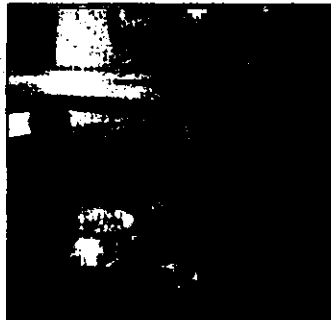




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### G'land ready for Restaurant Week

The Guilderland Chamber of Commerce wants everyone to get a taste for what local eateries have to offer at Restaurant Week, to be held Monday, Jan. 25, until Saturday, Jan. 30.

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Made up of some of the best bull riders in the country, the Super Bull series is coming to the Times Union Center in Albany on Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 23 and 24.

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### They'll take this tie

Bethlehem hockey coach Andre Rodrigue said he was pleased his team's performance after a 2-2 with Shenendehowa, noting Bethlehem had never beaten Shen.

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Grace, left, and Mary Aniolek, right, enjoy the newly frozen ice skating rink under the pavilion at Tawasentha Park.

Ryan Munks/Spotlight

## Park's ice rink opens

**Warm weather creates sloppy  
conditions on Saturday before  
evening chill refreezes surface**

By RYAN MUNKS  
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On Tuesday, Jan. 12, the Town of Guilderland Park and Recreation Department announced the opening of its icing skating rink underneath the pavilion at Tawasentha Park. The weekend's warm weather deterred some would-be-skaters on Saturday, but an early morning freeze on

Sunday was all that was needed for others.

While not the first time an ice-skating rink has been built at the park, it is the first time the rink has been built underneath the pavilion.

"We flooded it. Right now it's OK, we'll see how it goes," said Director of Parks and Recreation Dennis Moore.

Moore said the decision was made to put the rink underneath the pavilion to keep it free from leaves, snow and the sun.

Moore classified the 70-by-40-foot rink as a "small children's ring." It is open free to Guilderland residents and will be open daily, weather permitting.

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## Board waits to fill seats

**Planning Board vacancies  
draw 15 responses**

By CHARLES WIFF  
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The Bethlehem Town Board took many of the actions needed to set 2010 town operations in motion at its Wednesday, Jan. 13, organizational meeting, but decided to hold off on making a decision about two vacancies on the Planning Board.

The Town Board appointed current Planning Board member Daniel Coffey to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a four-year term, and also appointed him chairman of that entity. He replaces outgoing member and chairman Michael Hodom. Planning Board member Katherine McCarthy will be retiring after serving on the board since 2003.

Supervisor Sam Messina, presiding over his first Town Board meeting in that office, said a posting for resumes for the Planning Board and Zoning Board openings on the town's Web site had generated 15 responses and he was "very impressed with the quality and the experience" in the candidate pool. He said members of the Town Board will continue doing their due

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## County: Selkirk bridge is safe

**Comptroller's office  
notes Route 55 span's  
low condition rating**

By CHARLES WIFF  
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A bridge in Selkirk has been cited by the state comptroller as having one of the lowest condition ratings in the state, but Albany County officials say that

the public can cross the Route 55 bridge over Vroman Kill with confidence.

A report from Comptroller Thomas Dinapoli identifies 93 bridges across the state with a lower safety rating than the recently demolished Lake Champlain Bridge, which was brought down over safety concerns after an inspection found structural decay.

The Lake Champlain Bridge carried a 3.375 condition rating.

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Caption: This Route 55 span over the Vroman Kill has a DOT condition rating under the recently demolished Lake Champlain Bridge, but officials say that the rating has no bearing on the safety of the bridge.

Charles Wiff/Spotlight

# Police Blotter

## Former U.N. official from Delmar charged in sex sting

Former United Nations weapons inspector and Delmar resident William Scott Ritter has been charged with a number of crimes after allegedly showing himself masturbating on a Web

camera to what he thought was a 15-year-old girl, but in actuality was a police officer.

An affidavit from an officer in the Barrett Township Police Department in Pennsylvania

describes the alleged February 2009 incident in explicit detail. In a chat room on Yahoo instant messenger, Ritter allegedly used the screen name "delmar4fun" to communicate with the police officer, who purported himself to be a minor female named "Emily" from the Poconos. Ritter provided the officer with a link to his Web camera, which showed him masturbating, according to police.

Police said they compared the images to other pictures of Ritter, and found them to be the same person.

He provided police with a cell phone number during the conversation, which police allegedly traced to Ritter through a court order.

The affidavit says that during

the conversation Ritter asked the girl's age and then turned off his camera, saying that he didn't realize she was 15. After further conversation that included explicit language, the officer wrote "guess you turned it off [no problem]" and Ritter responded with "you want to see it finish," reactivated the Web cam and continued to masturbate, according to police.

According to the Barrett Township Police Department, Ritter, 47, of 45 Dover Drive, turned himself in to police on an arrest warrant Nov. 9. He was charged with unlawful contact with a minor, criminal use of a communications facility, corruption of minors, indecent exposure, possessing instruments of crime, criminal attempt and criminal solicitation.

He is out on \$25,000 bail.

At a press conference, prosecutors reportedly said that Ritter's case will go to trial in March, and he could face up to seven years in prison if convicted.

Attempts to reach Ritter's Philadelphia-based attorney were unsuccessful.

Ritter had two sex sting run-ins with police in 2001, but charges were either dismissed or never filed. News of the story broke in 2003, when Ritter was receiving national attention as an outspoken critic of an invasion of Iraq. He reportedly said at the time that the sealed records were leaked to the press in an effort to discredit him.

Ritter served as a weapons inspector in Iraq from 1991 to 1998.

— Charles Wiff

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## Four arrested in Crossgates caper

Four people were arrested on Thursday, Jan. 7, and charged with stealing thousands of dollars worth of merchandise from Crossgates Mall. Michael J. Bialek, 34, of Utica, was charged with grand larceny, a felony, as well as petit larceny, criminal possession of stolen property, and conspiracy, all misdemeanors. Arthur Reynard Gregory, 24, of Syracuse, was charged with grand larceny and conspiracy. Both Rakeya T. Flagg,

16, and Niketa Janet Padilla, 16, of Syracuse, were charged with grand larceny, as well as possession of burglar tools, a misdemeanor.

According to police, the four used "booster" bags that are specially lined to thwart anti-theft devices to steal \$236 worth of merchandise from Macy's at 3:05 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 7. The four then returned about 40 minutes later to allegedly steal an additional \$1,489 dollars worth of property

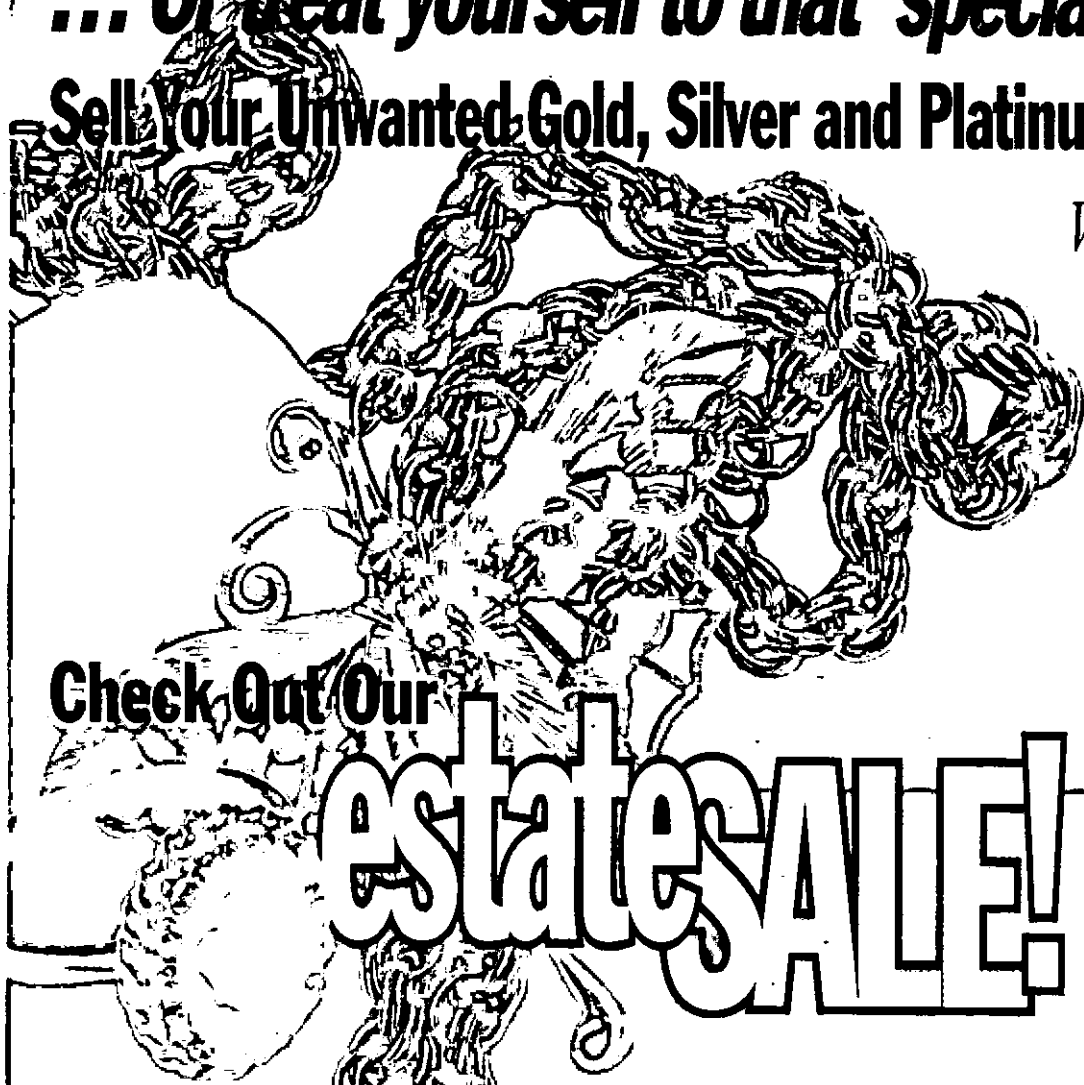
using the bags. Guilderland police arrested the four suspects without incident as they entered their vehicle in the parking lot. According to police, a search of the vehicle yielded \$910 worth of stolen property from Abercrombie & Fitch and \$7,169.42 in cash.

The four were processed at the Guilderland Police Department's main station at Town Hall and arraigned later in the day at Guilderland Town Court.

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## Making tracks



**ABOVE:** Girl Scout Daisies from Guilderland troop 1613, from left, Regan Roberts, Rose Leader, Jane Leader, Cassandra Waldenmaier and Anna Roberts, learn about animal tracks before heading out on snowshoes to find some at the Five Rivers Environmental Education Center in Delmar on Saturday, Jan. 16.

**RIGHT:** The girls take a break from looking for animal tracks while snowshoeing at Five Rivers, during a special program hosted by the center's naturalists. From left are Regan Roberts, Anna Roberts, Rose Leader, Cassandra Waldenmaier and Jane Leader.

Submitted photos



## County buys rail trail land

**Ink dry on purchase of 9-mile strip of open space**

By CHARLES WIFF  
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Albany County officials announced on Wednesday, Jan. 13, the purchase of a 9-mile strip of land that is to become the Albany County Rail Trail.

The county sealed the deal with Canadian Pacific Railway to purchase the land for \$700,000, half of which was provided by a 2003 state Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation grant and the other funds came from Scenic Hudson, a Poughkeepsie-based nonprofit land conservation organization.

"This is an exciting milestone for our community," said County Executive Michael Breslin in a statement. "We have achieved our goal to preserve these 9 miles of scenic open space for future development as the Albany County Rail Trail."

The completed trail is to run from Voorheesville through the towns of New Scotland and Bethlehem into the City of Albany. The trail will eventually be opened to pedestrian and bicycle use, though it is closed to public use until it can be further developed.

"It's not developed into a trail yet and there are several areas that do have steep embankments and there are also several bridges that are not safe for crossing," said Mary Duryea, spokeswoman for the county executive.

The total cost of developing the trail will be \$7.8 million. Construction won't begin until grant money is secured, however. It has long been the intention of county officials to develop the trail at zero cost to taxpayers.

In addition to improving eight of the 10 bridges along the trail, the entire length will be paved. Duryea said that the trail is included for funding of \$2.4 million in the 2007-12 Federal Transportation Improvement Plan, and the county has applied for a Department of Energy grant that could be awarded for up to \$5 million.

"We do have some funding grant opportunities that we are applying for and waiting to hear on," but we of course research other opportunities," she said.

Once funds are raised, all the work should be completed during a single construction season.

Friends of the Rail Trail, or FORT, volunteer group, a committee of the Mohawk Hudson Land Conservancy that has long been campaigning for the development of the trail, praised the land deal.

"We are thrilled this milestone has finally been reached, and join the thousands who will use this trail in thanking the County for its purchase," said Dan Rain, co-chair of FORT, in a statement. "The trail will provide easy, affordable, local options for health and fitness; alternatives for commuting to work; a significant boost to nearby businesses; and vital connections between communities."

## New Scotland mulls ethics reform

**Officials say law needs more clarification**

By RYAN MUNKS  
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On Wednesday, Jan. 13, the New Scotland Town Board planned to vote on the New Scotland Ethics Law, however, after hearing comments at the public hearing preceding the meeting, the board decided to table the measure for a future meeting.

"We've been receiving some written comments and comments at the public hearing - the law needs further clarification," said Supervisor Thomas Dolin.

As proposed, the new ethics law, also known as Local Law A of 2010, revamps the town's ethics board, establishes a code of ethics and sets disclosure requirements for town officials and employees. The law is clear on disclosure and recusal requirements for business transactions; however, it is less clear when it comes to the actions of charitable organizations and not-for-profits.

Dolin specifically referred to comments made by Robert Staph,

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- Supervisor Thomas Dolin

chairman of the town's Planning Board.

Staph said he would like the Town Board to clarify the disclosure requirements of town officials and employees, and also clearly define the circumstances in which town officials would have to recuse themselves.

In addition to his service as chairman of the planning board, Staph is also a member of a number of charitable organizations and a licensed surveyor.

"I have no problem with a conflict of interest with anything I do. I was talking in general. ... I want clarification of what the intent of the law is," said Staph.

Dolin said Staph's questions brought up some interesting issues.

"It was a good point," said Dolin. "We weren't sure of what the law said and we weren't sure

of whether or not we wanted to make it unethical."

Town Attorney Michael Mackey agreed.

"I understood the general nature of his concern; it's a legitimate one," said Mackey.

In addition to setting the disclosure requirements for town employees, the new law also sets rules for the establishment of an ethics board.

Previously, the law stated that the town's ethics board is to be composed of Town Board members. Mackey noticed the law violated New York State's General Municipal Code, when in 2008 Liz Kormos was accused of ethics violations in her capacity as chairwoman of the citizen's zoning advisory committee.

When the town first considered ideas for a new ethics law in October, Mackey said, "You can't

have a majority of the ethics board be officers or employees of the municipality."

The new law mandates that the ethics board is to be composed of five members, all residents of New Scotland. One member of the board is to be a town officer or employee, however, no more than two town officers or employees can sit concurrently on the committee.

The law also states that no member of the ethics board is allowed to hold elected office while serving on the board. This means that members of the Town Board, who previously made up the entire ethics board, will no longer be able to serve as members of the revamped ethics board.

Under the new law, ethics board members will be appointed to three-year terms and their time in office shall not exceed "two consecutive three-year terms." Also under the new law is a provision that says there can be no more than two members of the committee that are registered to the same political party.

"This is essentially Guilderland's law, with essentially minor modifications," said Mackey. Mackey said that the law is based off of a template developed by the state specifically for local towns.

Dolin said the Town Board will consider clarifying provisions pertaining to disclosure and recusal requirements, and that the board hopes to address the issue at its next town board meeting in February.

If an ethics issue arises in the town between now and the time the law is passed and a new ethics board is established, the issue will have to be taken up in the Albany County Ethics Board.

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# 76 trombones and a dozen doughnuts

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Every once in a while I have the urge to yell "shipoo-pi" and I'm not even sure what it means.

For the record, "shipoo-pi" (shi-poo-pi) is not a cuss word, but rather the name of a song and dance number in "The Music Man," a show that opened on Broadway in 1957 and starred Robert Preston in the 1962 film version.

I have never seen the musical, not on Broadway, not at the movies, not on TV or DVD, but I've been learning all about it ever since my eighth-grader got a role in Bethlehem Middle School's production of the musical.

Adults express shocked disbelief when I say that I've never seen "The Music Man." Then they start saying things like "There's trouble in River City" (which just makes me shrug my shoulders) or they start singing "Seventy-six Trombones" (which I can hum along to) or they tell me to rent the movie.

I caught a snippet of the show a few weeks ago when I brought my daughter to rehearsal.

"Let's run Shipoo-pi," said one of the two music teachers serving as the shows co-directors. And then the entire

## Commentary:

### From Robin's Nest



cast filed on stage and the singing and dancing began.

I got to see the Shipoo-pi dance number several times. Some cast members were not holding their poses at the song's end, most were coming in late on the "do-re-mi-fa-so-la" part, and others forgot to shout out the final "Shi-poo-pi!" The directors ran the number over and over, providing guidance and reminders to the cast to help improve the performance.

In another scene, there is a group of young gentlemen singing lovingly to their wives. The director needs these middle school boys to harmonize with expressions of dreamy adoration. She motivates them with one word: doughnuts. (Hey, who doesn't swoon over doughnuts?)

The bottom line is that these patient and creative teachers want the students to have a challenging and memorable experience. They set high expectations and the students rise to the occasion. I've been attending these middle school productions for years and they



Bethlehem Middle Schoolers James Taggart, Louis Gargiula, Jeremy Fa k, Jack Kissinger, and Braden Skripak-Gordon rehearse for a February production of "The Music Man."

Submitted photo

are wonderful to watch.

"The Music Man" boasts a 65-member cast, which is supported by a nearly equal number of students on the technical crew. The technical crew members are the unsung heroes of the production, whose behind-the-scenes efforts are key to the success of the show. The technical crew includes many students who have no interest in the on-stage roles and also students who auditioned but did not receive acting parts.

In sixth and seventh grade, my daughter participated in the musicals by building and painting the sets and being a part of the running crew. The running crew members run on and off the stage changing and positioning parts of the scenery and props. Running crew involves only short bursts of running in between a lot of waiting. However, members of the crew have to attend all the rehearsals so that they know when and where they need to run.

This year, Rachel decided to audition for the cast. She attended workshops to learn a song and dance. At the auditions, the students had to sing by themselves, perform a dance in small groups and also read lines from a scene in the show.

I told her she had nothing to lose by trying. I said, "If you audition you may not get an acting part, but if you don't audition, then you definitely won't have an acting part."

And then, like a dutiful parent, I prayed that she would get selected because I know from personal experience what it's like to suffer the disappointment of not getting cast in a show. It can be a real ego bruiser, even for an adult doing community-

based theater. And when it's a child who doesn't get selected, both the child and the parents feel the anguish.

I am impressed that 150 kids gathered the gumption to audition for the 65 parts. And I am unbelievably proud that my daughter was one of them. Her getting a part was icing on the cake.

I went to the mandatory meeting for parents to see how I could get involved. What I really wanted was to have an acting part in the play. Not surprisingly, parents were not eligible for on-stage roles, not even short parents, like me, who from a distance could pass for a middle-school student.

I looked over the long list of committees. They needed help with costumes (I don't sew) and make-up (most days I apply only Chapstick) and chaperoning (I can't even get my own kid to listen to me). There were committees for props, program, tickets, set construction, ushers, post-production party, memorabilia and more. I took a deep breath and added my husband's name to the set construction list!

Despite being extra shipoo-pi out these days juggling homework, cello practice, dance lessons, religion class and these rehearsals, Rachel loves being part of the show and it's clear her schoolmates share the sentiment. They've been rehearsing and preparing since October, and the excitement mounts as the set comes to life, costumes are assembled and opening night approaches.

As is typical for school plays, the audience is largely the friends, family and classmates of the cast and crew. However, you don't have to know anyone involved in the production to enjoy the show.

