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Stories that shaped Bethlehem in 2009

Mercury, millionaires and budget cuts mark first half of town's year

January

- The Lafarge cement plant in Ravena issued a voluntary study of its emissions, in particular mercury. The report estimated that about 146 pounds of mercury is emitted from the Route 9W plant each year. Lafarge argued that the mercury released in its processes is elemental mercury from the area limestone and not harmful to humans, while environmental activists called for tougher regulations.

- The Bethlehem Central School District appointed former Town of Bethlehem Comptroller Judith Kehoe to the position of chief business and financial officer.

- The Town of Bethlehem's 2009 organizational meeting resulted in the appointment of

former town Director of Economic Development George Leveille to the Planning Board as chairman, as well as Daniel Coffey to fill out the term of former Planning Board Chairman Parker Mathusa, who died in November. Assistant Director of Economic Development and Planning Michael Morelli moved into Leveille's old position. Also, Zoning Board member Leonard Micelli and Zoning Board Chairman Michael C. Hodom were both reappointed, as were Comptroller Suzanne Traylor and Commissioner of Public Works Josh Canslar, among other appointments.

- Bethlehem police released details on the late-December arrest of former Assembly candidate and former Albany firefighter Ken Preston. He was arrested on charges stemming from an incident at his Slingerlands home that included robbery, attempted criminal sexual

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G'land top stories

Moratorium, money and Murley make news

January

- On Thursday Jan. 1 Deborah Corbari was formally made the New Scotland assessor. Corbari held the position in 2001 and 2002, however left to work in the private sector. When speaking about her decision to reapply Corbari said, "It was the right thing a the right time."

- Voorheesville began to narrow its search for a new superintendent. The applicant pool was limited to 32 "qualified inquiries". The expectations for the new superintendent were set high due to the districts great success with its high school graduation rates, and last year finishing top among Capital District schools with a 97

percent graduation rate.

- Former Guilderland Chief of Police James Murley pleaded guilty to misdemeanor official misconduct on Friday, Jan. 9, and admitted to visiting a casino on town time at least 53 times, according to information provided by the Albany County district attorney's office. As a result of the plea he was ordered by the court to pay \$13,500 in restitution to the town, \$800 in fines and an additional \$200 in state surcharges.

- At its Thursday Jan 9 meeting the Guilderland Town Board announced Town Attorney Richard Sherwood was cleared of accusations that there was a conflict of interest regarding his role in discussions about lowering the assessment of the Walgreens at the corner of routes 155 and 20.

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Officers recognized



Town Supervisor Jack Cunningham reads a proclamation honoring Bethlehem Police officers Kenneth Beck and George Travis for their actions during a Saturday, Dec. 19, fire and explosion in Delmar that critically injured a boy. Cunningham also recognized telecommunications officers Eric Kerr, Brianna Tice, Melissa Powell and Katie Gould at the Wednesday, Dec. 23, meeting of the Town Board. See story on page 13.

Tom Heffernan Sr. /Spotlight

Bethlehem passes noise ordinance

Law restricts noise levels from 11 p.m. to 7 a.m.

By CHARLES WIFF
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The Bethlehem Town Board passed a local law on Wednesday, Dec. 23, that limits the amount of noise residents may generate during nighttime hours.

Dubbed the "Noise Abatement and Containment Ordinance," the

law passed 3-0 with Council members Joann Dawson and Kyle Kotary absent.

Several small alterations were made from the draft version that was the subject of a Dec. 9 public hearing. Among the revisions was a change in the way noise levels would be gauged — from decibels to what is known as a dBA, a measure not of sound intensity but rather how the human ear responds to that sound intensity.

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'Titanic' brings in big crowds

'Titanic: The Musical' was one of the biggest shows Family Players of Northeastern New York ever staged, and it brought in the biggest crowds, too. Look back at this and other arts and entertainment stories.

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Another year in the books

The Bethlehem girls basketball team won the Section II Class AA title as girls teams in several sports from Bethlehem and Guilderland took home honors in 2009.

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Town continues to rally around Rodino family

McDonald's fundraiser yields record \$735

By RYAN MUNKS
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The McDonald's at Western Avenue and Church Road frequently sponsors fundraisers for community groups, but its Friday, Dec. 18, fundraiser was the most successful ever.

The event brought in \$735 for Rick Rodino and his family. Rodino and his 7-year-old daughter, Ra-



Micheala Burbank sells desserts at McDonald's during a fundraiser for the Rodino family.

Ryan Munks/Spotlight

V'ville woman first in Albany County to be arrested under Leandra's Law

County-wide DWI sweep, yields 8 additional arrests

By RYAN MUNKS
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Eileen E. Joyce, 52, of Voorheesville, a doctor of obstetrics and gynecology in Albany, was arrested for a DWI on Saturday Dec. 19, by the Guiderland Police Department. Joyce was the first person in Albany County to be arrested under the Child Passenger Protection Act, more commonly known as "Leandra's Law".

The Child Passenger Protection Act enhances the sentence for individuals operating a motor vehicle with a BAC of .08 and a child 15 years of age or younger in the vehicle. Under the act the charge is upgraded from a misdemeanor to a felony.

The act was passed by the New York State Legislature during the special session in November. The law went into effect on Friday, Dec. 18. An additional component of the law goes into effect Aug. 16 that would mandate any person convicted under Leandra's Law would need a ignition interlock system put in place in order to operate their vehicle.

According to police, Joyce aroused police suspicion when she was driving eastbound on Route 20 and appeared as if she was going to make a right turn onto Route 146 before deciding to continue straight on Route 20. Captain Cox of the Guiderland Police Department referred to the movement as "a sudden erratic movement." Joyce allegedly committed several other traffic infractions before police decided

to pull her over after she turned right on Route 155.

According to police Joyce failed a field sobriety test and was arrested for a common-law DWI. After being transported to police headquarters, Joyce was administered a chemical test in which she allegedly tested at .14 BAC. According to police, Joyce had two other adult passengers and a 7 year old child in the car. The child passenger was the daughter of one of the adults. The results of the chemical test compounded by the age of the child led to Joyce being charged under the new law.

When asked if he felt pride knowing his agency was the first in Albany County to make such an arrest Cox instead evoked a feeling of sadness. "It saddens me to know this will continue even though we put so much emphasis on it" said Cox.

Joyce will be arraigned in Guiderland Town Court on Thursday Jan. 7. If convicted Joyce could face one to four years in prison, and a fine of \$1000 to \$5000.

Joyce was arrested during Albany County's Stop-DWI campaign. According to information from the program, the campaign began at 7 pm Friday, Dec. 18 and ended 5 am Sunday, Dec. 20. The campaign was a coordinated effort among 11 local police departments, the Albany County Sheriff's Department, and the New York State Police.



Eileen E. Joyce

A total of 655 traffic stops were performed, yielding nine DWI arrests. Three of the arrests were for aggravated DWI, with the driver possessing a BAC of .18 or above. One arrest, made by Bethlehem Police, was for zero tolerance, with the driver possessing a BAC of .02 or above, and being under the age of 21.

Staff Sgt. Lenny Crouch, the administrator of the Albany County Stop-DWI program expressed his frustration at the lack of adherence some show towards DWI laws. According to Crouch DWI sweeps have been conducted in the state for 26 years.

"It's cyclical" said Crouch, referring to the predictability of the number of arrests generated during a sweep. "Last year at this time we were roughly around the same" said Crouch "In the last four years laws have increased dramatically, and people have not modified their behavior".

Specifically referring to Joyce, Crouch said "it's a glaring example that someone that educated, who's supposed to bring life into the world, would be so callous and careless to be at .14"

When asked whether Leandra's Law will be an added deterrent to driving while intoxicated Crouch said "it will depend on what happens with her [Joyce] case". Crouch noted that a plea compromise could diminish the deterrent effect of the new law.

The next county-wide DWI sweep will take place on the day of the Super bowl, Sunday Feb 7. Based on last year's numbers, Crouch expects the number of DWI arrests during the sweep to be at least double from what was seen during the most recent sweep.

Police Blotter

V'ville man admits to burglarizing three homes

Dennis M. Grant, of 22 Foundry Road, Voorheesville, was arrested on Thursday, Dec. 3, for burglary with criminal intent, grand larceny, and criminal mischief in the third degree, all felonies. Grant was also charged with petite larceny, a misdemeanor.

According to police, when interviewed Grant admitted to entering, and removing property from three homes on Gardner Rd. and one home on Route 146. The alleged offenses took place on Nov. 17. Grant was booked and arraigned in Guiderland Town Court on Thursday Dec 3.

Other Arrests

• Aaron Thomas Neal, 23, of 42 Woodlake Road, Apt. 8, Albany, was arrested on Saturday, Dec. 5, for criminal contempt, a felony, and harassment, a violation. The victim had an order of protection against Neal.

According to police, Neal was involved in a dispute in which he engaged in physical contact with the victim. According to police, Neal also restrained the movement of the victim by blocking her path to the doorway of the apartment. Neal was arraigned in Guiderland Town Court on Saturday Dec. 5.

• James N. Billups, 31, of 67 Judson St, Albany, also known as James Mayfield, was arrested on Thursday, Dec. 3, on an arrest warrant issued by Guiderland Town Court. Also arrested was Deshandre Lamar Ross, 19, of 45

Pennsylvania Ave., Albany, also known as Deshandre Lamar. The warrant was issued for a crime that had taken place on Oct. 9 in which Billups and Ross allegedly used a stolen credit card to purchase movie tickets at Regal 12 Cinema at Crossgates Mall.

Billups and Ross were charged with criminal possession of stolen property, a felony, and petite larceny, a misdemeanor. Both men were arraigned in Guiderland Town Court on Thursday Dec. 3.

• Stephanie Eliza Pelton, 18, of 4 Laing St., Colonie, was arrested on Thursday Dec 3, on an arrest warrant issued on Nov. 23. The warrant was issued for possession of a forged instrument in the 2nd degree, a felony. Pelton was transported from Albany County jail on Dec. 3 to be arraigned in Guiderland Town Court

• Rolander Hill, 37, of 24 Marvin Ave Apt 2, Troy, NY, was arrested on Saturday Dec. 5 for possession of a forged instrument in the 2nd degree, a felony. According to police Rolander was in possession of two counterfeit visa debit/gift cards. Rolander was arraigned on Saturday Dec. 5 at Guiderland Town Hall.

• Jeremy T. Anderson, 20, of 111 Great Kill Rd, Staten Island, NY, was arrested on Friday, Dec. 4 for burglary in the 3rd degree, criminal mischief in the 3rd degree, both felonies, and criminal mischief with the intent to damage property, a misdemeanor.

According to police Anderson burglarized the Albany County Animal Hospital located at 1506 Western Ave. Guiderland NY. Anderson was arrested while attempting to flee the alleged crime scene. Anderson was arraigned later in the day at Guiderland Town Court.

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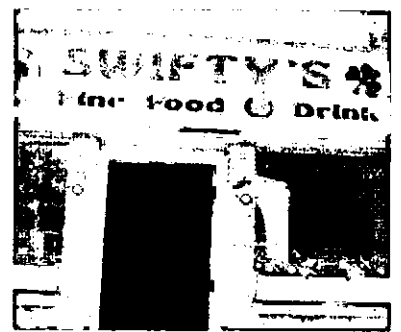
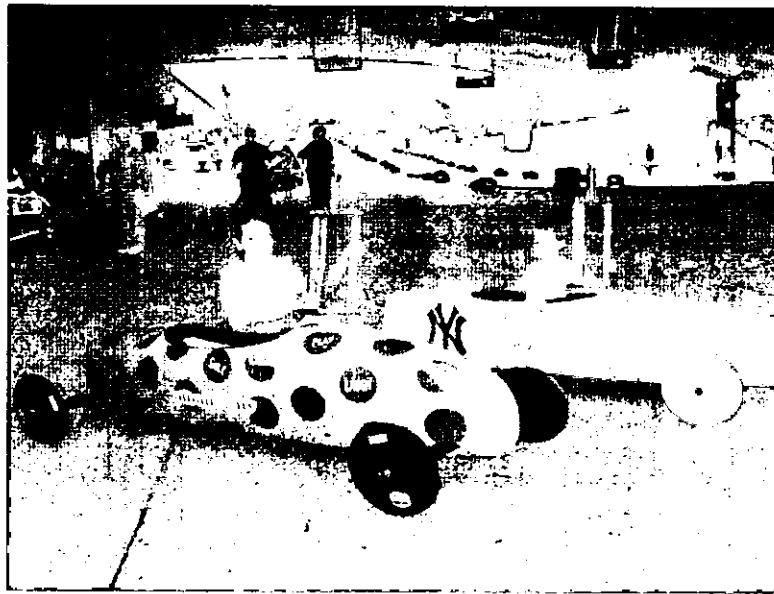
The Year in Pictures

A look at happenings in the towns of Bethlehem, Guilderland and New Scotland for the first half of 2009



Voorheesville High School students showed off a range of talents as they competed for the title of Mr. Voorheesville on May 29.

Dan Sabbatino/Spotlight



ABOVE: Swifty's opened in the former Boff's Restaurant building in Delmar on June 24.

LEFT: Ally and Cameron Burdick of Guilderland won their respective divisions in the Capital District Soap Box Derby June 13.



Luxi Peng represented Farnsworth Middle School at the Scripps National Spelling Bee in Washington, D.C. May 25-29. Peng won the Greater Capital region Spelling Bee in March a first for the Guilderland School District.



The Saturday Farmer's Market received an enthusiastic response when it kicked off June 6 on the grounds of the Bethlehem Middle School.



Recent Guilderland High School graduate Elijah Sharma made an unsuccessful bid for Guilderland School Board in the May elections.



Town Supervisor Jack Cunningham joined Elsmere Elementary students and Earth Week Committee members to plant a cherry tree at the school's playground on a very sunny afternoon, Friday, April 24.



At the Clarksville Elementary School Earth Day Fair on April 27, student Andrew Hicks rides Cornell Cooperative Extension's "Energy Bike," as Nancy Lerner explains how it demonstrates that compact fluorescent bulbs use less energy than traditional light bulbs.



Each spring, Bethlehem holds a household hazardous waste day where people can bring in those products to be properly disposed of.

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DIY tips from a person who (might) know

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Hello and welcome to a very special post-Christmas edition of Pop Culture, America's No. 1 resource for ice sculpture and animal training tips.

Of course, you and I know that these claims are made in jest, but a few months ago, I signed off a column by saying that Pop Culture is America's No. 1 resource for watch and small appliance repair, and since then I've received a handful of letters asking my advice on those topics.

Admittedly, my knowledge of watches and small appliances is conducive mostly to breaking them, but I'd feel as though I were shirking some sort of solemn column duty by not answering those letters. So, here they are. Names have been changed to protect the innocent and all that jazz.

If you recognize your letter in this column, take my advice with a hefty grain of salt as I am not a trained professional. At any time.

Here goes:

Bill (This particular letter-writer decided to call me "Bill" even though anyone who knows me knows that I prefer either "William" or "Ranger Bill."),

I read with great interest your column on buying a 'Big Pimpin'

Commentary:

Pop Culture



belt buckle and decided you would be the best person to ask about this problem I'm having with my washing machine.

When I start the washer, the drum just keeps filling and refilling with water, and the cycle never starts. I've tinkered with the knobs and checked the supply lines. Please help, the washer is only a couple of months old!

Jacob C.

Jake (I decided to call this letter-writer "Jake" even though he clearly signed his letter Jacob. It's my passive-aggressive way of getting back at him for not calling me Ranger Bill.),

I have a problem with my washing machine and it's called "Marriage."

Before I was married, I could wear clothes six, seven times in a row and not feel socially awkward. I could drop my clothes anywhere in the house and know exactly where they were when I wanted them again. Socks? Bathroom floor. Pants? On top of the refrigerator. Shoes? Glove compartment.

Why were they in the glove compartment? Because when are you ever going to drive without your shoes on? It's illegal, for Pete's sake.

Not so after my wife entered the picture, Jake. Now it's like, "You have to wear a shirt if we're going to go out to dinner." Ridiculous. I don't even know where my shirts are anymore.

Anyway, it sounds like you have what's known as a siphon problem. Check to see if your drain hose outlet is lower than the water level in the washing machine drum. If it is, then the water is siphoning out of the machine much like I siphon gas out of my neighbor's Subaru Impreza. Raise the hose and the problem should go away. If it doesn't, I suggest setting the washing machine on fire.

Bill: William.

Mr. DeVoe (That's more like it.),

Sometimes my LCD television displays only a black screen or half of the picture is black. Do you know what could be causing this and if I can fix it? By the way, you are very handsome.

