out of one of the hotel's windows one night when law enforcement raided the hotel.

But the hotel didn't just stand through the era of prohibition, it withstood the Revolutionary War under the ownership of Scottish immigrant Hugh Jolley and Henry Parr, of Germany, owned the Abbey after a stint managing the National Hotel in Albany.

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No transportation available holiday week

Bethlehem Senior Services transportation is not available from Thursday, Dec. 24, through Friday, Jan. 1, to allow volunteers to spend holiday time with their families. Transportation will resume on Monday, Jan. 4.

Share Christmas Day

If you, your family or someone you know would like to share Christmas Day with others, the Community Christmas Day Dinner at the First United Methodist Church 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar, at 1:30 p.m. is a wonderful opportunity to join others for a beautiful holiday gathering.

For the past 22 years, Bethlehem's Senior Services Department, the town's church groups and caring volunteers and donors have sponsored the event. This delicious traditional roast turkey and baked ham dinner with trimmings is open to all residents regardless of age. While there is no cost, a good will offering will be accepted and appreciated.

Bethlehem Senior transportation will be available for independently living residents age 60 and over. For information, meal and/or transportation reservations, call 439-4955, ext. 1176.

Town 'playbook' available

The Town Parks and Recreation Department's exciting "Playbook" for Winter/Spring 2010 is now available and should have arrived in residents' mailboxes. A wide variety of classes and programs for the whole family is available once again, and registration has begun.

Classes are conveniently located at the middle school, high school, Town Hall and Elm Avenue Park



Town of Bethlehem

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

Thursday, Dec. 24

• Senior transportation is not available today.

• Bethlehem Senior Services staff will be available to take reservations for transportation (439-5770) and programs (439-4955, ext. 1176) from 8:30 a.m. until noon.

Bethlehem Town Hall closes for business at noon.

Friday, Dec. 25

• Happy Christmas wishes!

• Bethlehem Town Hall is closed for Christmas.

• Community Christmas Day Dinner for residents of all ages (see lead above for details)

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

—Doris Davis, Bethlehem Senior Projects, Inc. board member

office, while the cost for enrollment is very reasonable. Just a few of the choices include yoga, tai chi, Pilates, body sculpting, or even walking, and many classes are designed specifically for seniors.

For information, call the Parks and Recreation Office at 439-4955, option 3.

Program highlights

Saturday, Dec. 19

• Note the indoor location for the popular Delmar Farmers Market, Delmar Presbyterian Church, 585 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Interesting variety of vendors.

Wednesday, Dec. 23

• Bethlehem Senior Services staff will be available to take reservations for transportation (439-5770) and programs (439-4955, ext. 1176) from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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Wednesday, Dec. 23

Scheduled Shopping
 10:30 a.m. Strong Bones +
 10:30 a.m. Bridge
 1 a.m. Needlecraft
 1:30 p.m. Strong Bones +

Thursday, Dec. 24

Scheduled Shopping
 9 a.m. Strong Bones +
 Town Hall Closing at noon.

Friday, Dec. 25

Town Hall closed for Christmas.

Monday, Dec. 21

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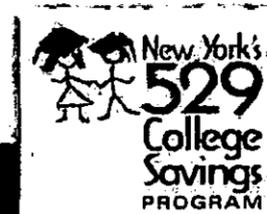
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Helping Gilda



Denise Mason of Balance Massage Studio held a raffle in November in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness month and raised \$250. All proceeds were donated to Gilda's Club. Local resident Miriam Schwager was the winner of the raffle — a gift basket of spa products. Balance Massage Studio is located at Main Square 315 Delaware Ave., Delmar.

Susan O'Donnell/Spotlight

Bethlehem Library looks back on '09

It doesn't seem possible that we have already passed the "ought" years of this century and are heading toward the teens. For us at the library, it's time to pause, catch our breath, and look back at a busy and fruitful year.

Writers and Friends, underwritten by Friends of Bethlehem Public Library, drew a full house in January with the preeminent author Russell Banks, and followed up in March with regional notable Steve Hamilton.

The second annual Teen Film Fest rolled out the red carpet in March for a lively event that showcased the creativity and thoughtfulness of our talented teens. We received a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities to display "Picturing America," a cultural initiative that brought representations of our nation's art to schools and libraries across the country.

We played a large part in the celebration of the Town's Hudson Quadracentennial. Beginning with various "Explore Your Shore" children's offerings and display of Estelle Yarinsky's marvelous art quilt Adriaen and Mahican, we went



on to offer eighteen quadracentennial programs for all ages from January through October 2009, including the

Puppet People's magical performance of "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow," talks on the history of the Hudson Valley and its river by Frances Dunwell and Thomas Carroll, and a visit by a life-size, peripatetic and dapper Henry Hudson doll.

In September, Sr. Anne Bryan Smollin reminded us of the healing power of humor, and just last month we welcomed Joseph Bruchac, award-winning author and preeminent teller of tales of the Adirondacks and the Northeast woodlands. We offered "Fit for Life," a series for senior citizens made possible through the MeLife Foundation. Programs included a comedy performance by The Improv Club, a film documentary about an octogenarian chorus, and presentations on holistic living, brain

health, tai chi, and victory gardens.

We continue our ongoing service to the community through school and assisted living outreach, Books to People, participation in the town's senior health fair, and our annual blood drive. Evenings on the Green, A Little Sunday Music and the Riverway Storytelling Festival finale are longstanding favorites that continue to draw large audiences each year.

Finally, the board approved our PARC project, which expands available parking, improves safe access, renews our commitment to greenspace, and serves all those who seek what we have to offer: books and media, reference and technology assistance, meeting space, restful gardens, reliable information, and educational and cultural enrichment.

Holiday hours

A reminder that the library will be closed Thursday and Friday Dec.

24 and 25, for the Christmas holiday. The library will close at 3 p.m. on

New Year's Eve, and remain closed through New Year's Day.

Trustees and staff wish everyone a happy and safe holiday season.

Family Playtime

Wednesday, Jan. 6 to 27, 10 a.m., Bethlehem Public Library

Meet other parents and caregivers while your young children play with toys, puzzles, balls and board books.

After Dinner Books

Wednesday Jan. 6, 7 p.m., Bethlehem Public Library

"Netherland" by Joseph O'Neill. Copies available at the information desk.

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Pajama-rama

Thursday Jan. 7, 7 p.m., Bethlehem Public Library

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Louise Grieco

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books, music and videos.

Holiday hours

The library will be closed Dec. 24 to 27 for the Christmas holiday. On Dec. 27 to 30, we will be open our usual hours, 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. We will be closed Dec. 31 to Jan. 3 for the new year and will re-open on Monday, Jan. 4, at 10 a.m.

Vacation week activities

• **TEEN WRITING WORKSHOP**, Dec. 29: Linda Miller will lead the holiday session of writing activities. The group experiments with their writing; sometimes inventing characters, making plots from

odd combinations of words, or turning memories into stories and poems. Sharing work is optional, and everyone enjoys the experience. Open to kids age 13 and up. Tuesday, from 1:30 to 3:30.

• **TIME 4 TEENS**, Dec. 29: Bring your resolutions and your wishes for the big wide world our New Year's celebration from 4 to 6 p.m.

• **FANCY NANCY TEA PARTY**, Dec. 30: Put on your tiara and party best and come to our Fancy Nancy Tea Party in the library annex. Join Ms. Kathy for a story, refreshments and a craft. Children ages 4 to 9 (and parents) are invited. It's on

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Keep the kids happy at library

The December school vacation is almost upon us. Our youth services department has planned two programs to help keep the kids happy. On Tuesday, Dec. 29, from 1 to 2:30 p.m. we are having a Crazy Cartoon Matinee for people of all ages who love cartoons. We'll be showing classic Warner Brothers cartoons such as Underdog, Looney Tunes, and more, on the big screen in the community room. You can come and go as you like, enjoy the popcorn and laugh.



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Storytimes over

Storytimes are over and will

resume on Jan. 12 on Tuesdays and Fridays at 10:15 a.m.

Barbara Vink

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Exhibit your art

We have openings in our gallery and showcase for artists and collectors to display their work in 2010. Contact Barbara Vink at 765-2791 to schedule an exhibit.

Book discussions

Adults can sign up for the discussions of "Deaf Sentence" by David Lodge on Jan. 6 and "Bacardi and the Long Fight for Cuba" by Tom Gjelten on Jan. 11. Teens will be reading "The Wednesday Wars" by Gary Schmidt for the Jan. 14 discussion at the high school.

No meeting

There will be no meeting of the Thursday Night Poets due to the Christmas closing.

Mitten Tree update

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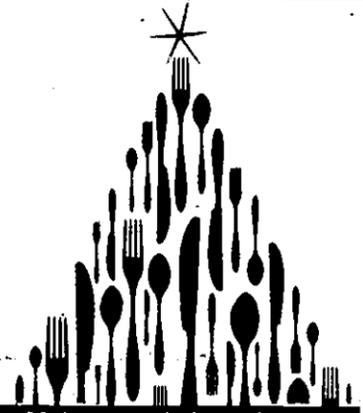
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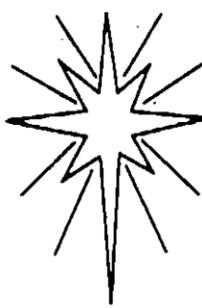
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□ Noise

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questioned whether the law should require measurements to be taken in dB (straight decibels) or in dBA, a weighted scale that more accurately represents the effect of sound on the human ear.

Noise ordinance task force member Jennifer DeFranco said she supported the idea of measuring on the dBA scale, and added that objectionable noise is not just a nighttime occurrence and suggested that a daytime noise standard be considered.