"The Music Man" runs February 2, 4, 5, and 6 at 7 p.m. at the Bethlehem Middle School. For ticket information or other questions send an e-mail to: BCMStix@nycap.rr.com.



## WEEKLY WEATHER

Chief Meteorologist Mike Bono

### Albany Almanac

#### Record high/low/year

#### AVERAGE HIGH 31° AVERAGE LOW 12°

Day	High/Year	Low/Year
Wednesday, January 20	53°/2006	-22°/1970
Thursday, January 21	61°/2006	-18°/1994
Friday, January 22	62°/1906	-20°/1984
Saturday, January 23	64°/1906	-20°/1970
Sunday, January 24	54°/1999	-17°/1948
Monday, January 25	61°/1938	-12°/1963
Tuesday, January 26	59°/1950	-17°/1920

SEASONAL SNOWFALL TO DATE  
17.5 inches as of Friday, January 15<sup>th</sup>  
9.3 inches below average

#### This week in weather

January 21<sup>st</sup> 1985 Three days of snow squalls at Buffalo finally came to an end. The International Airport reported 34" of snowfall and up to 47" in the suburbs of Buffalo. President Reagan took an oath indoors for his second term on the coldest Inauguration Day of record. It was 7 degrees at noon in DC with winds chills of 10 to 20 degrees below

#### Sun & Moon

Day	Sunrise	Sunset
Wednesday	7:20am	4:53pm
Thursday	7:19am	4:54pm
Friday	7:18am	4:56pm
Saturday	7:18am	4:57pm
Sunday	7:17am	4:58pm
Monday	7:16am	4:59pm
Tuesday	7:15am	5:01pm

#### Moon Phases

January 23<sup>rd</sup> First      January 30<sup>th</sup> Full



Planets	When	Where
Jupiter	Dusk	Low, SW
Mars	Evening	Reddish, E
Saturn	Dawn	SSW
Mercury	Dawn	V Low, SE

#### Factoid

The "January Thaw" is usually described as a period of above freezing temperatures following a cold spell, typically taking place from the middle to the latter portion of January.

#### Area Ski Conditions

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Whiteface	23" - 35"	8	73	Sugarbush	20" - 37"	12	110
Eromley	23" - 37"	5	44	Hunter Mtn.	24" - 60"	7	47
Mt. Snow	20" - 28"	10	74	Jay Peak	24" - 36"	8	74
Okemo	30" - 42"	15	115	Jiminy Peak	38" - 70"	5	42
Eelleyre	22" - 44"	6	47	Windham	20" - 44"	6	46
Stowe	24" - 48"	11	106	Smugglers'	24" - 65"	6	77
Killington	32" - 44"	16	134	West Mtn.	12" - 48"	5	15

#### Tides at Albany

Day	High	Low
Wednesday	8:06am, 8:10pm	2:35am, 2:59pm
Thursday	8:50am, 8:52pm	3:17am, 3:51pm
Friday	9:39am, 9:42pm	4:03am, 4:46pm
Saturday	10:33am, 10:41pm	4:52am, 5:43pm
Sunday	11:31am, 11:46pm	5:46am, 6:40pm
Monday	12:31pm	6:41am, 7:37pm
Tuesday	12:53am, 1:30pm	7:37am, 8:31pm

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## McKownville neighbors: Dorms too close for comfort

**Harriman board votes  
to support original plan  
to build on 3.3-acre site**

By RYAN MUNKS  
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At its Monday, Jan. 10, meeting, the Harriman Research and Technology Development Corporation board of directors rejected a plan to build University at Albany dorms on 11 acres of the Harriman State Office campus.

Instead, the board favors the original plan to give 3.3 acres of state office land to the University at Albany for the purpose of building dorms. In that proposal, the university would use additional land on the southeast corner of the campus, behind University Plaza, to make up for the additional space they would need for the 500-bed dormitory.

Jola Szubielski, a press officer for the Empire State Development Corporation, said the board chose the 3.3-acre plan over the 11-acre plan because it would have less of an impact on future development.

"It [the 3.3-acre plan] has less of an impact on the Harriman redevelopment process, as the 11-acre plan would mean the loss of prime potential development land," said Szubielski. "The board also feels the 11-acre plan would have a significant impact on traffic due to the proposed modification of the ring road."

Don Reeb, president of the McKownville Improvement Association, which represents the neighborhood near the campus, said he was disappointed the board chose to favor the original plan.

"It's a foolish thing to have so much in the way of office space, and so much in need for dorms, and not see the relationship of the two," said Reeb.

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Don Reeb, president of the McKownville Improvement Association

In an e-mail to McKownville Improvement Association members, Reeb said, "There is no good reason to destroy neighborhoods to expand dormitory space when a partially vacant Harriman campus is conjoined to the University campus, beyond the current project."

Szubielski said that while the state office campus does have 140 acres (out of 330 acres) of vacant land available for development, the Harriman Research and Technology Development Corporation has other plans in mind for the land laid out in their 2006 master plan.

"The board is in negotiations with the Columbia Development team currently to develop the first phase of the project, with a focus on technology, [research and development] and/or related office space," said Szubielski in an e-mail.

Reeb, a retired professor of economics at the university, said he is concerned about the impact of the future expansion of the university's dorms on the neighborhood.

"Roughly 4,000 people live in McKownville. I get calls from time to time asking if the university is going to build in McKownville," said Reeb.

Reeb said he believes that the plan favored by the board on Monday is going to be the first of several new dormitories to be built by the university. He said the university's sports fields, located closer to the McKownville border, are a possible site for future building. McKownville begins

around the Western Avenue entrance to the university and includes parts of the campus.

Karl Luntta, media relations director for the University at Albany, said, "Due to the outcome of the meeting, we will be moving forward with the original plans."

Including the use of state office land, the entire project will encompass approximately 15 acres.

The site is expected to house 500 students, however, Luntta said, "We will likely engineer the site to build an additional 500 beds," meaning the site could eventually house 1,000 students.

Luntta said the concerns of the community have been factored into the planning of the expansion.

"We have been meeting with the neighbors and community at hearings for the last year," said Luntta.

He said in response to residents' concerns, new construction will include the addition of a berm and 100-foot tree line to shield neighbors from the dorms. He also said the university is considering relocating Campus Road to provide an additional buffer between the dorms and the neighbors.

Despite the efforts by the university to make the dorms more community-friendly, Reeb said he would have preferred the entire project be built on the state office campus.

"It would make a lot of people around here a lot more comfortable," said Reeb.

## Banking pioneers



Bethlehem Supervisor Sam Messina, third from right, helps cut the ribbon on the new Pioneer Bank at 184 Delaware Ave. on Jan. 11. Messina was joined by John Murray, President, Chairman and CEO of Rose & Kiernan and Pioneer's board chair, and other dignitaries. A six-week New Year/ grand opening celebration held at the branch will include giveaways, account incentives and a \$516 Cheers to the New Year Sweepstakes available only at the Delmar location.

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# Matters of Opinion *in the* Spotlight

## Good planning

Most politicians like to do things in grand, sweeping gestures.

Money isn't really saved or spent unless it's done in the tens of thousands, and press releases don't go out for any savings, grants or aid unless the dollar amounts warrant the coverage.

Many politicians operate with this in mind — looking for the “press-conference-level” of savings instead of remembering a little ditty they learned in grade school:

“Five pennies make a nickel,  
Two nickels make a dime.  
Two dimes and a nickel  
Make a quarter every time.”

That's why it's refreshing to see the Bethlehem town and planning boards consider doing away with two vacant seats on the Planning Board and saving the taxpayers a little over \$10,000.

The vacancies came about as a result of some shake-up between the Planning Board and the Zoning Board of Appeals. The Town Board appointed Planning Board member Daniel Coffey to chair the Zoning Board of Appeals for a five-year term, leaving his seat absent. Planning Board member and former *Spotlight* editor Katherine McCarthy will be retiring after serving on the board since 2003. We wish them both success in their new ventures.

Supervisor Sam Messina said a posting for resumes for the Planning and Zoning board openings on the town's Web site had generated 15 responses. The Town Board should evaluate those candidates thoroughly, pick the two best candidates and then see if the Planning Board can do without them.

There will be some who say a five-member board isn't as diverse as a seven-member board, most likely the same people who talk of the existence of two Bethlehems — Delmar and everywhere else. They have a point, but nothing is as diverse as an open mind, and we at *The Spotlight* feel the right five people, representing the town as a whole and not any hamlet over another, would be sufficient for the Planning Board.

This would make town government a little leaner and save the taxpayers a little bit of money in the process. Ten grand isn't a lot at the municipal level, certainly not in a town as big Bethlehem. With around 33,000 people in town, the savings are a mere 30 cents per person. Take into account that only a portion of that number are taxpayers, and the savings go up. Not astronomically, but, as your first-grade teacher tried to hammer into your head all those years ago, it adds up.

## Editorial

## Red... so much more than a color

By KATHY LANNI

*The writer is an account manager with Broadblast Communications and volunteer chairwoman of the American Heart Association's Go Red For Women Luncheon on May 18.*

I Go Red for my daughter ... and you?

February is American Heart Month, which is a great time to make a personal connection with your heart and a personal commitment to get heart healthy. How? The first step is to join the hundreds of thousands of people across the country and wear red on Friday, Feb. 5, and donate \$5 to the American Heart Association to show your support of the Go Red movement and commitment to your heart.

Last year, 500 work sites in the Capital District went red, which set a new record. Landmarks in Albany that have gone red in the past include Nipper the Dog, the Palace Theater, the Albany Trolleys and First Fridays. I'd love to break that record this year and I know together we can. Please, jump on board and join the Go Red movement. Do it for yourself, do it for our grandmothers, sisters, daughters and girlfriends. It truly is a matter of life or death.

My introduction to heart disease was one of those awful moments that comes up and kicks you in the stomach suddenly with the news that someone you love is in trouble. What is unusual is that I got that call and heard those words about my 18-year-old daughter. I could hear the words “heart block” and “pacemaker” coming out of the doctors' mouth, but they sounded as though I was underwater and I was rushing to come to the surface to breathe in, panicked that I was drowning. My daughter, Erin, sat there with her lip beginning to quiver because the tone in the room had suddenly gone serious and as

## Point of View

our eyes met, I melted. Being a nurse, I knew we were in trouble, but being a mother I also knew I had to pull myself together quickly because Erin needed me. Welcome to heart disease.

Erin was a freshman at Providence College home on spring break when at a routine physical the doctor noticed that Erin's pulse was only 40 beats per minute. We had always known that her pulse was low, but we just attributed it to the fact that she was very active, participated in sports, and was a regular at the gym. Healthy we thought, efficient. My radar was up when the doctor did an EKG on the spot and had an echocardiogram scheduled for later that day.

That visit propelled us to the next step, our “emergency visit” to a cardiologist where we learned that Erin had third degree heart block and may need a pacemaker. I could not believe what I was hearing. Pacemakers were not for 18-year-olds. I was panicked and she was just sitting there looking at me trying to make sense of what was happening to her as tears flowed slowly and quietly down her frightened face. We left with a list of do's and don'ts as she was slated to head back to college on Monday with more medical tests to follow. Back to college? I was too scared to let her go; I wanted to just sit with her in my arms until I knew she would be OK. It was my job to protect her. What if something happened to her heart and I was not able to get to her in time? She insisted; I had to let her go. Driving out of that parking lot in front of her dorm was the hardest thing I have ever done. My heart ached and my husband and I both cried as we pulled away and just prayed that she would be okay until we saw her in a few weeks.

On June 10, 2006, Erin had her pacemaker implanted. It is still hard for us to believe that she has one, but now she is doing great. She feels better than she ever did and we are so grateful that we found out before her situation turned fatal. For Erin, a routine physical literally saved her life.

After we got Erin through her surgery, my husband Greg and I vowed that we would get involved with the American Heart Association in honor of Erin. You see, we need the

American Heart Association to keep Erin alive. The Go Red for Women cause, which raises awareness about and funds to fight heart disease in women, was a program that we instantly connected to. Heart disease is the No. 1 killer of women, and stroke follows closely as No. 3. Current statistics tell us that one in three women dies of heart disease. With so much of heart disease preventable, why is it claiming so many lives? This trend has to stop and we all have the power to do it. What can you do to take action and take care of your heart? It's simple. Join me and the Go Red movement today and learn to love your heart.

The Go Red for Women movement celebrates the energy, passion and power we have as women to band together and wipe out heart disease and stroke. Our symbol, the red dress, goes along with the motto, “know your numbers like you know your dress size.” The first thing you can do is go to the Web site [www.GoRedforWomen.org](http://www.GoRedforWomen.org) and become a member of the Go Red for Women movement. On the Web site you can take the heart checkup, learn the signs and symptoms of heart disease and stroke, enroll in a free 12-week online course that can makeover your heart, and so much more. The online course gives you step-by-step guidance, daily expert tips, an online journal, and downloadable coaching tools to get you on your way to a healthier heart. Second, the most important thing you can do is get a physical. With heart disease, what you don't know can kill you.

Erin's is a story of success. Thanks to the work of the American Heart Association, Erin has the chance to live a long, active and healthy life. I urge you to join me and encourage all of the women in your life to join the Go Red movement. Wear red with pride on Friday, Feb. 5; organize a Go Red Day at your work site; and join us on Tuesday, May 18 as we come together and celebrate at the seventh annual Go Red for Women luncheon at the Desmond Hotel.

For information about participating in National Wear Red Day or the Go Red for Women luncheon, please call Kathy McCarthy at the American Heart Association at 869-4049 or e-mail me directly at [kathy@broadblastonline.com](mailto:kathy@broadblastonline.com) to see how you can get involved. Together we can change, one woman — or man — at a time.

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# Your Opinion *in the* Spotlight

## Slingerlands family deserving of tribute

Editor, *The Spotlight*:

This is a comment in response to the article written by Charles Wiff in the Jan. 14 issue of *The Spotlight Newspaper*.

"History still stands in Slingerlands" is an informative piece of local history and a much-needed description of the lovely hamlet of Slingerlands. What is important is that our community continues to revel in its history and learn from their founding fathers.

The hamlet gets its name from the Slingerlands family, who for many generations contributed to the country's well being and our beloved Town of Bethlehem. Such issues as tenants' rights, the Homestead Act and the founding of the Republican Party can be attributed to the activities of this very conscientious, civic-minded family.

What was noticeably absent

in the informative article was the mention of the gravesite that houses and protects the Slingerlands' family remains. Situated near the popular Mangia's, the vault was recently cleared of weeds and wild brush with the hopes of removing the bright orange plastic fencing.

Hopefully, come this spring, renewed efforts made possible with the collaboration of property owners and the town, a simple black fence can be placed around the fine "standing" obelisk to give tribute and reverence to those who passed but left our town a better place to live in.

Respect for the dead is tantamount to the living memories of working men and women who lived and acted for the better good of mankind.

Virginia Acquario  
Delmar

## Sincere thanks to a caring community

Editor, *The Spotlight*:

Over a year ago, I ran into a friend that I hadn't seen in years from high school. Over time, we decided to get people together for a mini-reunion for the Bethlehem Central High School class of '82. We've had a couple locally, where we meet-up and catch-up. It's been a lot of fun.

In doing so, we have found out that, as in many families and over time and with age, so many people have faced various health issues, terminal illnesses and family deaths. This got me thinking and then we met as a group in organizing another "mini-reunion" and we discussed taking on a fundraiser every year for a member of our class or the community that is facing one of these crisis.

I had come up with the name, Taking Care of Our Own. We weren't planning on being a large charity, but one that could help take a "little edge off" and bring love and support to families. Little did I know, that my own family was in crisis. My older brother, Ric, was diagnosed with colon/liver/intestinal cancer at the age of 50. We just couldn't believe it — Ric had a stroke while on Army maneuver's at the age of 26, which left him with right residual affects and permanently disabled, and now, twenty-four years later, he has terminal cancer, with 2-to-5 years to live.

Ric has three son's, Richard, 27, Nicholas, 25, and Gavin, 6, and they have never been on a vacation together. I thought, "Wouldn't it be wonderful to do something for Ric to be able to have a memorable time with his three sons?" With his being on disability and having his two older sons in college, it didn't seem possible. So I decided that this is where I would put my effort to be able to do something to make this dream come true for my brother and his boys. To have a memory that would carry them

through the tough road ahead.

So, on behalf of my family and my brother, Ric Root, I would like to sincerely thank everyone that came out to the fundraiser that was held Dec. 23 at the Pearl Street Pub in Albany. We were overwhelmed with the turnout, since it was put together in a couple of weeks in order for Ric's son to be there from college in Los Angeles.

We would also like to thank our sponsors, The Pearl Street Pub for the donation of the banquet room for the event, Darrin Kibbey at 88.3 The Saint for PSA announcements, and Siena Saint tickets, Harvey at Express Productions for being a great DJ, Steve Barnes and Kristi Gustafson for their TU Blogs, FLY-92.3 for their donation of CD's and other station goods, Delaware Plaza Liquor Store, Franklin's Towers, Jack's Oyster

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We are truly blessed to have felt that support, caring and love of the community, words can never express that kind of appreciation we feel. I guess the best I can say is what an elderly gentleman use to say that came into My Place & Co. when I worked there: "It's nice to be important, but more important to be nice."

Barb Root-Veltman  
Taking Care of Our Own  
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Slingerlands

## Time to get involved in school budget process

Editor, *The Spotlight*:

Everybody wants to complain about school taxes and the funding crisis but no one wants to do anything.

Tuesday night, Jan. 12, the Bethlehem School Board held the first of three Budget Forums. Attendance, like last year, was a disgrace. The small audience was primarily composed of board members, teachers, administrators and parents. It reflects apathy in the community that is incredible when you think that it is not only important for our kids but also impacts directly on our pocketbooks.

There are 20,948 registered voters in the BC School District. In last year's election there were 2,410 yes votes versus 1,215 no votes.

So what was publicized as a 66.5-percent margin win was actually passed by 11.5 percent of the eligible voters in the district.

There are 12,000 plots in the District and 5,000 students.

When you consider families with multiple children, that means that most of us feel we have no stake in the school budget.

That would be wrong.

The next meeting will be at the Middle School on Tuesday, Jan. 26, at 7 p.m. There are important issues that we need to apply pressure to our elected representatives over and there are just not enough of us involved to do that.

We all need to get involved and we all need to vote.

Philip W. Carter  
Slingerlands

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Members of the Bethlehem Central High School Student Senate dropped off winter coats to the Interfaith Coalition for the Homeless in Albany in December. The group collected over 100 coats. From left to right: President Sam Stern, Secretary Gavin Tougher, Senator Brianna Finkle, Brenna Smith and Mike Tracey.

Submitted photo

## Student group helps homeless bundle up

For the second year in a row, the student senate at Bethlehem Central High School has collected over 100 winter coats for a holiday season donation.

Senate volunteers manned collection sites at the high school over the winter break, said Senate President Sam Stern, and were inundated with donations.

"I think everyone pitched in," he said. "It was a really good result."

An exact count of the coats donated was not available, but they were taken to the Interfaith Coalition for the Homeless in Albany. Interfaith Director of

Development Bonnie St. Onge said that the senate is easily one of the largest contributors to their winter coat program.

"Because it was right before the holidays, we had a lot more people coming in for assistance," she said. "To have those coats available for children and adults...it just worked very nicely."

The student senate is made up of representatives from each of the high school's four grades and focuses on helping school clubs, fundraising and working with administrators to address student needs and concerns.

—Charles Wiff

Editor, *The Spotlight*:

I'm writing this letter due to my concern for the political health of the Bethlehem community.

My concern emanates from several recent developments. First, at the swearing-in ceremony for newly elected Supervisor Sam Messina, neither the departing Supervisor nor any member of the Town Board was in attendance. Then, in reading Mr. Cunningham's Bethlehem Town Report, prepared before he vacated office, he chose to ignore the election and any discussion of the transition to a new administration.

Certainly after a hard-fought political contest some bad feelings can be expected. In our political democracy, there are not infrequent transitions. However, even following the nastiest campaigns, there is at least a perfunctory acknowledgement of the succession and perhaps the most disingenuous offer of good will. But remarkably, in this collegial town, no such public expression was offered.