Kim Q.

Kim,

Thank you, I am very handsome.

You know, when I was looking into my neighbor's family-room

window the other day, I noticed they had a similar problem. At first, I just thought it was the way I was standing, propped up on an old cleaning bucket, using their Christmas lights to tether myself to the side of their house, hoping to maybe catch some "CSI" or "How I Met Your Mother" before I froze to death in their bushes.

So I snuck from window to window, trying to get a better viewpoint of their television, but there it stayed: a black bar right through the center of the picture.

While I stared into their home, my breath condensing on the windowpane, I saw the father get up and shake the television until the picture came back. Walking back to the couch, he saw me in the window and started screaming. The television must have gotten him pretty upset. He chased me off his lawn, yelling about the police the whole time.

I don't recommend this approach because, as far as I know, the police do not fix televisions.

What you and my neighbor — who has a lovely home, by the way — probably have is a bad circuit board or a "cold" solder joint in the inductor, capacitor or one of the components. If you're not comfortable doing your own soldering, a high-end electronic device worth close to a thousand dollars is as good a learning tool as you can get.

Bill

sensing icemaker. Lately, the sensor light just blinks on and off and the unit only makes ice when it "wants to."

Do you have a fix or is it a lost cause?

P.S. Stay away from my house and stop siphoning gas out of my Impreza.

Freddy O.

Freddy (Real name Matthew),

Here's a better question: Why do you think you're better than me? With your LCD TV and hotshot Impreza.

And now this? Oh, Mr. High-and-mighty has a wittle pproblem wid his \$2,000 refrigerator! You're kidding me, right?

I'm hanging meat in a bear-bag from a tree in my backyard and you're troubled by the fact that you can't get ice from the outside of your freezer? Here's a tip, buddy: OPEN THE DOOR. That's it, Matt. Just open the door and you can have all the ice your two-mortgage-payment fridge can make.

That being said, check your water supply line first, just to make sure it's not damaged or frozen. If it's not, you probably need to replace the emitter, which shouldn't be a problem for you and your cushy state job.

Oh, and Matt, get your television fixed before "Lost" comes on in February.

Bill

That's it, folks. Any more questions, send them to devoew@spotlightnews.com. Have a festive and safe New Year, and I'll see you in 2010.

Back 2 Basics

By Matt Zalen



Got news?

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

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WEEKLY WEATHER

Chief Meteorologist Mike Bono



TIME WARNER CABLE

Albany Almanac

Record high/low/year

Day	AVERAGE HIGH 32°		AVERAGE LOW 15°	
	High/Year	Low/Year	High/Year	Low/Year
Wednesday, December 30	53°/1984	-21°/1933		
Thursday, December 31	61°/1895	-17°/1917		
Friday, January 1	57°/1966	-18°/1970		
Saturday, January 2	61°/1890	-20°/1970		
Sunday, January 3	61°/1913	-14°/1970		
Monday, January 4	64°/1950	-15°/1904		
Tuesday, January 5	64°/1950	-24°/1904		

SEASONAL SNOWFALL TO DATE
11.2 inches as of Friday, December 25th
3.9 inches below average

This week in weather

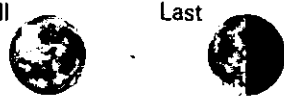
December 1917 ended on a very cold note in Albany. The high temperature never got above 2 below zero for the last 3 days.
January 3rd, 2003 a 21 inch snowfall began in Albany. 21" also fell 9 days earlier, on Christmas Day, 2002.

Sun & Moon

Day	Sunrise	Sunset
Wednesday	7:25am	4:31pm
Thursday	7:25am	4:31pm
Friday	7:25am	4:32pm
Saturday	7:25am	4:33pm
Sunday	7:25am	4:34pm
Monday	7:25am	4:35pm
Tuesday	7:25am	4:36pm

Moon Phases

December 31st Full January 7th Last



Planets	When	Where
Jupiter	Evening	Low SW
Mercury	Dusk	V Low SW
Saturn	Dawn	High South
Mars	Dawn	High South

Area Ski Conditions

Resort	Base Depth	Lifts	Trails	Resort	Base Depth	Lifts	Trails
Gore Mtn.	10" - 21"	4	31	Stratton Mt.	24" - 30"	8	82
Whiteface	15" - 24"	7	38	Sugarbush	13" - 31"	10	105
Bromley	12" - 23"	4	31	Hunter Mtn.	24" - 60"	7	43
Mt. Snow	20" - 28"	7	44	Jay Peak	12" - 24"	8	57
Okemo	26" - 38"	11	90	Jiminy Peak	20" - 55"	4	33
Belleayre	15" - 35"	6	20	Windham	15" - 30"	4	29
Stowe	12" - 40"	11	87	Smugglers'	12" - 50"	5	49
Killington	18" - 24"	15	79	Bousquet	4" - 12"	3	11

Factoid

The latest sunrise of the year to the nearest minute actually lasts for 13 days. In Albany, from December 28th through January 9th, the sun rises at 7:25 am, EST.

Tides at Albany

Day	High	Low
Wednesday	3:14am, 3:39pm	9:45am, 10:38pm
Thursday	4:06am, 4:28pm	10:42am, 11:26pm
Friday	4:58am, 5:17pm	11:27am, -----
Saturday	5:48am, 6:05pm	12:13am, 12:17pm
Sunday	6:39am, 6:53pm	1:00am, 1:09pm
Monday	7:30am, 7:42pm	1:48am, 2:42pm
Tuesday	8:24am, 8:35pm	2:47am, 2:59pm

Eugene Albuлесcu, conductor of the Lehigh Philharmonic Orchestra and a Steinway Artist, will perform at Bethlehem High School on Monday, Jan. 4, as part of a fundraiser for BC alum Amy Forando, who will be traveling with the orchestra on a European tour in May.



Don Hunstein/
Submitted photo

Renowned pianist to perform at Bethlehem Central High School

Eugene Albuлесcu's concert will help raise funds for alum's trip

By CHARLES WIFF
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Where can you hear a world-class pianist perform on a world-class piano? On Jan. 4, you'll be able to in Delmar when Eugene Albuлесcu comes to Bethlehem Central High School.

Albuлесcu is the music director and chief conductor for the Lehigh Philharmonic Orchestra, of which BC alum Amy Forando is a member. The concert will raise funds to help pay for the group's European tour in May.

Albuлесcu was named a Steinway International Artist in 2006, which for pianists is akin to entering the hall of fame. He has had a number of live recordings published and appears in the iTunes store.

His musical career started at the age of 6 in Romania. He later studied at Indiana University and has since played and composed around the world.

Lehigh's philharmonic is different from ensembles at many other schools in that membership is open to anyone who can play, not just music majors.

"We are a student orchestra, but it's a different demographic than a music school," said Albuлесcu. "Our big niche is students who take music extremely seriously but who don't want to pursue music as their career."

Monday's program will feature a performance of Beethoven's "Appassionata Sonata" and

other pieces. Albuлесcu will be performing on the Steinway piano the district purchased in 2006 after parents raised \$64,000.

"I think it's a great opportunity for us to have a ranking pianist in our school and also to showcase our Steinway piano," said high school Music Supervisor David Norman, who added that he is interested to hear Albuлесcu's opinion of the Steinway.

One of the perks of being a Steinway artist is the promise a piano will always be available from the local dealer, said Albuлесcu, but playing the district's Steinway will eliminate transportation costs and hassles.

Albuлесcu extended an invitation to his players to perform in their hometowns, within geographical reason, as a fundraiser. He'll be making 15 such performances by March.

Forando is a junior at Lehigh studying computer engineering and plays first oboe in the philharmonic. She will also be performing at the recital, playing "Vivaldi Concerto for Oboe in A Minor."

"I'm really excited. I think it's one of the things that's really great about our music program with Lehigh and in Bethlehem," said Forando. "Having them be so supportive in letting Eugene come back to play has really meant a lot to me."

The director said he was happy to make the journey to Bethlehem, N.Y., from Bethlehem, Pa., where Lehigh is located, to help out.

"We appreciate Amy's work, and she's really an extraordinary oboe player who could easily

make a career in music had she wanted to," he said.

Donations collected during the concert will help to send Forando on the European tour. Even with fundraising at Lehigh in full force, the cost to each member of the ensemble will run \$3,350.

The payout, though, is the opportunity to perform in many of the birthplaces of the philharmonic: Prague, Budapest, Vienna and other venues.

The program will begin at 7 p.m. at the high school. Suggested donations are \$20 for adults and \$5 for students.

IN BRIEF

Scouts to host pancake dinner

Voorheesville Boy Scout Troop 73 will hold its 37th annual Pancake Dinner on Saturday, Feb. 6, from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. at St. Matthews Church, Voorheesville.

The event is the annual fund raising event for the troop and features fresh pancakes, sausage, syrup, apple sauce and coffee. The cost is \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for children. Tickets may be purchased at the door or in advance by calling 765-2069.

V'ville library looking for artists, collectors

The Voorheesville Public Library has openings in its gallery and showcase for artists and collectors to display their work in 2010.

Contact Barbara Vink at 765-2791 to schedule an exhibit.

Five Rivers to hold programs on birds

Five Rivers Environmental Education Center will hold an elementary introduction to birds and bird life on Wednesday, Dec. 30, at 10 a.m. and will be repeated on Thursday, Dec. 31, at 10 a.m.

At these indoor/outdoor primers, center naturalists will discuss concepts in bird anatomy, behavior, identification and conservation which parent and child can build upon in your own yard or park. Participants

will study birds at the center's feeders from indoors, then venture out along center trails for a little field work. Simple but effective backyard bird conservation strategies will be discussed.

These programs are free of charge, but enrollment is limited. Parents and children must accompany one another. In the event of bad weather, the entire workshop will be conducted indoors. Call 475-0291 to register.

Five Rivers plans annual bird count

The 30th Annual New Year's Day Bird Count will be conducted on Friday, Jan. 1, at 9 a.m. at the Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, 56 Game Farm Road, Delmar.

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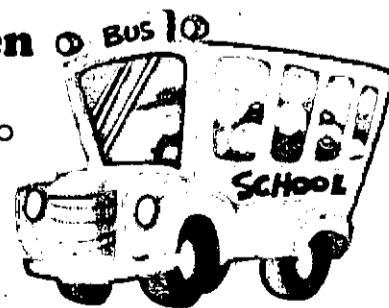
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Matters of Opinion *in the* Spotlight

The year that never was

In this week's edition of *The Spotlight*, you'll see our annual Year in Review feature, recapping events from the first six months of 2009. We look back and revisit the stories that matter most to you — not so much to reminisce, but to remind ourselves and our readers of the events that shaped our lives over the past year. As is usual with *The Spotlight*, you'll see only local stories, or how statewide or national stories affected our local readers.

Editorial

As is also the case with *The Spotlight*, you'll see news of significance — no octo-mom, no balloon boy, no celebrity gossip or fashion trends. Forgive us if our news sensibilities make us put these stories very low on the newsworthiness scale — lower than, say, a town supervisor candidate calling his opponent illiterate, a small town tackling the issue of big-box retail development or a local police chief using a racial slur.

Unfortunately, you won't see a lot of other things that very well could have been significant to our readers in 2009.

You won't see a story on our state Legislature responsibly handle a growing debt in such a way as to avoid the deferral of school aid payments to the many districts in our coverage area.

You won't see a story on the Saratoga Springs commissioner of public safety handling a dire financial situation with a maturity and dignity that would make him put aside political stuntwork for the sake and welfare of his constituents.

You won't see a story on how that aforementioned small town addressed development without driving a wedge firmly between those people who are in favor of a commercial development size cap and ...well, everyone else.

You won't see many stories about the Albany, Saratoga or Schenectady county Legislatures regulating anything other than lifestyle issues: what we eat, what we drink and what we drink it out of.

And you certainly won't see (in this Year in Review or any other, we think) a story about how peaceful, innocent and decidedly un-silly this year's local elections were.

We at *The Spotlight* don't fool ourselves into thinking that all of a sudden, one year, our local politics and politicians will start acting the way we think they should and, to some extent, it's probably a good thing that they don't.

But it's always nice to aspire for things to be a little bit better, and that's why next week's editorial will bring you the year we'd like to see.

New York state is failing SUNY schools

By PHILLIP H. SMITH
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The author is president of United University Professions, representing 35,000 faculty and professional staff at SUNY's 29 state-operated campuses.

It's the time of the year when students attending the State University of New York will be heading home for the holidays to be with their families. While parents will be expecting good grades from their sons and daughters, the financial grade of the State University they attend suffers by comparison.

SUNY is failing, under the weight of a massive \$410 million in state budget cuts in 18 months. That includes the \$90 million midyear reduction ordered by the governor in October. The \$410 million represents 17 percent of the University's operating budget.

Students will have a lot more on their minds this holiday besides their grades. Their studies are being affected by state budget cuts. Some will be telling their parents that the courses they wanted to take in the spring — including some that are required for them to graduate — are not being offered or are full. That raises the grim prospect for parents of a delayed graduation which would mean they'd be paying for another year — maybe even more — for their children to attend SUNY. New York families are already struggling to pay their bills in the midst of an economic slowdown. Paying for another

Point of View

year of college is the last thing they need.

If your child attends SUNY, ask him or her these five questions:

- Are you in danger of not

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Phillip Smith
president, United University Professions

graduating on time?

- Were you able to register for the courses you need next semester?

- Are your classes larger?

- Can you meet with your professors and advisors, or are they swamped by SUNY's surging enrollment?

- Are they getting the quality education you expected?

SUNY recently reported the biggest enrollment increase in its history. The number of students at SUNY's four-year state-operated campuses increased by 3,711, ballooning to a total of 222,239 students.

At the same time, SUNY is left with fewer full-time faculty to teach an influx of additional students. In the past 15 years, the student population has risen by nearly 12 percent, while the ranks of full-time faculty have dwindled by 11 percent.

And how about families that are hoping to send their children

to SUNY?

Families that are looking for an affordable and quality higher education? Tens of thousands of New York families who can't afford private college tuitions are looking to enroll their children in SUNY. The result: stiffer competition for admission, meaning thousands of qualified students will find the doors to SUNY are closed.

The state is abdicating its responsibility for sustaining SUNY. In 1990, the state provided 75 percent of SUNY's operating budget. Now, nearly 20 years later, as the result of the latest \$90 million budget cut, students are for the first time financing more than half of the University's operating

budget.

We all know the state is facing a serious budget deficit, but we also know that the actions taken today will have repercussions for tomorrow. We cannot sacrifice the future of New York's workforce who will power our economy by denying them access to the skills they will need to be gainfully employed. If we continue making the wrong choice by further cutting SUNY, we're not solving New York's financial crisis. We'd be prolonging it.

Whether you're the parent of a SUNY student or not, we urgently ask for your help to protect SUNY. Please visit our Web site at www.uupinfo.org where you can send a message to the governor and your state lawmakers to reverse the \$90 million cut and protect the university from further budget reductions.

You'll be glad you did.

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Your Opinion

Police scandal comes back to haunt police department

Editor, *The Spotlight*:

The following is an open letter to Bethlehem Town Supervisor Jack Cunningham from a proud resident of Bethlehem for over 40 years:

Thank you, Jack Cunningham, for exposing the scandal within our police department. It is "justice denied" when a police chief doesn't have the authority to discipline a police officer for filing a false report.

Colin T. Taylor
Bethlehem

County budget process is flawed

Editor, *The Spotlight*:

The county budget process is flawed if a budget can be sent to the Albany County Legislature for a vote that has known errors and is not balanced. It is flawed if changes can be made by the majority party and the comptroller, after the budget is approved by the legislature, to correct errors and balance the budget and then submitted to the clerk of the legislature as the approved budget. If you believe the comments from the Audit and Finance Committee members and the comptroller, this is a normal procedure and I just don't understand the process.

What I don't understand is how a budget document that is both inaccurate and incomplete can be submitted for a vote. What I don't understand is how the "Audit" and Finance chairman does not notify the legislative members of the problems in the budget prior to the vote, but instead conceals those problems. What I don't understand is how the budget, once approved by the legislature, can have significant changes made without another vote by the legislators of those changes. And the changes were

not small. The error, which I pointed out to the majority's staff, alone added \$800,000 in expenses and caused a 40-percent increase in the total amount of county reserves budgeted by the majority.

We, as legislators, should have an expectation that information provided in support of a resolution is accurate and complete so informed decisions can be made. We should expect — no, demand — that any changes made to a passed resolution come to the attention of this legislative body for review, debate and vote. We should expect the clerk of the legislature to ensure resolutions with associated documents passed by the legislature are the same as those presented for enactment.