"I think it would be an extra tool for the officers in the daytime," she said.

Charmaine Wijeyesinghe asked the board why off road vehicles like dirt bikes and ATVs aren't specifically mentioned in the proposed law. Cunningham said that such vehicles fall under the purview of vehicle and traffic law.

"I don't think we're going to be able to include vehicles under noise ordinance, period," he said.

Specifically mentioned in the law are motor vehicles (includ-

ing the "spinning and squealing of tires" and revving of engines), power tools, construction noise, amplification devices (televisions, radios, musical instruments, etc.) and companion animals.

There are various exceptions provided by the drafted law, including agricultural activities, government operations, firearms, aircraft, routine or emergency maintenance and construction, disaster recovery activity and manufacturing activities.

In addition, the Zoning Board of Appeals could grant a variance under the proposed law.

Other residents questioned what effect the law would have on the more rural areas of town, including farmer Chuck Preska, who also sat on the committee that drafted the town's recently adopted Agricultural and Farmland Protection Plan. He wondered whether land not zoned for agriculture would still be exempt.

"We identified a significant amount of agricultural land that is outside of agricultural districts," he said, referencing the protection plan.

Cunningham said that any

agricultural use would be exempted, and stressed several times over the course of the meeting that the ordinance is not meant to be disruptive to the lives of residents. He added that it is within the board's power to make changes anytime.

"This is not written in stone and unchangeable," he said. "We can repeal it if it's something that's not working for the community."

The board decided to leave the public hearing on the law open until the next board meeting scheduled for Wednesday, Dec. 23, when the public will have the opportunity to weigh in and a vote may be taken.

Check www.spotlightnews.com or the print edition of *The Spotlight* for updates on the ordinance.

According to the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association, sounds at 70 dB are equivalent to busy traffic or a vacuum cleaner, and levels of 80 dB are equivalent to a busy street or alarm clock. Sounds in excess of 80 dB are considered potentially dangerous to one's hearing.

Under the proposed law,

convicted violators would be subjected to a fine of \$50 to \$250 for the first offense; \$100 to \$250 and/or up to 10 days imprisonment for the second offense; and a fine of not less than \$250 and/or up to 15 days imprisonment for the third offense and subsequent offenses.

The Town Board also voted unanimously Wednesday to update the section of the town code relating to sewers. The code was last updated in 1986.

"There's been a lot of changes in state and federal regulations since then," said Department of Public Works Commissioner Josh Cansler.

The major change was to alter the requirements for the pretreatment of industrial waste discharged to the town's sewer system to better match those state and federal guidelines, Cansler continued, and to put a limit on certain chemicals. The term "industrial" applies to the type of waste applied to and not the user, he said.

There were also small changes made to the section of the code dealing with violators, including the addition of deadlines for compliance.

□ Home

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large kitchen/dining room where aides prepare all meals for residents, who eat together. Residents who have lived in these environments tend to have significantly increased happiness and health, said Miller. Northeast Health, which owns Beverwyck, is replacing its traditional nursing home in Cohoes with a series of greenhouse-style homes.

"Although this sounds so simple, it's somewhat revolutionary for the nursing home industry," Miller said.

Each building would total 10,000 square feet, a decrease from the floor space approved in the original Planned Development District.

In 2006, the town approved plans to build a 30,000-square-foot facility containing 18 Alzheimer's care beds and 20 skilled nursing care beds. Beverwyck held off on construction to industry, said Miller, and during that time there were also advancements in the field of nursing home care.

Though it seems like decreasing the number of beds would be a more costly endeavor, by consolidating services like food preparation under one roof instead of running it out of a large cafeteria, there are cost offsets, said Miller.

Beverwyck operates on a private pay model, and Miller said that a room in the greenhouse development would likely run \$345 a day, which would include all meals, medicine, therapy, etc.

The proposal to amend the Beverwyck PDD went before the Planning Board on Tuesday, Dec. 15, after *The Spotlight* went to print. If the planning process goes smoothly, a May groundbreaking would be hoped for, with the facility being completed around this time next year. The cost of the development was estimated at \$6 million.

Town Director of Economic Development and Planning Michael Morelli said that while the original plan was approved, the Planning Board must do a full review on the proposed amendment. Since the project is smaller, though, it might go faster.

"Obviously it's a new proposal from what was originally approved, but they have to look at any potential environmental impacts and the project as a whole," Morelli said. "If anything, this will have less impacts because it's a smaller scale project than what was approved."

Beverwyck opened in Slingerlands in 1993 with 85 beds. It now serves 220 residents in independent living and 45 residents in assisted living now.

Part of the impetus to pursue an expansion was to round out the campus's offerings, said Miller, to allow those residents progressing beyond an assisted living situation a place to go without having to leave the town.

"We wanted to make sure we could provide that here," Miller said. "It keeps Delmar residents in Delmar."

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Finance *in the* Spotlight

Tax planning and the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act

By STEPHEN J. AUGSTELL, CFP, MS, AIF, CLTC
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Tn February 2009 Congress passed the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). Designed primarily to create jobs and spur economic growth, the ARRA also provided for \$288 billion in tax cuts and benefits for millions of working families, ranging from first-time homebuyer credits to health coverage credits. However, many of these benefits are set to expire after December 31 of this year. So as 2009 draws to a close, so too does the window of opportunity for tax savings through many of the tax relief provisions in the ARRA.

In addition, the ongoing debates over economic recovery, health care, personal income taxes and estate and gift taxes will invariably bring significant changes to personal wealth planning. While no one can predict the future with certainty, assessing existing tax savings opportunities and developing an effective year-end plan can limit your tax liability and help you save money. Incorporating some of the following strategies and leveraging the following provisions of the ARRA are a good place to start.

2009 or 2010?

Timing can make a difference. When planning for 2009 tax reporting, you should also think about 2010. Some changes in the timing of when you collect income and pay some expenses can potentially help you save on taxes if you are a cash-based taxpayer. If you can predict that your tax bracket next year will be the same as this year, or maybe even lower, you may be able to defer some income, such as collection of rental income or a year-end bonus. You may also be able to accelerate deductions into 2009, such as making your first quarter installment payment in December or making 2010's charitable contributions before the end of the year.

The Alternative Minimum Tax

The early payment of certain expenses may actually hurt you if you are subject to the Alternative Minimum Tax (AMT). For example, if you prepay your 2010 state and local taxes, it will not help you in 2009, and could hurt your 2010 bottom line. The ARRA increased the AMT exemptions for 2009 to \$70,950 for joint filers, \$46,700 for a single taxpayer and head of household and \$35,475 for married taxpayers filing separately. Although there will likely be changes to these amounts for 2010, current law has the AMT exemption amounts for 2010 returning to pre-2001 levels.

The Making Work Pay Credit

In 2009 and 2010, the Making Work Pay provision of the ARRA provides a refundable tax credit of up to \$400 for working single individuals and up to \$800 for married taxpayers filing joint returns. The credit will be calculated at a rate of 6.2 percent of earned income and will phase out for taxpayers with modified adjusted gross income (MAGI) in excess of \$75,000 for single individuals and \$150,000 for married couples filing jointly. For those who receive a paycheck and are subject to income tax withholding, the credit will typically be handled by their employers through automated withholding changes in early spring. Taxpayers who do not have taxes withheld, including the self-employed, may be able to claim the credit on their 2009 tax return.



Stephen Augstell

law increases the credit rate to 30 percent of the cost of all qualifying improvements and raises the maximum credit limit to \$1,500 for improvements placed in service in 2009 and 2010. This credit applies to improvements such as adding insulation, energy efficient exterior windows and heating and air conditioning systems. Taxpayers who use alternative energy equipment, like solar hot water heaters and wind turbines, may be able to take a credit equal to 30 percent of the cost of the qualified property. There are also credits available to those taxpayers who purchased plug-in electric vehicles after February 17, 2009. There are specifics to this credit that may allow up to a \$7,500 credit for certain plug-in electric vehicles

purchased after the end of the year.

Health Coverage Tax Credit
The Health Coverage Tax Credit (HCTC) is a federal tax credit that enables eligible individuals to pay only a portion of qualified health insurance premiums for themselves and their family members. The Trade Adjustment Assistance Health Coverage Improvement Act was recently passed as part of the ARRA of 2009. The HCTC changed as a result of this new law. In May 2009 the tax credit increased from 65 percent to 80 percent of qualified health insurance premiums, allowing participants to pay only 20 percent for health insurance each month. There are specific eligibility requirements for the Health Coverage Tax Credit. For more information, visit <http://www.irs.gov/individuals/article/0,,id=187948,00.html>,

Spurring Economic Growth, Raising Revenue

This country is faced with the delicate balance of

spurring economic growth and raising revenue. Many of the provisions in the ARRA are targeted more toward the growth end of the spectrum with the premise being that boosting economic activity will increase revenues. Still, in the coming years we are likely to see many more changes in the tax code as the government seeks ways to manage our debt. These new rules and regulations will probably not make tax planning any easier. However, as has always been the rule, good planning can save you money. So consult with your tax advisor. She or he will be able to help you better understand your tax situation and help you make more informed decisions about how you can best reduce your tax liabilities.

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Money Back for New Vehicle Purchases

If you purchased a new "qualified" motor vehicle, defined as a passenger car, light truck or motorcycle weighing 8,500 pounds or less, or a motor home after February 17, 2009 and before the end of the year, you may be able to deduct the state, local or excise taxes on the purchase price up to \$49,500. The deduction phases out for single individuals with MAGI between \$125,000 and \$135,000 and for married taxpayers filing jointly with MAGI between \$250,000 and \$260,000. If you elect to itemize and deduct sales tax you cannot take this additional deduction.

