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Messina stresses transparency, growth

New supervisor outlines ways to move forward in state of the town address

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Town officials, business owners and residents gathered at Bethlehem Town Hall Thursday, Jan. 21, for the annual state of the town address delivered by Supervisor

Sam Messina, who has held his office for less than one month.
His message? The only direction for Bethlehem is forward.
"This town has a legacy as an outstanding place to live and work," Messina said. "I feel really great about moving forward over the next two years."
Messina said the "seeds of success" had been planted by administrations before him, and he now intends to advance them by taking a hard look at where the town is
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Supervisor Sam Messina gives his first state of the town address at Town Hall on Thursday, Jan. 21.
Charles Wiff/Spotlight

Making 'Music'



Bethlehem Central Middle School students rehearse "The Music Man," which will hit the stage at 7 p.m. Feb. 2, Feb. 4, Feb. 5, and Feb. 6, with a snow date set for Sunday, Feb. 7 at 2 p.m. See story on page 16.
Submitted photo

Officials getting diversity training

Town to pick up bill on Corsi's separate disciplinary sessions

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The Town of Bethlehem will pay an estimated \$3,000 for an independent trainer to conduct a number of one-on-one sessions with Police Chief Louis Corsi as part of a disciplinary action handed down by the town in September.

The program with diversity trainer Roger Johnson, who has a background in law enforcement, started about a month ago, and will involve a to-be-determined number of sessions. The exact cost is dependent on how much work is ultimately needed to meet the program's goals.

The Town Board served Corsi a 10-day suspension, a written reprimand and an order to take a cultural diversity program after he was found uttering a racial slur on a recorded department phone call. The suspension was taken out of Corsi's existing vacation time.

Supervisor Sam Messina—at that time a Town Board member—cast the sole dissenting vote in that decision, but said he

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G'land deals with trashy properties

Town to clean illegal junkyard, hears complaints

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After years of hearing complaints about the condition of the property, the Guilderland Town

Board has discovered the junkyard at 3600 Western Ave. is illegal, to boot.
Despite this finding, the board decided it would accept bids from private contractors to clean up the property owned by Robert Cierniewicz. Once the board accepts a bid, work will begin on the property with the costs appearing on Cierniewicz's property tax bill.

A 1998 local law passed by the Town Board makes the operation of a junkyard in the Town of Guilderland illegal. This means that in its current form the operation run on the property has been illegal since its inception, and will need to be revamped into a recycling facility if operations on the site are to continue.

Zoning Enforcement Officer
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Police Blotter

Bethlehem man arrested for drug, stolen property possession

The Bethlehem Police Department arrested Damon J. Murray, of 117 Adams Street Apt. 5 in Delmar, on Wednesday, Jan. 13, and charged him with a number of crimes following a narcotics investigation conducted in conjunction with the Albany Police Department Community Response Unit and State Police Community Narcotics Enforcement Team.

Murray was charged with two felonies: criminal possession of a controlled substance with intent to sell in the third degree and criminal possession of stolen property in the fourth degree; as well as criminal possession of stolen property in the fifth degree, criminal possession of a weapon in the fourth degree, two counts of criminal use of drug paraphernalia, unlawful growing of cannabis and unlawful possession of marijuana.

Murray was apprehended

on Delaware Avenue in the City of Albany and a search warrant for his apartment was obtained from Albany City Court. In interrogation, Murray allegedly implicated himself in four burglaries in the Greene County Town of Durham in which firearms and other property were stolen. He allegedly admitted possession of one firearm that he had sawed the barrel off of at his home.

Murray was transported to Durham, where four long guns, a handgun and other property were recovered in a search, according to police. He also identified residences he allegedly burglarized on Allen Teator Road there, police said.

Bethlehem police recovered from Murray's apartment a cell phone, a black bear skin rug valued at \$500 that was determined to be stolen from Greene County, marijuana plants, a digital scale with

cocaine, plastic bags with cocaine and an Ithaca 12-gauge shotgun, according to police.

Murray was remanded to Albany County jail without bail. A preliminary hearing was set for Jan. 18 and a return court date was set for Tuesday, Feb. 2 in Bethlehem Town Court.