Anything less strips away the credibility of the legislative process and denies the citizens of Albany County true representation.

Richard Mendick
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Crisafulli-Russo receives Key4Women Achieve Award

KeyBank has announced that Andrea Crisafulli-Russo, president of Crisafulli Brothers Plumbing and Heating, was presented with the Key4Women Achieve Award at the Second Annual Key4Women Achieve Award Reception at Key Plaza in downtown Albany.

The Achieve Award is part of KeyBank's Key4Women program, which has been recognized by the Kauffman Foundation as a "best practice" for financial institutions serving women business owners.

Crisafulli-Russo is the coowner of Crisafulli Bros. and granddaughter of founder Carmelo Crisafulli. One of the largest mechanical services firms in the Capital Region, Crisafulli Bros. provides plumbing, heating and air conditioning design, installation, maintenance and service to residential and commercial clients. The company has annual revenues exceeding \$10 million and employs more than 60 people throughout the region.

Crisafulli-Russo serves on the Key4Women National Advisory Board and is a member of the Women's President Organization, Women's Business Council, Northeast

Subcontractors Association and the Association of Builders and Contractors. She is also actively involved with the Ronald McDonald House.

"Running a successful business takes passion and determination, an exceptional staff and the assistance of knowledgeable advisors to maximize opportunities and minimize challenges. I am grateful to the Key4Women program for their commitment and support and I am honored that my efforts have been recognized with this Achieve Award," she said.

Key4Women, officially launched in 2005, is a unique KeyBank program grounded in research and dedicated to helping women business owners achieve success. The program began with a commitment to lend \$1 billion to qualified women business owners, and, from 2005-2009, Key surpassed that goal, lending \$3 billion to them. Earlier this year, Key committed to lend another \$3 billion to qualified women business owners by 2012.

For program information, contact Joyce Weiler, chair of the Key4Women program in the Capital Region, at 391-1438 or at joyce_b_weiler@keybank.com.

Three police officers appointed

Residents question whether waiting would save pension money

By CHARLES WIFF
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The Bethlehem Town Board appointed three police officers on Wednesday, Dec. 23, but not before a discussion regarding the implementation of the Tier V state retirement system and what it would mean for town finances.

The board voted 3-0 to appoint Arturo Napolitano, Robert Baldwin Jr. and James Corrigan to the position of police officer, effective Dec. 27. Council members Joann Dawson and Kyle Kotary were absent.

Residents Bob and Linda Jasinski spoke during the meeting's public comment period to suggest that the board delay the appointment of the three candidates until the New Year, when the state pension system's Tier V is created. Tier V would require a member make contributions and limit the amount of overtime hours that can factor into the pension holder's payout, and is expected to save the state's retirement system \$35 billion over the next 30 years.

Bob Jasinski argued that the town would save \$100,000 to \$200,000 in benefit costs

by deferring the hiring of the applicants by one week to ensure they enter the retirement system at Tier V.

"This is strictly a monetary point of view that I want to present to the town," he said. "This is taxpayer's money, they elected you to spend it wisely."

Bethlehem Police Benevolent Association President Scott Anson said that waiting to hire the officers would not make a difference in their benefits due to the contract between the town and the union.

"Based on our contract, our benefit package is pretty defined," Anson said. "They would have the same benefits that we would have had."

The discussion occurred at the same meeting that the town recognized two police officers who played a role in pulling a 15-year-old resident from a burning building on Dec. 19 (see related story). Several speakers and Supervisor Jack Cunningham said that the role of police officer is unique and vital to town operations.

"From my perspective, I'm not comfortable with making the decision on their hiring based on what tier they're get into for their retirement," Cunningham said.

He also said that the hiring process was started in August,

before Tier V had been passed, and that the officers were being hired to fill two budgeted vacancies in the department, the existence of which was running up extra overtime costs for the town.

Councilman and supervisor-elect Sam Messina said that he recognized the necessity of a good police force, but also proposed holding off appointment of the three men until Jan. 7.

"I don't think that will impact the new officers very much, but it sends a signal that we're fiscally conscious," he said.

When the vote came, however, Messina voted to appoint the officers effective Dec. 27, as per the drafted proposal.

He later said that he didn't want jeopardize the hiring of the officers, who he felt were exceptional candidates for the job.

"I felt that the smart thing to do for our town... was to support the three positions," Messina said. "I don't know what that would have done for the future opportunity to hire them."

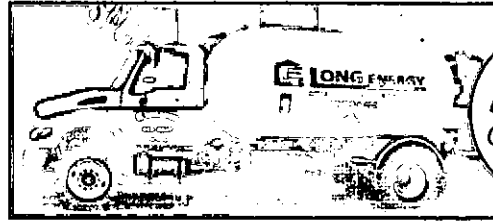
The three officers were sworn in by Cunningham on Monday, Dec. 28, and will attend the Zone 5 Regional Law Enforcement Academy from January until June, when they will be assigned to the Patrol Division.

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act, reckless endangerment, criminal possession of a weapon and menacing. Police accused Preston of ordering an "exotic body rub" from a woman on www.Craigslist.com and later threatening her and pulling a handgun on her.

- About 75 residents attended the first of several budget forums to weigh in on the upcoming BC School District budget process.

- Parents of Elsmere Elementary students attend a meeting of the BC Board of Education to protest a move by the school district to not replace the elementary school librarian when the current one retired. Officials said they sympathized with the parents but warned the move is just the tip of the iceberg, a statement that is later reflected by budget cuts to many areas.

- The Albany County Sheriff's Department released its 2008 arrest figures. Although the number of individuals arrested was down in 2008 compared to the year before, the numbers of felonies and violations were up. The department recovered six pounds of powdered and crack cocaine, 812 "dime bags" of heroin, 121 pounds of marijuana and \$15,000 worth of other miscellaneous drugs.

- Patricia and Daniel Parsons of Delmar won \$10 million with a \$20 instant scratch-off ticket. They were presented with a check at the Hannaford Supermarket in Delmar where Patricia bought the ticket for her husband as a last-minute gift for their 17th wedding anniversary.

- Former Director of Economic Development and Planning and current Planning Board Chairman George Leveille joined an economic development team called HB Solutions, LLC as its fiscal and community advisor. The company is the consulting

affiliate of law firm Harris Beach PLLC.

February

- Alteri's Italian American Restaurant on Route 9W in Glenmont was destroyed early on Feb. 14 in a fire determined to be an accidental electrical fire. Owner Harvey Quinn vowed to rebuild.

- Michael and Lisa Carey sued a number of O.D. Heck officials and the man convicted of killing their 13-year-old autistic son Jonathan on the eve of the second anniversary of their son's death. Carey said he and his wife sued Schenectady-based O.D. Heck, a state agency, for improperly training employees, allowing too much overtime for workers, improper discipline actions against employees and poor screening and hiring practices.

- The Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce honored local businesses at its annual awards dinner at the Normanside Country Club in Delmar. Recognized were F. Michael Tucker as businessperson of the year, Roger and Sherley Hannay with the Lifetime Achievement award and Pat Fritts as citizen of the year.

- The Bethlehem Town Board voted to upgrade outdated flow meters at the Bethlehem water plant and drain them of their mercury. The meters were the cause of two separate mercury spills that occurred in July 2006 and January 2008. The cost of the upgrade was \$28,785, far less than replacing the meters with new ones.

- The Bethlehem Central Teachers Association Union entered talks with school officials about the possibility of renegotiating its contract in the face of a financial meltdown that could threaten job security. Talks broke down in February, but an agreement was reached in April.

- Bethlehem joined Albany County and several surrounding

municipalities in offering its veteran residents tax relief in recognition of their service. The Town Board voted to offer qualifying veterans an exemption of 10 to 15 percent of property taxation for a period of 10 years, without exceeding \$12,000.

- A report by the state comptroller said the BC School District was one of 30 schools statewide to employ someone with a criminal history. Though the district withheld the identity of the person, it was revealed the person was not in a permanent teaching position and his or her record was not of a nature that would have prevented hiring by the district.

- The Bethlehem Town Board approved a measure to institute a voluntary work reduction program for town employees modeled after a state program. A PATHs committee aimed at looking at ways of interconnecting pedestrian pathways and sidewalks throughout Bethlehem's residential neighborhoods was also created at the same meeting.

- The Elsmere and Selkirk fire departments teamed up and held a pancake breakfast to benefit Junior Firefighter James Angermeier, a 17-year-old senior at BC who was diagnosed with cancer in January.

- Bethlehem celebrated Community Kindness Day on Feb. 28, and involved dozens of community groups and individuals around the town.

- BC Superintendent Michael Tebbano revealed a three-tier series of budget cuts aimed at counteracting aid cuts threatened by the state. The tiered reductions became the topic of much controversy in the following weeks.

March

- Supervisor Jack Cunningham announced that he would seek another term in office at the Normanside Country Club in Delmar, becoming the first candidate in the 2009 local elections to announce and kicking off the campaign season.

- Christopher Porco, convicted of murdering his father, Peter, and attempting to murder his mother, Joan, in November of 2004, filed an appeal with the state's supreme court. Judges heard arguments in early December but no ruling had been made by year's end.

- Albany County officials, along with local entrepreneurs, announced the start of a locally created social networking Web site, which attempted to connect local communities while creating jobs and stimulating the area's

shaky economy. The launch of iZoca, at www.izoca.com, was announced Wednesday, March 4.

- Innovative Municipal Products, a deicing company based in the Port of Albany, approached the town with a proposal to relocate to Selkirk.

- A logo designed by BC student Tori Doran was selected as the official Bethlehem Voyage 400 quadricentennial logo.

- A \$7,500 reward was quickly raised after police discovered two dead beagles in plastic bags along two roads in Selkirk. Despite the reward for information leading to an arrest, the perpetrator was not found.

- Albany County Executive Michael Breslin delivered the annual State of the County address to the County Legislature. He warned of the likelihood of declining sales tax revenues and said businesses needed to be attracted to the area.

- The Bethlehem Town Board voted to rename what was previously known as Simmons Road Park to the Moe He Con Nuck Preserve. The 53-acre plot in Glenmont had trails and picnic tables planned for installation.

- In what was perhaps the most controversial of the approximately \$2 million in mid-year budget cuts, the BC Board of Education voted unanimously to suspend night games at a savings of roughly \$10,000 and make other reductions to the athletics department. The district decided to retain modified sports at a later meeting.

- The Bethlehem Planning Board approved a proposal to build 40 high-end condominiums on the site of long-time florist Verstandig's on 445 Delaware Ave.

- BC named Phyllis Albano as the district's new school business administrator. District officials said she brought broad experience in municipal and school district accounting to the job through her work as internal auditor/supervisor with Capital Region BOCES for three years and with the Office of the New York State Comptroller for 12 years prior to that.

- The state Department of Environmental Conservation ordered that the town close its construction landfill on Rupert Road. Supervisor Jack Cunningham said that the town couldn't meet the new DEC permit requirements because of the age of the landfill. It was later decided the town would transport construction and demolition refuse to another location, which led to a steep increase in tipping fees.

April

- The 21st annual Delmar Dash was held with the largest pack of finishers in history for the 5-mile race: 633.

- Town of Bethlehem officials said that the town would not extend water and sewer service to the location of a proposed Sphere Development retail project off of Route 85 in the Town of New Scotland. Supervisor Jack Cunningham said he was against service to the site primarily because of the residential resistance to the Sphere proposal, not because he was trying to guide development to Bethlehem.

- The Bethlehem Democratic Committee made its endorsements for the 2009 elections as expected with one notable exception: Independence Councilman Sam Messina was not included. The committee voted to endorse Cunningham for supervisor and Mark Jordan and incumbent Councilman Kyle Kotary for Town Board.

- Bethlehem's Noise Ordinance Task Force presented its report to the Town Board and recommended that a noise law be drafted. A proposal was put before the Town Board later in the year.

- Former Bethlehem Planning Board chairman Parker D. Mathusa was honored by the State Energy Research and Development Authority with the naming of a board room after the late NYSEDA research scientist.

- In a 4-1 vote, the Bethlehem Town Board adopted a resolution to become a Climate Smart Community, becoming one of only a dozen municipalities statewide with the designation. Councilman Sam Messina opposed, saying the language was too vague.

- Longtime Town Clerk Kathleen Newkirk announced she would be retiring at the end of the year after 32 years of service in Town Hall, 17 of them as town clerk.


- The BC School District and the Bethlehem Central Teachers Association renegotiated their union contract with "significant concessions" on the part of teachers to protect against layoffs. District officials said the agreement was expected to save \$600,000 in the coming year, largely through the deferral of cost of living increases. The new contract would last through the end of the 2010-11 school year. It was adopted by the Board of Education in May.

- The BC Board of Education adopted an \$86.7 million budget for the 2009-10 school year with a projected tax levy increase of 2 percent and a projected tax rate increase of 1.76 percent. The budget was reduced by more than \$2 million to make it the lowest year-to-year increase since the 1983-84 budget.

- A bomb threat note found in a bathroom at Bethlehem Middle School caused the building to be evacuated. Police cleared the building and found no device.

May

- The Bethlehem community took to the streets of Delmar for the third annual Capt. Timothy J. Moshier Race. 392 finished the 5K, which is held in remembrance of Moshier, who



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Republican town board members Mark Grimm and Warren Redlich had earlier accused Sherwood of having a conflict of interest in the settlement of litigation involving the assessment

- The Guilderland Town Board appointed members of the Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals and other town agencies at its Thursday, Jan. 8, organizational meeting.

Planning Board Chairman Stephen Feeney was reappointed to a one-year term, as was Zoning Board Chairman Peter Barber. James Cohen was appointed to a term on the Planning Board ending in 2015, and Linda Clark was appointed for one year as the assistant town attorney on the Planning Board.

- Capital District Girl Scouts were selected as beneficiaries of a women's group in Guilderland and received charitable donations through May. The Guilderland Chamber of Commerce Women in Business group selected the Girl Scouts of Northeastern New York based on the group's service to the community and to local girls, and provided it with proceeds from charity events culminating in a silent auction on May 7 at the Colonie County Club.

- Local high school students got a day off from school, and a reprieve from the Regents exams due to a snowstorm that hit Wednesday, Jan. 29. The state exams were scheduled for Tuesday, Jan. 27, through Friday, Jan. 30, but the storm, which brought up to a foot of snow in some areas, forced the cancellation of several exams on Wednesday. The reprieve was bittersweet for high school students, who had to make up the exams six months later, in June.

February

- Stuyvesant Plaza announced its 2009 electronic Valentine's Day gift guide at www.stuyvesantplaza.com to help shoppers gear up for the amorous holiday. The guide was "designed to provide an array of diverse and affordable selections" from the stores and boutiques inhabiting the plaza and was the first of its kind for the lovers' holiday.

- On Friday, Feb. 13, Congress passed a \$787 billion stimulus plan, which was slated to filter through to state school districts and help maintain services and possibly keep teachers employed. Superintendents in Voorheesville and Guilderland took a wait-and-see approach regarding federal aid impact.

- New Scotland passed its second commercial moratorium

extension, preventing the construction of buildings over 30,000 square feet. Sphere Development LLC had been trying to develop land at the corner of Route 85 and Route 85A, located on the former Bender melon farm, but has been unable to follow through due to the moratorium. Sphere's plans included developing a commercial center with a 137,000-square-foot Target serving as an anchor store.

- Guilderland Chamber of Commerce ranked its concern for the New Year. The Business Climate Survey shows that national economy tops the list of concerns. The survey reported that 80.4 percent of chamber members believed the Capital District's economy was stagnant or recessionary, with only 19.6 percent believing it was prospering or recovering; 42.3 percent said the Capital District will "experience little or no growth," in the next several years.

- Farnsworth Middle School students finished strong at the Future Cities engineering competition. A group of Farnsworth middle school students placed 10th at the Future Cities Competition National Finals on Wednesday, Feb. 18, in Washington, D.C., and took home a special award for their model's communication system. The students were awarded the Best Communications System Award for their Personal Education Device featured in their presentation.

- The New Scotland Planning Board chairman said at a Thursday, Feb. 19 workshop he is in favor of tossing out a provision on a proposed zoning law that would cap retail development at 50,000 square feet. Planning Board Chairman Robert Staph said "I am in favor of allowing people to have the right to develop the land in a reasonable way" he went on to say he believes "community-sized" developments are consistent with the town's comprehensive plan.