Education Benefits

Education benefits everyone, and government policy is to encourage more people to attend college. The American Opportunity Credit modifies the existing Hope Credit for 2009 and 2010, in order to make it available to a broader range of taxpayers, including those with higher incomes and those who do not owe any tax. The credit is increased to \$2,500 per year (100 percent of the first \$2,000 of qualifying expense and 25 percent of the next \$2,000). The credit is phased out for taxpayers with AGI between \$80,000 and \$90,000 for single individuals and twice that for married taxpayers filing jointly. The provision extends the credit to all four years of college and also expands the qualifying expenses to include course materials.

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Entertainment *in the* Spotlight

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Noel Long remembers an unusual question Vincent Lorenzo posed to her when she was interviewing for a job at Quick Response Restoration.

Laurenzo wanted to know how Long felt about Christmas.

She loved the holiday, she told him. After all, "My name is Noel!"

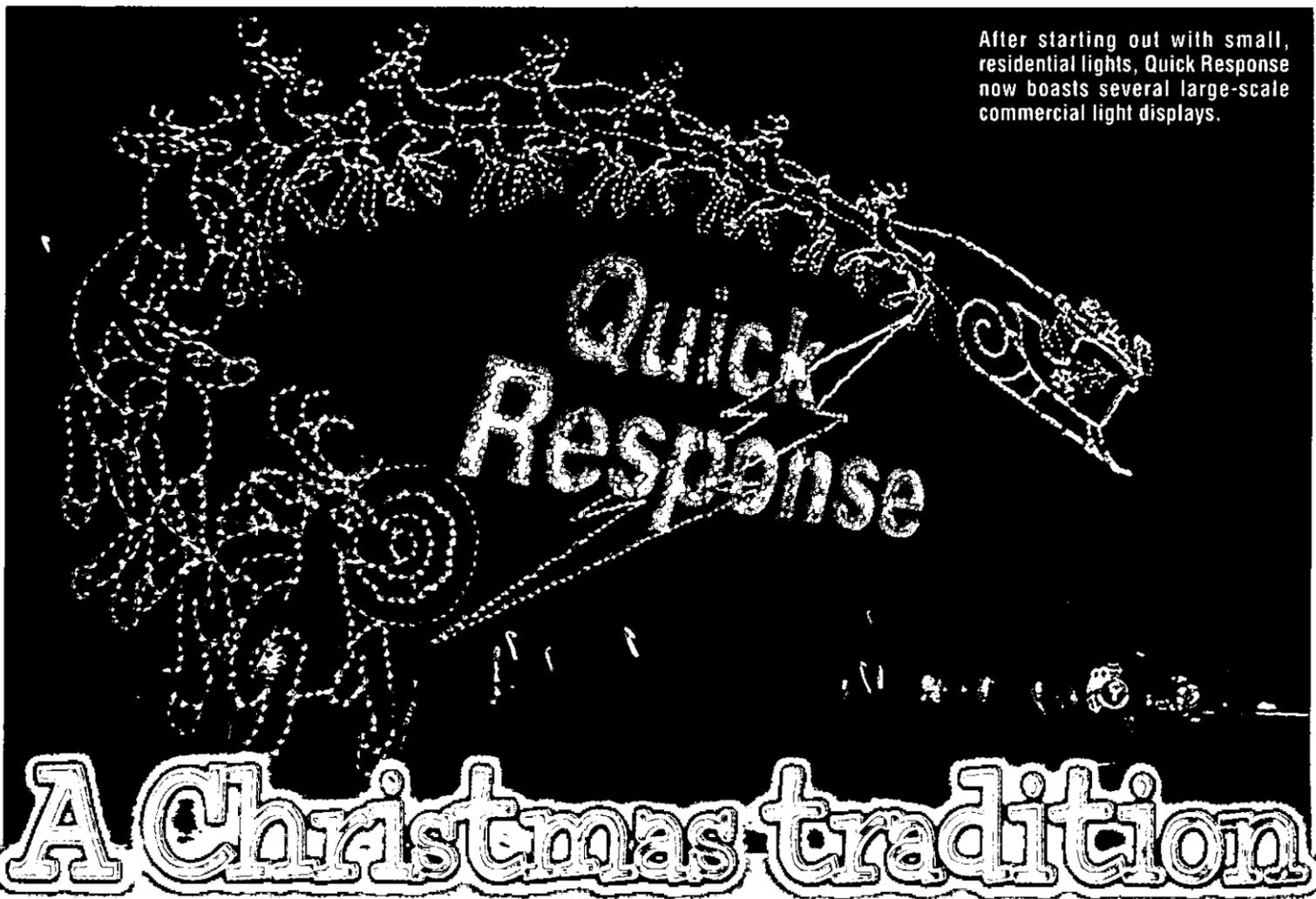
That's fitting, because over the past several years, Quick Response Restoration has become synonymous with Christmas. The Round Lake business — on Route 9 just north of Clifton Park — hosts a huge Christmas celebration every year, complete with massive light displays, live reindeer, costumed characters, visits from Santa and train rides. What's more, it's all free.

At first glance, it might seem like an odd pairing. Quick Response provides disaster recovery and restoration services. Its Web site touts "state-of-the-art equipment, including ozone machines, ultrasonic machines and thermal foggers."

But Laurenzo has always loved Christmas and he wanted to do something to give back to a community that embraced Quick Response. So, in 2001, he hosted Quick Response's first Santa's Playland Open House.

"It's a nice way to connect with people," Long, the company's in-house attorney, said.

That first event wasn't huge, she said. There were some light



After starting out with small, residential lights, Quick Response now boasts several large-scale commercial light displays.

A Christmas tradition

displays and refreshments. But so many people turned out that Laurenzo decided to make it bigger the next year, something he's done each year since.

"All of the workers take part in one way or another," Long said, noting that the costumed characters walking the grounds are Quick Response employees.

This year, Laurenzo brought in five 50-foot tall trees, Long said. He also has a fleet of 12 heated buses on hand to bring people to and from parking lots in the area, since the display has gotten so big that there isn't

ample parking available at Quick Response.

The one thing that has remained a constant throughout the years is the fact there's no admission fee.

Laurenzo, Long said, reasons that "nothing is free any more." He likes being able to provide something at no charge — so much so that he won't even accept donations.

Last year, Laurenzo took that idea even further, asking one of his workers, Debbie Kazakavich, to call around to area nursing homes to see if they wanted to arrange private group tours of the display. That way, the nursing home residents wouldn't have to deal with crowds.

This year, Laurenzo and Kazakavich have reached out to additional organizations, like Saratoga Bridges and church groups.

"We probably have over 100 groups coming," Kazakavich said.

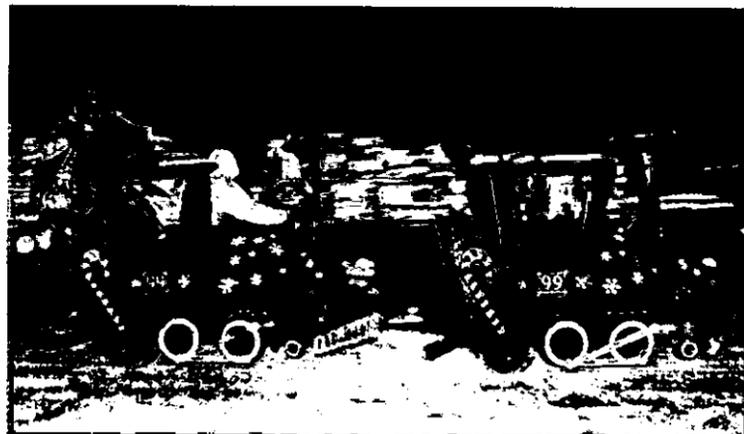
Quick Response staff helps the groups on to the trains, which are handicapped accessible, and hands out hot cocoa and cookies.

The response, Kazakavich said, has been "phenomenal."

"We get letters that just say, 'Thank you, thank you, thank you.'"

Community groups interested in scheduling a private visit to Quick Response can contact Kazakavich at dkazakavich@qrrstore.com or 899-7090, ext. 6.

Everyone else can enjoy the display this Saturday, Dec. 19, from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. Parking is available at Corpus Christi Church at the intersection of Ushers Road and Route 9 and on Wood Road, which is off Route 9. There will be signs posted.



Two trains take visitors through the light displays at Quick Response Restoration's Santa's Playland Open House.



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The future bride is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and Providence College, where she received a BA. Danielle is currently attending Northeastern University in Boston, Massachusetts, where she has earned an MA and is working on a PhD, which she expects to complete in 2011. She is employed as a Teaching Assistant at Northeastern University.

The future groom graduated from St. John's Preparatory School in Danvers, Massachusetts. He earned a BA at Providence College and an MA in Journalism at Boston University. Michael is a Public Information Officer at Middlesex County Sheriff's Office in Medford, Massachusetts.

The couple will marry on June 5, 2010 at St. Anthony's Parish in Revere, Massachusetts. A Reception will follow at Omni Parker House in Boston. Danielle and Michael will honeymoon in Paris, Switzerland and Italy. They will reside in Saugus, Massachusetts after the wedding.