Other arrests

• The Bethlehem Police Department arrested Bryan G. Albert, of 13 Jeanette Street, Albany, and charged him with DWI, DWAI, consumption of alcohol in a vehicle and several vehicle and traffic violations on Saturday, Jan. 16.

Police allegedly observed Albert's vehicle crossing from his lane, traveling on the shoulder, crossing pavement markings, as well as having a license plate lamp out. Police pulled Albert's 1996 Cadillac over on Route 9W in Delmar

and smelled alcohol on his breath when speaking to him, according to arrest reports.

Albert allegedly stated he was taking multiple antidepressants and admitted to consuming alcohol at his home. Several empty Coors Light cans were found in the vehicle, as well as an unopened can in the console, according to police. He allegedly mentioned while talking to police he had consumed Ambien.

When asked to exit the vehicle, Albert allegedly had difficulty opening the door and seemed to be caught in the seatbelt, police said. There was a small dog in the vehicle but no other passengers, police said.

Albert was taken into custody and at the station a breath test showed his BAC to be .07 percent. He was scheduled to appear in court on Tuesday, Feb. 2, and released to Capitaland Taxi.

• Jose Paneto, 24, of 11 Rosemary Drive, Albany, was arrested on Friday, Jan. 15 for bail jumping in the second degree, a felony. Paneto was located and arrested by the Colonie Police Department and subsequently turned over to the Guilderland Police Department.

Paneto jumped bail and failed to appear on July 3, 2009

at Guilderland Town Court to answer for the charges of possession of a forged instrument in the second degree, and criminal possession of stolen property in the fourth degree.

Paneto was arraigned in Guilderland Town Court after being processed by Guilderland police. He was sent to Albany County Jail without bail.

• Frank Nicola Lanaro, 41, of 1651 Gifford Church, Schenectady, was arrested by Guilderland police on Sunday, Jan. 17, for DWI and aggravated unlicensed operation of a vehicle, both misdemeanors. According to police, Lanaro was pulled over after he drove over white lines and almost struck the curb while traveling east on Route 20. Police observed a strong odor of alcohol coming from Lanaro, and said that Lanaro had "bloodshot-watery eyes, and a dazed and confused look on his face."

After failing subsequent sobriety tests Lanaro was arrested and transported to the police station and given a chemical test that read .12 BAC. Lanaro was released and scheduled to be arraigned at Guilderland Town Court on Thursday Jan. 28.

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Multiage classes still on the table at BCSD

BC waits on decision to let budget take shape

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The Bethlehem Central School District Board of Education will be including the issue of multiage and combination classrooms in its deliberations over the 2010-2011 budget, meaning a final decision on the fate of that institution will be put on hold until the fiscal situation gains more clarity.

Superintendent Michael Tebbano at a Wednesday, Jan. 20, meeting of the school board presented the findings of a committee convened to study the topic. The issue of multiage classrooms came to the forefront last year, when a group of concerned Clarksville Elementary parents approached the district to protest the practice.

The committee found that multiage classrooms offer an adequate education, and students may in fact benefit from having a longer relationship with the teacher and interaction with older and younger peers.

"We don't believe it's a substandard education," Tebbano

said.

Multiage classrooms have been in use for many years in the district — the earliest instance being one-room schoolhouses — though combination classrooms are more common now. Combination classrooms involve combining students from two grade levels primarily for budgeting purposes, while in multiage classrooms student are intended to stay with the same teacher two years in a row.

At one time, Tebbano said, there were at least four multiage classrooms in every elementary school. Today, there is just one at Glenmont Elementary.

As with most programming issues in recent months, financial concerns played a significant role in the analysis. Bringing multiage classrooms to every school could very well reduce the number of sections required and even out the student-to-teacher ratio across the district, Tebbano said. On the extreme end of this plan, the number of sections could be reduced from 98 to 83, something that the school board will consider as it examines budget proposals that include staff reductions.

There would be extra training costs, roughly estimated at \$100,000, to effectively implement

a multiage classroom initiative, Tebbano said. Most new teachers don't receive significant training in multiage teaching in college anymore.