This is a most interesting political community. Living in the shadow of our State Capitol, we see clearly the dysfunctionality arising from politics at its worst. And state politics is in fact the worst, reflecting everything abhorrent in public governance. Since we

get to witness that horror show with some proximity, Bethlehem voters appear to prefer politicians who are non-political. The two most popular town officials over the past several decades have been Sheila Fuller and Terri Egan, who both achieved electoral success with an ostensibly non-partisan approach. Similarly, in the 2009 election, Sam Messina was elected, against seemingly overwhelming odds, as he may have been viewed as the less political candidate.

Perhaps these storm clouds will pass, and our elected officials will come to a less partisan view toward town governance. However, the recent unfortunate comments of a town board member — that the appointment of the deputy supervisor smacked of "cronyism" — was hardly a step in the right direction. The appointee in question, Mr. Smolinsky, has an extensive record of public service, including planning boards, neighborhood associations, and conservation-related activities, which should

be applauded. Consequently the suggestion of "cronyism" does little to advance the public discourse.

For the record, Mr. Messina spoke at the swearing in of the need for bipartisanship and cooperation with the Town Board. He also referred to how hard his predecessor had worked on behalf of the Town and the need for them to cooperate in the transition. Although Mr. Cunningham and his allies chose to ignore this event, it can be hoped that the message of the new supervisor's remarks will prevail and all sides can work professionally toward the public good.

If not, then we should elect independently minded officials who can work together without political gamesmanship. The last thing this community wants is a highly charged and divisive political environment along the lines of what we see in the State Capitol.

Vince Moehringer  
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Sara Brennan, of Guilderland, and David Pratt, of Rexford, enjoy an appetizer at Athos Restaurant on Western Avenue. Athos will be one of 13 restaurants participating in Restaurant Week, which takes place Jan. 25 to 30.

Ryan Munks/Spotlight

## G'land Restaurant Week a feast for the senses

**Organizers hope first-ever winter event will inspire people to go out on the town despite the cold**

By RYAN MUNKS  
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The Guilderland Chamber of Commerce wants everyone to get a taste for what local eateries have to offer at Restaurant Week, to be held Monday, Jan. 25, until Saturday, Jan. 30.

During that time, patrons will be able to dine at participating restaurants for a set price of \$18.03, which will include a choice of appetizer, entrée and dessert.

The price of \$18.03 was set in honor of the Town of Guilderland's founding date of 1803.

"It's been great. They get customers they usually wouldn't get and those customers return," said Erika Gauthier, program and membership manager of the Guilderland Chamber of Commerce. Gauthier also said many customers take advantage of the low prices offered during the week to dine at multiple locations participating in restaurant week.

The Chamber sponsored the first Restaurant Week in the summer of 2008, and continued the tradition in the summer of 2009. This will be the first time it will be held in winter.

"Considering this would be our first wintertime Restaurant Week, we are hoping to help give the restaurants a boost during an otherwise slow season," said Gauthier.

Tesoro Italian Restaurant owner Rafael Sainati said the restaurant participated in the summer's Restaurant Week and the event was so successful, he decided to hold his own fixed-price menu promotion in October and November.

"I did it last year and it brings in new people," said Sainati.

Connie Ware, owner of Mezza Notte Ristorante, located on Western Avenue, said Restaurant Week does a lot to bring attention to the Town of Guilderland.

"We want to take part in whatever we can to promote Guilderland," said Ware, adding that it is closer to Downtown Albany than many people think.

"Restaurant Week gives a chance to people who wouldn't normally come to Mezza Notte, to come and see what Mezza Notte is all about," said Ware.

George Danes, co-owner of Athos Restaurant, said the event gives his restaurant needed exposure.

"Being a new restaurant in the area, we want to be open to the possibility of exposing people to classic Greek cuisine," he said. "January normally is a slow time, stimulating business is always a positive thing."

Danes also said he believes Restaurant Week will help encourage people to venture out into the cold and into local restaurants.

Gauthier echoed those sentiments.

"This is also a terrific way for the rest of us to get out and enjoy some good food to help beat the winter blues," she said. "It's that time of year when no one really wants to get out and go anywhere due to the cold, so we thought this would be a fun way to get everyone out. The local restaurants really took to this idea for this time of year."

For information on Restaurant Week, including a complete list of participating restaurants, menus, and other restaurant information, visit the event's Web site at [www.tasteofguilderland.com](http://www.tasteofguilderland.com), or call the Guilderland Chamber of Commerce at 456-6611.

## Medical group partners with McDonald House

**Capital Region Special Surgery to sell hearts through Valentine's Day**

By CHARLES WIFF  
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A Slingerlands medical group is partnering with the Ronald McDonald House Charities of the Capital Region for an annual fundraiser in hopes of bolstering donations and widening the campaign's net.

From now through Feb. 14, red and gold paper hearts are available for purchase at the practices of Capital Region Special Surgery and other participating business around the area. The hearts are sold for \$1 and \$5.

This will be the first time CRSS has partnered with the Ronald McDonald House, said CRSS spokeswoman Sarah Nicole Mahoney.

"We feel like we've established ourselves enough that it's really time to start giving back in a big way," she said. "The money goes a long way and it stays local."

Sara Scheid, a pediatric specialist, spearheaded the formation of the partnership. She operates at Albany Medical and is familiar with the help the organization can provide to families with sick children.

"We are delighted to be partnering with the Ronald McDonald House," Scheid said in a statement. "This is an admirable

cause and one that I am honored to be a part of."

Ronald McDonald House Charities of the Capital Region Executive Director Jeff Yule emphasized that although the organization is partnered with McDonald's, the group does not send any money out of the area.

"All of the money that we raise ... stays right here in the market," he said. "It's a terribly, terribly important fundraiser for us."

The drive has developed from bringing in \$8,000 10 years ago, to more than \$100,000 last year. In tough economic times when large corporate gifts tend to diminish, the support of individual donors becomes even more important, Yule said. In 2009, a decrease in the size of the average gift was offset by an increase in donors, for example.

"We've made our living off minor gifts," Yule said.

RMHC provides services to the families of children under 21 with a hospital room in Albany Medical Center and a 16-bedroom house where families who find themselves in Albany due to a

child's medical emergency can stay. About 500 families average a stay of eight nights every year in the house, Yule said.

The group also runs a mobile-dental program that tours area schools.

Yule said that he's happy to partner with CRSS not only because of their existing professional relationship, but because it will hopefully open the doors to other practices.

"Down the road, there's the opportunity to not only raise money in those doctors' offices, but a lot of those doctors they serve might be doctors who are referring patients to Albany Med, and they can tell their families about the McDonald House," he said.

Hearts will also be for sale at select Keybank, Grand Union Markets, Red Kap Sales, Colonie Manor and more. You can donate online at [www.rmhc.org](http://www.rmhc.org). RMHC will also hold its annual radiothon from Jan. 28 to 30 on various area stations. They will broadcast from Crossgates Mall on Saturday, Jan. 30.

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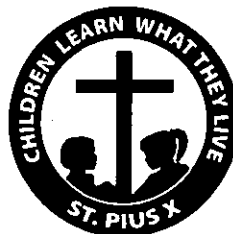


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# Community asked to help BCSD with tough decisions

## BC officials outline a dark fiscal picture at first budget forum

By CHARLES WIFF  
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Taxpayers in the Bethlehem Central School District turned out on the evening of Tuesday, Jan. 12, at the Bethlehem Central Middle School for the first of three community budget forums designed to guide district officials in the budget process.

Approximately 50 residents, teachers and administrators were in attendance, and they listened to Superintendent Michael Tebbano's sobering assessment of where the district stands fiscally, and where it will go in the coming year.

"We are predicting a tough year financially, once again," he said.

The community budget forums were started last year. Board of Education President James Dering said Tuesday that the interaction with the public was helpful in crafting this year's budget.

"The more that people hear about the process and the difficulties we're going through, the better," he said. "If people participate in the budget process, it makes for a much better budget."

Like last year, BC is presented with the task of drafting a budget during uncertain economic times. Tebbano stressed that the district's eventual decisions hinge on events in Albany, where Gov. David Paterson and some legislators see school aid payments as an area ripe for cuts.

"If the legislature decides to back the governor on some

of these initiatives, we would find ourselves in a very difficult fiscal situation," Tebbano said. "Last year, we cut a lot out of the programs, and unfortunately this year we may have to cut even deeper to shape this budget."

Even if the district presented the same programming as it did this year, it would still be more expensive, due to inflation. Combined with an expected slight decline in revenues, the district would likely face a \$4 million shortfall to balancing a \$91 million budget, even before factoring in likely state aid reductions.

"That gap is what's going to cause us concern over the next few months," said Chief Business and Financial Officer Judith Kehoe.

The district was faced with a similar situation last year, and made numerous cuts to balance the budget. Still remaining in this tiered reduction plan are "tier 3" cuts, which would save the district an estimated \$2.5 million. Tier 3 includes the elimination of 11 full time teaching positions, 10 support staff positions, 3 administrative or supervisory positions and sharp reductions to athletics, extracurricular and enrichment activities.

"We're running out of options as far as what we can do to cut things back," Tebbano said.

Then there's the state government's fiscal situation to consider. About 32 percent of BC's \$87.6 million budget consisted of state aid this year, and with a worsening fiscal climate in Albany, school officials are bracing for a decrease.

In December, Gov. David Paterson made good on a promise to withhold aid payments to schools in an effort to balance the state's books. Ten percent, or



Bethlehem Central School District Superintendent Michael Tebbano provided a sobering assessment of the district's financial outlook at the first of three community budget forums at the middle school. Like last year, the district is collecting input from the public as the budget process begins.

Charles Wiff/Spotlight

\$105,000, was trimmed from BC's quarterly payment, but Paterson announced recently the aid is being released.

But \$105,000 is a drop in the bucket when compared to what district officials are predicting will befall schools when next year's state budget is drawn up. The best-case scenario is that aid stays flat, but officials are anticipating an aid reduction of anywhere from \$2.5 million to \$4 million.

Lynne Lenhardt, who serves on the state School Boards Association Board of Directors, expressed her own frustration with state government and drew attention to her group's new Be The Change for Kids initiative, which is aimed at lobbying legislators to better fund education.

The group produced a video that can be viewed at [www.bethechangeforkids.org](http://www.bethechangeforkids.org) that will be circulated to lawmakers.

"It outlines what's important to us as parents, as community members, for our children," Lenhardt said.

Questions from the audience Tuesday covered a range of topics, from big picture concerns

to individual situations. The issues of class size, teacher reductions, multiage classrooms, transportation and teacher contracts were all hit on.

Resident Philip Carter wondered if the teacher's union would consider delaying contractual salary increases in light of the fiscal situation.

"I don't think teachers are overpaid...but people on social security are getting zero in the next few years," Carter said. "I don't understand why there can't be some sharing of the pain."

Last year, the district and teachers brokered a deal to defer contractual cost of living increases, which saved \$600,000 in the 2009-10 budget. Additionally, eight teachers will be taking advantage of an early retirement incentive for \$425,000 worth of savings in next year's budget.

Tebbano said all avenues are open right now, and if raises were further delayed it could very well save teaching positions.

Depending on staffing levels and enrolment, the continuing use of multiage or combinations classrooms is still on the table, Tebbano said. Combining groups

of students in adjoining grades into one classroom can help alleviate class size concerns for administrators, though some parents last year protested the practice.

Parents in the audience voiced differing opinions of multiage and combination classrooms during the forum. A presentation on the findings of a committee formed to study the subject will be given at the Wednesday, Jan. 20, Board of Education meeting.

Tebbano said that the school board is withholding judgment on the fate of multiage classrooms for now.

"The process is unfolding," he said. "The board wants to see what happens as the budget process goes along."

Cuts would not just affect activity in the classroom, though. Resident Jonathan Fishbein said that as the parent of a varsity athlete, he would be willing to pay extra to allow his child to participate since varsity athletics are an additional experience not every student wants to or can engage in.

"I think that's one place where parents, if they want their kids to play, show have to step up," he said.

While modified sports were retained, cuts were made to the athletic program last year, including the controversial decision to suspend night games. Several in the audience said that the district should have worked as hard to retain music and arts programs as they did to save sports.

Kehoe said that no matter how wide the gap, the district won't solely rely on cutbacks or tax hikes to close it.

"It's not any single solution, it's going to be a combination of different things," she said.

There will be additional budget forums held at the Middle School from 7 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 26, and Tuesday, Feb. 9. Additionally, the forums are to be televised on TV-18/Bethlehem on Saturdays at 9 p.m. and Tuesdays at 2 p.m.

District officials will also be making posts about the forums and budget process on the district's Web site, [www.bcsd.k12.ny.us](http://www.bcsd.k12.ny.us), under the "Budget & Finance" section. Residents were encouraged to contact Tebbano through the Web site with additional comments.

The budget vote is scheduled for May 18.

## IN BRIEF

### Rotary Club to host wine tasting

The Rotary Club of Delmar is hosting "A Wine Tasting Evening" on Friday, Jan. 22, at 7 p.m. at 18 Caldwell Boulevard in Slingerlands. In addition to wines poured and discussed by vintner experts at Delaware Plaza Wine & Liquor, appetizers and desserts will be served. Guests will be entertained with parlor magic.

The cost is \$25 per person, and proceeds benefit community service programs carried out by the club.

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# McEneny holds census talk at G'land library

**Assemblyman says population survey plays vital role in the allotment of resources**

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On Thursday, Jan. 14, the Guilderland Public Library hosted Assemblyman John J. McEneny D-Albany, who spoke about his experiences as census director in 1980 and about the importance of the upcoming 2010 census.

McEneny said the purpose of the census is the same today as it was when the first census was taken in 1790 – to determine the population of the states.

After the failed attempt to exist as a confederacy, relatively autonomously under the Articles of Confederation, the 13 original states made the decision in 1789 to form a union.

Among the most contentious issues of the time was deciding the amount of representation each state would have in the national legislature. Smaller states, such as Delaware and Rhode Island, wanted to have each state allotted equal representation. However, larger states – then New York and Virginia – wanted to have representation in the legislature determined by population.

In the end, there was a compromise, known as the Connecticut Compromise. Under the compromise, the national legislature would be divided up into two houses, the upper house, known as the Senate, and the lower house, known as the House



Assemblyman John McEneny speaks to public about the importance of the upcoming census during a talk at the Guilderland Public Library.

of Representatives.

In the Senate, representation is equal among all states, large and small. In the House of Representatives, representation is based upon population. The first-ever census was commissioned in 1790 to determine the amount of representatives each state would get in the House.

Since then, a new census has been commissioned every 10 years, with the 2010 census being the 23rd decennial census.

Today, the census is used by

the federal government to not only determine representation, but also to determine the amount of funding states will receive from the federal government. States and local governments also use the census to determine representation, and the allotment of resources.

Barbara Nichols Randall, director of the Guilderland Public Library, said the census has importance even on the most local level.

"Our library gets 28 to 35 cents per person, per year, from the state for each person that lives in our district," said Randall.

Randall also said the census also has a historical significance with regards to the study of

geneology, of which the census is a key source of information.

It was for that purpose, the study of history and geneology, that McEneny began his work with the census.

"I was interested in the census very early because I was a local historian," said McEneny, adding that the census provided information for his book, "Albany: Capital City on the Hudson."

In the beginning of his talk, McEneny said he wanted to debunk the myth that the census is a long, complicated and time-consuming form. "The census is a 10-question survey. It's very simple," he said.

McEneny said in 1940 the census devised a two-tier system,

with the decennial census being a short form mailed to every household, and an elaborate form, known as the American Community Survey, mailed every two years to a small percentage of households.

He explained the importance of each person being counted in the decennial census: "If you miss one person, the cost of not counting the person is that you will suffer for 10 years in that undercount."

For example, if the state is awarded \$500 by the federal government for each resident and a person in Guilderland is not counted in the upcoming census, the state will lose \$500 each year until the next census, making the total cost of the undercount \$5,000.

According to McEneny, the questions on the census change to reflect the times. He said in 1880 the census asked a question on employment, reflecting the harsh economic situation at the time. In 1940 the census asked a question on indoor plumbing, reflecting the modernization the country went through in the early part of the 20th century.

The 1980 census asked a question about the length of a person's commute to work, reflecting the effects the automobile had on suburban sprawl in the later half of the century.

He also described some of difficulties he had making sure everyone was counted when he served as census director for the Capital District in 1980.

In one instance McEneny said he had to venture beneath a sidewalk in an area where a department store took its deliveries to reach a homeless woman who resided there. The woman was counted, and her address was written as the address of the department store.

McEneny also described a situation in which he went to the Port of Albany at 12:01 a.m. on census day to make sure all foreigners at the port were counted.

"It's supposed to be a picture of what Albany is in a given day," said McEneny, adding that foreigners, college students and other non-permanent residents are usually counted in the location where they reside on census day.

McEneny said his talk at the library was only part of what is needed to get the word out about the census.

"If you rely on any one person or group, this will fail," said McEneny.

Other efforts to get the word out about the census include children being educated about the census in school, with the intention of having them remind their parents, and the traditional "census Sabbath," a weekend in which religious leaders will speak at their respective houses of worship on the importance of the census.

Randall said the library will host additional programs in the future to get the word out about the census.

"It sounds dull and boring, but makes a difference," said Randall.



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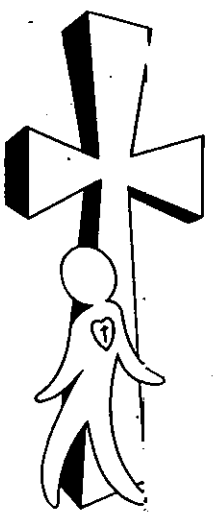
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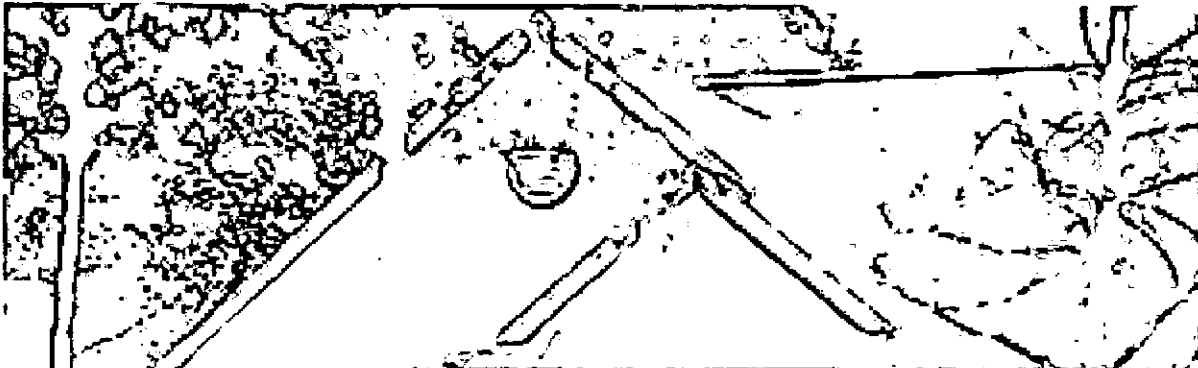
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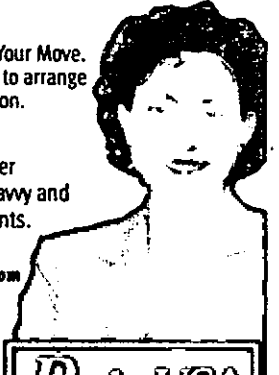
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## Academy puts on fairytale performance

A decades-old tradition is brought to the stage

By SEAN AHERN  
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The eighth-grade girls of the Albany Academies presented their play, "The Tale of Snow White," on Thursday, Jan. 14, at the AAG Auditorium. The play is a tradition at the school, one that has been put on by students for decades according to Director and former Middle School Principal of the Academies Marisa Bellingrath.

"It's a huge tradition and it was perfect because I incorporated it into my job as principal," said Bellingrath who took off the year to stay at home with her children but came back for this performance. Bellingrath uses the performance as a two-week immersion unit, teaching students how to work together in a professional theatre setting, teaching students the basics of theatrical performances, with warm up activities and theatre jargon. "You really start from that beginning stage and that's what makes it special. They're a kind group that works well together and I didn't want to miss being a part of this tradition and miss this experience with them."