Michael Hartigan and Danielle Blanch

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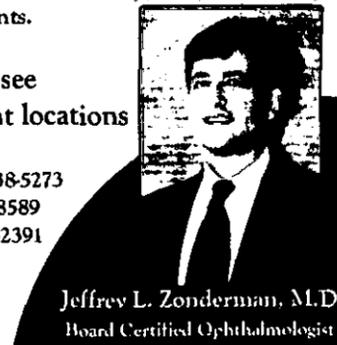
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Births

Connor James Colangione

Raphael and Tracy (Kutey) Colangione of Clinton, MA are happy to announce the birth of their son, Connor James. He was born on November 1, 2009 at Newton-Wellesley Hospital in Newton, Massachusetts. Grandparents are Diane and Patsy Schipano of Feura Bush, Barbara and Ralph Colangione of Troy, and Joseph and Mary Ellen Kutey of Selkirk. Connor's big brother is Jeffrey Elias.

Jacob Anthony Luongo

Brandon Luongo and Tanya Clute of Rotterdam are proud parents of their newborn son, Jacob Anthony Luongo. He was born on 8/9/09 at Bellevue Hospital, weighing 8 lbs 6 oz. Grandparents are Kelly Luongo, Robert Luongo, and Audrey Williamson.



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By RYAN MUNKS
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Members of the local Jewish community, along with Bethlehem Town Supervisor Jack Cunningham, braved the frigid weather and gathered in Delmar's Four Corners to light the Capital District's only public menorah on Friday, Dec. 11.

The event was organized by Rabbi Nachman Simon of the Chabad House of Delmar.

"This is the first year we have the menorah here," said Simon. "There are a few in malls, but that's private space. This is the

only menorah on public space in the Capital District."

Cunningham said it's important for the town to recognize different cultures.

"Last year, Rabbi Simon suggested we build a new one [menorah], so I said we should put it here," said Cunningham, pointing to the intersection of Delaware and Kenwood avenues.

The crowd began to gather shortly after 2:30 p.m. Simon's wife, Clara, provided doughnuts and hot cider to the onlookers as they awaited the lighting of the first candle, representing the first day of Hanukkah.

At 2:51 p.m., Rabbi Simon gathered the crowd around the menorah to prepare for its lighting. He began by thanking Cunningham and speaking

about the universal message of Hanukkah.

"Hanukkah has a universal message," Simon said. "There is darkness in the world. Even in the darkest times, if everyone lights one light - puts light in one person's life - we help light the world."

After thanking Bearlabs.com for providing the menorah, and the Town of Bethlehem for placing it in the town center, Simon invited Cunningham to light the first candle.

The center light, located above the rest of the lights and symbolizing the candle used to light the others, was also lit. As with Jewish tradition, another light will be lit each day until all nine lights are blazing, marking the end of this year's celebration.

Milestones



Michael L. Marchesani and Katie M. Bowles

Bowles, Marchesani to wed

Charles and Linda Bowles of Rotterdam, NY are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter Katie M. Bowles to Michael L. Marchesani, son of Michael T. and Karen Marchesani of Rotterdam, NY.

Katie is a graduate of Mohonasen Senior High School. She went on to Sage College of Albany, where she received a Bachelor of Science in Communications. The future bride works for Angela's Bridal in Albany, NY.

The future groom also graduated from Mohonasen Senior High School. He earned a Bachelor of Science in Marketing and Management from Siena

College. Michael is employed by Golub Corporation in Rotterdam, NY.

Michael and Katie will marry on September 25, 2010. The wedding will take place at the United Methodist Shenendehowa Church in Clifton Park, NY. The Matron of Honor will be Kristen Lang, sister of the bride. The Bridesmaid will be Katie's best friend, Ashly Markowski. The Best Man will be Michael T. Marchesani, father of the groom.

The couple will honeymoon in Orlando, Florida. They will reside in Scotia, NY after the wedding.

Snow

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"Safety on the road is our No. 1 priority when we're in a snow situation, so the town will do whatever it needs to do to support that priority," said Supervisor Jack Cunningham. "Even if the well runs dry the trucks will stay on the road."

With the majority of snow removal operations occurring after the new year, 2010's budget will cover most of this winter's work. The approved 2010 budget decreases the amount allocated for snow removal from this year's levels by about \$66,000 to \$726,000.

According to Cunningham, that doesn't represent a decrease in manpower or equipment, but largely reflects price fluctuations, especially for fuel and salt. Last year, the town budgeted for \$4 per gallon on gas, which never came to pass, said Cunningham.

Each year's budget is put together by looking at averages from the last five years, said Sagendorph. Despite a lower overall budget, snow removal is the Highway Department's top priority. If it's a harsh winter and the budget for snow removal is exceeded, the department can cut back on summer paving or other areas to make up the difference.

"There's been no cut to the work force in that regard," Sagendorph said.



The Capital District was hit with its first taste of winter Wednesday, Dec. 9, when approximately seven inches of snow blanketed the region, including the Four Corners in Delmar.

Charles Wiff/Spotlight

The town is planning to spend slightly more on salt and sand this year: \$216,000 worth. As with fuel, the price of salt is influenced by market conditions—the town only spent \$165,000 in 2007, while the town averages about 4,000 tons per winter.

While some municipalities have elected to begin using one-man plow teams, Bethlehem is

sticking to a team setup in its 23 plow trucks, said Sagendorph, with one man driving and the other operating the plow attachment.

"To be honest, with all the smaller roads we have our trucks are going backwards as much as they're going forwards," Sagendorph said. "It's a safety issue that we feel we should have two people in a truck."

The Highways Department generally utilizes all 56 employees during snow events, and in addition to the plow trucks, it has three loader plows and three sidewalk plows.

Ethel "Jean" Flynn

SCOTIA, NY: Ethel "Jean" Flynn, 84, of Delmar passed away peacefully on December 9, 2009. Born in Minneapolis, MN, Jean was the daughter of the late Frank and Margaret Oakley. She was raised in Minneapolis, Alabama and Tennessee, where she met and married her husband of 38 years, John Flynn. Jean and her husband raised their four sons in Delmar.

Jean was employed by the former Home and City Savings Bank and then Trustco Bank in Delmar. She was an active volunteer with the Nelson House in Albany, the Delmar Progress Club and St. Stephens Episcopal Church in Delmar, where she was a member of the choir. Jean was also an active golfer, bowler and bridge player.

Jean was the wife of the late John Flynn. She is survived by

her four sons, John (Trudi) Flynn of New Bedford, PA, Jim (Karen) Flynn of Scotia, Dan (Bev) Flynn of Lewiston, NY and Tom Flynn of Delmar. She is also survived by her brother, Gerald (Lucy) Oakley of Shallotte, NC, and two grandchildren, John (Tina) Flynn of Watertown and Kelly Flynn of Scotia. Jean was predeceased by a brother, Donald Oakley.

Relatives and friends called at the Applebee Funeral Home, 403 Kenwood Ave., Delmar on Saturday, December 12, 2009, and were invited to attend her funeral service, which was at 11:00 AM. Burial was in Bethlehem Cemetery, Delmar.

The family wishes to thank all those at the Baptist Nursing Center for the care of our mother and ask that in lieu of flowers gifts be sent to the Baptist Health System Foundation, 297 North Ballston Ave., Scotia, NY 12302.

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Arts & Entertainment

Theater

A CHRISTMAS CAROL

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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. 18-20, general admission \$10, seniors/students/military personnel \$6. Information, theatrewithoutanet.org.

BEAUTY AND THE BEAST

Disney musical version of classic fairy tale, presented by C-R Productions, Cohoes Music Hall, 58 Remsen St., Cohoes, through Dec. 20, \$25-\$35. Information, 237-5858.

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Madcap romp through the holidays, presented by On Our Own Productions, Hilton Center for the Performing Arts, 40 North Russell Road, Albany, Dec. 18-20, \$15. Information, 356-2306.

KING ISLAND CHRISTMAS

Family holiday musical, presented by New York State Theatre Institute, Schacht Fine Arts Center, Russell Sage College, Troy, through Dec. 18, adults \$20, students/seniors \$16, children 12 and under \$10. Information, 274-3256.

THE LADIES MAN

George Feydeau farce, presented by Curtain Call Theatre, 210 Old Loudon Road, Latham, through Jan. 2, \$20. Information, 877-7529.

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.

WICKED

Acclaimed musical, Proctors Theater, 432 State St., Schenectady, through Jan. 3, \$30 and up. Information, 346-6204.

Music

BOB RIVAS & DAVE RENDER

Acoustic duo, Dec. 18, 7 p.m., Emack and Bolio's, 366 Delaware Ave., Albany, free. Information, 512-5100.

2 LATE

Folk singers, Dec. 18, 7 p.m., Emack and Bolio's Uptown, Town Center Plaza, 1704

Western Ave., Guilderland, free. Information, 250-4196.

RAMBLIN' JUG STOMPERS

Fun acoustic jug band, Dec. 18, 8 p.m., Caffe Lena, 47 Phila St., Saratoga Springs, \$15 advance tickets, \$17 at door. Information, 583-0022.

ALAN GOLDBERG

Singer-songwriter, Dec. 19, 7 p.m., Emack and Bolio's, 366 Delaware Ave., Albany, free. Information, 512-5100.

STEVE SCARLATA

Guitarist/singer, Dec. 19, 7 p.m., Emack and Bolio's Uptown, Town Center Plaza, 1704 Western Ave., Guilderland, free. Information, 250-4196.

CAPITAL COMMUNITY VOICES

Presenting "A Cool Yule with CCV," Dec. 19, 7:30 p.m., Columbia High School, 962 Luther Road, East Greenbush, general admission \$8, students/seniors \$6. Information, 370-5434.

HOLIDAY FOLK SHOW

Featuring Trish Miller & John Kirk, Addie & Olin, Linda Schrade and David Kiphuth, Dec. 19, 8 p.m., Caffe Lena, 47 Phila St., Saratoga Springs, \$15 advance tickets, \$17 at door. Information, 583-0022.