"We really don't know where the trainers are anymore. The movement has died away in the last few years," Tebbano said.

Tebbano said the committee would recommend that multiage be terminated if it could not be adequately funded.

One unexpected remark from teachers was the difficulty a mixed classroom could present in preparing students for state testing or other grade-specific activities. Sometimes the grades have to be separated to study with a straight grade classroom, and this can cause headaches for teachers.

Board of Education President James Dering noted that BC students routinely score high on standardized tests.

"Is it really a concern that we have assessment issues when we're doing so well?" he asked.

Other board members said the issue has been clouded by misinformation, and they are working to make a decision that's best for everyone.

"I had a daughter in a multiage classroom, she seemed to survive, she went on to a top college and

she's doing very well," said board member Laura Bierman. "I just think that some people forget that we're parents as well."

Members of the public expressed varied opinions of the findings, but most seemed appreciative that the district had taken up the issue. Resident Nancy Conway urged the school board to especially weigh the testimony of teachers in any decision.

"I used to be against multiage, but the more I see teachers willing to step up and say the difficulties they have with a multiage classroom ... and see you willing to listen, the more I think you'll make the right decision," she said.

Others said that while they aren't against multiage classrooms, they don't want to see them implemented as an afterthought or simply to meet a bottom line.

"If you're going to keep multiage, commit to it and then do it right," said Clarksville parent Laura Stevens. "I think it can be done successfully; it just hasn't been done recently."

Tebbano also took a moment to comment on the developing state budget, which will play a role in the direction the school district

takes in its own budgeting.

Gov. David Paterson's executive budget calls for over \$1 billion in cuts to school aid, and Bethlehem Central would be in store for a \$2.3 million aid reduction if the budget were to pass intact, which is in line with the \$2.5 million administrators have been working into their initial planning.

But after last year's budget cuts, Tebbano said that making up the aid gap through budget reductions would mean firing teachers, administrators and support staff and cutting into extracurricular activities.

"One of the things we're concerned about if we want to keep a low tax rate, we may have to go after the \$2.5 million in budget cuts," Tebbano said.

The district is holding community budget forums to gather opinions. The next will be held Tuesday, Jan. 26, at 7 p.m. at the middle school, when the public will break into small groups to speak with officials.

The deadline for the state to pass a budget is April 1, though the state has only passed a budget on time on one occasion since 1984. Voters will go to the polls to vote on the school budget May 18.

Shaving for charity



Gregory's Barber Shop in Delmar raised \$1,100 to be donated to the American Cancer Society on Sunday, Jan. 24, \$400 more than the fundraiser took in last year. About 40 people received a haircut in exchange for a donation. Owner Greg Zorian, shown here giving a customer a shave, and his barbers will present the donation at halftime during an Albany Academies-sponsored Coaches Vs. Cancer game on Sunday, Jan. 31, at Siena College. A similar fundraiser will be held Monday, Feb. 1, from 4 to 8 p.m., with proceeds going to the Bethlehem Hockey Boosters.

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Planning Board tackles multiple issues

Condos at Blessings Corner, church move and subdivision on the table

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The Bethlehem Planning Board evaluated several projects at its Tuesday, Jan. 19, meeting, with fewer bodies at the table than usual.

Tuesday's meeting took place with only five members of the seven-seat entity present. The Town Board is holding off on filling two vacant positions to further evaluate candidates and entertain the idea of eliminating one or both of the seats as a cost-saving measure.

Until the board is legally reformed, though, four of the five members will still have to agree to form a majority vote. Split votes are not common for the Planning Board, though it is not unusual to see members recuse themselves from certain projects if they have a personal connection to it.

All of Tuesday's motions were met with unanimous votes.

The Town Board is expected to revisit the Planning Board issue at its Wednesday, Jan. 27, meeting.

Blessings Corner

A public hearing on Blessings Corner, a proposed condominium development and Stewart's shop near the corner of Krumkill and Russell roads in North Bethlehem, was scheduled for the next Planning Board meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 2, at 6 p.m.