March

- Guilderland Town Board members are discussing the benefits of adding a third town justice, but the issue was tabled at a Tuesday, March 3. The proposal was raised after state Supreme Court Third Judicial District Administrative Judge George B. Ceresia Jr. sent a letter to the town recommending they consider hiring another judge to help handle the nearly 11,000 cases the town court sees each year. Town Board member Warren Redlich question the cost effectiveness of hiring a third judge stating instead resolving more cases by mail and having pretrial conferences with the town prosecutor without a judge or

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died while serving in Iraq on April 1, 2006, when the Apache helicopter he was flying was shot down.

- Councilman Sam Messina announced that he would seek the office of supervisor in the 2009 elections. The Bethlehem Democratic Committee failed to endorse him for reelection to the Town Board in April after backing him in 2005.

- The Town of Bethlehem launched a criminal investigation into a mercury spill found at its New Scotland water treatment plant. Officials said mercury that was found at the bottom of a backwash wastewater manhole, which officials said indicated a saboteur might have caused the spill. Officials stressed that mercury did not at any time come in contact with drinking water.

- Expletives, swastikas, slurs and the word "supercalifragilistic-expialopolous" were spray painted onto homes and property in the area of Hamagrael Elementary School on the night of May 22 or early morning of May 23. Property damage was initially estimated at \$2,900 and Bethlehem police launched an investigation.

- Sick of traveling to other farmers market for locally grown produce, a group of Bethlehem residents decided to bring a market to the Bethlehem Middle School. The Delmar Saturday Farmer's Market ran all summer before moving indoors to the Delmar Presbyterian Church in November.

- Bethlehem police officer Christopher Hughes, who was and is facing disciplinary charges from the town; alleged that Police Chief Louis Corsi had uttered a racial slur during a phone conversation that was taped off of the department's main telephone line. Furthermore, Hughes said that the town was targeting him after he approached Supervisor Jack Cunningham about the tape.

Officials were tight lipped, generally saying they were unable to comment on any personnel matter. An investigation by The Spotlight revealed that the town had served Hughes with a notice to interrogate pursuant to his conversation with Cunningham. Hughes filed a formal complaint with the Albany County District Attorney Public Integrity Unit. The story would develop further

in coming weeks and months, culminating in a release of the conversation after a town investigation and a suspension being served to Corsi.

- With a proposed zero percent tax levy increase, the Bethlehem Public Library easily and overwhelmingly passed its proposed budget, 2,341 votes to 1,154 votes.

June

- Town Attorney James Potter told The Spotlight that officials believe the tape containing Chief Louis Corsi uttering a racial slur does exist and is being actively sought. The town was also looking into whether Corsi sought to have dispatchers erase the tape.

- The Spotlight unveiled a searchable database of salaries for local officials in Albany, Schenectady and Saratoga counties on its Web site, www.spotlightnews.com.

- Planning Board Chairman and former Executive Director of Economic Development and Planning George Leveille received the 2009 Economic Developer of the Year Award at the state's Economic Development Council.

- Four Corners regulars were shocked by the news mainstay restaurant and pub Beff's would close its doors June 7. Dave Swift took over the location and renamed it Swifty's, opening later that month after extensive renovations.

- A flurry of endorsements for the upcoming elections saw Councilman Sam Messina snubbed by his own Independence Party in favor of incumbent Jack Cunningham. Messina did receive the Working Families Party endorsement.

- A group of parents with children in Clarksville Elementary School launched a campaign to argue against the school's use of multi-age classrooms, which are primarily employed as a means of adjusting to fluctuating enrollment. Some parents wanted

a pledge from the district that multi-age classrooms would be discontinued. Superintendent Michael Tebbano endorsed the formation of a committee to study the issue.

- The investigation into the latest mercury spill at the New Salem water treatment plant ended without any substantial leads being developed as to how 2 to 4 tablespoons of mercury ended up at the bottom of a backwash pit. Also in June, mercury and other hazardous materials were removed from the plant.

- Tractor Supply Company made plans to renovate the former Kmart space in Glenmont's Squire Plaza at the intersection of Glenmont Road and Route 9W. The store opened later in the year.

- The BC School District Class of 2009 graduated with nearly 400 members at a ceremony at the University at Albany's SEFCU Arena.

- Police Officer Christopher Hughes made a public request to the Town Board that the investigation into an alleged racial slur being used by Chief Louis Corsi be handled by an independent agency, not internally. He also questioned the details surrounding a disciplinary charge that had been brought against him.

- Albany County Executive Mike Breslin announced a furlough program for county workers to help cut a \$20.5 million budget gap. All applicable departments would close on five predetermined dates in the remainder of 2009, and employees would not be paid for those days.

- Bethlehem's 20/20 Committee wrapped up its report and presented its finding to the Town Board. 18 months in the works, the report emphasized the need for a commercial tax base and predicted that, if the town remained on its financial path, it would be spending more than it takes in by the year 2014 or 2015.

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officer present could save time and money. Redlich also suggested asking police officers not to write tickets for offenses that will likely be thrown out by the prosecutor or judge.

• School Board member Dr. Hy Dubowski died on Sunday, March 8, from cancer. Dubowski was elected to the school board in 2006 and served as the director of Economic Development Services for the New York State Department of Labor. His wife, Carol, two sons, Ryan and Eric, and a daughter, Meg, survived Dubowski.

• Guilderland Town Supervisor Kenneth Runion prepared the town for the worst when it came to a decline in sales tax revenue announced by the County. Runion cut \$350,000 from the town's budget to compensate for the loss of revenue.

• Farnsworth Middle School student Luxi Peng, a seventh-grader, took top prize at the Greater Capital Region Spelling Bee held on Monday, March 16, at Proctors. She is the first Guilderland student ever to win that honor. Peng advanced to the Scripps National Spelling Bee in Washington, D.C., held May 25-29.

• Altamont Mayor James Gaughan successfully defended his seat against Harvé Vlahos, winning the Wednesday, March 18, mayoral election in a landslide with 327 votes to Vlahos' 18. "I got a message from the community that I'm going in the right direction," Gaughan said he added that he is excited for the opportunity to continue working toward a better Altamont.

• Altamont resident Jonathan P. Lawrence, 32, turned himself in to East Greenbush police Friday, March 20, in connection with the robbery of an East Greenbush Key Bank. Lawrence was charged with assaulting a teller in the course of a robbery Wednesday, March 18. Lawrence allegedly admitted to his participation while in the custody

of the Cohoes Police Department in an unrelated matter. During the robbery, a 30-year-old teller suffered several injuries, including a broken femur.

• Western Turnpike golf course officially opened on Friday, March 27, to both Guilderland residents and others.

• Guilderland residents went back and forth debating the merits of school services and programs on the chopping block for five meetings, only to find out Tuesday, March 31, that federal stimulus money would restore millions of dollars of aid cuts. The stimulus money put full-day Kindergarten back on the table for the school district.

April

• Guilderland Central School District Budget Proposal for the '09-'10 school year includes funding for full day Kindergarten. The budget proposal passed 8-0, and represented an \$85,320,425 spending plan, a 1.79 percent increase in spending from the '08-'09 budget.

• Beth Bini was named the principal for Westmere Elementary School. The decision was made at the Guilderland School Board of Education's Tuesday, April 7. Bini has described the position as "kind of a homecoming" adding that her roots have always been in Guilderland.

• New Scotland Town Board member Rich Reilly introduced a draft zoning law that would include an 85,000 square-foot size cap on buildings and favors commercial, rather than residential, buildings in the commercial zone. His law also includes a 250,000 square foot-cap on shopping centers. Reilly introduced the draft at a Monday, April 6, special workshop meeting. The draft continued the debate on capping the allowable size of commercial buildings in New Scotland.

• Elijah Sharma, an 18-year-old senior at Guilderland High School announced his candidacy for School Board member. He formally announced his

candidacy on Thursday, April 16, at the Guilderland Public Library. Speaking of his decision to run Sharma said, "I want to offer voters a fresh perspective."

• Altamont passes \$1.1 million spending plan. The budget was \$50,000 less than the previous year. Citing a lack of contributions from the state and county governments, Mayor Gaughan raised the sales tax by 17 percent and the property levy was raised to \$2.6974 per \$1,000 of assessed value, compared to last year's \$2.3079 per \$1,000 of assessed value.

• The Guilderland Highway Department has wrapped up its spring-cleaning of debris stemming from an ice storm in December 2008 that downed branches and knocked out power across the region. Cleanup efforts began March 30 and continued until Monday, April 27. Superintendent of Highways Todd Gifford said the town brought out four front-end loading trucks to handle the debris, a number that has not been needed since damage from an early 1990s "microburst." Gifford said normal spring brush removal only requires two "packer trucks" each week.

• Matt Nelligan, a former public school teacher and coordinator for the New York State Senate Office of Conference Services, announced he would run for a position on the Guilderland Town Board. Speaking of his campaign Nelligan said "I intend to run a forward looking, positive campaign that focuses on ideas and not on political posturing" Nelligan said. "I invite all people of good will to join me in this effort."

• Town Supervisor Ken Runion has identified Guilderland Chief of Police Carol Lawlor as the "whistleblower" who alerted town officials to former Chief James Murley's gambling while on town time. Runion said Lawlor told officials about Murley's gambling shortly after he was placed on administrative leave following sexual harassment allegations in February 2007.

May

• Republican Town Councilman Mark Grimm announced Friday, May 1, he will seek the position of Guilderland town supervisor in the November election. "Open government is our best hope for

positive change," said Grimm

• The Guilderland Board of Education announced the appointment of a principal at Guilderland High School at the Tuesday, April 28, meeting. Brian McCann, longtime assistant and acting principal of Guilderland High School was appointed on a three-year probationary principal

• Daniel Mackay, founder of the advocacy group New Scotlanders for Sound Economic Development, announced on Tuesday, May 5, he would be seeking a position on the New Scotland Town Board. Mackay said the large retail development proposed at the corner of routes 85 and 85A have motivated him to seek office. He has been an outspoken critic of the proposal and supports a 50,000-square-foot size cap on retail developments.

• Guilderland Town Supervisor Ken Runion said he would seek reelection despite previous apprehensions he expressed about running for another term. Runion has said he is tired of bickering with Republican board members Warren Redlich and Mark Grimm, but told *The Spotlight* on Tuesday, May 5, after the board's regular meeting that he will seek reelection after all.

• The Guilderland Chamber of Commerce voted on its annual awards on Friday, May 8. Among the winners were the YMCA, as best place to work, Garry Robinson, of

Robinson's Hardware, for small businessperson of the year. Hana Japanese Steakhouse won best renovation, while the CM Fox Design Center won the award for best overall beautification

• New Scotland Town Supervisor Tom Dolin told *The Spotlight* on Friday, May 15, he is planning a re-election bid for New Scotland Supervisor. Dolin, a democrat, also received the conservative endorsement. He said the commercial zone, and a limit on the size of retail developments inside of it, is an important issue to him.

• The Guilderland Central School District honored district employees for dedication and service at the 32nd annual Employee Recognition Award ceremony, held Tuesday, May 13, at Guilderland High School. Among those honored were 6th grade teacher Nancy

Marsh Haggerty, Al Martino, a foreign language supervisor, Mitch Hahn, an English teacher and Mike Schaffer, a physical education teacher.

• At a Thursday, May 14 meeting Albany County Conservative Party chair Richard Stack announced the party will support incumbents Ken Runion, Patricia Slavick and Paul Pastore for supervisor and town board, respectively.

• Guilderland Central School District voters approved an \$85,320,425 budget on Tuesday, May 19, with 1,994 affirmative votes, and 1,423 opposed. The budget represented a 1.79 percent increase in spending and raised the tax rate close to 0.06 percent.

• Guilderland Town Board member Mark Grimm withdrew his name from the town supervisor race, according to information he provided on Thursday, May 21. "A Grimm-[Ken] Runion race this year would fracture the town no matter who wins. I feel this is not what's best for the people of Guilderland" said Grimm.

• Music echoed off the walls of the New Gym at Guilderland High School Wednesday, May 20 as 250 students from Farnsworth Middle School and Guilderland High School performed at the 2009 District String Festival.

June

• The Guilderland Republican Party collected signatures on behalf of former school board member Peter Golden for the position of Town Supervisor. Golden was registered as no party affiliation, although he said he is flattered over the Republican attention.

• On Wednesday, June 3, Eric Long, a student at Guilderland Central High School, graduated as the youngest firefighter in the department's history at 16 years old. Long graduated alongside 37 other firefighters from across the county. Recalling his early childhood dreaming of being a firefighter Long said "Our firehouse is right down the road from me. Since I was a kid, when I heard the siren I've always ran down to see the trucks."

• Roz Robinson, former chair of the New Scotland commercial zone advisory committee, announced she will be collecting signatures in a bid for Town Board, in a letter dated Tuesday, June 9.

• McKownville flooding addressed was address at a Tuesday, June 16, Town Board meeting where a 5-0 motion was approved to open the bidding process for a construction company to begin work and help resolve some of the issues. The project was stated to cost the town \$600,000.

• The Guilderland High School class of 2009 graduation ceremony was celebrated on Sunday, June 28 at the Convention Center at the Empire State Plaza. Sunyoung Hwang, a graduating senior summed up the theme of the graduation in one word "hopeful."

• Guilderland resident Marna Atkin was selected to co-write the "The Complete Idiot's Guide to Getting into Top Colleges." Atkin, a 30 year resident of Guilderland spoke of her counseling career at Albany High School, stating "I loved every day of what I did," she said.

• Students and staff broke ground for district wide renovations of the Guilderland schools on Monday, June 22, at Guilderland High School.

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Cunningham looks back at time as supervisor

Outgoing official reflects on accomplishments and controversies

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In his last days in office, Bethlehem Supervisor Jack Cunningham said that he viewed his time leading the town as enjoyable and productive, even during times that critical voices were raised against his administration and town government as a whole. Cunningham told The Spotlight in an interview that he feels he is handing over the reins to an improved town.

"I think that I got a lot of things I wanted to get done, done. There's still a lot of stuff that I didn't get done and there's a lot of things I found frustrating and very hard to get done," he said.

The Town Board appointed Cunningham to office in April of 2007 after Theresa Egan resigned and he won election later that year. A Bethlehem native, Cunningham said he has always had aspirations to hold the supervisor's office, and he was the second Democrat to take over after more than a century of Republican rule.

That legacy will come to a close on Jan. 1. In November, Cunningham narrowly lost his bid for a second full term to Councilman Sam Messina, an Independent Party member backed by the GOP. Cunningham noted that Bethlehem voters are not shy in



Jack Cunningham

voting out incumbent supervisors and added that a "perfect storm" of issues converged against him.

"There was kind of a 'throw-the-incumbent-out' attitude," he said. "I'm not convinced that it was a vote against me particularly as opposed to just in general wanting to do something different."

Cunningham said that on the campaign trail, he was often taken to task on issues like health care reform or the state Senate stalemate, matters that as supervisor he had no hand in, but as a Democrat he was invariably linked to.

He said that a longer term for the supervisor would likely benefit the town, as the supervisor would have more time to work toward improvements rather than hopping back onto the campaign trail shortly after becoming accimated. Cunningham said he did not put this idea forward because accusations of a power grab would inevitably follow.

Despite the loss, Cunningham said he has no regrets on how he ran his campaign, which he admitted did not make a concerted effort to respond some of the criticisms raised by Messina.

"At the time that this was happening I felt that my record was being misrepresented and that I was being portrayed in a negative light, and I felt that the residents understood I had a good record. I ran on my record and I didn't think that it served a good purpose to start attacking my opponent," Cunningham said.

"A lot of people were pushing me to be very negative, and I refused to do that... If that's what cost me the election, I can still say I'm glad I didn't do it," he said. "Sam said it over and over during the election, there are worse things than losing the election, and I think being negative is one of those things."

Similarly, the supervisor said that he has few regrets about his time in office, saying he was proud to lay the groundwork for many improvements in town.

Cunningham specifically cited progress made in sidewalk installation and open space preservation. Town committees recently completed open space and farmland protection plans, and earlier this year a PATHS committee was formed to study ways to make Bethlehem more pedestrian friendly.

During Cunningham's administration, strides were also made in moving development in the town forward, including work pursuant to making the Vista Technology Park and Selkirk Yard Industrial Zone productive, but Cunningham said that progress has not followed due to the state of the economy, especially at Vista.

"The issue [the developer has] had is that nobody wants to build... Eventually it's going to start moving forward... it's really just a matter of time before it starts to happen," he said.