CHORALERS

Presenting their Christmas concert featuring Arthur DeLuxe, Dec. 20, 3 p.m., St. Paul the Apostle Church, 2777 Albany St., Schenectady, \$10 donation requested, children are free.

EMPIRE STATE YOUTH ORCHESTRA

Performances by the wind ensemble (3 p.m.) and percussion ensemble (7:30 p.m.), Dec. 20, Massry Center for the Arts, The College of Saint Rose, Madison Avenue, Albany, adults \$8, students/seniors \$5 for wind ensemble show, free admission for percussion ensemble. Information, 382-7581.

THE BURNS SISTERS

Sibling trio performing songs of the holiday season, Dec. 20, 7 p.m., Caffe Lena, 47 Phila St., Saratoga Springs, \$18 advance tickets, \$20 at door. Information, 583-0022.

COLONIE TOWN BAND

Performing holiday show, Dec. 21, 7 p.m., Cohoes Music Hall, 58 Remsen St., Cohoes, free. Information, www.colonietownband.org.

Comedy

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"Santa Tweets & Randolph on Facebook: Megabytes of Laughter," Dec. 19, 8 p.m.,

Zu Zu's Wonderful Life Inc., 299-301 Hamilton St., Albany, advance tickets adults \$10, students/seniors \$6; door prices adults \$12, students/seniors/military \$8. Information, 439-7698.

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

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LOCAL COLOR ART GALLERY

"Trees in Art," through Dec. 30, 1138 Troy Schenectady Road, Latham. Information, 786-6557.

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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

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CAPITAL COMMUNITY VOICES

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

Weekly Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Grime
- 5 Sharp tooth
- 9 Morning hrs.
- 12 Unique thing
- 13 ___ Wrap
- 14 Insipid
- 15 Regarding
- 16 Tropical vine
- 17 Femme's pronoun
- 18 Wife of Bath's story, for one
- 21 Mogul Onassis
- 22 Shaq's shoe width
- 23 Poly ending
- 24 Torturous track exercises
- 29 Heeds
- 30 Me: Fr.
- 31 Sincere
- 35 Composer Jerome
- 36 Shred Locatelli
- 38 Dull pain
- 39 To be: L.
- 40 Haul
- 41 Computer company in the chips
- 42 Slugger's triumphant gait
- 45 Mr. T's group

DOWN

- 1 Edmond O'Brien film
- 2 Writes in a yearbook
- 3 Fees paid to lawyers
- 4 Disney sci-fi film
- 5 More just
- 6 Saudi native
- 7 Half of Mork's farewell
- 8 Growl
- 9 ___ once: suddenly
- 10 Director Louis
- 11 Transparent
- 13 Visit dreamland

- 14 Plays the lottery
- 19 Mrs. Dick Tracy
- 20 Acceptance word
- 21 Responded to the alarm
- 25 Physics force measure
- 26 Counterpart
- 27 Negator's word
- 28 Business apparel
- 31 Desire
- 32 Cinemadonnas
- 33 Dimming devices
- 34 Defrosts
- 36 '60s sports car
- 37 Pirate's drink
- 41 Ruler part
- 42 Dr. payment plan
- 43 Fixed, as an election
- 44 He maddened Madison
- 45 Breathless
- 46 Flavor
- 47 Singer ___ John
- 48 There oughta be ___!
- 52 Herds of whales
- 53 Clairvoyant's words
- 54 Jean d'Tub
- 55 Greek liqueur
- 59 Air-traffic agency

GIDDYUP!

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5	6	8	2	1	3	9	7	4
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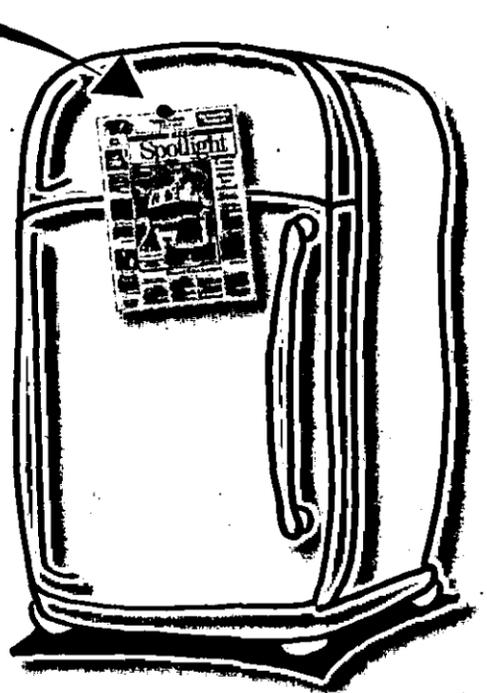
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Calendar of Events *in the* Spotlight

Wednesday, Dec. 16

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

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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.

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.

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

BETHLEHEM

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.

Thursday, Dec. 17

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 p.m., 85 Elm Ave. Information, 439-4328.

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BETHLEHEM

DEVELOPMENT PLANNING COMMITTEE

Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave., 10 a.m. Information, 439-4955.

Friday, Dec. 18

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

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STORY TIMES

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

Saturday, Dec. 19

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. 20

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.
KTC Buddhist Center, Doane Stuart School, Route 9W, Albany, 10 a.m. meditation, 11 a.m. tea, 11:30 a.m. study course, 374-1792.
Mount Moriah Ministries, Route 9W, Glenmont, 426-4510.
Slingerlands Community UMC, 1499 New Scotland Road, 439-1766.

Solid Rock Church, 1 Kenwood Ave., Glenmont, 439-4314.
South Bethlehem United Methodist Church, 65 Willowbrook Ave., 767-9953.
St. Michael's Shrine, Beacon Road at Route 9W, Glenmont, 462-2016.
St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Poplar Drive and Elsmere Avenue, Delmar, 439-3265.
St. Thomas The Apostle Church, 35 Adams Place, Delmar, 439-4951.
Unity of Faith Christian Fellowship, 436 Krumkill Road, North Bethlehem, 438-7740.

NEW SCOTLAND

WORSHIP INFORMATION

All Nation's Baptist Church, 2558 Western Ave., Guilderland, 475-9086. ESL and Bible classes, 9 a.m.; Worship Services, 10 a.m.
Clarksville Community Church, Route 443, 768-2916.
Family Worship Center, 92 Lower Copeland Hill Road, Feura Bush, 768-2021.
Faith Temple, New Salem, 765-2870.
First United Methodist Church, 68 Maple Ave., Voorheesville, 765-2895.
Jerusalem Reformed Church, Route 32, Feura Bush, 439-0548.
Journey United Church of Christ, Worship 10 a.m., 1903 New Scotland Road, Slingerlands, 729-7127.
Mountainview Evangelical Free Church, Route 155, Voorheesville, 765-3390.
Onesquehew Reformed Church, Tarrytown Road, Feura Bush, 768-2133.
New Scotland Presbyterian Church, Route 85, 439-6454.
St. Matthew's Church, Mountain View Road, Voorheesville, 765-2805.
Unionville Reformed Church, Delaware Turnpike, 439-5001.
United Pentecostal Church, Route 85, New Salem, 765-4410. DAY --

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The Clubhouse, Adams Station Apts., 1 Juniper Drive, Delmar, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-0871. Second and fourth Wednesdays.

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AA MEETING

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

NEW SCOTLAND

TOWN COUNCIL

New Scotland Town Hall, Route 85, 7 p.m. Information, 439-4889. Second and fourth Wednesday of each month.

Monday, Dec. 21

BETHLEHEM

PEACE VIGIL

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

PLAYGROUP

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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. 22

BETHLEHEM

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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 16, 2009)

LEGAL NOTICE

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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 Lino, 155 Ontario Street, Cohoes, NY 12047. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. TU 61 (391563) LD-21807 (December 16, 2009)

LEGAL NOTICE

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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 16, 2009)

LEGAL NOTICE

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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 16, 2009)

LEGAL NOTICE

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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 16, 2009)

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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 16, 2009)

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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 16, 2009)

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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 16, 2009)

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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, Guiderland, 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 16, 2009)

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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 16, 2009)

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Notice of Formation of JASMINE 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 16, 2009)

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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 16, 2009)

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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: all lawful activities. LD-21878 (December 16, 2009)

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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 16, 2009)

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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 16, 2009)

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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, Guiderland Center, NY 12085. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity. LD-21882 (December 16, 2009)

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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 16, 2009)

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Notice of Publication SALON 66 LLC Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY

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on 11/09/2009 Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: any lawful purpose. LD-21889 (December 16, 2009)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: CASTLE ROCK RANCH GROUP, 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., Cioffi Slezak Wildgrube P.C., 2310 Nott St. E., STE 1, Niskayuna, New York 12309. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. LD-21890 (December 16, 2009)

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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 Cynnet Circle Slingsherlands NY 12159 purpose any legal act LD-21891 (December 16, 2009)

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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. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-21902 (December 16, 2009)

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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 16, 2009)

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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 16, 2009)

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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 16, 2009)

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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 16, 2009)

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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. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-21901 (December 16, 2009)

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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 16, 2009)

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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. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-21903 (December 16, 2009)

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Notice of Formation of Todah La-EL 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. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-21904 (December 16, 2009)

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Notice of Formation of Howard Huang Photography LLC. Arts Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/12/08. 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. Registered Agent upon whom process may be served: Allstate Corp. Svcs., 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-21905 (December 16, 2009)

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Notice of Formation of Ergo Technologies, LLC. Arts Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/09/09. 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-21911 (December 16, 2009)

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1008, Albany, NY 12260. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-21906 (December 16, 2009)