A public hearing before the Planning Board is not necessary for the Planned Development

District, but a representative of applicant Daniel Hershberg said that the developer wants to keep the process open.

"We requested from the board a public hearing before the public hearing that would be held by the Town Board ... in order to get the public's view of the project," said William Mafri, of Hershberg & Hershberg.

He also announced the applicant's intent to hold another public meeting on Monday, Feb. 1, at the nearby North Bethlehem Fire Department. A similar meeting in November saw a strong turnout of nearby residents, who expressed concerns about the project.

Mafri said that the developer would give a PowerPoint presentation at each forum. The proposal consists of a 44-unit condominium development on Russell Road and a 2,900-square-foot Stewart's store nearby.

The Planning Board is tasked with evaluating the PDD application and making a recommendation to the Town Board, which will be required by law to hold a public hearing before making a determination on the project.

The Planning Board has a March 7 deadline to complete its review.

Journey United Church of Christ

The Planning Board unanimously issued site plan approval and a special use permit for a space at 500 Kenwood Avenue that will be the future home of the Journey United Church of Christ congregation.

The building is owned by Michael Parker, who operates an orthodontic practice there. The space should hold a group of about 50, and the parking of congregants and patients in the

attached lot should not overlap.

The congregation had grown beyond the limits of its previous home on New Scotland Road, where the congregation was established in April 2008, according to the Rev. Sandy Darnhof.

College Park

The Planning Board heard an initial presentation from a developer looking to build a 13-lot subdivision called College Park off of Wemple Road in Glenmont.

Elias Weis of Selected Realty Development Company outlined his plan to extend Overland Place into a cul-de-sac that would provide access to 12 lots. Land owned by the developer to the west of the Dowers Kill would be left undeveloped until a time that development to the north would provide access to the land.

Weis estimated the homes that would be built there would be in the \$400,000 range.

"This is a very desirable area, and other homes that surround this are a four-bedroom type construction," he said.

Weis also proposed conveying a 3.3-acre plot of land near the Dowers Kill to the town in lieu of the standard recreation fee required of developers. The board expressed concerns over how accessible and useful such a parcel would be, however.

"Accepting lands for park purposes...is probably less desirable to me than the fee that could go towards furthering recreational opportunities for residents in the town," said Planning Board Chairman George Leveille.

The board directed the Planning Department to coordinate with the Parks and Recreation Department in finding what, if any, recreational utility the land might have for the town.

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Dinnertime ain't what it used to be

You shouldn't go through the drive through if you're losing your voice.

No matter how much I enunciate, no matter how slowly and deliberately I deliver my order — and usually the orders of two screaming kids — I wind up saying it two or three times.

The other day, me and the family, looking to satisfy our cravings for fried goodness, pulled into the drive through (or Drive-Thru, if you're an illiterate fast-food purist) of a pretty popular hamburger establishment named after some Irishman.

I started with my order first, as my wife and kids can't seem to figure out what they'd like to eat until after we've idled in the drive through line for 10 minutes or more.

The dialogue goes something like this:

Disembodied drive-through voice: "Hello, can I take your order?"

Me: "Hi. I'd like a number 12, with no tomatoes, a large fry and a root beer."

Future leader of the world: "OK. What number was that?"

"Twelve."

"What size fry did you want with that?"

"Oh, wait. I didn't want tomato on that."

Commentary:

Pop Culture



"OK. No fries and no tomato."

"No. I want fries. I don't want tomato."

"OK, sir. What size?"

"Large."

"And a Coke?"

"Yes. Wait — no! No, I don't want a Coke. I want a root beer!"

"Sir, there's no reason to get upset. What size do you want?"

"A large."

An inordinately long pause.

"OK. I've got a number 12, with no tomatoes, a large fry and a root beer."

Me: "That sounds vaguely familiar, but it's been so long since I originally told you that I would honestly eat anything you threw out of the drive-through window at this point."

Another long pause. And then:

"Hello, can I take your order?"

About a half hour later, the kids and wife have their food, relatively close to the ways that

they ordered it, and we're on our way.

We get about 14 feet when Kevin, my 7-year-old, starts whining.