Cunningham also presided over the town throughout the sharp economic downturn that has taxed

many local governments and the state to the brink of insolvency. Earlier in the year, the Town Board voted to amend the 2009 budget down after sales and mortgage tax revenues failed to meet up to expectations.

The outgoing supervisor said that he stands behind the fiscal choices that were made.

"The budgeting, as far as keeping the operations going, I think we did the right thing for the community in that regard," Cunningham said. "There's so many great ideas out there and there's not enough money to get them done."

That will be a continuing issue for the incoming supervisors and future leaders, he said, as the town struggles to replace crumbling infrastructure.

"I think we've passed the breaking point on some of this stuff," said Cunningham, citing the case of the New Salem Water Treatment Plant, where leaking pipes necessitated emergency repairs earlier this year.

"We've got a lot of things like that in the town that we've deferred and we've deferred and we've deferred, and those costs are just getting larger and larger. There's got to be some tough decisions made," he said.

Included in Cunningham's final year in office was the accusation and subsequent realization that Police Chief Louis Corsi had been caught on tape uttering a racial slur, with accusations in some corners—including that of police officer Christopher Hughes, who raised the original charges—that Cunningham was working to cover the matter up.

The supervisor said he took a lot of heat for the Corsi matter despite the fact the events were beyond his control.

"The frustration I had in that whole instance was that a lot of people were getting their information from comments Chris Hughes was making, and he made a lot of inaccurate comments. And my hands were tied during a lot of this because it was a personnel

issue and I couldn't discuss it," Cunningham said.

"At the end of it, I think a lot of people walked away from that not understanding all the issues we were dealing with and making assumptions that were wrong about what was actually going on."

The town eventually served Corsi a 10-day suspension, which Cunningham characterized as a "negotiated settlement," arrived at chiefly because so much time had passed since the infraction had occurred that it lay beyond the statute of limitations imposed by civil servant law. Corsi was instead disciplined under town law.

"There's absolutely no question that the town acted appropriately," Cunningham said. "There was no arbitrary decision here, there was nothing underhanded or there was no effort to hide anything. We just needed to work through the issue and it took time to do that."

Cunningham said that on advice of labor attorneys, he never discussed the matter with Corsi until after it had been settled since the Town Board might one day have to sit in judgment of the chief. He said that his opinion of Corsi's character remained intact throughout the investigation.

"It was not a pattern of behavior with the chief. My dealing with him is that he's not a racist," Cunningham said. "I think that 99.9 percent of us could look back and say we probably said something in our lives that we regret. I think this is one of those instances, and unfortunately it was on a tape recorded phone call."

Having been displaced from the office of supervisor—and its \$106,890 annual salary—Cunningham said that he would be returning to the IT sector to do contracting work. As for future political aspirations, he said he's keeping his options open.

"I'm not really sure what I want to do next," Cunningham said. "There are days when I get up and say, 'I'm going to do this again,' and there are other days I say, 'I'm done.'... I just want to take a little time, take a breath and figure out where I want to go next."

But don't be surprised to see the former supervisor's face at future meetings or even at the public comment microphone. He promised to "be vocal" if the town does not address important issues and advance certain initiatives.

"I think that the priorities are pretty well set for whoever's here in the next five years: infrastructure, managing our finances, making some really difficult decisions on what the town's going to be doing relative to finances, taxes and operations," Cunningham said.

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Community responds to Delmar house fire

Teen caught in explosion in fair condition; police investigate cause

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An explosion of undetermined origin caused a Delmar home to become engulfed in flames, displaced an area family and sent a teen to the hospital on Saturday, Dec. 19.

Bethlehem police were first to arrive at 151 Adams Place at about 11:45 a.m. after receiving a call from the homeowner, and officers Kenneth Beck and George Travis heard two explosions, according to police. They entered the burning structure to remove Keenan Sanchez, 15, from the basement.

They were quickly joined by Albany County EMT Eric Kerr and a Delmar Fire Department member, said Delmar Fire Department Chief Greg Gould.

Their quick arrival enabled them to save Sanchez, said Bethlehem police Lt. Thomas Heffernan.

"At that point it was a heavy smoke conditions, I do not believe there were any physical flames," he said. "They just stayed down low, and they were luckily able to locate the victim and pull him out of the building... They were lucky that the officers were there minutes after the first explosion, and before the structure was too heavily involved."

Supervisor Jack Cunningham at a Wednesday, Dec. 23, Town Board meeting, recognized Beck and Travis in a proclamation.

"The town is very fortunate to have someone of both of your calibers, who has the courage to act selflessly in the face of life threatening danger to serve in the Town of Bethlehem Police Department," he said.

He also recognized Kerr and several of the police department's communication officers.

The Delmar Fire Department and Delmar Rescue Squad

responded initially and additional fire and emergency medical services squads from within town and the surrounding municipalities were also called in.

Gould said he decided to let the structure burn rather than fight the fire as a safety precaution.

"Our initial plan of attack was to attempt to put it out, but with multiple explosions after the fact the determination was made to basically let that structure burn, not being 100 percent positive as to what exactly caused the fire," Gould said.

Firefighters focused on keeping the fire from spreading to nearby homes and area residents were evacuated.

Sanchez, the police officers and two county EMTs were transported to Albany Medical Center for treatment, and Sanchez was later transferred to the Westchester Medical Center Burn Unit.

Keenan's mother, Michelle and his two older brothers are EMTs with the Delmar Fire Department.

A Westchester Medical Center spokesman last reported Sanchez's condition as "fair," but declined to give further details. A Web site started to collect donations for the Sanchez family at www.helpthesanchezfamily.org reported that Sanchez had lost several digits but retained his hearing and vision.

An initial investigation determined that Sanchez was in the basement when the first explosion occurred. An investigation involving the Bethlehem Police Department's Fire Investigations Unit, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) and the Delmar Fire Department is continuing.

Samples from the fire have been submitted for lab work, said Heffernan.

"One of the challenges is obviously we haven't been able to interview the victim," he added.



Members of the Bethlehem police, Delmar and Elsmere fire departments, Albany County EMT and a host of other emergency services personnel from the area responded to an explosion and resulting fire at 151 Adams Place at about 11:45 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 19. Bethlehem police officers Kenneth Beck and George Travis were the first on the scene and entered the burning structure to remove Keenan Sanchez, 15, from the basement. Tom Heffernan Sr./Spotlight

"We're just trying to determine what the cause of the explosion was, if there were chemicals involved and what they were used for."

A community pulls together

The fire struck the Sanchez family in the midst of the holiday season, and the Bethlehem community has already made strides to help them back to their feet.

A fund has been created at the BC High School—donations can be made out to the "Sanchez Support Fund" and sent to the high school, 700 Delaware Ave.

Both Keenan and his sister Kameryn were high school students. Keenan ran track and Kameryn was a performer in the recently completed theater production of "As You Like It."

"Both kids are really great kids, we're devastated for the family losing everything."

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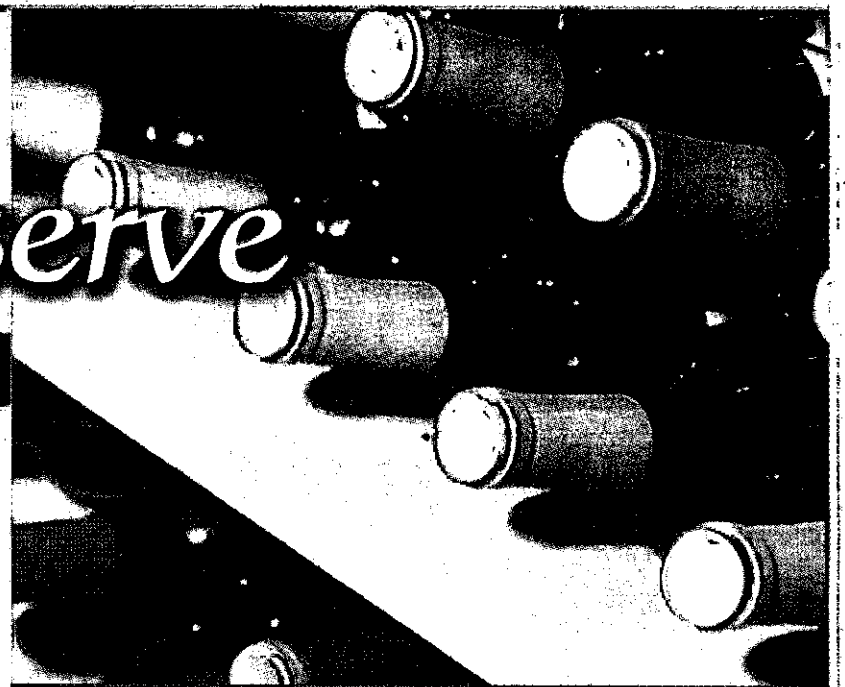
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Family

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chel, have been diagnosed with Huntington's disease, a degenerative neurological disease for which there is no cure.

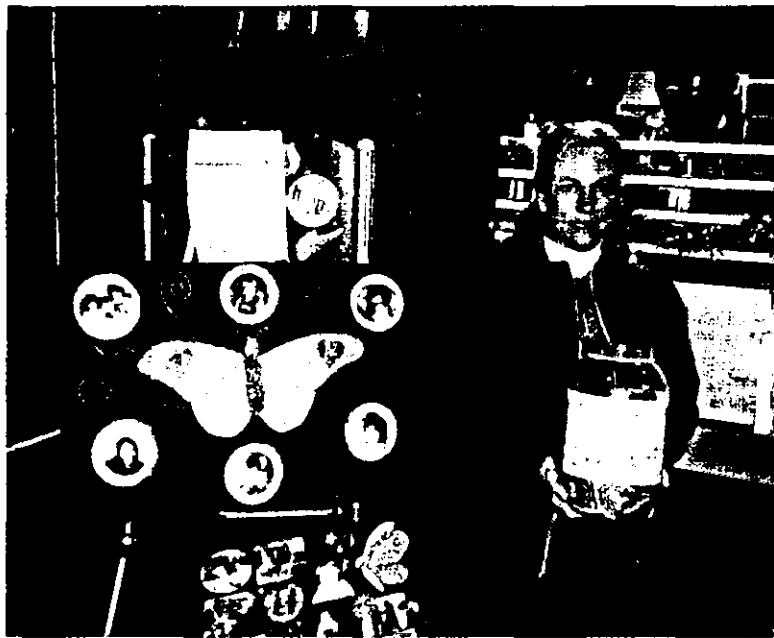
McDonald's agreed to donate 20 percent of the proceeds from all items sold between 4 and 7 p.m. that day to the Rodino family. Volunteers were also present to collect money and sell McDonald's desserts, with 100 percent of the money from desserts sold by volunteers going to the Rodino family.

Owner Doug Arnott said the restaurant typically holds fundraisers for schools and sports teams. He heard about the Rodino family from the Guilderland Chamber of Commerce, which chose the family for its adopt-a-family program.

Rachel is in the advanced stages of Huntington's, and Rick is unable to work due to the disease. Rick's wife, Lori, cannot work either, since she is caring for her husband and daughter. The family is making ends meet with donations and disability income.

The community outpouring for the Rodinos has been tremendous during December. Earlier this month, Fredendell Funeral Home offered to cover the costs of Rachel's funeral, the Guilderland Food pantry donated food and Sen. Neil Breslin (D-Delmar) worked to stall foreclosure on the Rodino's home, hashing out a deal with lenders to make the mortgage more affordable.

At the McDonald's event,



Carol Hartford, a volunteer, collects money for the Rodino family at a McDonald's fundraiser.

Ryan Munks/Spotlight

Volunteer Carol Hartford said, "I have two daughters; I can't imagine what this family is going through — anything I can do to help."

Mary Scanlan, the public relations representative for 75 McDonald's restaurants in the area, reflected on the ability of the community and restaurant to raise money for the Rodinos.

"Of course Doug was thrilled with what they were able to accomplish" said Scanlan. She said McDonald's is "very open to do fundraisers for the community," adding "it's an honor to help the Rodino family."

Kathy Burbank, executive director of the Guilderland Chamber of Commerce, the coordinator of the event, expressed her joy at the amount of support the

Rodinos have received from the community and beyond.

"We have received donations from California, South Carolina, and Massachusetts," said Burbank.

While Burbank did not give the exact amount the Chamber has raised since adopting the family, she did say the chamber has not yet reached its goal.

"We would like to raise \$50,000," she said. "That would relieve the family's stress for the next couple of years until they get through this crisis."

The Guilderland Chamber of Commerce is still accepting donations for the Rodino family. Donations can be sent to the chamber at 2050 Western Ave., Guilderland 12084 care of the Rodino Family.

Noise

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A limit of 65 dBAs between the hours of 11 p.m. and 7 a.m. was set. Police officers responding to noise complaints can now use a handheld device to measure noise levels at an offender's property line.

Language was also tweaked regarding the definition of agricultural lands, where the restrictions would not apply. Also exempted are trash pick-up, paper delivery, snow removal, government operations and emergency maintenance and construction.

The issue of dirt bikes and all terrain vehicles, which was brought up during the previous public hearing, was not addressed specifically in the law. Noise from these vehicles would be restricted during nighttime hours, but they would not be otherwise controlled.

"My sense was that it was a separate issue, and the board would address that in the future, I'm guessing," said Supervisor Jack Cunningham.

Councilman and supervisor-elect Sam Messina agreed, but also raised an issue about hours construction noise is restricted, from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m.

"I don't know why that is 6 a.m., because 6 a.m. is kind of an early start time... This is not going to have an impact in me supporting this, but it seemed to me that 7 a.m. was consistent with some other areas," he said.

Cunningham said the law was written to allow an early start time for summertime construction. He went on to say that the law is not intended to eliminate

noise in the town or seek out offenders, but is needed as an enforcement measure.

"This thing is not designed to solve every issue in town...but if we don't have a starting point we'll never get to a finishing point," Cunningham said. "This is only to allow the police, when they're in a situation where they have to respond to a call, to have a tool that is necessary in order to manage that situation."

The public was given a chance to speak before the law was voted on, and several wondered if it was overly restrictive.

Resident John Laforte said he had a problem with the time constrictions as far as residential yard work, pointing out that someone would be in violation of the ordinance if they mowed their lawn at night. The law restricts the use of power tools between the hours of 8 p.m. and 7 a.m., minus exceptions.

"There are a lot of people who get out of work and in the summertime would like to make use of all the daytime hours and work until 9 o'clock doing their yard work or building a shed or whatever," Laforte said.

Language was added to the law so that the ordinance kicks in for power tools at 8 p.m. or sunset, whichever is later.

Under the 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.

-William DeVoe contributed to this report

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G'land ZRC chair steps down

Bruce Sherwin cites "time constraints" as main reason

By RYAN MUNKS
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Bruce Sherwin has stated he will be stepping down as chairman of Guilderland's Zoning Review Committee.

The committee has been assigned the task of making recommendations to the Town Board for updating the town's zoning code.

"I think it was mostly time constraints" said Sherwin, also citing his service to the McKnowville Fire Department. "I had to make a decision about where to put my energy."

As of yet, a new chairperson has not been named. However, Sherwin has stated he believes Ken Brownell, a current member of the committee, will be selected as the next chair.

Supervisor Ken Runion stated that picking a new chairperson would be up to the Town Board. When asked if Brownell would be tapped for the position, Runion said "He is the person I would recommend." Runion said the issue will be addressed at the Jan. 19 meeting of the Town Board.

Town Board member Warren Redlich expressed disappointment in Sherwin's decision to step down from the committee after serving for a short period of time. When it came to the issue of Brownell succeeding Sherwin, Redlich said "Ken is a fine guy" adding "I don't anticipate voting against him". Redlich fell short of stating his support for Brownell is a lock. Instead, speaking of who he would tap as the next chairman Redlich said "it's premature to say until you know who else is interested."

Redlich questioned the use of having a Zoning Review committee. "There are zoning reforms we could do without the committee," he said. He also said he would like to focus on what the plan will be going forward with the committee.

Town Board member Mark Grimm also questioned the utility

of the committee. Grimm would like the committee to have a mission statement to more clearly define their goals. "I asked the Supervisor for a mission statement for the committee," said Grimm, adding "it was never furnished."

Grimm also said he would like to know more about why Sherwin is stepping down. He added that the circumstances that are causing him to step down now must have also existed when the committee first met last summer.

Town Board member Paul Pastore also expressed regret at Sherwin's decision to step down from the committee. Pastore specifically cited the great deal of knowledge and experience Sherwin, a former Town Board member, brought to the committee.

Speaking of Brownell's qualifications for the chairmanship of the committee, Pastore said "I think it would be a natural transition for him," citing his current service as a member of the committee. Like Redlich, Pastore fell short of an outright endorsement for Brownell.