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Notice of Formation of 208 Grand Street Condominium LLC. Arts Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (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: 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-21907 (December 16, 2009)

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Notice of Formation of Motorized Rigging Solutions, 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-21908 (December 16, 2009)

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Notice of Formation of Gery Minichiello Consulting, 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-21909 (December 16, 2009)

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Notice of Formation of Dated Minim Center LLC. Arts Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 09/01/09. 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-21910 (December 16, 2009)

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Notice of Qualification of KWIK PIK - OHIO, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/6/09. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 5/19/98. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o National Registered Agents, Inc., 875 Avenue of the Americas, Ste. 501, NY, NY 10001. Address of the principal office: 222 N. Sepulveda Blvd., Ste. 2222, El Segundo, CA 90245. Address to be maintained in DE: 160 Greenwood 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 activity. LD-21911 (December 16, 2009)

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Notice of Qualification of A-1 Contract Staffing II, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 8/10/09. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Florida (FL) on 5/24/99. SSNY designated as agent

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of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 3829 Coconut Palm Dr., Tallahassee, FL 32314. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-21913 (December 16, 2009)

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Notice of Formation of Evil Tongue Productions, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 8/11/09. Office location: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, c/o Bennett Robbins Production, 35 West 36th St., 4th Fl., NY, NY 10018. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-21914 (December 16, 2009)

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Notice of Formation of BLUEGREEN HORIZONS LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 11/13/09. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. LD-21915 (December 16, 2009)

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Notice of Formation of EARTH 316, LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 11/13/09. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. LD-21916 (December 16, 2009)

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Notice of Formation of Accel-Path Pathology Diagnostic Services, PLLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 9/29/09. Office location: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Delany Corporate Services, Ltd., 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 805A, Albany, NY 12210-2822. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-21918 (December 16, 2009)

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Notice of Qualification of PCCP, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/16/09. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 5/19/98. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o National Registered Agents, Inc., 875 Avenue of the Americas, Ste. 501, NY, NY 10001. Address of the principal office: 222 N. Sepulveda Blvd., Ste. 2222, El Segundo, CA 90245. Address to be maintained in DE: 160 Greenwood 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-21919 (December 16, 2009)

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Notice of Publication. BURLINGTON LLC Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 11/18/2009 Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail

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 process to: c/o The LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. The registered agent is: Accumera LLC at the same address. Purpose: any lawful purpose. LD-21926 (December 16, 2009)

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 Notice of Publication ASSET MANAGEMENT & ANALYSIS LLC Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 11/18/2009 Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. The registered agent is: Accumera LLC at the same address. Purpose: any lawful purpose. LD-21927 (December 16, 2009)

LEGAL NOTICE
 Notice of Publication VENAY COMPANY LLC Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 11/18/2009 Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. The registered agent is: Accumera LLC at the same address. Purpose: any lawful purpose. LD-21928 (December 16, 2009)

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 Citizens of Qualification of Citizens Premier Insurance, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/12/09. Fictitious name in NY State: Citizens Premier Insurance Agency, LLC. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Pennsylvania (PA) on 8/13/09. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o National Registered Agents, Inc., 875 Avenue of the Americas, Ste. 501, NY, NY 10001. PA address of LLC: 1225 Industrial Blvd., 2nd Fl., Southampton, PA 18966. Arts. of Org. filed with PA Dept. of State, PO Box 8722, Harrisburg, PA 17105. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-21931 (December 16, 2009)

LEGAL NOTICE
 Notice of Formation of PERSONAL LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 11/18/09. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. LD-21933 (December 16, 2009)

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 NOTICE OF QUALIFICATION OF A FOREIGN LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. Name: Select Energy Ser-

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 vices, LLC ("LLC"). Application filed with Secretary of State of NY ("SSNY") 11/05/2009. Jurisdiction of Formation: Delaware. Office location: Albany County. Principal business location: 201 West California Street, Gainesville, Texas 76240. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to the LLC, 201 West California Street, Gainesville, Texas 76240. Office Address in Delaware: 615 S. Dupont Highway, Dover, DE 19901. Name and address of Delaware Secretary of State: Jeffrey Bullock, 44 Federal Street, Suite 3, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: To engage in any lawful activity. LD-21937 (December 16, 2009)

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 NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
 Articles of Organization of Charles, LLC (the ALLC@) were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (ASSNY@) on September 23, 2002, effective upon the date of filing. Office Location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY may mail a copy of any process to the LLC c/o 8 Breeman Street, Albany, New York 12205. The purpose for which the LLC is formed is to engage in the conduct of a company to acquire, develop, renovate, manage, finance, own and sell real estate, and to carry on any other activities necessary to, in connection with, or incidental to the foregoing for which limited liability companies may be formed under the Limited Liability Law of the State of New York. LD-21938 (December 16, 2009)

LEGAL NOTICE
 Notice of Formation of GUIDO GREENBERG & ASSOCIATES LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 11/19/09. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. LD-21939 (December 16, 2009)

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 Notice of Formation of Entity Logic LLC. Arts of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/04/09. 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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 LD-21944 (December 16, 2009)
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 Notice of Formation of Cruise Norway India, LLC. Arts Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/12/09. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 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-21945 (December 16, 2009)

LEGAL NOTICE
 Notice of Qualification of Bernard and the Genie SPV, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/20/09. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 11/18/09. 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-21946 (December 16, 2009)

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 NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: THE NEW NEWSROOM LLC. Articles of organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 11/10/2009. 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 the process to the LLC, 261 W 11th St #4, New York, New York, 10014. Purpose: for any lawful purpose. LD-21947 (December 16, 2009)

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 Notice of Formation of 8F-63rd Street, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/24/2009. 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, c/o David Gulden, Private Road, Mill Neck, NY 11765. Purpose: engage in any lawful act or activity. LD-21949 (December 16, 2009)

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 Foster General Contracting, LLC. Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 8/12/09. Office in Albany Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC upon whom process may be

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 served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to 65 Beverly Ave, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. LD-21951 (December 16, 2009)

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 Notice of formation of John Global Enterprises, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with SSNY on 11/03/2009. Office location: Albany County NY. SSNY designated as agent of LLC, upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, 301 Murray Ave, Delmar, NY 12054. This is also the principal location of the business. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. LD-21952 (December 16, 2009)

LEGAL NOTICE
 Notice of Publication JI INSIGHT COMMUNICATIONS LLC Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 11/25/2009 Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12205. Purpose: any lawful purpose. LD-21953 (December 16, 2009)

LEGAL NOTICE
 Notice of Formation of Dania Bagyi Photography, LLC. Art. of Org. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 11/2/09. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to 6269 Empire Ave., Schenectady, NY 12306. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-21954 (December 16, 2009)

LEGAL NOTICE
 Notice of Formation of CCF-CU Funding, LLC, Art. of Org. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 10/28/09. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to 18 Computer Drive East, Albany, NY 12205. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-21955 (December 16, 2009)

LEGAL NOTICE
 NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LLC LSFP51, LLC, filed Articles of Organization with the New York Secretary of State on 11/20/09. Its office is located in Albany County. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent upon whom process may be served and shall mail a copy of any process served on him or her to the LLC, at LLC, 1747 New Scotland Road, Slingerlands, New York 12159. The street address of the principal business location is 1747 New Scotland Road, Slingerlands, New York 12159. Its business is to engage in any lawful activity for which limited liability companies may

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 be organized under Section 203 of the New York Limited Liability Company Act. LD-21956 (December 16, 2009)

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 NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LP GEN3M Limited Partnership, filed a Certificate of Limited Partnership with the New York Secretary of State on 11/25/09. Its office is located in Albany County. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent upon whom process may be served and shall mail a copy of any process served on him or her to, 1747 New Scotland Road, Slingerlands, New York 12159. The street address of the principal business location is 1747 New Scotland Road, Slingerlands, New York 12159. Its business is to engage in any lawful activity for which limited partnerships may be organized under Section 121-201 of the Revised Limited Partnership Act LD-21957 (December 16, 2009)

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 NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LLC GEN3J Limited Partnership, filed a Certificate of Limited Partnership with the New York Secretary of State on 11/25/09. Its office is located in Albany County. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent upon whom process may be served and shall mail a copy of any process served on him or her to, 1747 New Scotland Road, Slingerlands, New York 12159. The street address of the principal business location is 1747 New Scotland Road, Slingerlands, New York 12159. Its business is to engage in any lawful activity for which limited partnerships may be organized under Section 121-201 of the Revised Limited Partnership Act LD-21958 (December 16, 2009)

LEGAL NOTICE
 Notice of Qualification of Hagco Industries, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/17/09. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Nevada (NV) on 3/19/98. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 150 S. Arroyo Parkway, Ste. 102, Pasadena, CA 91105, also the address of the principal office. Arts of Org. filed with NV Secy. Of State, 101 North Carson St., Ste. 3, Carson City, NV 89701. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-21961 (December 16, 2009)

LEGAL NOTICE
 Notice of Qualification of CarHelp, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/2/09. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Oregon (OR) on 5/19/09. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o National

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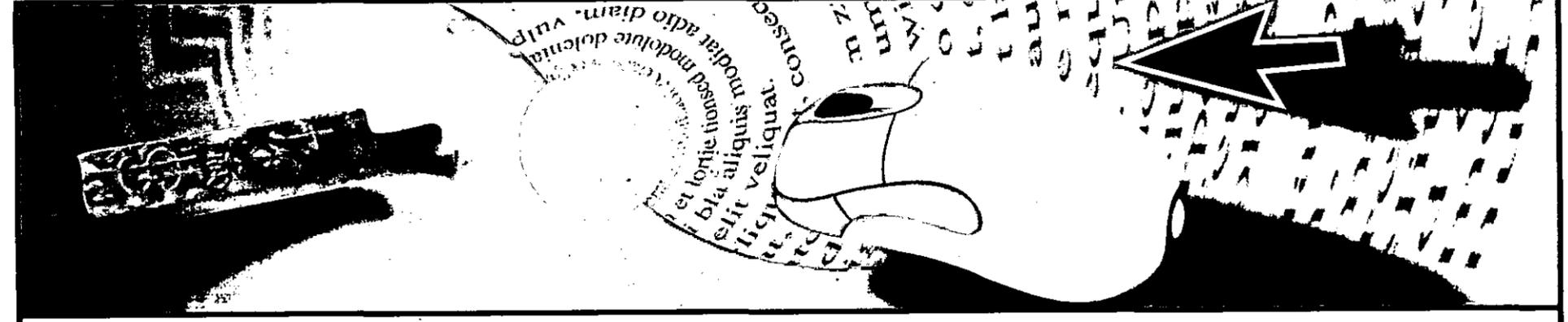
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Blackbirds establish early control Format

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By ROB JONAS
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The Voorheesville boys basketball team got an early jump on its Colonial Council competition.