"What's the matter?" my wife asks him. I'm too busy replaying the drive-through ordeal over and over in my head, wondering where it all went wrong, to notice Kevin's complaining.

I overhear this, though: "It stinks because me and Nathan got the same toy." Nathan is Kevin's 2-year-old brother, and if they have the same toy it will be the end of civilized society as we know it. Fire will rain down from the sky and giant lizards will devastate most major cities.

Though I am sometimes slow to listen to my children's problems, I am quick with my solutions.

"I can throw yours out," I say.

"No!" pleads Kevin. "Throw Nathan's out."

"Nathan doesn't have the problem with you guys having the same toy." In truth, Nathan doesn't have a problem with just about anything that comes with his food. He has an extremely healthy appetite and if there is a problem with Happy Meal toys at all, it is that we once caught him trying to eat a plastic Cookie Monster along with his fries. There's irony

somewhere in that, I guess.

Kevin decides he can live with having the same toy as his brother after all. I'm glad, too, because the thing looks like an actual movie prop from the film "Avatar." It lights up, dances a jig and says "Hello" in "Avatar"-ese. It has to cost more to produce than the food it comes with.

My first Happy Meal toy was a plastic finger puppet of Grimace. I kept it on so long my hand became gangrenous.

I was so happy to get it, too. Think about it: A TOY came with your FOOD. Inconceivable to a little boy who was raised with the notion that when it was dinnertime you did nothing but sit at the dinner table and eat. For years, there was no watching television, absolutely no playing with toys and very little conversation during dinner.

That changed, however, as my brother and me got a little older. Soon the TV trays came out, and maybe we watched a little "People's Court" while we ate our liver and onions. As we got even older, dinner was accompanied by the spectacular one-two punch of "Wheel of Fortune" at 7 p.m. and "Jeopardy" at 7:30.

These two shows account for about 97 percent of my family's education. We learn sayings, trivia and how many hyphenated words that begin with the letter "x" for only one reason: They may someday be answers on either "Wheel" or "Jeopardy."

(A note on "Jeopardy": My father has responded to every Jeopardy, Double Jeopardy and Final Jeopardy question the same way since Alex Trebek started asking them on Sept. 10,

1984: "Harry Truman."

So far, my father's strategy of answering every question with the name of the 33rd president of the United States has yielded him a 0.00000473 percent success rate. Not too shabby.

He tried doing the same with "Wheel of Fortune," but even my dad can't convince me that a five-word phrase about recreation is "Harry Truman." Not when the first two words are "outdoor barbecue," anyway.)

In any case, these days at dinnertime in my house, my sons can't digest meat unless Nickelodeon is on, either me or my wife is sitting at the computer and it's likely that at least one of us has an iPod on. Dinner at my house has all of the intimacy of an in-flight meal in business class.

To be fair, what with the work we're doing on the house and all, it's made sense to eat like refugees for a little while. But now that we actually have blinds in the kitchen — and walls to mount them on — we should start eating at the table.

We could do it old school: no television, no "Avatar" toys and the kids wouldn't be allowed to make noise unless they were choking.

But here's the problem: By the time my wife and I get done picking up the kids after work, it's well after 6 p.m. By the time we got the boys situated, cooked and set the table, it'd be close to 7 o'clock.

And by that time, ladies and gentlemen, a siren song calls me to the couch and the television trays.

The lyrics to that song consist of only three words:

"Wheel! Of! Fortune!"



WEEKLY WEATHER

Chief Meteorologist Mike Bono

Albany Almanac

Record high/low/year		
AVERAGE HIGH 31°	AVERAGE LOW 13°	
Day	High/Year	Low/Year
Wednesday, January 27	62°/1974	-23°/1994
Thursday, January 28	56°/1916	-16°/2005
Friday, January 29	54°/2002	-10°/1925
Saturday, January 30	54°/1974	-12°/1965
Sunday, January 31	58°/1913	-26°/1948
Monday, February 1	65°/1989	-20°/1920
Tuesday, February 2	53°/1981	-18°/1961

SEASONAL SNOWFALL TO DATE
19.8 inches as of Friday, January 22nd
11.2 inches below average