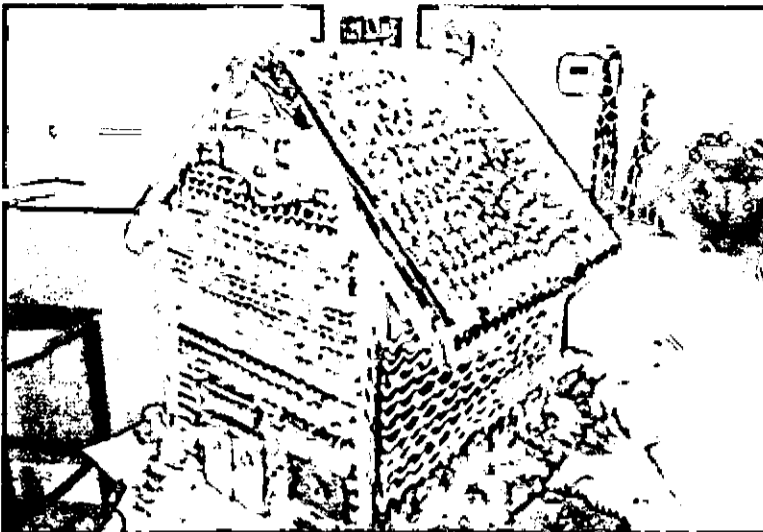
"Without knowing if anyone else is interested it would be premature to consider him," he said.

According to Runion, no else has expressed interest in the position. Runion stated that Brownell currently serves as a co-chair to Sherwin, along with committee member Regina DuBois. DuBois has suggested Brownell succeed Sherwin in an e-mail sent to Runion.

Town Board member Patricia Slavick also spoke of Sherwin's decision to step down. "I would like to thank Bruce for the work he did on the committee," she said, adding that he laid the foundation for the work of the committee. Like Runion, Slavick also expressed her support for Brownell as the successor to Sherwin, stating "I think Ken would be a good choice," citing his experience in local real estate.

With the explicit support of both Runion and Slavick, Brownell would need only one of the remaining board members to vote for him to receive the chairmanship.

Giant gingerbread house wows Perfect's patrons



LEFT: This gingerbread house graces Perfect Blend at Delmar's Four Corners.
ABOVE: Dan Casey (right), pastry chef and co-owner of Perfect Blend, stands alongside his creation along with co-owner Brendan McCann (left).

Dan Casey, co-owner and pastry chef for Perfect Blend espresso bar & café, created a giant gingerbread house that café patron's couldn't help admire while waiting in line for their coffee.

The house was built out of 60 pounds of gingerbread, a half gallon of molasses, 48 cups of flour, two dozen eggs and different types of spices.

The house took Casey a total of 15 hours to make. "The kids love it," said Casey. "They're bringing in their own gingerbread houses."

Casey said because of the interest shown in this year's house

he would like to host a gingerbread-making workshop during next year's holiday season.

The roof of the house took 730 peppermints to create and weighed between 30 and 40 pounds. This year the house was built on a wooden frame. "Last year the roof kept collapsing," said Casey, referring to last year's gingerbread house that was half the size of the one built this year.

The house is held together by 35 pounds of Royal icing, with everything but the frame being edible. Even the store's logo on the front of the house is edible, made by a newly acquired printer

that uses food coloring and edible paper to print an image.

This is the second gingerbread house built since Casey and co-owner Brendan McCann acquired the café in October, 2008. Recently, Casey acquired the neighboring Cookies By Design shop. To go with the expansion of his business, he plans to expand the size of next year's gingerbread house.

Casey cited his culinary school education for learning how to bake, however he said when it comes to making a gingerbread house "it's something you just kind of teach yourself."

—Ryan Munks



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Entertainment *in the* Spotlight



ANOTHER 'TITANIC' HIT

MUSICAL WAS ONE OF THE HIGHLIGHTS OF THE PAST YEAR

By JACQUELINE M. DOMIN
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Like the movie of the same name, the Family Players of Northeastern New York's version of "Titanic" drew big crowds this summer.

The show ran from Wednesday to Sunday, July 8 to 12, in Tawasenta Park in Guilderland, with one show being canceled because of rain. With just over 1,400 people attending the four performances, "Titanic" drew the group's largest average crowd ever, director Jeff Hocking said.

"We ran out of tickets," he said, noting that it was a good thing the show was outdoors because there was enough room to accommodate the crowds.

The audience wasn't the only thing big about the production. "Titanic" had a cast of about 70, with another few dozen people working backstage or sitting in on the orchestra.

The story it told was different than the one made famous in the film starring Leonardo DiCaprio and Kate Winslet. Family Players of Northeastern New York's show was a musical, recounting the stories of people both famous and fictional aboard the ill-fated ship.

Hocking said a lot of people came to the park not sure what to expect, and everyone seemed to go home happy.

"People really, really enjoyed it," he said.

"Titanic" was Family Players of Northeastern New York's annual summer show. It hasn't decided on a 2010 summer show, but it is in rehearsals for "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee," which will run from Thursday to Saturday, Feb. 4 to 7, at The Colonie Community Center, 1653 Central Ave. in Colonie. The play focuses on six youngsters who are competing in a prestigious spelling bee.

"It's a comedy," Hocking said. "They're all kind of eccentric in their own way."

Visit <http://www.familyplayersofny.com> for showtimes and other information.

Here are some of the other arts and entertainment stories that made news in the Delmar-Guilderland area in 2009:

The 29th annual Old Songs Festival of Traditional Music and Dance celebrated the 400th anniversary of Henry Hudson's discovery of Albany with special guests Nanne and Ankie and the Hudson Crew, a musical group from the Netherlands.

Nanne Kalma, Ankie van der Meer and the four performers that make up the Hudson Crew came to Voorheesville to perform at Old Songs about 10 years ago. Old Songs' executive director, Andy Spence, kept in touch with them over the years, and thought the quadricentennial would be a great occasion to bring them back.

At the festival, the group told Hudson's story from a Dutch perspective, performing in both Dutch and English.

As always, there were a number of other performers, playing folk, Celtic,



TOP: Cast members from Family Players of Northeastern New York appear in scenes from "Titanic: The Musical."

ABOVE: Dancers from The School for Creative Arts staged Claude Debussy's ballet "La Boîte à Joujoux" (The Toy Box) at the second Youth Movements Festival at the UAlbany Performing Arts Center.

BOTTOM: Nanne Kalma and Ankie van der Meer of the Netherlands performed at the 29th annual Old Songs Festival of Traditional Music and Dance.

roots and world music, as well as a variety of workshops.

Duncan Cumming believes children are never too young to gain an appreciation for classical music.

That was one of the central ideas behind the second Youth Movements Festival from Nov. 12 to 15 at the UAlbany Performing Arts Center on the uptown campus. Cumming put together the inaugural festival in 2008, with the idea it would just be a one-time thing, but "people were asking what I was going to do next year," he said.

The festival kicked off with a violin and piano recital about children, followed by a ballet not only for children but performed by children. Dancers from The School for Creative Arts staged Claude Debussy's ballet "La Boîte à Joujoux" (The Toy Box), and to close out the festival, youth of all ages performed on piano.

Cumming hoped the festival would build an appreciation for fine music in people of all ages.

"The sort of overall hope is that there'll be a relatively friendly and not taxing introduction to classical music," he said.

For the past couple of years, Rob Jonas has put together a day of music at Tess' Lark Tavern as a fundraiser for the American Cancer Society.

This year, Jonas looked for a bigger venue, one with two stages. That way, twice as many musicians could play, which could bring in twice the crowd and potentially twice the donations for a cause that has special significance for Jonas.

"My mom died in 2007 of cancer, so I wanted to try to do something to defeat it," he said.

Jonas, the *Spotlight* sports editor, decided to hold this year's fundraiser at Emack and Bolio's, an ice cream parlor with locations in Albany and Guilderland. It was a good fit not just because of the dual stages, but because co-owner Ken Young's mom is also fighting cancer.

The shops served up live music all day on Saturday, Oct. 24, with all CD sales and music tips, as well as a percentage of the food sales, benefiting the American Cancer Society.

Jonas said the day was a success, bringing in nearly \$1,000.

Year In Review 2009



Calendar of Events *in the* Spotlight

Wednesday, Dec. 30

BETHLEHEM

DELMAR ROTARY

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

BINGO

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

PLAYGROUP MEETING

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

SOLID ROCK CHURCH

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

HEALING TESTIMONY MEETING

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

PRAYER MEETING

Small groups meeting throughout the week for evening prayer and Bible study, Mountainview Evangelical Free Church, Route 155. Call for times and information, 765-3390.

BETHLEHEM LIONS CLUB (NOT IN JULY OR AUGUST)

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.

Thursday, Dec. 31

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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Friday, Jan. 1

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, Jan. 2

BETHLEHEM

AA MEETING

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

GLENMONT

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

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Sunday, Jan. 3

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.

Onesquethaw Reformed Church, Tarrytown Road, Feura Bush, 768-2133.

New Scotland Presbyterian Church, Route 85, 439-6454.

St. Matthew's Church, Mountain View Road, Voorheesville, 765-2805.

Unionville Reformed Church, Delaware Turnpike, 439-5001.

United Pentecostal Church, Route 85, New Salem, 765-4410. DAY -

NEW SCOTLAND

STORY TIMES

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

PLANNING BOARD

New Scotland Town Hall, Route 85, 6 p.m. Information, 765-3356. First Tuesday of each month.

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BETHLEHEM

BUSINESS WOMEN

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

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.

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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.

Monday, Jan. 4

BETHLEHEM

PEACE VIGIL

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

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

AA MEETING

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

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.

Tuesday, Jan. 5

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Blotter

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Melissa Santos, 29, of 543 Barnard Ave., Woodmere, was arrested on Wednesday Dec 9 for DWI, a misdemeanor. According to police Santos was stopped by police after running a red light at Western Ave. and Schoolhouse Rd. After smelling a strong odor of alcohol coming from Santos, police conducted a sobriety test. According to police Santos failed the subsequent tests. Santos was arraigned in Guiderland Town Court on Thursday, Dec. 17.

• Michael Manning, 22, of 91 Kellar Street, Schenectady, was arrested on Saturday, Dec. 12, for DWI, a misdemeanor. Police stopped Manning at Brookwood Ave and Western Ave for failing to keep right. After sensing a strong odor of alcohol coming from Manning, police conducted a sobriety test. According to police after using his arms for balance in the one leg stand test Manning refused to continue with the test. The report also states that after failing the walk and turn test, Manning again stopped the test. According to police Manning's BAC reading was ".10 and on the way up." Manning was arraigned in Guiderland Town Court on Saturday, Dec. 12.

• Danielle Lundy-Dickson, 24, of 86 Mt. Pleasant Street, Troy, also known as Danielle Boyd, was arrested on Oct. 24 for criminal sale of a narcotic drug. The alleged offense took place in the Town of Guiderland on Oct. 15. Lundy-Dickson was arrested on Oct. 24 by Guiderland Police in cooperation with the New York State Police. Lundy-Dickson was arraigned in Albany County Court on Nov. 15.

• Arabia Stover, 23, of 183B South Pearl St, Albany, NY was arrested on Tuesday Dec. 15 on a bench warrant issued by Guiderland Town Court. The warrant was issued on Oct 30 and included charges for possession of a forged instrument in the 2nd degree and criminal possession of stolen property in the 4th degree, both felonies. The warrant also included misdemeanor charges of theft of services, possession of a forged instrument in the 3rd degree, and possession of stolen property in the 5th degree. Arabia was arraigned in Guiderland Town court on Thursday, Dec. 17.

• David Cummings, 23, of 1772 Avenue H, Schenectady, was arrested on Monday Dec 7 for DWI. According to police Cummings was stopped for failing to keep right. After stopping the vehicle the arresting officer sensed a strong odor of alcohol coming from Cummings. Cummings allegedly failed subsequent sobriety tests and was arrested for DWI. Cummings was arraigned in Guiderland Town Court on Thursday, Dec 17.

• Bradley Roundy-Ferris, 21, of 3542 Carmen Road, Guiderland, was arrest on Tuesday Dec. 8 for assault with intention to cause physical injury with weapon, a felony. Roundy-Ferris was also charged with menacing in the 2nd degree, resisting arrest, and criminal possession of a weapon with intention to use, all misdemeanors, and unlawful possession of marijuana, a violation. According to police, Roundy-Ferris used a 8" kitchen knife to slash the hand of his victim. Roundy-Ferris also allegedly used a pocket knife in a threatening manner to menace a second victim. Roundy-Ferris was arraigned in Guiderland Town Court later that day.

• Roger Amash, 36, of 31 Terry Ave, Schenectady, was arrested on Sunday Dec. 13 for DWI. According to police Amash was stopped traveling

west on Route 20 for driving with no lights on at night. After stopping the vehicle the arresting officer sensed a strong odor of alcohol coming from Amash. Amash allegedly performed F to Z in the alphet when asked to perform E to X. Upon exiting the vehicle and performing additional sobriety tests police determined that Amash was intoxicated. Police also found a glass containing beer on the center console of the vehicle. According to police a chemical test perform after Amash's arrest revealed a BAC of .12/ Amash will be arraigned at Guiderland Town Court on Thursday, Jan. 7.

• Erin Collins, 28, of 494 Route 146, was arrested on Wednesday Dec 16 for DWI. According to police Collins was stopped for failing to keep right at Western Ave. and Route 146. After stopping the vehicle the arresting officer sensed a strong odor of alcohol coming from Collins. After allegedly failing subsequent sobriety tests Collins was arrested. Collins will be arraigned on Thursday Jan 7.

• Anne Maureen Baldwin, 64, of 139 George Road, Ghent, was arrested for DWI. After responding to a EMS call for an intoxicated female who fell into the exit doors of JCPenny's at Crossgates mall, police observed Baldwin behind the wheel of a running vehicle in the fire lane. According to police, Baldwin could not find out how to roll down the window and opened the driver's side door. According to police, the arresting officer smelled the odor of alcohol, slurred speech, and impaired motor coordination coming from Baldwin. Police also said Baldwin refused to perform any sobriety tests. Baldwin allegedly admitted taking methadone for back pain relief. Police administer a chemical test in which Baldwin tested .13 BAC. Baldwin will be arraigned at Guiderland Town Court on Thursday, Jan 7.

• Paul Ann Dunnells, 38, of 1580 Helderberg Tl, Bern, was arrested on Thursday, Dec. 17, for Grand Larceny in the 3rd degree, falsifying business records in the 1st degree, both felonies. Dunnells was also arrested for petit larceny, a misdemeanor. According to police, Dunnells was arrested as part of a ongoing investigation into theft by falsifying business records on payroll slips at the Altamont Rescue Squad. According to police, after being Miranda right Dunnells admitted to some of the allegation of theft from her employer. Dunnells was arraigned in Guiderland Town Court later that day.



Responders to a house fire at 151 Adams Place Saturday, Dec. 19, were decontaminated at the scene as chemicals were possibly involved. An investigation involving the Bethlehem Police Department's Fire Investigations Unit, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) and the Delmar Fire Department is continuing.

Tom Heffernan Sr./Spotlight

Fire

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It's poignant at this time of year," said Superintendent Michael Tebbano. "We're overwhelmed by the community support that comes out in these unfortunate circumstances...this is a tight knit community."

Tebbano said that high schoolers were informed of the tragedy through a Monday morning address by Principal Charles Abba and that crisis support teams would be made available for all students.

The Saturday afternoon performance of "As You Like It" was cancelled on account of the fire, but the evening performance went on as planned. Kameryn returned to the stage on Sunday, Dec. 20, to play the part of Adam, servant to Oliver.

Following the Saturday show, the players made baked goods that were sold on Sunday to benefit the Sanchez family. The proceeds from raffle baskets sold during the play's run also went to the family and a collection was taken up at the final show. Altogether, the theater group

put together about \$2,000, said Parent Producer Maura Bennett.

"It was an amazing effort by the cast and crew," she said. "Within 24 hours, they decided to make a push."

In addition to monetary donations, the cast and crew rounded up clothing and other supplies.

As of press time, the www.helphesanchezfamily.org Web site was reporting that nearly \$18,000 in donations had been

made. Several Facebook groups have also been established.

Outside of town, the Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake hockey booster club donated the proceeds from their 50/50 raffle from the Wednesday, Dec. 23, game against Bethlehem High School to the Sanchez family. Bethlehem won the game 5-0.

Check back to www.spotlightnews.com or read future editions of *The Spotlight* for updates on this story.