Students in the program also rediscover their class, according



FROM LEFT: Alessandra Aiello, Lauren Hoffman, Eliza Mineaux, Tanya Bakshi, Annie Bilinski, Micaela Stevens and Mahalia Cummings act in "The Tale of Snow White" at the Albany Academies on Thursday, Jan. 14 and Friday Jan. 15. Submitted photo

to Bellingrath, as students work together on a common goal while having a new experience outside of the normal day to day work of middle school. Bellingrath said the performance shows how creative they can be and how fun it is to work with the students on a regular basis.

"It was fun for me and I could be a character and express myself through the character," said Alessandra Aiello. "If you're evil you can be evil. It's fun because it lets us act where we would otherwise not be able to."

Aiello plays the evil queen in the

play and has been acting in plays for most of her academic career. Aiello said that acting allows you to become a character and act differently than she is able to do on a daily basis.

While some students have been involved in the program for most of the time they have spent in school, some students, like Lauren Lohmiller, went into the play to become closer to classmates, while other students like Grace Smith pull double duty as actors and stage crew.

"It helps me get involved with the school more and get closer with other students," said Lohmiller who plays Snow White in the play. "It's a lot of work but we manage to get it done in time to show it off."

"I've never been an actor or been in plays but being organized and being the stage manager, being in charge of a lot of responsibilities, has been fun," said Smith, who played parts on the stage but also worked as the stage manager to keep everyone on schedule and organized throughout the play.

Bellingrath is proud of her students who have worked hard as a group to put the performance together. "They're a terrific group and part of this is working as a group," said Bellingrath.

## Chamber rallies for another local family

Skipper family left homeless after fire

By RYAN MUNKS  
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After a month-long effort in December to raise money for the Rodino Family, the Guilderland Chamber of Commerce is once again rallying for a family that experienced a recent series of tragedies.

The Skipper family, of Park Avenue in Guilderland, was made homeless on Tuesday, Jan. 5, by a fire that damaged much of the garage and second floor area of their home.

According to the Town of Guilderland Fire Chiefs Association, an investigation into the fire revealed that the fire was accidental in nature, caused by the improper disposal of still smoldering ashes from a wood-burning stove.

The fire was but the most recent of tragedies to strike the family. The father, Ernest Skipper, has been out of work due to a motorcycle accident, and the mother, Linda Skipper, has been out of work while battling cancer.

On Monday, Jan. 11, Kathy Burbank, Executive Director of the Guilderland Chamber of Commerce, sent an e-mail to members asking for them to help support the Skipper family in their time of need.

"It is sad that this family has been experiencing a quiet burden,

### IN BRIEF

#### Adoptive Families to hold workshop

Adoptive Families of the Capital Region, Inc. will hold a workshop, "Talking with your Child about their Birth Family History" on Monday, Jan. 25.

The free workshop will begin at 7 p.m. and will be held in the Celebration Room at the McKownville United Methodist Church in Guilderland. Reservations are not required.

The McKownville United Methodist Church is located at 1565 Western Ave. in Guilderland. For information, call 448-5295 or visit <http://adoptivefamilies.org>.

and now the fire is what brought them to our attention! I know our community will help; that is what we do here in Guilderland," said Burbank in the e-mail.

The first business to respond to the chamber's call for help was Pure Elements Salon of 1726 Western Ave. The salon will sponsor a benefit for the Skipper family on Monday, Jan. 25, from 3 to 7 p.m.

"I received an email from the Guilderland Chamber of Commerce, I saw what the family was going through, their story alone inspired me to hold the event" said Kristen Gaffney, owner of the salon.

"Any service that we offer, the entire amount of that service will go to the family," said Gaffney. Gaffney said the only exception is that only 50 percent of any hair colorings done will go to the family, due to the high materials cost of hair colorings.

Pizza is also being donated by Little Caesar's Pizza to patrons attending event, and volunteers from the chamber will be on hand to collect donations for the family.

Burbank said the chamber has received clothing donations for the family, but as of Friday, Jan. 15, has not received any monetary donations.

For information on how to help the Skipper family, call Kathy Burbank of the Guilderland Chamber of Commerce at 456-6611.

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# Finance *in the* Spotlight

## Seven tips for working with a financial planner

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**H**ow do you build a relationship with someone who can understand your goals so you can develop personalized solutions to protect, grow and eventually transition your wealth? According to the Financial Planning Association, financial planning is the long-term process of wisely managing your finances so you can achieve your goals and dreams. The problem is, the process of managing your wealth requires skill, discipline and knowledge. And if you think you have it, statistics suggest you are in rare company. For instance:

- Three out of four Americans admit that they are not saving enough of their income. (2008 Pew Research Center Survey)
- One-third of adults do not have any retirement savings. (National Foundation for Credit Counseling)
- 70 percent of parents do not know how much to save for their child's college education. (College Savings Foundation)

So this article is not about the importance of a financial plan or why you need to have a financial planner. It's about tips for working with a financial planner.

### 1. Know your motivation for working with a planner

More often than not, you will meet with an advisor to address a specific problem (casualty insurance) or address to specific goal (college fund). But what's next? Do you need just an element of planning, or is a comprehensive approach more appropriate?

Planners address your issue in one of two ways: by your immediate need or your long-term plan. Planners can help you with a specific element of planning, such as retirement planning, or they can take a comprehensive approach, working on all aspects of your long-term finances. As a consumer, you need to understand your initial motivation for seeking assistance and listen to other, perhaps related, financial problems or goals that should also be addressed. Doing so sets up the next tip.

### 2. Consider your options

Now that you know what motivated you to seek out a planner, your next step is to find the right one. The right one for you may not be the right one for someone else. This is an important point. Using a health care analogy, you go to an orthopedic doctor for a problematic knee, not a urologist. Apply the same common-sense approach with personal finance. If you are looking for advice about retirement, find a retirement planner. Ask the planner about his or her specialty and find out what a typical client is like. The alignment of what you need and your planner's expertise is important.

### 3. Know how and what you pay

Planner compensation comes in all shapes and sizes. There are asset under management fees, wrap fees, fee only (hourly, flat, or both), and fee offset. Some services are billed separately, while others are all inclusive. Your planner should provide to you an agreement in writing that spells out how you will pay them for their services. Read it and do not sign it until you understand it.

While some planners advocate one method over the other, your primary focus should be on the expertise of the planner directing the services. Billing methods mean nothing if the person behind it is not playing fair.

### 4. Clean out your closet

Organizing is a job. Think about closets. We tend to fill them up until we can no longer close the door. Only then do we take the time to clean them out. The same thing can happen to our finances. We open a checking account, investment account, IRA, insurance, and similar accounts. Then our lives and needs change. Financial planning helps you organize your data in the present and, more important, the future.

The best way to get good financial advice is to fully disclose information pertaining to the issue at hand. So clean out your financial closet and pull together all your asset and liability statements, Social Security statements, latest tax return, retirement (for example, 401k, 403b) and IRA statements, insurance policy(s) and a copy of your estate documents (for example, will, trust). This will allow your planner to conduct and develop a more effective plan.

### 5. Don't forget what's "off paper"

A good friend of mine once told me there is much more to a person than what's on paper. It's the "off-paper" information that defines them. To help explain this point, think of your financial self as a puzzle... made up of investments, income, liabilities, family size, insurance, estate documents and so forth. You hire an advisor to piece it together. But the advisor needs direction — the picture on the box! The picture on the box is the off-paper narrative of who you are. It defines:

- Your drive to save money.
- What you learned about money growing up.
- How you feel about debt.
- Your real risk tolerance.
- How much money is enough and why.



Stephen Augstell

- Your life priorities.
- If you would live different if you had all the money you wanted and why ... or why not.

This is a tough area for planners, because no matter how well we think we can put the pieces together, it's a crapshoot if we don't have the picture on the box.

### 6. Know the assumptions

Financial planning is a science and an art. Many advisors use software programs to help build financial plans and produce reports, from saving for retirement to insurance coverage. These programs are based on assumptions, such as: life expectancy, retirement spending, health care costs,

survivor spending, average rate of return before and after retirement, social security benefits, expected stay in a skilled facility and inflation.

Probability analysis helps ensure the success of your plan based upon your plan's assumptions. Most planners use what's known on the street as Monte Carlo Simulation. We simulate your life—from today until your life expectancy. If we are looking at retirement spending, we can tell you the level of confidence that you will have enough to live on. The question is, what level of confidence is acceptable? It varies from planner to planner, but here's a simple analogy I like. Take two jets on the tarmac. One flies first class and has a 70 percent probability of not-crashing. The second flies coach and has a 90 percent probability of not crashing. Which jet would you fly on? This is a pointed comparison, because if we are not careful, we may find ourselves buying a better life in exchange for less confidence. So, fly coach.

### 7. Alphabet soup

Planners and advisors have a whole consortium of designations. What do they mean?

What's important to understand is what is behind the designation. What motivated the advisor to get it, and does it apply to their work with you. You can research the designation through the firm that holds the license (<http://cdn.financial-planning.com/media/newspics/Ten-most.wanted.jpg.gif>), and even learn more about the planner in the process. Again, the idea is to build a relationship with someone who can help you beat the statistics and prepare you for a life of financial freedom.

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## Bridge

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The Route 55 bridge over Vroman Kill has a 3.33 rating on the state Department of Transportation's 7-point scale.

While the crossing is scheduled for maintenance in the county's capital plan, the fact it is a series of culverts instead of a traditional bridge means that the rating does not reflect the bridge's safety, said county Department of Public Works Commissioner Michael Franchini.

"It doesn't really represent the seriousness of the condition for that structure," he said of the condition rating. "There is no immediate danger to the traveling public."

The span is classified as a bridge, but as it traverses more than a 20-foot opening under the road. It is thus one of the more than 17,000 bridges the DOT inspects biennially.

Franchini said county workers do their own inspections of county bridges in addition to the DOT reports.

New York DOT spokeswoman Carol Breen said that the rating system is a more useful tool for planning repairs, not judging safety. Inspectors raise safety concerns through "red flag" reports, and can even immediately close a bridge down if needed.

"When we find a red flag condition, we take immediate action," Breen said.

However, a recent report from the state comptroller's office found that, in a targeted sample group that did not include the Capital District, defects were not addressed in the required seven-week timespan in 33.8 percent of the red flag cases.

The DOT has taken issue with

the report, saying it is misleading and could cause undue concern for the public. Acting Commissioner Stanley Gee said delays in the department's reporting system resulted in the findings, not work done in the field.

"What we don't always do, and what we should be doing, is documenting every step," Breen said.

She went on to say the department is moving to overhaul its reporting system.

In an August 2009 report, Dinapoli's office estimated that New York's long-range local infrastructure needs planning was underbudgeted by as much as \$80 billion. In the same report, it was stated that a third of bridges operated by local governments were structurally deficient or functionally obsolete, and that the figure was expected to increase sharply in the near future.

The Route 55 bridge has never received a red flag, but just around the corner on Route 53, the Jericho Road bridge was closed in the summer of 2009 due to safety concerns. It had a condition rating of 3.37. It has received 12 yellow and red flags over its nearly 90-year lifespan.

The county is planning to demolish the bridge at an estimated cost of about \$1 million instead of the far more costly options of repairing or replacing it. The county has suggested affected motorists detour along Route 9W or Route 32.

"We're in the process of obtaining funding and designing for the removal of the bridge," Franchini said.

As for the Route 55 culvert pipes, \$70,000 is to be spent in 2010 for engineering new pipes, and they are slated to be installed next year at a cost of \$470,000.



Women take a ycca class at Breathing Room at the Four Corners in Delmar. The new business offers yoga classes, energy healing sessions and meditation classes, and will be offering discounts during its first week of business.

Charles Wiff/Spotlight

## Taking a breather

### New yoga studio promises fresh air at the Four Corners

By CHARLES WIFF  
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A new addition to the busy Four Corners in Delmar is promising to offer an opportunity to

slow life down and relax with an offering of yoga and energy healing services.

Breathing Room, located at 399 Kenwood Ave., held its grand opening on Friday, Jan. 15. Sisters and Delmar residents Mikko Cook and Krista Spohr are starting the business together — Cook is trained in energy healing and Spohr has a background in yoga, but their goal is the same.

"What we're trying to do is create a space that is natural and is almost a refuge from the busy world," Cook said.

Breathing Room will offer yoga, Reiki and meditation classes from the beginner level on up. Cook said she wants to make the programs as accessible as possible for newbies, and will offer "quiet contemplation" hours during which the novice and experience can sit in silence.

The studio will also offer specialized classes like broga (yoga for men only), baby and me yoga classes and meditation for mothers. Providing a stable point for relaxation was what inspired Cook and Spohr to start the business, realizing that it's a necessity in their own lives as well.

"As the mother of two little kids, what I need the most is a little breathing room," Cook said. "Even though it's the most important thing, it's the most overlooked and it's the hardest thing to give yourself."

Cook was trained at the Energy Healing Institute in Boston, and Spohr had a yoga studio in New York City before studying in Australia. Also on board at Breathing Room is Reiki Master Rogean Cadieux-Smith, yoga instructor Lisa Ginsburg and yoga instructor Devonna Quinn.

The sisters have been working since October to renovate the space, which used to be home to Judy's Tiny Shop. Having her husband doing design work and brother-in-law doing carpentry work has helped immensely, Cook said.

Cook actually has a personal history with the location; her



Krista Spohr, co-owner of Breathing Room, has a background in yoga.

Charles Wiff/Spotlight

grandfather owned the building in the late-1960s into the '70s, and ran a liquor store there. She's a third-generation Bethlehem resident.

"We were both trying to bring solitude to people, except his was with alcohol and mine is with yoga," Cook said.

Until Jan. 24, the Breathing Room will be celebrating its opening with free, 15-minute yoga sessions or energy readings. You can sign up on the Web site: [www.theroomtobreathe.com](http://www.theroomtobreathe.com). The business will also be "going red" on Friday, Feb. 5, for National Wear Red Day, organized by the American Heart Association. That day will feature special yoga classes and energy readings that focus on the heart.

Not only will the first week of events be discounted, but the proceeds will also be donated to Haiti earthquake relief efforts through the Ananda Marga Universal Relief Team, (AMURT), said Cook. Spohr did work with the organization in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina.

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## Seats

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diligence to vet these candidates in coming days.

There exists another course of action altogether, said Councilman Kyle Kotary. The town could restructure the Planning Board and eliminate one or both of the vacant seats as a cost-saving measure.

At the Planning Board's next meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 19, four of the remaining five votes will have to be in agreement, since the board is still legally a seven-member entity. The town could leave the seats vacant for any period of time before legally reorganizing the Planning Board.

"If we do decide on five, I think it's only prudent to give it a certain period of time ... to try it out," said Kotary. "If it's unanimous that this is working, or that it's not working, then we'll make the appropriate decision at that time."

Planning Board members make a \$5,263 annual salary, and the chairman makes \$13,936.

Messina said the Town Board would be examining the options in hopes of returning to the issue at its next meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 27. The board cannot meet as a whole before then without giving public notice, according

to open meetings law.

Although McCarthy had originally filed a resume in hopes of retaining her seat, she later handed in her letter of resignation.

"I was kind of giving it some thought ... and I feel like I have served my time," she said.

McCarthy sat on the board during several high-profile projects in town, including the CVS on Delaware Avenue and McDonald's restaurant renovations.

She said her seven years on the board were made more enjoyable by the caliber of staff in the Planning Department.

"Everyone in that department, they're thorough, they're knowledgeable, they're a huge asset to the Planning Board," she said.

McCarthy declined to say whether reducing the size of the Planning Board would be a benefit or detriment.

"I don't really have an opinion. I trust the [town] board's judgment on that," she said. "The Planning Board members don't draw a huge stipend, but it is an expense."

McCarthy will continue her involvement with the PATHs Committee.

The rest of the organizational agenda mostly consisted of reappointments. A selection follows: George Leveille,

chairman of the Planning Board; James Potter, town attorney; Susan Leath, town historian; Michael Morelli, director of economic development and planning; and Josh Cansler, commissioner of the Department of Public Works.

The board also unanimously voted to add Dec. 31 to the list of town holidays. Christmas and New Year's will fall on Saturdays, and the town will observe both holidays on the preceding day.

An unusual procedural snafu

sparked perhaps the liveliest debate between members of the board after the organizational agenda had been completed. When it came time to approve the minutes of the last meeting, as is customary, board members realized that only two of the five had been present at the last meeting on Dec. 23.

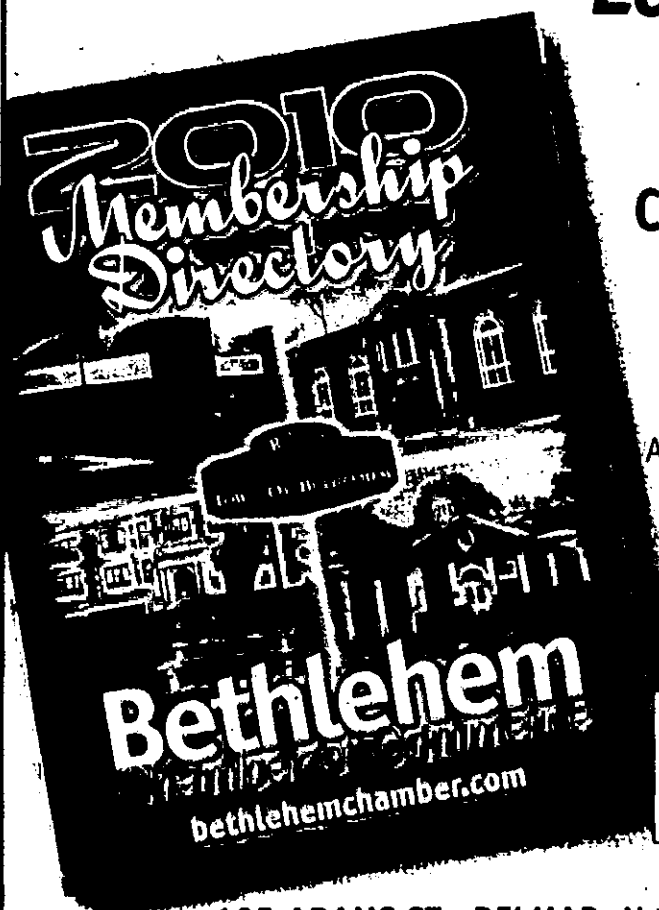
Board members Kyle Kotary and Joann Dawson were absent from this meeting, and newly minted member Mark Jordan was not yet on the board, leaving

Messina and Councilman Mark Hennessey unable to constitute a majority vote.

Town Attorney James Potter explained that the vote to approve the minutes is largely ceremonial, as the town clerk is tasked with keeping the minutes. The vote merely acknowledges that the Town Board agrees with the minutes as prepared.

After discussion, a 2-to-0 vote was taken, with three abstentions.

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The pavilion protects the rink from snow and leaves, but it couldn't protect it from Saturday's warm temperatures. A 1-inch layer of water coated the ice, forcing skaters to wait a day for the rink to re-freeze.

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## Rink

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While the pavilion kept the rink safe from leaves and snow, it was no match for the unseasonably warm temperatures on Saturday, Jan. 16. Park-goers were given a reprieve from ice- and salt-laden roads, only to find about an inch of water covering the newly built rink.

The cold of night, however, was all that was needed to bring the rink back to skating conditions on the following day.

On Sunday, Guilderland residents enjoyed an afternoon of skating on the re-frozen rink. Tom Aniolek brought his daughters Grace, 9, and Mary, 8, to test it out.

Aniolek said he found out about the new rink from a friend,

who received the e-mail from the town's Parks and Recreation Department announcing the opening.

Mary said Sunday's afternoon of skating was her "second or third time ever" on ice-skates. "It's a nice place to practice," she said.

Tawasentha Park also offers sledding at its Winter Recreation Area, a quarter of a mile south from the main entrance on Route 146. Snowshoe rentals are available at the Town Parks & Recreation Department on weekdays and from the golf course pro-shop on weekends.

For information about winter recreation opportunities at Tawasentha Park call call Dennis Moore, director of Parks and Recreation, at 456-3150.