This week in weather
January 29-31, 1966 A northeast blizzard produced a foot of snow in Albany, but then lake effect kicked in with Rome receiving 41 inches and Oswego reporting 75 inches with unofficial reports of 100 inches of snow in only 2 days

Sun & Moon

Day	Sunrise	Sunset
Wednesday	7:14am	5:02pm
Thursday	7:13am	5:03pm
Friday	7:12am	5:05pm
Saturday	7:11am	5:06pm
Sunday	7:10am	5:07pm
Monday	7:09am	5:09pm
Tuesday	7:08am	5:10pm

Moon Phases
January 30th Full
February 5th Last

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

Area Ski Conditions

Resort	Base Depth	Lifts	Trails
Gore Mtn.	14" - 31"	8	68
Whiteface	23" - 35"	9	74
Bromley	23" - 37"	9	45
Mt. Snow	23" - 27"	10	80
Okemo	34" - 48"	19	119
Belleayre	27" - 50"	6	47
Stowe	24" - 48"	11	100
Killington	32" - 44"	16	137

Factoid
Ground Hog Day is February 2nd. Not only is this the traditional day for the Ground Hog to make his forecast, it's almost exactly the midpoint of the winter season — just over 6 weeks left.

Tides at Albany

Day	High	Low
Wednesday	1:55am, 2:27pm	8:32am, 9:23pm
Thursday	2:54am, 3:20pm	9:25am, 10:14pm
Friday	3:49am, 4:10pm	10:17am, 11:02pm
Saturday	4:41am, 4:59pm	11:09am, 11:49pm
Sunday	5:31am, 5:47pm	12:00am, 12:00pm
Monday	6:21am, 6:35pm	12:36am, 12:52pm
Tuesday	7:11am, 7:23pm	1:23am, 1:44pm

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Measure blocked in assessment dispute

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The absence of Paul Pastore from the Tuesday, Jan. 20, meeting of the Guilderland Town Board allowed Town Board members Warren Redlich and Mark Grimm to block a resolution to retain GAR Associates to prepare a court ordered appraisal in a tax assessment challenge for 1709 Western Ave.

The site is home to the Metro Diner, and according to the tax assessment challenge, the current owners believe that the approximately \$1.6 million appraisal is \$1 million more than the property's value at around \$660,000.

The resolution would have authorized Town Assessor John Macejka to pay \$5,000 to GAR Associates to prepare a court ordered appraisal of the property.

"The ultimate problem is, the town gets sued, and the board is never told," said Redlich. "We get the papers Thursday night, and we have to make a decision by Tuesday."

He said, "We are being asked to spend money without the attorney telling us what he thinks...I learned who my attorney was from the other side."

Redlich said that Town Attorney Richard Sherwood had to recuse himself from the case because Paul Goldman, the attorney representing 1709 Western Avenue Corp., works at the same firm as Sherwood. According to Redlich, Goldman informed him that Dan Centi, husband of Town Clerk Rosemary Centi, will be representing the town in the case.

Grimm said he was also concerned with the lack of information provided to him and Redlich. "Ken [Runion] wanted us to rubberstamp it without having all the information" said Grimm. Grimm said all of the information concerning the challenge was not provided in the packet given



Town Supervisor Ken Runion reacts to a vote on an appraisal challenge to 1709 Western Ave. With Town Board member Paul Pastore absent from the Tuesday, Jan. 20, meeting, Town Board members Mark Grimm and Warren Redlich were able to block a measure to prepare an assessment of the property in dispute.

Ryan Munks/Spotlight

to Town Board members on the Thursday before the meeting.

Supervisor Kenneth Runion said at the meeting that he didn't think Redlich and Grimm's concerns were relevant to the resolution. "We are required, pursuant to a judge's order to get an appraisal," said Runion at the meeting, adding later, "It's part of the assessment challenge process...it doesn't matter what litigation is about — the fact is litigation was filed."

Runion also said that Grimm and Redlich should have been aware of the situation because they both serve as the board's liaisons to the town assessor.