With last Friday's 68-53 victory at Lansingburgh, the Blackbirds improved their league record to 4-0 and established a 1½-game lead on the Knights, Cohoes and Watervliet.

"We were hoping to get off on a good foot," said Voorheesville coach Don Catellier. "The kids have been working hard during the off-season."

The Blackbirds have been monsters on the glass, thanks to a veteran front line featuring center Ethan Mackey and forwards James Currier and Nicholas Crawford. Against Lansingburgh (2-1 league, 3-2 overall), Voorheesville pulled down 39 rebounds at both ends as it fended off an athletic Knights squad.

"We wanted to slow the tempo down and force them to shoot from the outside," said Catellier. "We did a good job of doing both things."

Mackey was also a major factor at the offensive end for

Voorheesville. The 6-foot, 6-inch senior scored a game-high 27 points against Lansingburgh, with nearly half of those points coming at the free throw line where he made 13 of his 17 attempts. Mackey has averaged 22 points per game in the Blackbirds' first four games.

Senior guard Chris Castren added 13 points for the Blackbirds, who raced out to a 17-6 lead in the first quarter.

"They [Lansingburgh] played zone [defense] on us, but we moved the ball around well and got some good looks at the basket," said Catellier.

Voorheesville is now in the middle of an 11-day layoff before it hosts Mechanicville Dec. 22. During the Blackbirds' layoff, the rest of the Colonial Council will begin sorting itself out to determine which team will challenge them.

"It's nice to have some breathing room [now], but the bad thing about the Colonial Council is that you can't take a night off," said Catellier.

the year, we're doing individual tournaments."

Gaining mat time became slightly more difficult when NYSPHSAA trimmed the number of points a wrestler could accumulate during the regular season from 22 to 20 points. Wrestlers are given one point for each dual match and two points for each tournament they participate in.

Sensing that the reduction would mean fewer opportunities to wrestle, Stein said the decision to switch the format was an easy one.

"When the state made the cuts, we said, 'Well, let's get more matches,'" said Stein. "Besides, this is becoming a more popular [tournament] format around the state."

The decision turned out to be a good one for Stein. Besides landing several teams that had come to the Stuart Memorial Tournament in the past - Hudson Falls, Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk, Minisink Valley, Monroe-

Woodbury and Scotia-Glenville - he also got commitments from Long Island powers such as Rocky Point and Division.

"This is, by far, the toughest tournament that we'll come to this year as a dual meet," said R-C-S coach Henry Mormile Jr.

"It's a tough tournament, but as I told the kids, in order to be the man you have to beat the man," added Scotia-Glenville coach Matt Prendergast.

Stein also decided not to invite any of his fellow Suburban Council schools to the tournament.

"I didn't want to because we already wrestle them," he said. "Granted, I could have brought in a Suburban Council team because we have 12 teams in the field and you only wrestle 10 ... but honestly, the field filled up so fast that I couldn't invite any of them."

The competition proved to be very tough without the additional Suburban Council schools. Colonie, R-C-S and Scotia-Glenville all struggled against the out-of-region competition, but the coaches said the purpose of wrestling in the tournament wasn't how many matches they won.

"It's a learning experience for these guys," said Mormile. "A lot of these kids haven't seen this kind of level yet."

"I'm hoping that we just grow [from this tournament] - to just become better technically and learn more how to wrestle situationally," said Stein.

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Friend

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— one which wound up saving my tail last weekend.

Here's the background: I drafted third out of 12 team owners in the first round, and my friend drafted 12th. That meant by the time he made his first pick, there weren't any "top line" running backs to choose from. So while he wound up with guys like Tom Brady and Randy Moss in his passing game, his running back situation looked grim.

Of course, I still had a gaping hole at wide receiver — a position he was rich in with Moss, DeSean Jackson and T.J. Houshmandzadeh. So, I offered to help him at running back if he helped me out at wide receiver. The deal that was finalized sent Turner to my friend's team in exchange for Jackson and Thomas Jones.

At the time, I was a bit skeptical of giving him Turner for Jackson and Jones. Turner was coming off a stellar season in Atlanta, and though Jackson was a big upgrade at wide receiver for me, Jones was the wrong side of 30 (note: popular belief is that NFL running backs tend to hit a wall at age 30). If Jones didn't work out, I'd have to start Cedric Benson in his place, and Benson played on pass-happy Cincinnati. Still, to get Jackson — a true No. 1 receiver — was an opportunity I couldn't pass up (pardon the pun).

As it turned out, the trade worked out in my favor by quite a bit. Jackson has been consistently getting 10 or more fantasy points thanks to his penchant for catching long touchdown passes,

while Jones has been at or near 100 yards per game because the New York Jets still can't trust their quarterbacks to throw the ball. Meanwhile, Turner got off to a rough start, came on in the middle of the season and then got injured. Oops.

The true value of that trade became clear on the last weekend of our 14-game regular season. Jones and Jackson combined to score 44 fantasy points, which helped my team beat my opponent 83-78 and clinch the division title.

Now, as crazy as this sounds, this wasn't the only trade I made with my friend this season. Around midseason, his starting tight end, Houston's Owen Daniels, suffered a season-ending injury, and he didn't have a backup. Again, I felt I could help his team out by trading him my best tight end, Minnesota's Visanthe Shiancoe, and Jacobs for Giants' receiver Hakeem Nicks and Denver tailback Knowshon Moreno. Even though our first deal worked out in my favor, he agreed to this trade, too.

How has that trade worked out? Moreno has been in my starting lineup a few times and has done moderately well. Nicks has been mostly on my bench, although I could have used him last week since Holmes and Kansas City's Chris Chambers were kept out of the end zone (touchdowns net you six fantasy points).

As for the guys I gave up, Shiancoe has had several nice games in a row, though his numbers dipped dramatically the last two weeks. Jacobs struggled at first, but he's come on the last two weeks to make up for Shiancoe's struggles. So, let's call that a wash.

There were some other free agent acquisitions that helped my team, namely getting the New Orleans Saints defense (bad in terms of yards allowed, but great in terms of forcing turnovers) and picking up Chambers when he became the Chiefs' No. 1 receiver following Dwayne Bowe's five-game suspension. But had those two trades never happened — well, I shudder to think what would have happened to my team.

As for my friend's team, he had the best record in our league for a while until some late-season struggles dropped him into a tie for first place in his division. Fortunately, his team won its final game to earn him a trip to the playoffs, too.

I just don't think he'll be making any more trades with me. Not after giving me the two players that proved to be the difference between making the playoffs and watching them.

OK, I'm done with my fantasy football geek-out. Time for a couple of quick observations before I close out this week's column:

- The Albany River Rats have now won seven consecutive games and have scored at least one standings point in nine straight games to move into second place in the AHL's East Division, one point behind Hershey. Yet, the Rats continue to have a hard time drawing a crowd to their home games. Uh, you folks do know we still have a pro hockey team in our region, right? How about getting out to some home games?

- At some point, you have to recognize what a team is. What the Siena Saints men's basketball

team is can be best described as a good mid-major program with the potential to be very good. But as long as they don't realize their potential, they won't be reaching the next level — in their case, a national ranking.

- The Albany Firebirds announced last week they won't be playing in 2010. I think they should have added 2011, 2012 and beyond because I don't think they will be coming back. It's time to

put the Arena Football era behind us and look forward to the Times Union Center being a tour stop for extreme sports, motorcross competitions and bull riding.

No new reader comments to put up this week, but I'm always looking for them. So, send me your thoughts at jonasr@spotlightnews.com. Just remember to avoid addressing them to "You idiot" or "Hey, jerk." Thank you.

Guilderland alumni night Dec. 22

The Guilderland High School wrestling team is honoring its alumni at its Dec. 22 home match.

All alumni who attend the 6 p.m. match will be introduced to the crowd, and there will be a post-match party at Pizza Gram on Western Avenue.

For information, call Jeff Counterline at 861-5026.