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# Entertainment *in the* Spotlight

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rowing up in an Amish family, Willy Ropp spent countless hours milking cows by hand, plowing the fields at the family farm and driving teams of mules.

He eventually left the Amish way of life, but several things from his upbringing have stayed with him, including "cowboy fever."

That's why these days Ropp is a professional bull rider. His career has taken him all over the United States and to five countries; on Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 23 and 24, it will bring him to Albany. The Times Union Center will host the Super Bull series, in which top riders have eight seconds to ride their bulls and impress the judges. Albany is the first stop of the new year on an 11-month tour, with the series' finale being held in Roanoke, Va., on March 19 and 20.

Ropp, 28, remembers watching bull riders on television when he was younger, but he never imagined he could be one himself. That changed after a couple of his friends started riding bulls at a local rodeo in Missouri. Ropp was intrigued and went down to check it out.

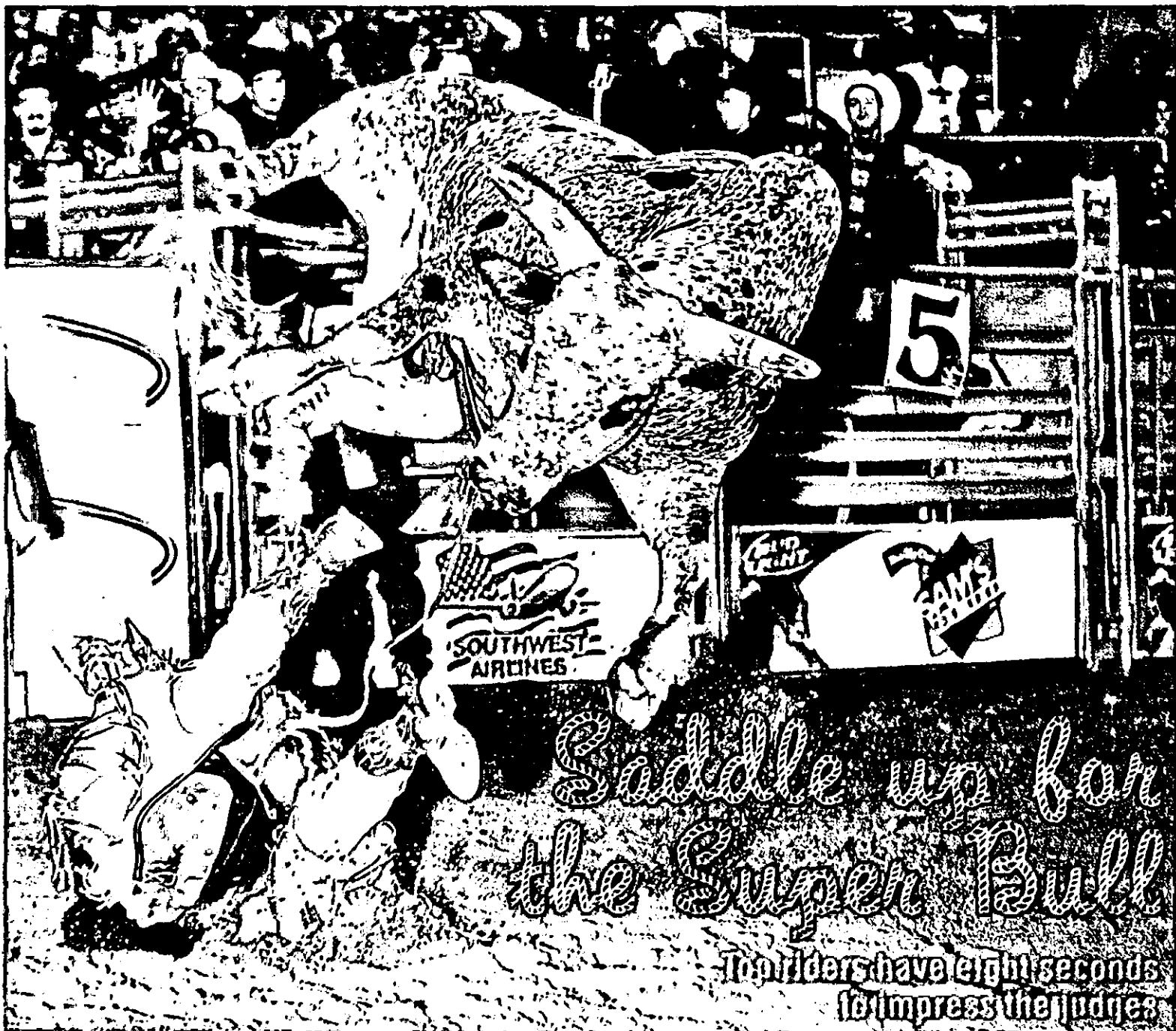
After watching for just a little while, "I knew that was what I wanted to do," he said.

So Ropp decided to go to rodeo school. His parents, though, weren't thrilled with that idea. They warned Ropp about how dangerous the sport was.

"They did a pretty good job scaring me," he said with a laugh.

But he had already paid a bunch of money to the school, and he had a buddy who was going to go with him, so Ropp forged ahead with his plan.

He remembers his introduction to bull riding being



The Super Bull series is coming to the Times Union Center in Albany on Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 23 and 24.

only slightly less intimidating than that talk with his parents. There were about a half dozen bulls, "and they pointed to one with big old horns and told me to get on that," he said.

But Ropp took to the sport pretty naturally. He acknowledges "it's not all roses" — he's broken his femur and suffered lots of other, smaller

injuries — but he can't imagine anything he'd rather do.

"You can make a good living," he said, noting that a single event can have purses as high as \$30,000 or \$45,000.

Of course, riders don't make much money unless they can stay on their bulls long enough to earn high marks from the judges. To hear Ropp tell it, the secret to staying on a bull is mainly mental.

"You train your mind not to think," he said. "Your mind will play tricks on you. You train your body and mind to react. You gotta have faith in yourself."

It's impossible to know when you're going to get "hung up and beat around," Ropp said. If you're constantly worrying about that, you'll be tense and more apt to fly off the animal.

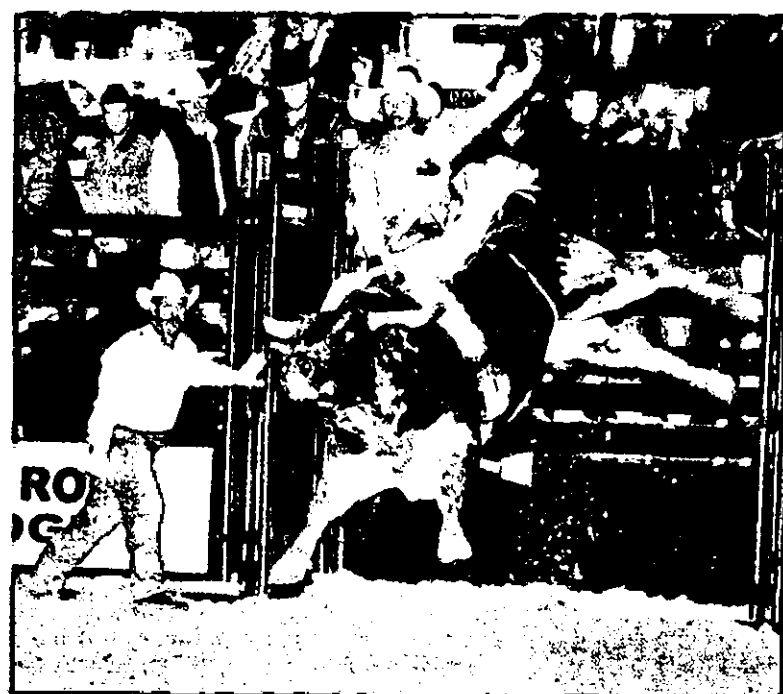
So instead, he tries to enter each match with a clear head, letting the chips fall where they may.

"Most of all, it's a mind game," he said. "You really, really want to be confident."

Of course, you don't want to be too confident — Ropp stressed that there's a fine line between confidence and cockiness, and it's important for bull riders to straddle that line.

There's no one to really help him walk that line. "We don't have coaches or anything," he said.

That leaves Ropp to his own devices so far as practicing and



Willy Ropp says the key to bull riding is to "train your body and mind to react."

getting better. What he's found is that he doesn't particularly like to spend his off time riding, as he'll lose that looseness that he so covets.

"I really try to meditate a lot," he said of the hours he spends away from arenas. He also does some public relations work for the associations with which he rides, granting interviews and advancing the sport.

To that end, he promised an exciting show in Albany.

"It's a competition, man vs. beast," he said. "I guarantee they'll be sitting at the edge of their seat."

Doug McClaine, the assistant general manager of the TU

Center, is betting on that. McClaine noted that the arena has hosted professional bull riding for years and was happy to welcome it back.

"The past success and excitement professional bull riding has brought to area fans proves the quality of the event," he said.

Saturday's show starts at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday's show kicks off at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$20, \$30 and \$45 before the event and \$2 more on the day of the show. They can be purchased at the box office, online at [www.timesunioncenter-albany.com](http://www.timesunioncenter-albany.com) or by phone at 1-800-30-EVENT.

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# Arts & Entertainment

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### CHARLOTTE'S WEB

Classic American children's novel, presented by Steamer No. 10 Theater, 500 Western Ave., Albany, through Jan. 31, \$12. Information, 438-5503.

### CHEMICAL IMBALANCE: A JEKYLL HYDE STORY

Regional premiere of Lauren Wilson play, presented by Curtain Call Theatre, 210 Old Loudon Road, Latham, through Feb. 13, \$20. Information, 877-7529.

### THE NERD

A comedy by Larry Shue, presented by Circle Theater Players, Sand Lake Center for the Arts, 2880 N.Y. Route 43, Averill Park, through Jan. 31, 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 2:30 p.m. Sundays, \$16. Information, 674-2007.

## Music

### BOB RIVAS & DAVE RENDER

Acoustic duo, Jan. 22, 7 p.m., Emack and Bolio's, 366 Delaware Ave., Albany, free. Information, 512-5100.

### TALIA SEGAL

Folk rock/pop performer, Jan. 22, 7 p.m., Emack and Bolio's Uptown, Town Center Plaza, 1704 Western Ave., Guilderland, free. Information, 250-4196.

### DBR & THE MISSION

Daniel Bernard Roumain's string band, Jan. 22, 8 p.m., The Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany, adults \$24, students \$12, proceeds to benefit relief efforts in Haiti. Information, 473-1845.

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Three rockin' artists, Jan. 23, 7 p.m., Emack and Bolio's Uptown, Town Center Plaza, 1704 Western Ave., Guilderland, free. Information, 250-4196.

### STEVE SCARLATTA

Singer-songwriter, Jan. 23, 7 p.m., Emack and Bolio's, 366 Delaware Ave., Albany,

free. Information, 512-5100.

### HOMEGROWN STRING BAND

Family band playing music inspired by rural America, Jan. 23, 8 p.m., Caffe Lena, 47 Phila St., Saratoga Springs, advance tickets \$15, door tickets \$17. Information, 583-0022.

### "TOO MARVELOUS FOR WORDS"

Sonny & Perley's tribute to the music of Johnny Mercer, Jan. 24, 7 p.m., Our Savior's Lutheran School, 63 Mountain View Ave., Colonie, free admission, donations to school accepted at the door. Information, 459-2273.

### JORMA KAUKONEN AND DAVID BROMBERG

Two American guitar heroes, Jan. 24, 7:30 p.m., The Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany, adults \$34.50. Information, 473-1845.

## Comedy

### MOP AND BUCKET COMPANY

Presenting "Spontaneous Broadway," an improvised comedy where audience members help create a musical, Jan. 22-24, 440 Upstairs at Proctors, 440 State St., Schenectady, 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday, \$15. Information, 346-6204.

## Family

### DAN ZANES AND FRIENDS

Performing family-friendly original songs, Jan. 23, 3 p.m., The Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany, \$20. Information, 473-1845.

## Visual Arts

### NEW YORK STATE MUSEUM

"This Great Nation will Endure," a collection of photographs from the 1930s and 1940s, through March 14; "1609," through March 10; plus "Beneath the City: An Archeological Perspective of Albany," permanent collections on the 9/11 recovery effort, New York state history and geography, Empire State Plaza, Madison Avenue. Information, 474-5877.

### ALBANY INSTITUTE OF ART

"The Eternal Light of Egypt," through June 13, plus "The Folk Spirit of Albany: Folk Art from the Collection of the Albany Institute of History and Art" and exhibits on Hudson River School painting, American sculpture and the history of Albany, 125 Washington Ave. Information, 463-4478.

### ALBANY AIRPORT GALLERY

"Repetitive Nature," in Concourse A gal-

lery; "Air Craft," photos by Jeffrey Milstein; plus site-specific installations by Larry Kagan and Cara Nigro, as well as installations by Anthony Garner, Baris Karayazgan, Paul Katz, Nancy Klepsch and Victoria Palermo. Information, 242-2243.

### ALBANY CENTER GALLERY

"Then & Now," through Feb. 27, 39 Columbia St., Albany. Information, 462-4775.

### BROADWAY ART CENTER

"The Silk Road — Uzbekistan to Albany," through Jan. 30, 488 Broadway (Arcade Building), Albany, hours 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Wednesdays through Fridays. Information, 756-3649.

### LOCAL COLOR ART GALLERY

"The White Show," through Jan. 30, 1138 Troy Schenectady Road, Latham. Information, 786-6557.

### NATIONAL MUSEUM OF DANCE

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

### SARATOGA AUTOMOBILE MUSEUM

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

### TANG TEACHING MUSEUM AND GALLERY

"Lives of the Hudson," through March 14; "Lives of the Hudson," through April 25; Skidmore College, 815 North Broadway, Saratoga Springs. Information, 580-8080.

### UNION COLLEGE

"Recycled Realities" and "A View from the Rez," art by John Willis, through Jan. 31, Visual Arts Building, Arts Atrium Gallery, Schenectady. Information, 388-6714.

### CLARK ART INSTITUTE

"Material Witnesses: Photographs of Things," through April 11; 225 South St., Williamstown, Mass. Information, (413) 458-9545.

### THE HYDE COLLECTION

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

### ARKELL MUSEUM

"Walter Wick: Games, Gizmos and Toys in the Attic," through Feb. 15, plus "Arkell's Inspiration: the Marketing of Beech-Nut

and Art for the People," ongoing; Canajoharie. Information, 673-2314.

## Call for Artists

### GALWAY PLAYERS

Holding auditions for its spring production of "Gypsy," Jan. 31, Galway High School auditorium, NY Route 147, Galway. Audition materials will be provided. Information, 882-1312.

### CAPITAL COMMUNITY VOICES

Seeking singers in all voice parts for its May concert, "Love Songs of Yesteryear," rehearsals are Tuesdays at 7 p.m. at Columbia High School, 962 Luther Road, East Greenbush. Information, 370-5434.

### ETUDE CLUB

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

### SARATOGA ARTS

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

### CLIFTON PARK COMMUNITY CHORUS

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

### CAPITLAND CHORUS

Openings for all voice parts for women who love to sing and perform, rehearsals are at 7 p.m. Thursdays at New Covenant Presbyterian Church, corner of Orlando and Western avenues, Albany. Information, 785-3567.

### TANGO FUSION DANCE COMPANY

Auditioning professional dancers by appointment at Arthur Murray Dance Studio, 75 Woodlawn Ave., Saratoga Springs. Information, 306-4173.

### ADIRONDACK PASTEL SOCIETY

Seeking new artists that work in pastels, meetings are the first Tuesday of every month at the Dave Francis Gallery, the Shirt Factory, Glens Falls. Programs, artist demonstrations and exhibitions are planned throughout the year. Information, 793-9309 or 793-9350.

### DELMAR COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA

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

### COLONIE TOWN BAND

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

### COLONIE CENTENNIAL BRASS CHOIR

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

### SUBURBAN SOUNDS COMMUNITY CHORUS

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

### FRIENDSHIP SINGERS

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

### A CAPPELLA

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

### SIENA CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

Rehearsals Thursdays at 7:30 p.m., Siena College, Route 9, Loudonville. Information, 783-2325.

### SIENA COMMUNITY CHORALE

Rehearsals Mondays at 6 p.m., Siena College, Route 9, Loudonville. Information, 783-2325.

### THE ORCHESTRA ON THE COMMON

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

### ELECTRIC CITY CHORUS

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

## SUDOKU

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### Here's How It Works:

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

## Weekly Crossword

### CLUES ACROSS

- Specific day
- Thought
- Name word letters in order
- Employed something
- Turfs
- Fourth deck
- Stead
- Harvest
- S\_\_\_\_\_ - descendants
- "Livestrong" founder
- 15th of March
- Pinna
- A sign that stands for something else
- Capital of Chile
- Opaque gem
- Fry quickly over high-heat
- Examines animals
- Pleaded with
- Rt. angle building extension
- Skip
- \_\_\_ze - grab
- In a way, receded
- Mississippi tributary
- Those who get away
- Dinghies
- Patti Hearst's captors

### CLUES DOWN

- Not bright
- Continent
- 13-19
- Able to be drawn out
- Jewish state est. 1948
- Those who get things done
- Mild yellow Dutch cheese
- Egyptian cobras
- Athenian philosopher
- A \_\_\_\_\_ - law term, acceptance
- \_\_\_\_\_gate - lengthen
- Not short
- 33 1/3 records
- Tokyo
- Camp shelter
- Cover with liquid
- Belgian city
- Thaumaturgy
- Invoked income
- \_\_\_\_\_lang syne
- Woolly indris genus
- R. Williams' Aladdin character
- Preminger & von Bismarck
- Point one point E of SE
- Troops in battle formation
- Pinned on bouquets
- Steady boyfriend
- Rear of (nautical)
- Spoil the appearance of
- Paddle
- Looks intently
- A source of illumination
- Czech River
- \_\_\_\_\_cious - taking by force
- Fall vertically
- Fa, mi or la
- Evidence that helps to solve a problem
- D\_\_\_\_\_es - makes filthy
- 17C Dutch painter Gerrit

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# Calendar of Events *in the* Spotlight

## Wednesday, Jan. 20

### BETHLEHEM DELMAR ROTARY

Good Samaritan Nursing Home, Rockefeller Road, Delmar. 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.

### BETHLEHEM BC SCHOOL BOARD

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

### ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

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

## Thursday, Jan. 21

### 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.

### 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.

## Friday, Jan. 22

### AA MEETING

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

### CHABAD CENTER

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

### NEW SCOTLAND PRAYER MEETING

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.

### STORY TIMES

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

## Saturday, Jan. 23

### 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.

### PRAYER MEETING

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## Sunday, Jan. 24

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

## Monday, Jan. 25

### BETHLEHEM PEACE VIGIL

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

### PLAYGROUP

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

### YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

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

### CLASS IN JEWISH MYSTICISM

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

### DELMAR COMM. ORCHESTRA

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

### AA MEETING

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

### PRAYER MEETING

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## Tuesday Jan. 26

### BETHLEHEM TREASURE COVE THRIFT SHOP

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

### NIMBLEFINGERS/QUILTERS (SEPTEMBER-JUNE ONLY)

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

### NEW SCOTLAND STORY TIMES

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

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## Wednesday, Jan. 27

### BETHLEHEM TOWN BOARD

Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave., 5:30 p.m. Information, 439-4955. Second and fourth Wednesday of each month.

### DELMAR ROTARY

Good Samaritan Nursing Home, Rockefeller Road, Delmar. Information, 767-2015.