When the time came for the board to vote on the issue, Town Board member Patricia Slavick voted along with Runion, in favor of the measure. However, Grimm and Redlich abstained from voting on the measure, until they have the opportunity to review the case.

With the absence of Pastore, due to illness, Runion was not able to get the three votes needed to act on the measure. This was the first time Grimm and Redlich were able to influence the outcome of a vote with their dissenting votes.

"We are in danger of having the court rule that correct assessment is whatever their [the 1709 Western

Avenue Corp.] assessment is," said Runion.

If the court accepts the plaintiff's appraisal, the town and school district would have to refund \$48,185 to the property owners for the years 2008 and 2009. For the 2010 tax year the town and school district would have to refund \$24,397. The total combined estimated refund would be \$72,582.

"We can do this on Feb. 2," said Redlich in a later interview, referring to the Town Board's next meeting. "It wasn't really do or die last night." Grimm agreed with Redlich's assessment of the timeliness.

Runion said that authorizing the appraisal at the Feb. 2 meeting could be too late to have the appraisal filed in the State Supreme Court in the County of Albany by the March 1 deadline.

He said it usually takes 30-plus days for an assessor to complete an assessment. He also said they could try to rush the assessment, but it would come at a greater cost to the town.

Runion said in all likelihood the board will not consider the measure at the Feb. 2 meeting. Instead, the town will likely work to reach a settlement with the 1709 Western Avenue Corp.

Redlich files committee papers

Warren Redlich told *The Spotlight* on Thursday, Jan. 21, that he would be filing papers in Albany on Friday, Jan. 22, for the creation of a campaign committee called "Redlich."

"It's still not definite that I am going to run," said Redlich, who announced on Monday, Jan. 4, that he is considering a run for the governor's office.

"The plan would be to run with the support of the tea party," said Redlich.

Redlich said Eric Sundwall, a former chairman of the state Libertarian Party and congressional candidate, would be his campaign manager if he makes the decision to run. Sundwall is leading the effort to get Redlich to run for the governor's office.

Redlich said his decision of whether to run or not will depend on whether other tea-party

candidates decide to run.

"We're seeing what else is out there, getting a feel for things... we're getting close," he said.

Redlich said there is not a candidate in the mix that embraces the ideals of the tea-party movement. "I feel like people in Albany and Washington are living in a bubble...right now there is not a candidate that is not in the bubble," he said.

Redlich specifically mentioned Republican candidate for governor's office Rick Lazio. "He is the opposite of what tea-party people want," said Redlich, calling Lazio "a bailed-out banker, with a bonus."

While the creation of a campaign committee is a step closer it's still not a final declaration from Redlich. He plans to make a final decision by the end of the month.

—Ryan Munks

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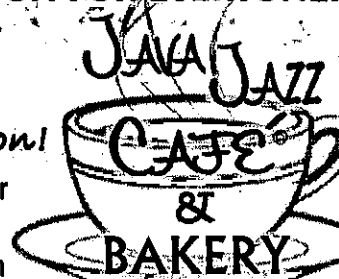
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Matters of Opinion *in the* Spotlight

Mixed messages

In a time when the state is in dire financial straits, schools are facing massive cuts, and the educated and motivated are leaving the state in droves, Bob Reilly is worried about mixed martial arts.

The Democrat assemblyman from Newtonville is decrying the possibility of MMA fighting events in the state because, as he says, it sends a message that is contrary to the anti-violence campaigns that the state has undertaken.

For those of us not sporting "Tapout" stickers on the backs of our cars, MMA fighting is a sport in which two individuals use a variety of fighting styles to beat the heck out of each other.

So Reilly has a point about the message of violence. But it's a point that could be applied to boxing, wrestling and any number of other sports people deem too violent for their tastes.

And it would be one thing if Reilly stopped at the violence angle but, in what may supposedly be an effort to lend credibility to an argument of conviction, he goes on to argue the socio-economic facets of MMA fighting.

In Dan Sabbatino's story on the matter, Reilly likens MMA's effects on a community to those of gambling. Well, Reilly should look to the lawless cesspool that is Saratoga Springs for an indication of how gambling — in the Spa City's case, video lottery terminals and horse racing — can be detrimental.