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Milestones *in the* Spotlight



Steven T. Trevlakis and Lisa Marie Dergosits

Dergosits, Trevlakis to marry

Emery and Patricia Dergosits of Schenectady, NY, are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter, Lisa Marie to Steven T. Trevlakis, son of George and Chrys Trevlakis of Long Island.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Mohonasen High School. She earned a B.S. in Elementary Education and Special Education from SUNY Plattsburgh and

a Masters in Literacy from SUNY Albany. Lisa Marie is a Special Education Teacher in the Bethlehem Central School District in Delmar.

The future groom graduated from Locust Valley Central School District High School. He earned a B.S. in Social Studies and a Masters in School Counseling from SUNY Plattsburgh. Steven is

a Teacher's Assistant in the Mohonasen School District in Schenectady.

Lisa Marie and Steven will marry on July 31, 2010. The couple will reside in Guilderland, NY.



Angela and Aaron Carpenter

Lee, Carpenter wed in August

Angela Lee and Aaron Carpenter were married on August 15, 2009. The ceremony and reception took place at the Casa Larga Vineyards in Rochester, New York. The Maid of Honor was the bride's sister, Lisa Lee Lynch, and the bridal party also included Chuck and Sarah Hunt, the brother-in-law and sister of the groom.

The bride is the daughter of Nga and Julia Lee of Niskayuna, NY. The groom is the son of Kenneth and Ellen Carpenter of Schenectady, NY.

Angela graduated from the

Eastman School of Music in 2005 with a Bachelor of Music degree, and again in 2007 with a Master of Arts degree. She is currently a vocal music teacher in Pittsford, NY.

Aaron graduated from the University of Rochester in 2005 with a Bachelor of Science degree, and again in 2006 with a Master of Science degree. He is currently a PhD candidate at the University of Rochester.

The couple took a honeymoon trip to Aruba. They currently reside in Rochester, NY.

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James E. Davis, Jr.
 ST. CROIX, VIRGIN ISLANDS- James E. Davis, Jr., "Jim," of Christiansted, St. Croix, Virgin Islands, died Sunday morning, December 20, 2009, at his home as the result of a serious illness.

Jim was born in Albany on December 19, 1963, a beautiful redhead, the son of James and Doris Davis. He grew up in Delmar and attended the Bethlehem Central Schools. He also attended SUNY Canton and subsequently served for five years in the United States Navy.

Jim moved to Christiansted, St. Croix, in April 2008 and grew to love the island, its people and warm weather and a relaxed pace of life which he called "island time." He enjoyed his job and his colleagues at Business World, who were kind and supportive,

and he made many friends easily during his time there. Weekend sailing with friends became a passion and a special part of his life. Jim enjoyed life and people. His smile, charm and engaging personality won him friends wherever he went.

He is survived by his parents, James and Doris Davis of Delmar, N.Y., and a younger brother, Matthew, of Monkton, Vermont. He will be sorely missed by them as well as by aunts and uncles and many cousins.

A special private gathering of family to celebrate Jim's life will take place at a later date.

Donations in Jim's memory may be made to Mohawk & Hudson River Humane Society, 3 Oakland Avenue, Menands, New York 12204.

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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 30, 2009)

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Notice of Qualification of Car-Help, 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 Registered Agents, Inc., 875 Avenue of the Americas, Ste. 501, NY, NY 10001. Address of the principal office: 9600 SW Oak St., Ste. 560, Tigard, OR 98223. Arts of Org. filed with OR Secy. Of State, 255 Capitol St., NE, Ste. 151, Salem Oregon 97310-1327. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-21969 (December 30, 2009)

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NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION PURSUANT TO NY, LLC LAW SECTION 206 The name of the limited liability company is Steven and Linda Lynch Lake George Family LLC. The date of the filing of the Articles of Organization was November 16, 2009. The County in which the office of the LLC is to be located is Albany. Its principal business location is in Slingerlands, New York. The agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served is the Secretary of State and such shall mail a copy of any process to: Burke & Casserly, P.C., 255 Washington Avenue Extension, Albany, NY 12205. The term of the LLC shall commence on the date of filing of the Articles of Organization and continue indefinitely. The purpose of the Company is real estate related services and for any other lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be formed under the Limited Liability Company Law. LD-21970 (December 30, 2009)

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Notice of Formation of MB REAL ESTATE HOLDING LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/13/07. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 40 Rector St., Ste. 1502, NY, NY 10006. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-21971 (December 30, 2009)

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR AUTHORITY OF LLC Loudon Village, LLC, filed an Application for Authority with the New York Secretary of State on 12/08/09. The jurisdiction of organization of the LLC is Delaware. 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, c/o Dawn Homes Management, LLC, 20 Corporate Woods Blvd., 5th Floor, Albany, NY 12211. The street address of the principal business location is c/o Dawn Homes Management, LLC, 20 Corporate Woods Blvd., 5th Floor, Albany, NY 12211. LD-21975 (December 30, 2009)

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Notice of Publication FIDELITAS CORPORATE LLC Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 12/4/2009 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-21977 (December 30, 2009)

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Notice of Formation of ARGOT STUDIOS LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 12/2/09. 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-21978 (December 30, 2009)

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Notice of Formation of HOT YOGA ROCKAWAY BEACH LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 11/30/09. 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-21979 (December 30, 2009)

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Notice of Formation of RKS/JVS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/7/09. 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, 481 Greenwich St., Apt. 4B, NY, NY 10013. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-21981 (December 30, 2009)

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Notice of Formation of Go-zaimas Consulting, LLC. Arts Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/23/09. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Albert Tucker and Associates, LLC, 2985 Madison Ave., Ste. 1010, New York, NY 10017. Registered Agent upon whom process may be served: Allstate Corp. Svcs., 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-21987 (December 30, 2009)

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Notice of Formation of Mandalay Builders, LLC. Arts Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/26/09. 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-21988 (December 30, 2009)

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Notice of Formation of Merry Twins Capital 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-21989 (December 30, 2009)

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to: The LLC, 36 Wallenberg Circle, Monsey, NY 10952. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-21990 (December 30, 2009)

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Notice of Formation of Suds-A-Lot 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-21991 (December 30, 2009)

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Notice of Formation of LPM IP Holdings LLC. Arts Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/24/09. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 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-21992 (December 30, 2009)

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Notice of Formation of Atlas Staffing, LLC. Arts Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 07/29/09. 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. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-21993 (December 30, 2009)

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Notice of Formation of Backoffice Services International BSI LLC. Arts Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/20/09. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Allstate Corp. Svcs., 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Registered Agent upon whom process may be served: Allstate Corp. Svcs., 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-21995 (December 30, 2009)

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Notice of Formation of Wally Strauss Productions, LLC. Arts Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/23/09. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Allstate Corp. Svcs., 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Registered Agent upon whom process may be served: Allstate Corp. Svcs., 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-21996 (December 30, 2009)

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Notice of Formation of VIRTUALWAY, LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 12/10/09. 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-21997 (December 30, 2009)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: PRM Technologies LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 8/28/09. Office location: Albany County. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, 19 Bacon Ln, Loudonville, NY 12211. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. LD-21999 (December 30, 2009)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). Name: 19th STREET PARKING LLC. Articles of Organi-

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zation filed with NY Secretary of State, December 14, 2009. Purpose: to engage in any lawful act or activity. Office: in Albany County. Secretary of State is agent for process against LLC and shall mail copy to 302 Washington Avenue Ext. Albany, NY 12205. LD-22002 (December 30, 2009)

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Notice of Formation of Old Heritage Realty Services, LLC, Art. of Org. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 11/20/09. 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 Dr. East, Albany, NY 12205. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-22004 (December 30, 2009)

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Notice of Qualification of Icon Equities, LLC with a fictitious name of Icon Equities, LLC of Nevada, App. for Auth. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 10/13/09. Office location: Albany County. LLC org. in NV 4/29/09. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to c/o Nat. Reg. Agents, 875 Ave of the Americas, NY, NY 10001. NV office addr.: 3753 Howard Hughes Pkwy., Ste. 200, Las Vegas, NV 89169. Art. of Org. on file: SSNV, 202 N. Carson St., Carson City, NV 89701. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-22005 (December 30, 2009)

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Notice of Qualification of Professional Investment and Finances, LLC, App. for Auth. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 11/19/09. Office location: Albany County. LLC org. in MN 5/24/2000. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to c/o Nat. Reg. Agents, 875 Ave of the Americas, NY, NY 10001. MN office addr.: 7900 Highway 7, Minneapolis, MN 55407. Art. of Org. on file: SSMN, 60 Empire Dr., Ste. 100, St. Paul, MN 55103. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-22006 (December 30, 2009)

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Notice of Formation of Park Ave Suites LLC. Arts Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/10/09. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 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-22007 (December 30, 2009)

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Notice of Formation of Anicete Home Estates, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/7/09. 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, 1 Liberty Way, Loudonville, NY 12211. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-22008 (December 30, 2009)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LLC Double Eagle Consulting LLC, filed Articles of Organization with the New York Secretary of State on 12/16/09. 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, 677 Broadway, Fifth Floor, Albany, NY 12207. The street address of the principal business location is 677 Broadway, Fifth Floor, Albany, NY 12207. Its business is to engage in any lawful activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under Section 203 of the New York Limited Liability Company Act. LD-22009 (December 30, 2009)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY Name: PCP Binghamton Associates, LLC (LLC). Articles of Organization filed with NY Dept. of State on 12/15/09. Office location: Albany County. NY Secretary of State (SOS) is designated as agent of LLC for service of process. SOS shall mail copy of process to c/o Nigro Companies, 20 Corporate Woods Boulevard, Albany, NY 12211. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity. LD-22011 (December 30, 2009)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). Name: 456 MADISON AVE., LLC. Articles of Organization filed with NY Secretary of State, December 16, 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 19 Arden Court, Albany, NY 12205. LD-22012 (December 30, 2009)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). Name: DEBBIE'S KITCHEN, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with NY Secretary of State, December 16, 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 456 Madison Avenue, Albany, NY 12208. LD-22013 (December 30, 2009)

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Notice of Qualification of 310 MAIN BOLIVAR LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/17/09. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 11/23/09. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Capitol Services, Inc., 1218 Central Ave., Ste. 100, Albany, NY 12205. DE address of LLC: 615 South DuPont Hwy., Dover, DE 19901. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. LD-22023 (December 30, 2009)

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team provided the region with another dose of "March Madness" when the Saints won their second consecutive Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference title and reached the second round of the NCAA Tournament.

In high school hockey, Shaker/Colonie officially ended Shenendehowa's six-year reign as Sectional champions when the Jets defeated Niskayuna/Schenectady 8-1 in the Division I finals. Matt Vetrone had a hat trick and two assists for the Jets, who won their first title since 2002.

Individual athletes took home state titles during the winter season. Shen's Austin Meys pinned the field on his way to the 189-pound division championship at the state wrestling tournament, while Saratoga's Madalayne Smith won the 55-meter dash and 55-meter hurdles titles at the state indoor track and field championships. Colonie's Kyle Plante added a victory in the 300-meter dash at the indoor track meet.

Shen's most dominant statewide performance came at the boys swimming and diving championships. Jacob Johnson (50- and 100-yard freestyle) and Shayne Buckley (200-yard individual medley) won individual titles, and they teamed up with Troy Nichols and Sean Parnett to finish first in the 400-yard freestyle relay.

April through June

A power shift took place

in Section II boys lacrosse as Niskayuna moved to Class B after dominating Class A for the last four years. That move benefited both Niskayuna and Section II, as the Silver Warriors reached the state finals for the second time in school history before losing to Section V's Canandaigua Academy 10-5.

Niskayuna's move to Class B opened the door for Guilderland to claim its first Sectional title in several years. The Dutchmen defeated Shaker 8-4 in the Class A finals and reached the regional championship game before losing to Section I power Yorktown.

The Guilderland girls lacrosse team maintained its dominance over Section II. The Lady Dutch won their third consecutive Sectional title and made it to the Class A state finals before suffering a 10-9 loss to Long Island champion Farmingdale. What made it tougher for Guilderland was that it had a 9-7 lead with less than seven minutes left in the second half.

In baseball, Schenectady Christian School proved that a 5-year-old varsity program can grow up in a hurry. The Falcons won their first Sectional title by beating top-seeded Fort Ann 6-3 in the Class D championship game and rode that momentum to the state finals, where they lost to Arkport (Section V) 11-6.

Mohonasen edged crosstown rival Schalmont 2-1 for its first Sectional title since 1982. Mohonasen ace Robert Tedesco scattered six hits and struck out 14, while Schalmont's Joe Amorosi tossed a four-hitter with five strikeouts.

Saratoga Central Catholic won its second Sectional title in three years when the Saints dispatched Fonda-Fultonville 9-2 in the Class B finals.

The 2009 softball season will be best remembered in southern Saratoga County as the year when Shen's streak of six straight Sectional titles came to an end, as Niskayuna defeated the Plainsmen in the Class AA quarterfinals. The Silver Warriors then defeated Saratoga Springs in the semifinals before losing to Columbia in the finals.

Saratoga's Madalayne Smith added to her trophy case by winning the 100-meter high hurdles title at the state outdoor track meet. The Shen girls 3,200-meter relay team of Danika Simonson, Alex Burtnick, Cara Janeczko and Lizzie Predmore also took top honors at the meet.

July through September

Saratoga Race Course and Joseph Bruno Stadium remained the summer places to be, as both sporting venues packed in the spectators to watch the top thoroughbreds and up-and-coming baseball players, respectively.

Saratoga denizens were given a gift on Labor Day weekend when super filly Rachel Alexandra won the Woodward Stakes by fending off a field of male horses. It was the third time Rachel Alexandra defeated the boys in a major stakes race, as she also won the Preakness and the Haskell.

The Albany Dutchmen played their first season in the New York Collegiate Baseball League at Blecker Stadium. The Dutchmen

joined the East Division, which included the Saratoga Phillies, Amsterdam Mohawks and Glens Falls Golden Eagles among others.

The Albany Firebirds soldiered on at the Times Union Center, but the Arena Football 2 team struggled at the turnstiles and, by year's end, went on hiatus as its league melded with the remains of the Arena Football League to form a new league.

The New York Buzz played its World Team Tennis season at the University at Albany's SEFCU Arena and drew nice crowds. Their attendance was bolstered by an appearance from Venus Williams and Albany Academy product Matt Kandath, who played two matches with the Buzz.

October through December

Section II had a strong football season, as four of its five Sectional champions got as far as the state semifinals and one - Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake - made it to the Carrier Dome for the state finals.

BH-BL pulverized most of its opponents on its way to the state Class A finals, winning by an average score of 46-7. But just like in the 2008 state final, Sweet Home (Section VI) got the better of the Spartans as the Panthers prevailed 34-7.

BH-BL dedicated its season to coach Matt Shell's son, Jacob, who battled cancer through the whole campaign.

Saratoga Springs (Class AA) and Schalmont (Class B) hoped to join BH-BL at the Carrier Dome for the state finals, but both teams came up short in the semifinals. Saratoga had a 14-0 lead on Section I champion New Rochelle before the Huguenots rallied for a 28-21 victory. Meanwhile, Schalmont couldn't get its offense in gear in a 28-7 loss to Section IX's Nanuet.

Schalmont's loss to Nanuet ended a historic playoff run for the Sabres. Schalmont won its first Sectional title by beating Lansingburgh 35-20 in the Class B finals and earned its first regional victory by rallying past Beekmantown (Section VII) 34-20.

On the boys soccer front, Shen ended a four-year Sectional title drought by defeating Saratoga

Springs 2-0 in the Class AA final. The Plainsmen hoped that would catapult them to a state title like it did in 2005, but they lost to Newburgh Free Academy 2-0 in the state semifinals.

Mohonasen repeated as Sectional champs in Class A, despite graduating most of its starting lineup from the 2008 season. The Mighty Warriors fended off Glens Falls 3-2 to claim the Sectional title for coach Corey Gregg, who missed last year's championship run because he was serving with the National Guard in Iraq.

Loudonville Christian's Dillon King set the Section II scoring record with his 134th career goal in an 8-0 Sectional victory over Argyle. King surpassed Middleburgh's Austin Standhart, who held the record for several years.

In girls soccer, Bethlehem and Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake repeated as Sectional champs. Bethlehem edged Shen 3-2 in overtime to win the Class AA title, while BH-BL edged South Glens Falls 1-0 to earn another Class A crown. The Lady Spartans eventually reached the state semifinals, where they lost to Section V's Greece Arcadia 3-2.