### BINGO

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

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### MOTHERS OF PRESCHOOLERS (MOPS)

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

### SOLID ROCK CHURCH

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

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### AA MEETING

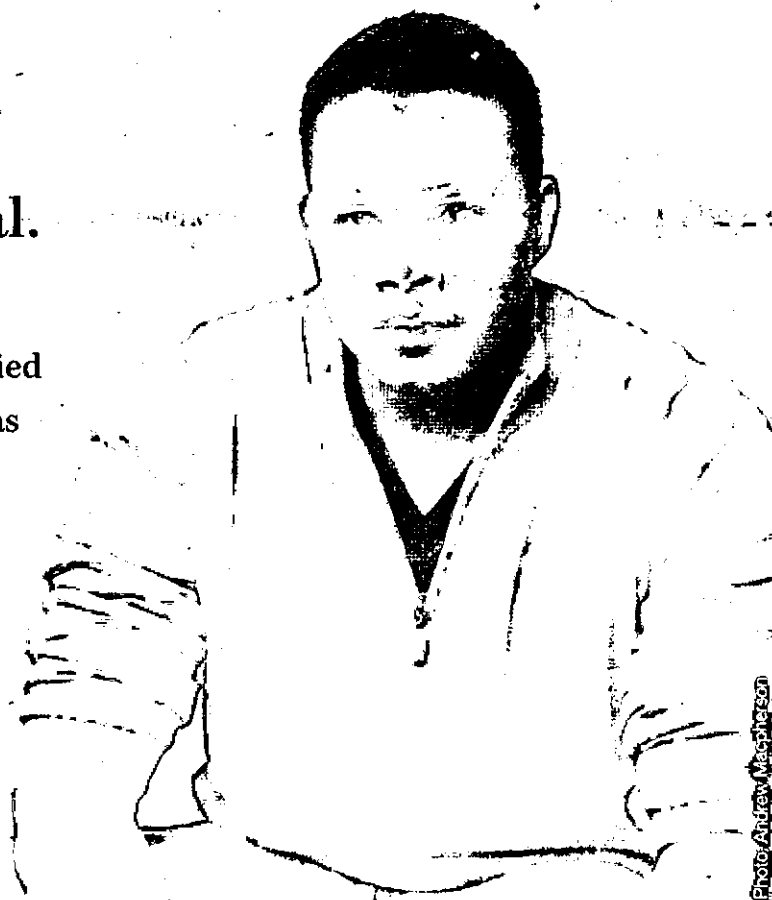
First United Methodist Church of Voorheesville, 68 Maple St., 8 p.m. 765-2895.

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Whether you are a new parent or a seasoned veteran, our series of workshops for parents and others is sure to include a helpful hint or two.

The first four years of life are critical for brain development. During this time, says Ellen Cooper of Cornell Cooperative Extension, "all things are possible." In "Ten Things All Children Need" next Monday, Jan. 25, at 6 p.m., Cooper will provide an overview of early brain development and show how significant adults can help children establish their full potential.

American Sign Language has been shown to help improve communication and bonding between parents and hearing children 5 months old through school-age. In "Signing Solutions" on Monday, Feb. 22, at 7 p.m., you'll learn the benefits of sign language for young children and its application through stories, music, meals and playtime. Presenter Kim Taylor-DiLeva will also share available resources and teach some basic signs. Children are welcome to accompany their parents to this workshop.

Taylor-DiLeva is an educational trainer, teacher, speaker and founder of Kim's Signing Solutions, which offers an American Sign Language Enrichment Program for babies, toddlers, preschoolers and their parents/caregivers.

Call 439-9314, ext. 4, to sign up for these workshops.

Future programs in our "It Takes a Village" series will include workshops on storytimes and early literacy, infant massage, prenatal and family nutrition, and baby seat safety.

### Pajama-rama

Thursday, Feb. 4, and Monday, Feb. 8, 7 p.m.

Wear your PJs and bring your favorite stuffed animal for bedtime stories, songs and dancing. Ages 3 to 6 with adult.

### Preschool movies

Friday, Feb. 5, 9:30 a.m.

## IN BRIEF

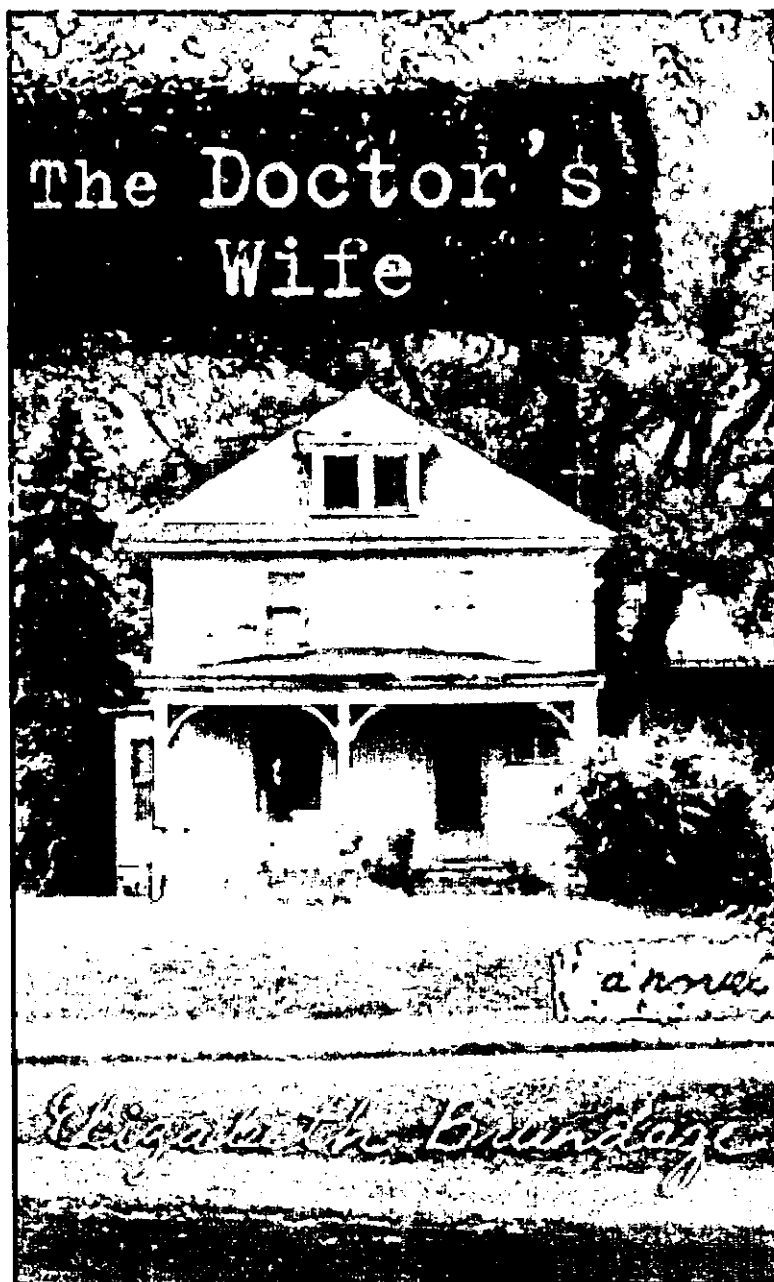
### Rotary club to host wine tasting

The Rotary Club of Delmar is hosting "A Wine Tasting Evening" on Friday, Jan. 22, at 7 p.m. at 18 Caldwell Boulevard in Slingerlands.

In addition to wines poured and discussed by vintner experts at Delaware Plaza Wine and Liquor, appetizers and desserts will be served. Guests will be entertained with parlor magic.

The cost is \$25 per person and proceeds benefit community service programs carried out by the club.

For information and reservations, contact janetshaye@yahoo.com or phone 475-1147.



Elizabeth Brundage, author of "The Doctor's Wife" and "Somebody Else's Daughter," will talk about her work at the Bethlehem Public Library on Sunday, Feb. 7, at 2 p.m.



Movie versions of some of the best books for preschoolers.

### Writers and friends: Elizabeth Brundage

Sunday, Feb. 7, 2 p.m.

The author of "The Doctor's Wife" and "Somebody Else's Daughter" will talk about her work. Books will be available for sale and signing. Made possible by Friends of Bethlehem Public Library.

### Daybooks

Monday, Feb. 8, 1:30 p.m.

"The Secret Scripture"

by Sebastian Barry. Copies available at the information desk. New members welcome.

### Bethlehem Public Library board meeting

Monday, Feb. 3, 6:30 p.m.  
Open to the public.

### Teen movie

Tuesday, Feb. 9, 6 p.m.

Viewers' choice. Grade 6 and up.

Louise Grieco

• All library programming is free and open to the public. The Bethlehem Public Library is located at 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar. For information, call 439-9314.

## Nonfiction display will entice readers

The pleasing presentation of our new nonfiction browsing collection should entice all nonfiction readers as well as fiction lovers who may think they don't like nonfiction.

The section is designed to be like a bookstore display, fun to browse because the books are not organized by subject but shelved by the author's last name. Biographies are mixed in with travel memoirs, stories of people overcoming hardships, American, world and military history, politics, animal stories, nature, controversies, science and many other subjects. The most recent popular titles available are constantly being added to the collection. And don't forget, if you can't find it here, we can get it for you. Find something interesting to read and review it online for our Adult Winter Reading Club. Details on our Web site.

### eReaders

There is a lot of buzz around now about eReaders, the devices that you can use to read electronic books such as those in Overdrive, our virtual collection. If you have heard about Kindle or the Sony eReader but don't understand the differences between them or what to look for when you buy them, here are some places which might help you answer these questions.

The Mobile Read Forum ([www.mobileread.com](http://www.mobileread.com)) is an online community dedicated to the exchange of ideas and information relating to all aspects of the mobile internet boom. This

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site includes online discussions and evaluations from people who are using eReaders. A comparison of the various kinds of readers can be found at

[http://wiki.mobileread.com/wiki/E-book\\_Reader\\_Matrix](http://wiki.mobileread.com/wiki/E-book_Reader_Matrix)

WIRED magazine is a widely read source of new trends and gadgets in the electronic world. This year, it had two articles about eReaders in the May 22, and March 25 issues. See them on line at <http://www.wired.com/gadgetlab/2009> or in print format at the library.

This year, CONSUMER REPORTS reviewed two of the most popular eReaders for convenience, screen, navigation, portability, availability of titles and versatility. See Consumer Reports, Yonkers: Jul 2009.

### Tax forms

The most commonly used state and federal tax forms are available at VPL on the rack behind the copy machine. You may also access forms online at the following Web sites:

Federal: [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov) and New York State: [www.tax.state.ny.us](http://www.tax.state.ny.us).

Barbara Vink

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

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## Old Songs Sampler

Local performers will take to the stage at the Old Songs Sampler Concert on Saturday, Jan. 30, at 8 p.m. at 37 South Main St., Voorheesville. The Sampler Concert is an annual benefit for the Old Songs Festival of Traditional Music and Dance. Performing in this year's concert will be Adirondack folksinger and storyteller Christopher Shaw, Americana band Three Quarter North, blues singer Thomasina Winslow, old-time songs and tunes with Mark 'n' Ron (with a special appearance by the "Spoon Man"), eclectic folk duo Linda Schrade & Dave Kiphuth, and the Old Songs Aussie Bush Band, playing tunes from Australia. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$5 for children ages 12 and under and may be purchased at the door or by calling Old Songs at 765-2815.

Submitted photos



## Library to soon install solar panels on roof

Thanks to a grant from the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority, the Guilderland Public Library will soon install solar panels on its roof to turn solar energy into electricity that will help power the library and reduce its utility bill.

"This is just the next step in making our library more 'green' and energy efficient," said library Director Barbara Nichols Randall. "As our patrons know, since December we have been using the library's side door as our entrance; this keeps cold air from blowing into the library and driving up our heating bill. We did this last season, too, and by doing that and turning off some lighting it saved us \$6,900 over the previous year's utility bills. Our hope is that these solar panels will yield even greater savings this year."

According to NYSERDA's Web site, by 2013, 25 percent of all power used in New York is to come from renewable resources. These include solar, wind, biomass, and some hydroelectricity. In order to achieve the "25 by 2013" goal, NYSERDA offers grants and incentives to help bring down the costs of these clean resources. The library won its \$121,500

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photovoltaic grant through this program.

Installation is slated to begin the week of Jan. 18; the system should go online shortly thereafter. The panels will not be visible from the parking lot, as are the skylight louvers the library had installed in November. The louvers, which control sunlight so as to keep the building warmer in winter and cooler in summer, were funded by a New York State Library Construction Grant and arbitration proceedings against the library's original architect.

"One of the nice things about these improvements to the library is that they come at no additional cost to our taxpayers," said library Board of Trustee President Brian Hartson. "Between the new solar panels and the louvers over the skylight, we're making our physical plant more reliant on renewable energy and more comfortable for patrons and staff alike."

For more information on these improvements, call 456-2400, ext. 12, or e-mail [pio@guilpl.org](mailto:pio@guilpl.org).

Mark Curiale

## Trustees to discuss info gleaned from focus groups

RCS COMMUNITY LIBRARY

On Monday, Jan. 25, the RCS Public Library Board of Trustees will hold a meeting to hear the information gathered during the nine patron focus groups that met last November. This information will guide the board's planning and budgeting. The meeting will begin at 7:15 p.m. in the library annex.

sticky, gooey things to play with. There were glittering snowflakes, bracelets and trail mix to make. There was music to dance to. More than 100 people attended at the library's Romp & Read program and the RCS Pre-K program once again co-hosted a successful annual Fun Fair on Jan. 12.

The fair also offered parent resources as well as children's activities during the first day of kindergarten registration. Many thanks to Creative Play Preschool, Lollipops Nursery School, Circle of Friends, Little Feet Daycare, Head Start and Pre-K, CPSE, Child Health Plus and WIC for participating.

### Book groups

Our new books groups are scheduled to meet for their first book discussions in the month of February. The afternoon group will meet on Tuesday, Feb 2, at 12:30 p.m. in the library annex. The evening group will meet on the third of February at 6:30 p.m. Contact Trustee Linda Cross or call the library at 756-2053.

### What's new

- Adult fiction  
"The Honor of Spies" by W.E.B. Griffin
- Children's movies  
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- All library programming is free (unless otherwise noted) and open to the public. RCS Community Library is located at 15 Mountain Road, Ravena. For information, call 756-2053 or visit [www.uhls.org/RCSCL/](http://www.uhls.org/RCSCL/).

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# Milestones in the Spotlight



Adam G. Prior and Laura H. Dowse

## Dowse, Prior to marry

George and Darlene Dowse of Delmar are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Laura H. Dowse to Adam G. Prior of Delmar. Adam is the son of B.J. Prior of Chestertown, NY and Dan Prior of New York City.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School. She earned a degree in Equine

Studies from SUNY Cobleskill. Laura owns and operates Doggie Style Mobile Pet Grooming.

Her fiancé also graduated from Bethlehem Central High School. He attended SUNY-Morrisville and studied Ski Area Tech. Adam owns and operates Priority Property Maintenance and Trucking.



Andrew Millspaugh and Diana Mitsche

## Mitsche, Millspaugh to marry

James and Gwen Mitsche and Mark and Kathleen Millspaugh, both of Niskayuna, are pleased to announce the engagement of their children, Diana Mitsche and Andrew Millspaugh.

The bride, Diana, is a graduate of Marquette University, where she received her bachelor's degree in Exercise Science. She is anticipating receiving her Doctorate in Physical Therapy from Marquette University in May 2010.

Her fiancé, Andrew, received

his bachelor's degree in Environmental Engineering from the University of Delaware and his Masters in Environmental Engineering from the University of Wisconsin in December 2009. He is employed by Natural Resource Technology in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

The couple was engaged on the top of Paintbrush Divide in Grand Teton National Park (10,720 ft) during a backpacking vacation (with snow in August!). An August

21, 2010 wedding is planned in upstate New York. <http://www.dianaandandrewwedding.com/>



Chris R. Panetta and Erin A. Murphy

## Murphy, Panetta to wed

Edward and Rosaire Murphy of Colonie are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Erin A. Murphy, to Chris R. Panetta, the son of Gary and Judy Supley and Russell and Kae Panetta.

The bride-to-be, a graduate of Bryant University, is employed by MVP Healthcare. Her fiancé, a graduate of RPI, is an IT Consultant.

The couple is planning a June 2010 wedding.

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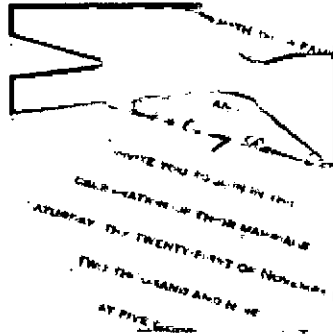
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## IN BRIEF

## Five Rivers plans nature program

Five Rivers Center will hold an indoor/outdoor nature program for young children on Thursday, Feb. 18, at 10 a.m.

Five Rivers naturalists will read a seasonal nature story, then lead an outdoor foray in search of animal tracks, chewed cones, dens and other signs of winter wildlife. The program, geared for children in grades K to four, is open to the public free of charge. Registration is limited.

Parents and children must accompany one another. Participants are urged to dress for outdoor fun. In the event of severe weather, this program may be canceled.

Please call the center by Tuesday, Feb. 16 at 475-0291 to register or for information.

## Meeting set for Five Rivers forestry plan

A public meeting to discuss development a Forest Stewardship Plan for the NYS DEC Five Rivers Environmental Education Center will be conducted on Wednesday, Jan. 27, at 7 p.m. at the Five Rivers Center, 56 Game Farm Road, Delmar.

DEC foresters will explain the general goals and objectives of a Forest Stewardship Plan and how implementing such a plan would benefit Five Rivers. Small scale silvicultural initiatives in selected areas could improve forest health, improve wildlife habitat and provide living exhibits of best practices in modern forestry, while providing a local source of wood products for upcoming green building projects at the center. A question and answer session to receive public input will follow the presentation.

The presentation is open to the public free of charge.

## Frances Mae Warren

RIO RANCHO, NM - Frances Mae Warren passed away peacefully on Wednesday, January 6, 2010 in Rio Rancho, NM, surrounded by members of her loving family. She was 86 years young, and touched the hearts and lives of many. Frances



always gave so generously of herself. She will be fondly remembered for her friendly smile, witty thoughts, loving eyes, encouraging words, forgiving heart, and her gifts and talents passed on to her sons and daughters. She will be missed by family, friends, and neighbors. Her beloved husband of 61 years, Lt. Col. William C. Warren (Ret.), died in 2007.

Mrs. Warren was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother

and homemaker who lived in Delmar, NY for 44 years with her husband, where they lovingly raised six children. She was a longtime parishioner of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Delmar, a Sunday school teacher for 20 years, and a frequent volunteer for the Altar Guild, innumerable church bazaars, and other parish activities. Mrs. Warren always reached out to others, often caring for sick and elderly neighbors. She enjoyed cooking, sewing, crocheting, gardening, animals, and bird-watching.

Frances Mae Lucy was born in The Bronx, NY and raised in West Hempstead, Long Island, NY. She was an accomplished pianist, and sang in the Radio City Music Hall Chorus at Rockefeller Center. Frances attended Columbia University and graduated from the Katharine Gibbs School. She was a legal Executive Assistant before marrying her husband William C. Warren, a West Point

graduate and decorated World War II veteran, in 1946. The Warrens traveled extensively, living throughout the US and various countries in Europe while Mr. Warren served in the United States Army.

Survivors include five children, Cynthia Myers and husband Don of Charlotte, NC, Angelica Rose of Santa Barbara, CA, William Warren and wife Sylvie of Montgomery Village, MD, Thomas Warren and wife Diane of Mohegan Lake, NY, and Donna Warren and husband David Verhegge of Rio Rancho, NM, and three grandchildren, Dustin Myers of Columbia, MD and Elisabeth and James Warren of Montgomery Village, MD. Mrs. Warren was preceded in death by her son, Robert Warren, her parents, James and Lillian Lucy, and her brother, James Lucy Jr.

Thank you, Mom, for all your love, blessings, and special gifts. We are honored and privileged to be your children. We love

you dearly, and miss you. Yet we rejoice that you are now at peace and reunited with your beloved husband, and that you are both in Heaven with Our Dear Lord.

Relatives and friends may call at the Daniel Keenan Funeral Home, 490 Delaware Ave., Albany, NY on Sunday, January 17, from 2 to 5 p.m. Funeral services will be held at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 16 Elsmere Ave, Delmar, NY on Monday, January 18 at 11 a.m. A reception will follow in the parish hall. A Chapel service and interment will be at the USMA cemetery at West Point, NY on Tuesday, January 19 at 1:30 PM.