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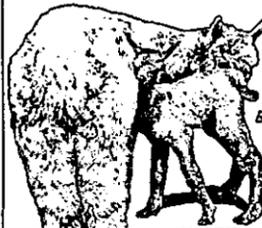
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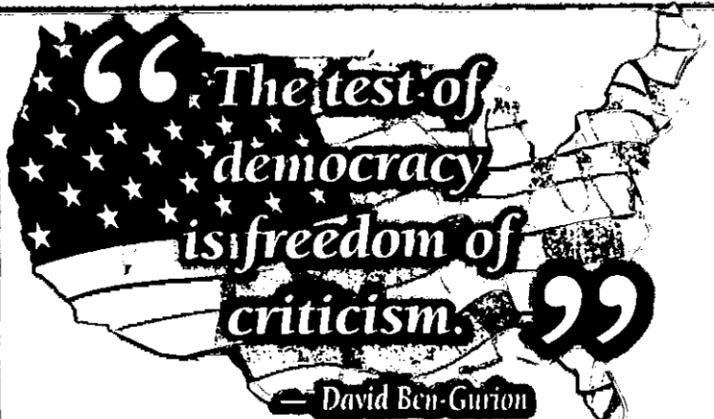
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Sports *in the* Spotlight

New format suits wrestlers

Coaches turn to dual meet tourneys to add matches

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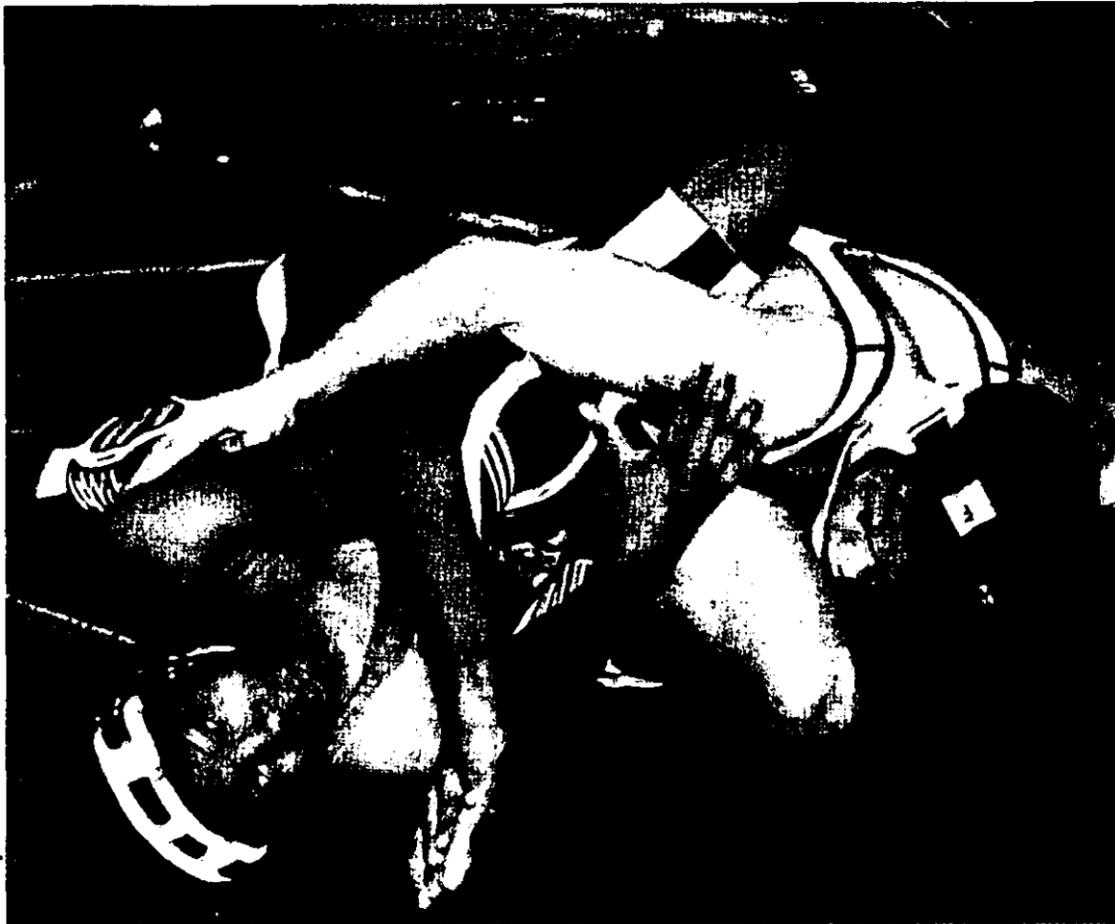
When the New York State Public High School Athletic Association announced cutbacks to scheduling sporting events, some wrestling teams got creative to increase the number of matches for their athletes.

One team, Colonie, decided to change the format of its annual Linda Stuart Memorial Tournament. Instead of a one-day ladder competition for individuals, it became a two-day, 12-team, dual-meet tournament.

Colonie coach Matt Stein said the decision came down to giving his wrestlers 10 guaranteed bouts in a dual-meet format, rather than as few as two bouts in a ladder competition.

"My philosophy has kind of shifted to this - early in the season, I favor the dual meet to get more mat time to my kids, especially our younger kids," said Stein. "The second half of

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Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk's Andy Lyman, right, battles Minisink Valley's Richard Pennison during their 130-pound bout at last weekend's Linda Stuart Memorial Tournament in Colonie. Rob Jonas/Spotlight

Varsity schedule

Wednesday, Dec. 16

BOYS BOWLING

Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk at Cohoes, 4 p.m.
Saratoga at Bethlehem, 4 p.m.
Voorheesville at Watervliet, 4 p.m.

GIRLS BOWLING

Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk at Cohoes, 4 p.m.
Saratoga at Bethlehem, 4 p.m.

WRESTLING

Guilderland at Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 17

BOWLING

Shaker at Guilderland, 4 p.m.

WRESTLING

Bethlehem at Green High Tech, 6 p.m.
Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk at Voorheesville, 6 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 18

BOYS BASKETBALL

Saratoga at Bethlehem, 7 p.m.
Shaker at Guilderland, 7 p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Albany Academy at Voorheesville, 6 p.m.
Bethlehem at Saratoga, 7 p.m.
Guilderland at Shaker, 7 p.m.
Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk at Holy Names, 7:30 p.m.

GYMNASTICS

Guilderland at Shenendehowa, 6 p.m.

HOCKEY

CBA at Bethlehem, 7:15 p.m.
Guilderland at Shaker/Colonie, 8:45 p.m.

BOYS SWIMMING

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

WRESTLING

Voorheesville at Cohoes Tournament, 3:30 p.m.
Guilderland at Colonie, 6 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 19

BOYS BASKETBALL

Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk at Red Hook, 2:30 p.m.

GYMNASTICS

Bethlehem at Shaker, 10 a.m.

BOYS SWIMMING

Bethlehem, Guilderville at Mohonasen diving meet, 10 a.m.

WRESTLING

Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Duals, 8 a.m.
Voorheesville at Cohoes Tournament, 9 a.m.
Bethlehem at Albany Academy Duals, TBA

Monday, Dec. 21

BOYS BOWLING

Mechanicville at Voorheesville, 3:45 p.m.
Lansingburgh at Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk, 4 p.m.

GIRLS BOWLING

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

NORDIC SKIING

Guilderland at Johnsbury Invitational, 3:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 22

BOYS BASKETBALL

Mechanicville at Voorheesville, 7:30 p.m.
Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk at Lansingburgh, 7:30 p.m.

Dutch can't buy a victory

The Guilderland girls basketball team stumbled at the wrong time against Columbia.

The Blue Devils outscored the Lady Dutch 20-9 in the fourth quarter to pull out a 50-45 victory in last Friday's Suburban Council South Division game in East Greenbush.

Guilderland (0-3 league, 1-3 overall) looked like it was on its way to its first league win of the season after it took a 20-13 lead in the first quarter. But Columbia (1-1, 2-2) stayed with the Lady Dutch over the next two periods before pulling in front in the final eight minutes.

Amanda Batzold led Columbia with 17 points. Hillary Faas contributed 11 points, and Shannon Moldoff added 10 points.

Melissa Winne scored 19 points, and Chelsea Weston chipped in 18

points for Guilderland, which suffered its second consecutive close loss. The Lady Dutch fell to Colonie 55-51 last Tuesday, despite 13-point performances from Katherine Keegan and Erin Kelly.

The road to a league win doesn't get any easier for Guilderland. After hosting Saratoga Springs Tuesday, the Lady Dutch visit Shaker Friday.

In other Suburban Council action last Friday, Bethlehem (1-2, 1-3) couldn't contain Colonie's Tehresa Coles in a 56-52 loss.

Coles scored a team-high 21 points to lead the Garnet Raiders (2-0, 2-0). Ten of Coles' 21 points came in the fourth quarter, when Colonie outscored Bethlehem 15-8.

Kelly Dillon netted 14 points, and Ashley Loggins added 10 points for the Garnet Raiders.



Guilderland's Melissa Winne tries to get around a Columbia defender for a shot during last Friday's Suburban Council game. Robert Gao/Spotlight

Nice doing business with you, friend

Permit me to have a fantasy sports geek-out column, since I don't usually write on the subject.

In the few years that I have played fantasy sports, I have learned that I'm a terrible drafter, but a pretty shrewd in-season talent evaluator.

And even with that said, it still takes good timing to make the playoffs.

I am referring specifically to



one of my two fantasy football teams this season. When our league held its draft in August, this was my starting lineup:

Quarterback: Aaron Rodgers

(Green Bay)

Running backs: Michael Turner (Atlanta) and Brandon Jacobs (New York Giants)

Wide receivers: Santonio Holmes (Pittsburgh), Ted Ginn Jr. (Miami) and Percy Harvin (Minnesota)

Tight end: John Carlson (Seattle)

Kicker: Kris Brown (Houston)

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Take a good look at that lineup. If that had been my starting group for the whole season, I probably would have finished with a losing record because I wouldn't have had a fantasy stud outside of Rodgers.

But, that lineup never made the field on opening day. Why? Because I made a trade with a friend before the season began

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