Section II had some shining moments in cross country. The Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake boys team repeated as state champions in Class A, with Otis Ubriaco earning an individual title after completing the course in a winning time of 15:44.1. Saratoga Springs' girls team won the Federation championship and placed second to Fayetteville-Manlius at the Nike Team Nationals.

In volleyball, the Loudonville Christian girls team made it to the state finals in Class C before losing to City Honors (Buffalo) in three games. Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake (Class A) and Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk (Class B) also got to the state tournament, while Bethlehem (Class AA) reached the regional round for the second consecutive year. BH-BL's boys team got as far as the Class A regional finals at the state level.

In girls swimming news, Shen hosted the Sectional meet for the first time, and the Plainsmen took advantage by winning the Division I team title.

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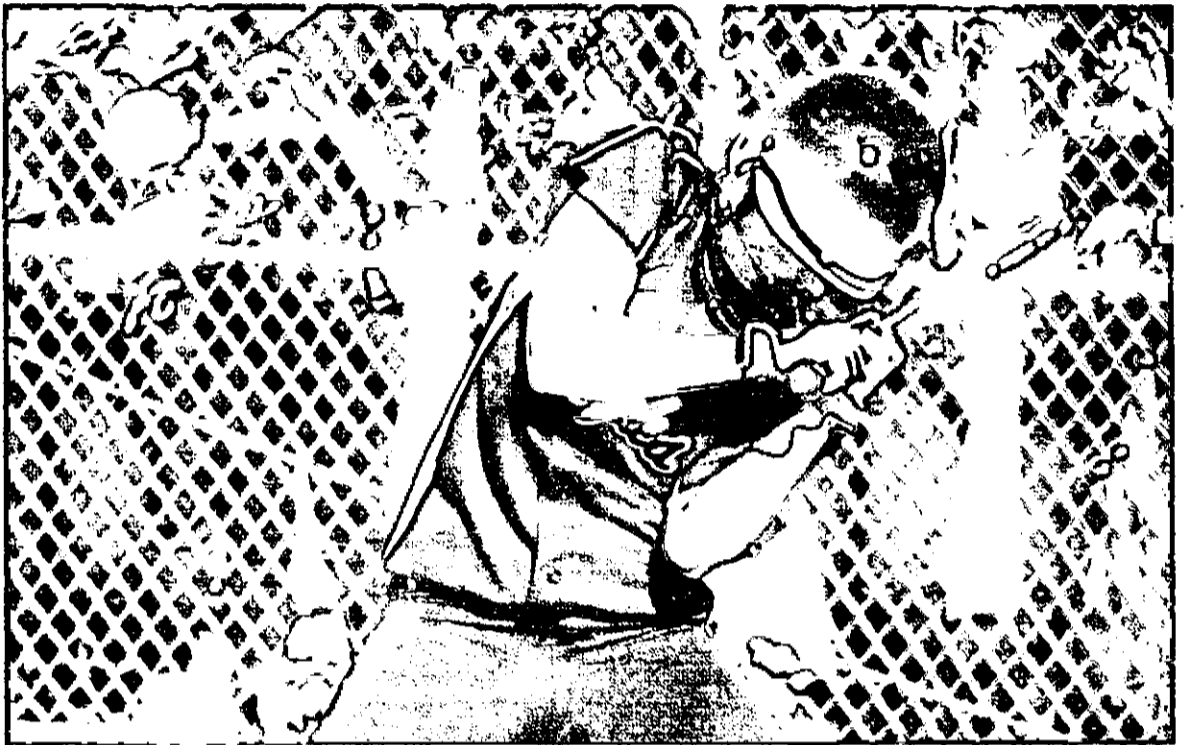
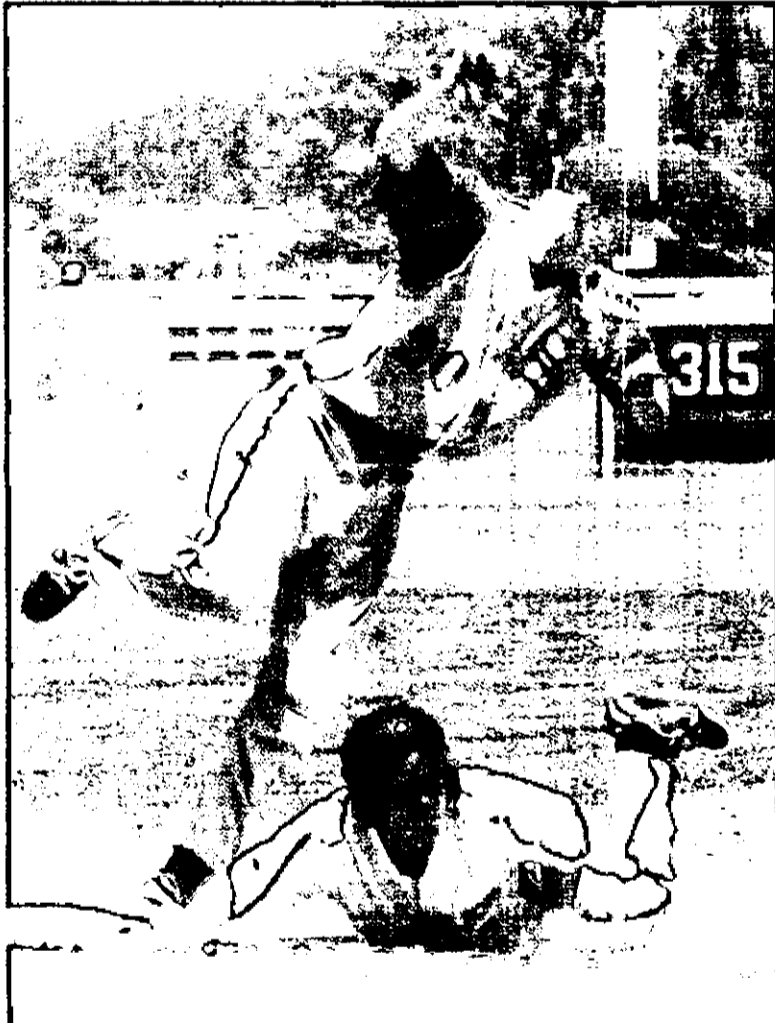
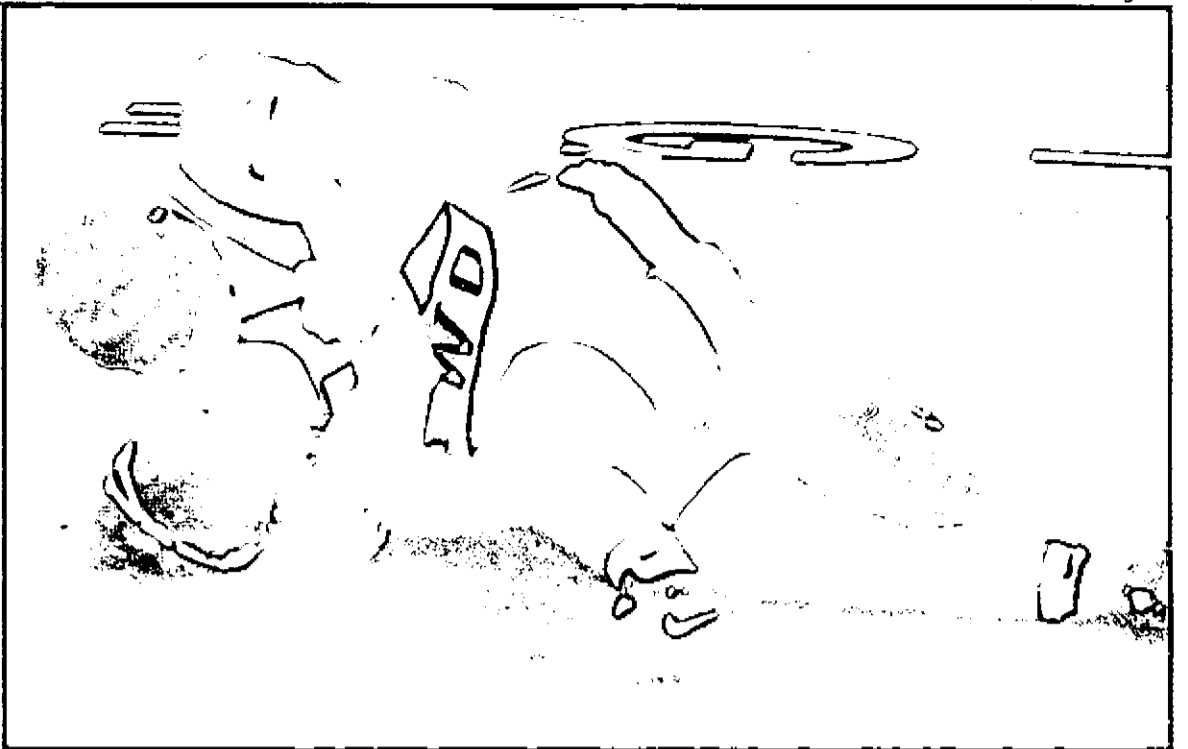
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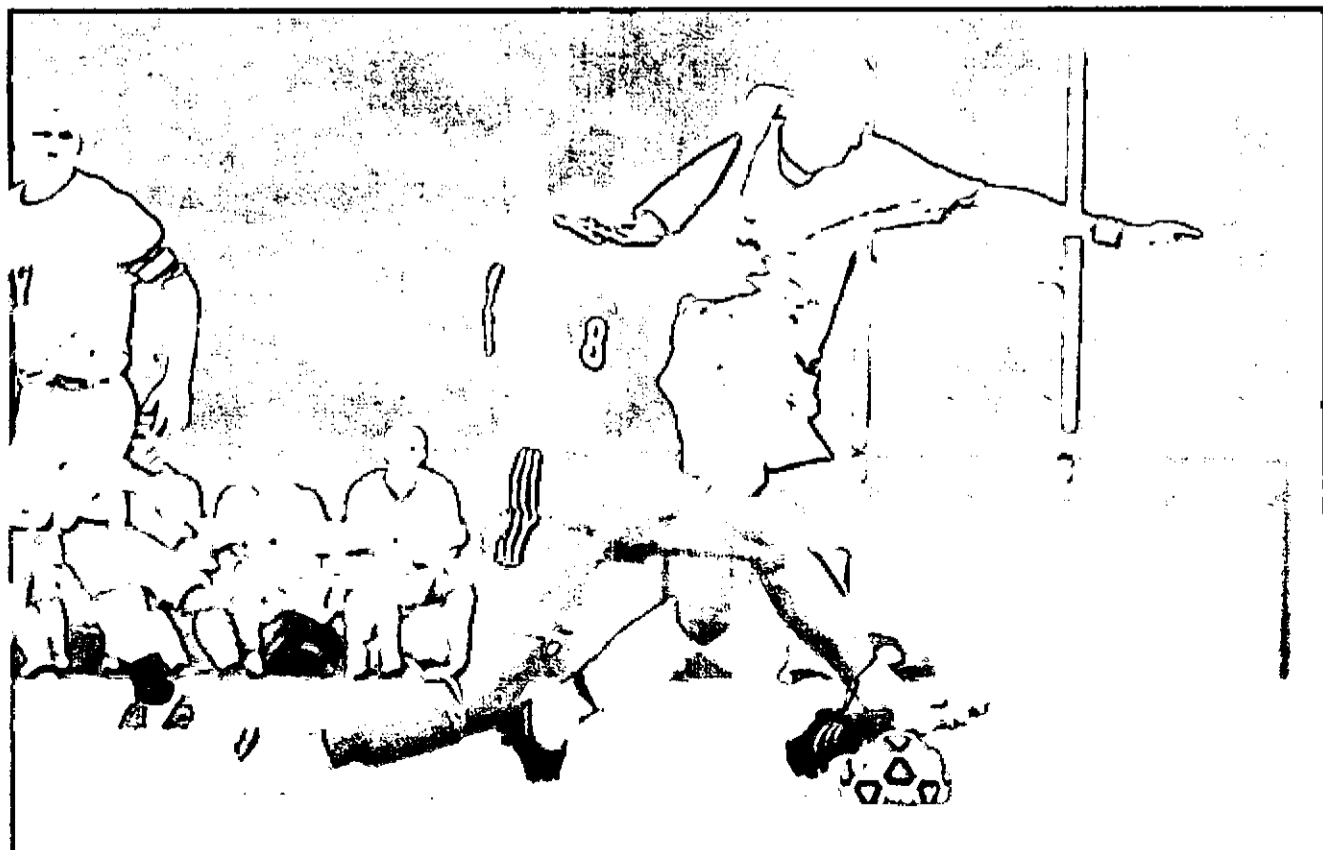
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Clockwise from top left: Bethlehem's Alex McCullough takes a shot during a January game; Guilderland's Matt Cubillos gets a near fall at the state wrestling tournament; Bethlehem's Toni Edwards braces for impact in a Suburban Council game; Bethlehem's Liam Christensen battles three Burnt Hills players for a loose ball; Voorheesville's Ethan Mackey shoots during a Section II playoff game; Bethlehem's Joey Drew tangles with Saratoga's Noah Cadet during a September game; and Bethlehem's Kyle Niehaus slides safely back to first base against Shen. *Rob Jonas/Spotlight*



Sports *in the* Spotlight



Year In Review 2009

Clockwise from top left: The Bethlehem girls basketball team won the Section II Class AA title with its starting five of (bottom row) Jaci Oskam, Alex McCullough, Meg Olsen, (top) Caitlin Dole and Taylor Teal; the Class A champion Guilderland boys lacrosse team counted on several players to help it win, including attacker Bryan Dyer (with ball); Bethlehem's football team was led by tailback Casiem Maxwell, who gained 1,280 yards.

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Another busy year in the books

Girls teams shine at Bethlehem and Guilderland

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With 2009 one week away from being placed in the history books, it's time to look back at the year that was in Capital District sports.

January through March

The Section II boys basketball season proved to be anything but predictable – at least when it came to the Class AA playoffs.

Casual fans expecting that the Big 10-champion Bishop Maginn Golden Griffins would waltz to their third consecutive championship were stunned when they lost to an equally-tough Albany Academy squad

in the semifinals. The Cadets readied themselves for Sectionals by playing a tough schedule independent of any area league, and it showed as they held on for a 60-59 overtime victory.

Bishop Maginn's loss opened the door for venerable Big 10 power Christian Brothers Academy. After defeating Shenendehowa 63-56 in another overtime semifinal game, the Brothers captured their fifth Sectional title in seven years by beating Albany Academy 62-49 in the finals.

Scotia-Glenville ended a 34-year title drought when it won the boys Class A title with a 56-47 victory over Foothills Council rival Gloversville. The game wasn't as close as the final score appeared, as the Tartans established an 11-2 lead early on and never looked back.

In girls basketball, Bethlehem

and Mohonsen proved the Suburban Council's might by winning Sectional titles and getting to the state's final four.

Bethlehem claimed its first Sectional championship in six years by beating Shenendehowa 46-42 in the Class AA finals. The Lady Eagles kept winning until the state finals when – in a rematch of the 2003 championship game – Long Island champion Copaug pulled away to a 74-58 victory.

Mohonsen garnered its first Sectional title since 2002 by pulling out a 44-39 victory over Suburban Council rival Averill Park in the Class A finals. The Mighty Warriors reached the state semifinals before bowing to Albertus Magnus (Section I) 68-56.

At the collegiate level, the Siena College men's basketball

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What will 2010 have in store for local teams?

Since 2010 is at the door ready to barge in, here are some things I'm hoping to see in the new year:

- A Capital District native making the United States Olympic team so that there is a purpose to watching the Vancouver Winter Games
- A Section II basketball team (boys or girls) wins the state title
- The Siena men's basketball team reaches the third round of the NCAA Tournament
- The Union College hockey team reaches the NCAA Division I Tournament for the first time
- The Albany River Rats win AHL East Division title and make a deep run in the Calder Cup playoffs
- Area fans reacting to the River Rats' success and filling the Times Union Center for home games
- A Section II lacrosse team (boys or girls) win the state title

From the
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Rob Jonas



- A rain-free summer so that the Albany Dutchmen and Saratoga Phillies get a full New York Collegiate Baseball League season in
- Saratoga Race Course and the Tri-City ValleyCats continue to draw huge crowds
- A Triple Crown-winning horse race in the Travers Stakes
- The University at Albany football team gets a chance to host a national Football Championship Subdivision power (i.e. Montana, Delaware, Massachusetts)
- Section II football championship games at RPI's East Athletic Campus Stadium
- A Section II football or soccer team winning the state title.