In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Frances Mae Warren may be made to the New Mexico BioPark Society, Attn: Cecily Peterson, 903 10th Street SW, Albuquerque, NM 87102 or electronically at [www.bioparksociety.org](http://www.bioparksociety.org). To sign the guestbook please visit [www.danielkeenanfuneralhome.com](http://www.danielkeenanfuneralhome.com)

## Daniel E. Fitzsimmons

Daniel E. Fitzsimmons of Delmar, NY, passed away on January 11th, following a long battle with pneumonia and related complications. He lasted longer than most of his care givers thought possible, and it is no surprise to those who knew his loving and thoughtful nature that his heart kept him going even after his lungs gave out.

He is survived by his two sons, Daniel S. (Lori) Fitzsimmons of Delmar and Mark Fitzsimmons of Glenmont; five grandchildren, Jodi (Tim) Cox of Colonie, Joseph of Fairfax, VA, Mark of Arlington,

VA, Kelly of Glenmont, and Patrick of Delmar; and one great-grandchild, Carson of Colonie.

Dan was born May 9, 1929, in Kingston, NY, the son of Joseph and Louise Fitzsimmons, and grew up in Woodstock. His entire professional life was spent with New York Telephone Company, from his 16-year old start as a lineman, through various managerial and supervisory positions, and eventually as Director of Labor Relations, from which he retired in 1990 - a 45-year career over which he never took a sick day. Following retirement, Dan settled in Venice, Florida, where he shared many happy years with his parents.

After relocating back to NY to be closer to his family, he became involved with Senior Hope, a unique senior support program, first on the receiving end of their invaluable services, and subsequently, giving back as a dedicated member of the Senior Hope Board of Directors and various committees and meeting groups.

Dan had a passion for history, particularly the Civil War, and also enjoyed fishing and reading, but his greatest joy was spending time with his family. He truly loved his children and grandchildren, who will forever cherish their memories of him, not only from

their time together, but also through the richness of his story telling and the uncanny detail of his recall. He was an intelligent, entertaining, generous, and humble person who will be missed by all who were touched by his engaging personality. He will be especially missed by his loving sons and grandchildren.

The family wishes to thank the caring staff of St. Peter's ICU and the Hospice Inn, who provided comfort and respect to both patient and family. The family also asks that in lieu of flowers, donations in Dan's name may be made to Senior Hope Counseling, Inc., 301 S. Allen Street, Albany, NY 12208. This wonderful community resource was an integral part of Dan's life, and a gift to them in his memory would please him so.

No funeral services are planned, but a memorial celebration of Dan's life will be held by the family at a later date. To leave the family a message or to share your thoughts about Dan, please visit the family's Guest Book at [www.McVeighFuneralHome.com](http://www.McVeighFuneralHome.com).

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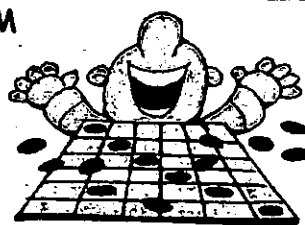
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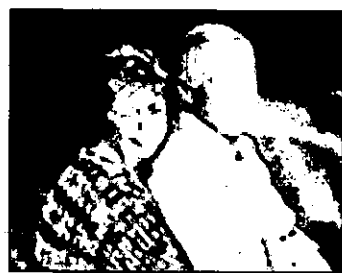
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AARP's Income Tax Assistance Program will be offered once again on Tuesdays from Feb. 2 through April 13 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar. Be sure to inquire about the necessary documents when calling 439-4955, ext. 1176, for your appointment.

This week, the "Senior Action" column is celebrating its second anniversary. We look forward to the opportunity to continue providing worthwhile and helpful information about activities and services for our town's seniors.

## Program highlights

**Tuesday, Jan. 26**

• Seniors in Motion - a low-level aerobic exercise class to music, Bethlehem Town Hall

## Senior Action

Town of Bethlehem

auditorium, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 9 to 10 a.m. No registration necessary. \$3 fee per class.

**Wednesday, Jan. 27**

• Alzheimer's Disease Support Group, Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 10:30 a.m. to noon. Caregivers of a spouse or loved one diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease and other dementias are welcome to share concerns, successes, difficulties and experiences with others in similar caregiving situations. Sharing your thoughts within a safe and supportive environment can be helpful. For information, call Jane Sanders, LMSW, 439-4955, ext. 1174. For transportation, call 439-4955, ext. 1176.

• Seniors grocery shopping for residents of Elsmere, Delmar, Slingerlands, North Bethlehem

and Marie Rose Manor. For reservations, call 439-5770.

**Thursday, Jan. 28**

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

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

**Friday, Jan. 29**

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

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

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

Doris Davis,

Bethlehem Senior Projects, Inc.  
board member

## IN BRIEF

### Five Rivers to look at eastern coyote

A field study of the eastern coyote will be conducted on Friday, Feb. 19, at 7 p.m. at the Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, 56 Game Farm Road, Delmar.

Five Rivers naturalists will lead participants along center trails to explore coyote habitat, listening for the eerie howls of coyote and other sounds of nocturnal wildlife. Center staff will discuss the lifestyle of this fascinating creature using taxidermy specimens, skulls and pelts from the center's collection.

The program is free of charge. Participants are urged to dress for outdoor winter activity. In the event of severe winter weather, this program may be canceled. Call the center at 475-0291 for information.

### Program to explore climate change

A program on the impacts of climate change will be conducted on Saturday, Feb. 20, at 10 a.m. at the Five Rivers Environmental

Education Center, 56 Game Farm Road, Delmar.

On this indoor/outdoor program, Five Rivers naturalists will discuss the current status of climate change science and the putative impacts of increasing carbon emissions. Staff will lead an outdoor foray to study the implications of climate change on flora and fauna. Information on how participants can minimize their carbon footprint will be available.

The program is open to the public free of charge. In the event of severe weather, this program may be cancelled. Call the center at 475-0291 for information.

### Museum to hold open house event

The New Netherland Museum will hold an office warming/open house event on January 26 from 6 to 8 p.m. There will be refreshments, a raffle, and door prizes. The New Netherland Museum is located on the top floor of the Pearl Street Coliseum at 153 South Pearl St. in Albany. RSVP by Jan. 20 by calling 443-1609 or e-mailing halfmoon@gmail.com.

# Volunteers need yarn, cloth

Many volunteers are in need of yarn and cloth material for projects such as making afghans for homebound Guilderland residents. Donations may be brought to the Senior Office and given to the Receptionist.

## Transportation service

The Town of Guilderland provides transportation service to medical appointments, grocery stores, pharmacies and area shopping centers such as Wal-Mart. Bus service is also provided to those who attend the Tuesday Luncheon Program, special events and selected trips. To register, please make an appointment with the Senior Office.

**Monday, Jan. 25**

Scheduled Shopping  
9 a.m. Aerobics  
9:30 a.m.-1 a.m. Defensive Driving @ Library  
10:30 a.m. Strong Bones +  
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**Tuesday, Jan. 26**

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## Town of Guilderland SENIOR CALENDAR

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**Wednesday, Jan. 27**

Scheduled Shopping  
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Thursday, Jan. 28  
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9 a.m. Strong Bones + in Court Room  
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**Friday, Jan. 29**

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## AIDE/COMPANION AVAILABLE

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## CHILD CARE SERVICES PROVIDED

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Various custom HO-scale model railroad locomotives and rolling stock. All are priced to move. Please call Rich at 785-8751 & leave message, or email me at rwenks@verizon.net

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## Sudoku Answers

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### Office Hours

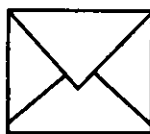
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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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 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 (January 20, 2010)

## LEGAL NOTICE

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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 (January 20, 2010)

## LEGAL NOTICE

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LP. JAJER Limited Partnership**, filed a Certificate of Limited Partnership with the New York Secretary of State on 11/25/09. Its office is located in Albany County. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent upon whom process may be served and shall mail a copy of any process served on him or her to, 1747 New Scotland Road, Slingerlands, New York 12159. The street address of the principal business location is 1747 New Scotland Road, Slingerlands, New York 12159. Its business is to engage in any lawful activity for which limited partnerships may be organized under Section 121-201 of the Revised Limited Partnership Act LD-21974 (January 20, 2010)

## LEGAL NOTICE

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
**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, at 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 (January 20, 2010)

## LEGAL NOTICE

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
 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.

## LEGAL NOTICE

LD-21977  
 (January 20, 2010)

## LEGAL NOTICE

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
 Notice of Formation of AR-GOT STUDIOS LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 12/2/09. 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-21978 (January 20, 2010)

## LEGAL NOTICE

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
 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 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-21979 (January 20, 2010)

## LEGAL NOTICE

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
 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 (January 20, 2010)

## LEGAL NOTICE

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
 Notice of Formation of Blu-Toddy, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/07/09. 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-21986 (January 20, 2010)

## LEGAL NOTICE

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
 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 (January 20, 2010)

## LEGAL NOTICE

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
 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 (January 20, 2010)

## LEGAL NOTICE

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**LEGAL NOTICE**  
 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 (January 20, 2010)

## LEGAL NOTICE

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
 Notice of Formation of 66 Hackett, 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: The LLC, 36 Wallenberg Circle, Monsey, NY 10952. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-21990 (January 20, 2010)

## LEGAL NOTICE

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
 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 (January 20, 2010)

## LEGAL NOTICE

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
 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 (January 20, 2010)

## LEGAL NOTICE

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
 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. Registered Agent upon whom process may be served: Allstate Corp. Svcs., 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-21993 (January 20, 2010)

## LEGAL NOTICE

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
 Notice of Formation of Mis-un, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/19/09. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Allstate Corp. Svcs., 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Registered Agent upon whom process may be served: Allstate Corp. Svcs., 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-21994 (January 20, 2010)

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**LEGAL NOTICE**  
 Notice of Formation of Back-office 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 (January 20, 2010)

## LEGAL NOTICE

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
 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 (January 20, 2010)

## LEGAL NOTICE

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
 Notice of Formation of VIR-TUALWAY, LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with 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: 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 (January 20, 2010)

## LEGAL NOTICE

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
 Notice of Formation of SUG-ARYLINKS LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 12/11/09. 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-21998 (January 20, 2010)

## LEGAL NOTICE

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
**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 8/26/09. 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 (January 20, 2010)

## LEGAL NOTICE

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: GOSSIP COP MEDIA, LLC.** Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 04/27/09. Office location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, 111 East 85th Street, Apartment 10A, New York, New York 10028. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. LD-22001 (January 20, 2010)

## LEGAL NOTICE

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY**

## LEGAL NOTICE

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
 (LLC). Name: 19th STREET PARK-ING LLC. Articles of Organization 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 (January 20, 2010)

## LEGAL NOTICE

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
 Notice of Formation of Old Heritage Realty Services, LLC, Art. of Org. filed Secy 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 (January 20, 2010)

## LEGAL NOTICE

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
 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: SSNN, 202 N. Carson St., Carson City, NV 89701. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-22005 (January 20, 2010)

## LEGAL NOTICE

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
 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 (January 20, 2010)

## LEGAL NOTICE

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
 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 (January 20, 2010)

## LEGAL NOTICE

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
 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 (January 20, 2010)

## LEGAL NOTICE

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LLC Double Eagle Consulting LLC, filed Articles of Organization with the New York Secretary of State**

## LEGAL NOTICE

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
 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 (January 20, 2010)

## LEGAL NOTICE

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
**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 (January 20, 2010)

## LEGAL NOTICE

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
**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 (January 20, 2010)

## LEGAL NOTICE

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
**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 (January 20, 2010)

## LEGAL NOTICE

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
 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 (January 20, 2010)

## LEGAL NOTICE

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
 Notice of Formation of KING-SPORT HOLDINGS LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 11/24/09. 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-22025 (January 20, 2010)

## LEGAL NOTICE

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
 Notice of Formation of VLY VENTURES LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 11/24/09. 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-22026 (January 20, 2010)

## LEGAL NOTICE

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
 Notice of Formation of CON-SAUL HOLDINGS LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 11/24/09. 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-22027 (January 20, 2010)

## LEGAL NOTICE

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
 Notice of Formation of AGEN-CY PREMIER GROUP LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 12/28/09. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. LD-22028 (January 20, 2010)

## LEGAL NOTICE

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
 Notice of Formation of Night City Media LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/23/09. Office location: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, c/o Siobhan Walsh, 799 Ave. of the Americas, Apt. #1, NY, NY 10001. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-22030 (January 20, 2010)

## LEGAL NOTICE

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
 Notice of Qualification of CSA-Credit Solutions of America, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/23/09. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in DE on 12/18/09. 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 Ave. of the Americas, Ste. 501, NY, NY 10001. DE address of LLC: 160 Greentree Drive, Ste. 101, Dover, DE 19901. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-22031 (January 20, 2010)

## LEGAL NOTICE

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
 Notice of Qualification of M-1 L.L.C. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/21/09. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 2/16/99. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Capitol Services, Inc. (CSI), 1218 Central Ave., Ste. 100, Albany, NY 12205. DE address of LLC: CSI, 615 S. DuPont Hwy., Dover, DE 19901. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, P.O. Box 898, Dover, DE 19903. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. LD-22032 (January 20, 2010)

## LEGAL NOTICE

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**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: BRAND-**



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marks to get to where it is.

Likewise, Shen's Suburban Council dominance can be explained by veteran leadership. Matt Miner, Dan Lee and Jose Reyes (the Shen guard, not the New York Mets' oft-injured shortstop) are all great shooters and ball handlers – skills borne from playing varsity ball under coach Tony Dzikas for at least two seasons.

Before you think that CBA would walk over Shen in a Sectional final, remember that the Plainsmen forced the Brothers into overtime before losing by eight points in last year's Class AA semifinals. Shen can hang with CBA. A rematch in the Sectional finals would be highly entertaining, especially when you can watch Miner, Lee and Reyes match up with CBA's terrific trio of Kameron Ritter, Galal Cancer and Max Weaver.

• Remember two weeks ago when I said don't be surprised if the Averill Park girls basketball team run the table in the Suburban Council? All doubt in my mind was erased after last Friday's 78-38 South Division victory over second-place Colonie. The Warriors are just that good, folks.

• In the wake of Union's 3-1 victory over RPI last Saturday in Schenectady, RPI coach Seth Appert told the media that he wasn't going to recognize that the Dutchmen were better than

his Engineers. I think Union's 3-1 record against RPI this season says otherwise. Also, the fact that Union leads the ECAC standings says that the Dutchmen are better than RPI.

• Notice how I haven't said anything about Mark McGwire since the opening paragraph of this week's column? That should probably indicate how little I think about McGwire's admission last week that he used steroids off and on for most of the 1990s. It was nice that he admitted he used them and that he regretted doing it, but that doesn't make up for the fact that he used them.

• The good news for the Albany River Rats last weekend is that they bounced back from a 10-4 loss to Hershey by beating Bridgeport and Providence. The bad news is that they lost to Hershey 10-4. If you're going to challenge the first-place Bears, you'd better do better than that, guys.

By the way, Hershey has 66 points at the AHL All-Star Break. The next-highest point total belongs to North Division-leading Hamilton with 59 points. That should make the River Rats feel

better about their point total of 50 points, though that still leaves them 16 points behind the Bears. And the Rats are in second place, people.

• If I hear one more "J-E-T-S JETS JETS JETS" chant ... well, it would be the first one I've heard in person. Surprisingly, I don't run into a lot of Jets fans in my travels. I run into a lot of disgruntled Giants fans and resigned Bills fans, but not a lot of Jets fans. Must be an anomaly.

One thing I don't want is a Jets-Vikings Super Bowl. That would mean two whole weeks of Brett Favre hype, which is two more weeks than I could possibly stand. So, I'm pulling for the New Orleans Saints Sunday. Please, for the love of all that's good in the world, don't let me down, Saints.

• Only a few weeks until pitchers and catchers report to Spring Training, and only a couple of months until Carlos Beltran reports to the New York Mets.

That's it for this week, folks. Remember, if you have a comment about this column, send them to me via the good ol' internet at jonasr@spotlightnews.com.

# Guilderville dominates Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake

The Guilderland/Voorheesville boys swim team jumped out to a large lead and cruised to a 90-80 victory over Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake in last Thursday's swim meet at Voorheesville High School.

Guilderville won six of the first seven events to take a 61-38 lead, and it took the final two events off.

Jonathan Wheeler led Guilderville with two individual victories. Wheeler won the 200-yard freestyle in a time of 1:58.30, and he finished first in the 100-yard freestyle in a time of 51.85 seconds. Wheeler also swam the anchor leg of Guilderville's winning 200-yard freestyle relay team.

Kyungduk Rho added individual victories in the 50-yard freestyle and the 100-yard backstroke for Guilderville. Rho was also part of the team's winning 200-yard medley relay.

Sean Molloy (diving) and

Michael Schaffer (100-yard butterfly) earned individual wins for Guilderville.

In other boys swimming action, Bethlehem had no trouble with Albany in a 106-72 home victory last Thursday.

Several different Eagles won individual events including Zachary Kundel (200-yard individual medley), Joey Drew (diving), Hilton Hosannah (100-yard butterfly), Ryan Cheu (500-yard freestyle), Ian Foley (100-yard backstroke) and Ryan Frederiks (100-yard breaststroke).

Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk lost to Schenectady 167-144 in a meet last Friday in Schenectady.

Andrew Semenick (100-yard freestyle) and Thomas Downey (100-yard breaststroke) led the Indians with individual victories.

R-C-S also won the 400-yard free-style relay with the team of Jason Jasenski, Tim Houghtaling, James Fryer and Kenny Wells.

# Pine Bush softball registration

Pine Bush Girls Softball is accepting registration forms for its 2010 spring recreational league until Feb. 9.

The league is open to girls in grades five through 12 in the Guilderland, Voorheesville and Berne-Knox-Westerlo school districts.

The season beings with

practices in mid March, followed by games through mid June.

The league is accepting only mail-in registrations this year. Forms can be found at its Web site, [www.pbgsll.com](http://www.pbgsll.com).

Registrations must be postmarked by Feb. 9 to avoid a late fee and the risk of being placed on a waiting list.

## Got sports news?

Spotlight Newspapers welcomes articles on community sports events and updates on athletes in college.

The deadline for articles is 5 p.m. Friday the week before the intended publication date, and all articles are subject to editing for length and content.

E-mail Sports Editor Rob Jonas [sports@spotlightnews.com](mailto:sports@spotlightnews.com) or fax information to 439-0609.

### LEGAL NOTICE

ING CENTRIC, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 12/21/09. Office location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to THE LLC 45 Euclid Avenue, Delmar, New York, 12054. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. LD-22035 (January 20, 2010)

### LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Publication GPP REAL ESTATE LLC Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 12/30/2009 Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: any lawful purpose. LD-22036 (January 20, 2010)

### LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY NAME: CHERY ARMS SD LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on December 16, 2009. Office location: 94 Teasdale Drive, Town of Bethlehem, County of Albany, New York. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, 94 Teasdale Drive, Slingerlands, New York 12159. For any lawful purpose. LD-22039 (January 20, 2010)

### LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY NAME: 667 MAD 20 LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 06/03/09. Office location:

### LEGAL NOTICE

Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, 667 Madison Avenue, 20th Floor, New York, New York 10065. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. LD-22043 (January 20, 2010)

### LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of LEONELLO BORCHI DESIGNS, LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 1/4/10. 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-22046 (January 20, 2010)

### LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of PAPER MOON MOVES, LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 1/5/10. 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-22047 (January 20, 2010)

### LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of RICK LADD, LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 1/5/10. 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.

### LEGAL NOTICE

LD-22048 (January 20, 2010)

### LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of PURPLETHUM, LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 1/5/10. 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-22049 (January 20, 2010)

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Independent Towers, LLC is proposing the construction of a telecommunications in-

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stallation located proximate to the edge of pavement at the Bethlehem Schools Operations Center located at 65 Elm Avenue, in the Town of Delmar, Albany County, New York. The telecommunications installation will consist of a monopole style telecommunications tower approximately 110' in height including three antenna sectors with four 8-foot by 1-foot panel antennas on each sector. Any interested party wishing to submit comments regarding the potential effects the proposed facility may have on any historic property may do so by sending comments to: Project IND-Bethlehem c/o Infingy Engineering & Surveying, PLLC, 11 Herbert Drive, Latham, New York 12110 or via telephone at 518-690-0790. LD-22072 (January 20, 2010)

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## Eagles

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Council victory.

"We'll take the win any way we can get it," said Bethlehem coach A.G. Irons.

"I'm very pleased with our effort," said Guilderland coach Ron Osinski. "I thought we played very good defense."

The Dutchmen (2-7 league, 3-8 overall) entered the game shorthanded as two of Osinski's starters were recovering from concussions, and a third - Ryan Ochs - was nursing an ankle injury. And it got worse for Guilderland after another player left with an ankle injury.

"It's been tough because you think you know your team and what your player rotations should be, and then these injuries happen and you suddenly don't have these kids," said Osinski.

Still, Guilderland battled its way into a 27-21 lead after three quarters, thanks to tough defense.

"They ran a lot of 1-2-2 trap and three-quarter court [defense] to slow the game down, and it worked," said Irons. "Every time down the floor, it took us eight to 10 seconds just to get into an offensive set."

Bethlehem (2-7, 2-9) finally came alive in the fourth quarter, as it scored 13 points to squeeze out the three-point victory.

"Nothing was falling for either team. I think the shooting percentages were terrible," said Irons. "Both teams were playing really good defense, but at the same time, both teams didn't shoot well."

Ryan Stempsey scored eight points, and John Morrill contributed seven points for the Eagles, who had suffered several close losses before beating Columbia and Guilderland last week.

"Obviously it was tough during that opening stretch, and at any time the guys could have given up. But they didn't give up," said Irons.

Andrew Brown netted eight points for Guilderland, while Jordan Weeden added seven points.

Both teams had tough challenges Tuesday. Bethlehem hosted undefeated Shenendehowa, while Guilderland played Niskayuna.

"They're the ones trying to protect their undefeated season. We have nothing to lose," Irons said of facing Shen, which downed Saratoga Springs 79-64 Friday. "So, we're going to go after them and see what happens."

## Tie

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5-1) a 1-0 lead. But Sam Vincent tallied 35 seconds later to tie the game for the Eagles (9-2-1).

"That says a lot about these kids," said Rodrigue. "Getting down 1-0 so early can be devastating ... but we didn't give up."

Bethlehem gained the lead on Kyle Barach's second-period goal, and the Eagles maintained it until Discanio scored on a power play early in the third period.

"It's always a little disappointing when you give up a lead in the third period, but a one-goal lead is tough to hold on to, especially against Shen," said Rodrigue.

Each team had several chances to take the lead following Discanio's goal, but the two goaltenders - Shen's Peter Rakowsky and Bethlehem's Alex Cooper - were up to the challenge. Rakowsky finished with 28 saves, while Cooper stopped 31 shots.

"We wanted to come out with a win and make a statement to the rest of the league, but to pull out a tie against Shen says a lot about our team," said Rodrigue.

Bethlehem faced another strong challenge Tuesday when it hosted Queensbury in a Division II battle.

"We need to make another statement within our own division," said Rodrigue. "We need to pounce on [Queensbury] early. We can't afford to get down early to them."

## Bethlehem beats Shaker

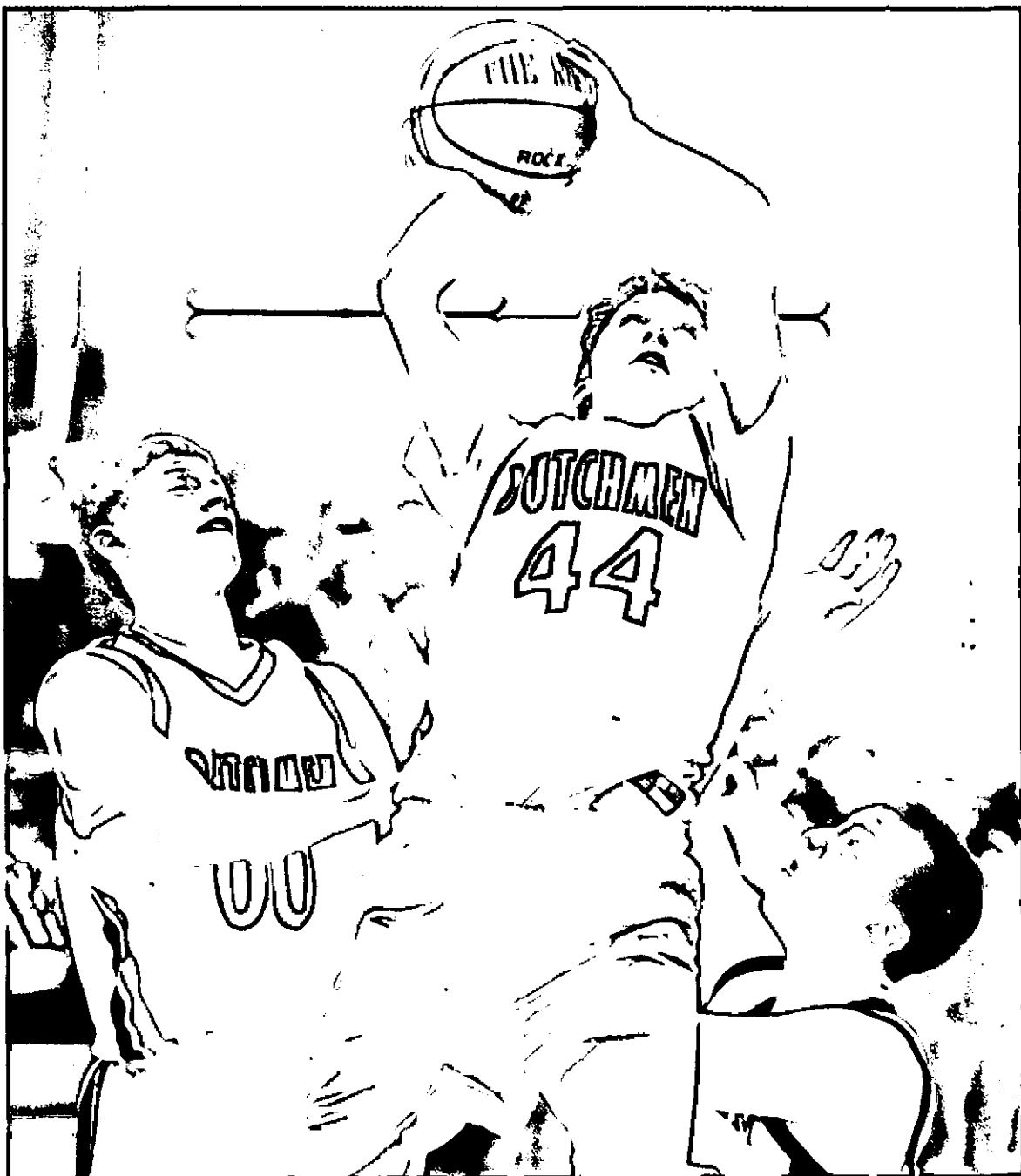
The Bethlehem wrestling team won three of the final five bouts to pull out a 35-30 victory over Shaker last Wednesday.

Matt Greene's 15-1 victory over Brad Averill at 125 pounds gave the Eagles a 30-21 lead. Pat LaFortune then defeated Luis Hahn 15-8 at 135 pounds to seal the Eagles' victory.

Dan Lee opened the match with a wild 28-15 major decision


over Shaker's Derrek Rokjer at 145 pounds. Mike LaCroix scored a 10-5 decision over Bethlehem's Garrett Dombrowski at 152 pounds before Garrett Manning (160) and John Mellett (171) earned wins for the Eagles.

Bendix Peterson (215) and Dan London (119) also won their bouts for Bethlehem. Ami Berger, Blake Retell, Mike Barnes and Robert Cox had pins for Shaker.



Guilderland's Dallis Mahoney (44) shoots over a Bethlehem defender during Friday's Suburban Council South Division game in Guilderland.

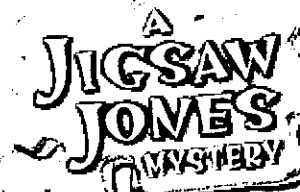
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# Sports *in the* Spotlight

## Eagles edge Dutch

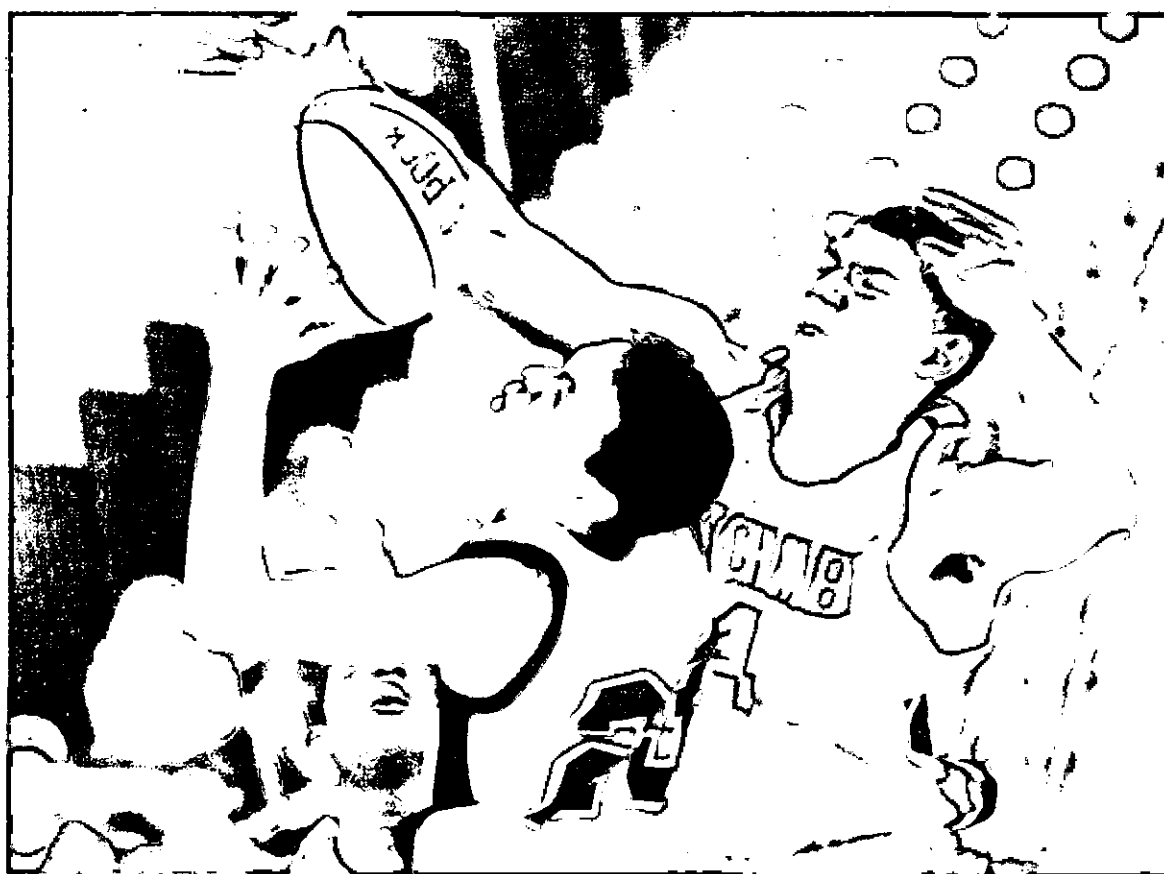
**BC overcomes rough shooting night to defeat Guilderland**

By ROB JONAS  
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Friday's Bethlehem-Guilderland boys basketball game was not for people who enjoy high-scoring contests.

Both teams struggled shooting the ball all night, but Bethlehem pulled together a late run to defeat Guilderland 34-31 for its second consecutive Suburban

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Guilderland's Andrew Brown blocks Shane Natale's shot during Friday's Suburban Council game against Bethlehem. Brown scored eight points, but Natale and the Eagles prevailed 34-31. Robert Goo/Spotlight

## Varsity schedule

**Wednesday, Jan. 20**

**BOYS BOWLING**

Schalmont at Voorheesville, 3:45 p.m.

Guilderland at Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake, 4 p.m.

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

**GIRLS BOWLING**

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

**GYMNASTICS**

Saratoga Springs at Guilderland, 6 p.m.

**BOYS VOLLEYBALL**

Voorheesville at Germantown, 6 p.m.

**WRESTLING**

Ballston Spa at Guilderland, 6 p.m.

Cobleskill at Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk, 6 p.m.

Voorheesville at Schalmont, 6 p.m.

Mohonasen at Bethlehem, 7:30 p.m.

**Thursday, Jan. 21**

**BOYS BOWLING**

Bethlehem at Ballston Spa, 4 p.m.

**GIRLS BOWLING**

Bethlehem at Ballston Spa, 4 p.m.

**BOYS SWIMMING**

Guilfordville at Canajoharie/Fort Plain, 4:30 p.m.

**WRESTLING**

Albany Academy at Voorheesville, 6 p.m.

Cohoes at Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk, 6 p.m.

**Friday, Jan. 22**

**BOYS BASKETBALL**

Bethlehem at Ballston Spa, 7 p.m.

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

Lansingburgh at Voorheesville, 7:30 p.m.

Watervliet at Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk, 7:30 p.m.

**GIRLS BASKETBALL**

Ballston Spa at Bethlehem, 7 p.m.

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

Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk at Watervliet, 7:30 p.m.

Voorheesville at Lansingburgh, 7:30 p.m.

**GYMNASTICS**

Shenendehowa at Guilderland, 6 p.m.

**HOCKEY**

South Glens Falls/Hudson Falls at Bethlehem, 7:15 p.m.

Guilderland at LaSalle, 7:20 p.m.

**NORDIC SKIING**

Guilderland at Shenendehowa Invitational, 4:30 p.m.

**BOYS SWIMMING**

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

**Saturday, Jan. 23**

**HOCKEY**

Glens Falls at Guilderland, 1:45 p.m.

**INDOOR TRACK**

Bethlehem at All Comers Meet, 8:30 a.m.

**WRESTLING**

Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk at Section II Duals, 9 a.m.

Bethlehem, Voorheesville at Lansingburgh Duals, TBA

**Sunday, Jan. 24**

**INDOOR TRACK**

Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk at league meet, HVCC, 1 p.m.

**WRESTLING**

Bethlehem, Voorheesville at Lansingburgh Duals, TBA

## A tie is as good as a win

**Bethlehem registers first standings point against Shen**

By ROB JONAS  
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Settling for a tie in hockey is nothing to write home about.

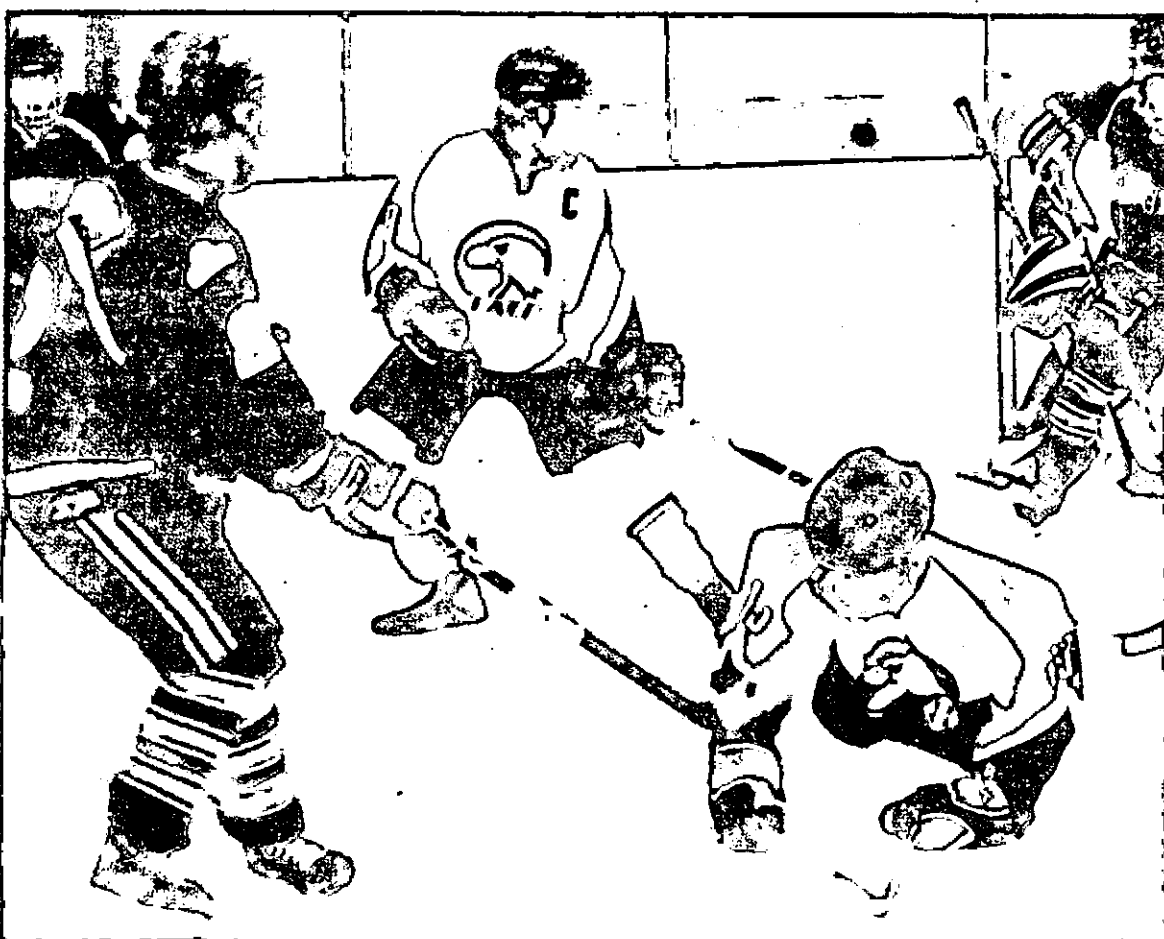
That is, unless you're the Bethlehem Eagles, and the team you tie is the Shenendehowa Plainsmen.

Shen's Derek Discanio scored the equalizer early in the third period to help the Plainsmen pull out a 2-2 tie against Bethlehem in Saturday's Capital District High School Hockey League game at the Bethlehem Area YMCA.

"Overall, I'm pleased with our performance," said Bethlehem coach Andre Rodrigue. "Bethlehem had never beaten Shen before, and to come out with a 2-2 tie, I'm very happy."

It looked like it was going to be another typical Shen-Bethlehem game when the Plainsmen's Matt Dempsey scored 42 seconds into the first period to give Shen (7-

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Bethlehem's Steven Sanchez (13) falls to the ice to deflect Matt Dempsey's shot during Saturday's Capital District High School Hockey League game against Shenendehowa. Rob Jonas/Spotlight

## Siena fans have nothing to worry about

In the spirit of Mark McGwire's statement that he regretted playing in baseball's "steroid era," I'd like to say that I regret living in the "high fructose corn syrup era." (See, it's because I'm overweight. OK, moving on...)

You can stop wringing your hands with worry, Siena Saints fans. Your team is going to cruise to the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference regular season title.

It's not that the Saints can't lose a league game between now and the MAAC Tournament, but it's highly unlikely. Not when Niagara and Rider – the two teams



that were supposed to be Siena's closest challengers – are barely above .500. Second-place Fairfield gave Siena a decent fight last Saturday in Bridgeport, but the Saints built another comfortable second-half lead on their way to an 81-73 road victory.

There are still some dangerous road trips for Siena including its annual visit to the western New York gulag of Canisius and Niagara. But I think the Saints should get through the rest of the league season without a hitch.

Oh, and in case you're still worried about a possible letdown in the MAAC Tournament, remember it's at the Times Union Center – a place where the Saints haven't lost in their last 30 games.

There now. Doesn't that make you forget Siena's 6-4 start? I know I've forgotten about it.

• Staying with basketball for a moment, it's time to start dreaming of a CBA-Shenendehowa Class AA Sectional championship game.

The fact that CBA is bulldozing its way through the Big 10 shouldn't be a shock. The Brothers had a lot of pieces in place from last year's Sectional championship team, while the rest of the league's contenders (Bishop Maginn, Albany, Schenectady) had question marks at key positions. CBA simply has exploited those teams' question

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