As for the merits of gambling itself, that cat's out of the bag. Does Reilly know that all New York state lottery profits go toward funding our schools to the tune of about 12 percent of their total state aid?

Reilly claims the proposed \$11 million tax base that would come with MMA would be contrary to Gov. David Paterson's pledge not to incur any new taxes. That's just plain wrong. It's not like the governor is reinventing the sales tax that would be applicable to tickets, merchandise, stadium fees and the like — no more than he would be reinventing the tax that would be levied on hotel rooms, meals, gasoline and any other ancillary sale that would accompany the introduction to the state of what seems to be a pretty popular sporting event.

There is money to be made here, Reilly, and we at *The Spotlight* respect your view that you are opposed to the message that such a violent sport sends. But people are not rounded up and corralled unwillingly to watch MMA fights — they go willingly, they spend money, they pay taxes.

If or when enough people feel the same as Reilly, audiences will dwindle and MMA sporting events will no longer be economically viable.

Until then, just tap out, Reilly, tap out.

Editorial

Take care with house plants

It may seem like winter days will be here forever, but ever so subtly, things are changing. Imperceptible to most of us but not unnoticed by our foliage friends, is the fact that the days are lengthening. This signals a wake-up call to plants to begin to push out new growth — the delicate balance of hormones is at play orchestrating the change. It comes as no surprise that hormones are once again the prime movers of the spring games; after all, it is that way for much of the animal world. Why should plants be any different?

Mother Nature may be choreographing the dance, but for the plants held hostage in our homes, the rules are a bit different. We need to remember that keeping plants indoors in containers is an artificial environment and it is up to us, the caretakers, to make sure that the conditions are as good as they can be for our plants to do more than just survive. Late winter is the time to check to see if plants are pot bound. Go ahead and tip that pot upside down and slip it off ever so gently to reveal the plant's true state of health: the roots. If all you see is a white swirling mass of roots and very little soil, then it is time to pot up a size to give the plant some "leg room" so to speak. The new pot should be one to two sizes larger — for example, if your plant is in a 6-inch diameter pot, then consider a 7- or 8-inch new pot. Never fall into the trap of over potting because you know how big the plant will eventually become. Life indoors has its own rules and rule number 1 is patience!

Always use a sterilized potting soil — do not use soil from the garden as it contains insect life that you would prefer remain out of doors. Repot the plant by placing a small amount of soil in the bottom of the new pot and repositioning the plant in the middle of the new pot. If the roots are very tight, tease them gently



Late winter is the time to check to see if plants are pot bound and to monitor their overall health.

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with your fingers to release a few so that they will stretch out into the new soil area. Fill in with soil around the plant and gently tap the pot to settle the soil. The repotted plant should sit comfortably in the new pot just slightly below the rim to allow room for water. DO NOT FERTILIZE a newly repotted plant; instead, give the disturbed roots a few weeks to recover and then begin with a dilute application of fertilizer—1/3 to 1/2 the recommended rate.

From November to March, most house plants need a rest from the fertilizing routine. This also allows for the leaching of any fertilizer salt build up. Gradually work up to the standard dosage and then alternate with clear water as you go through the summer. Reverse the process in the fall to wean the plant off the fertilizer by November.

Late winter is also a good time to inspect your plants for any problems or pests. Place pot in the sink and look over the leaves carefully, especially the undersides. Inspect the stems

for any bumps or swellings that might be scale insects. Look carefully at the crotches of the stems for any white, cottony masses, a.k.a. mealy bug.

The sink or tub is also useful to shower off the winter dust from the foliage (except for hairy leaves such as African violets), but always use tepid water. Fungus gnats are often seen as the seasons change and the humidity increases. They appear as small flying insects often mistaken for fruit flies. If you suspect fungus gnats, the first line of defense is to let the soil dry out.

Monitor plants by placing yellow sticky cards in the soil. These are small cards colored bright yellow to appeal to the bugs' eye and coated with a very sticky substance that traps flying insects. These cards are available at garden centers and come with a device to hold them in place at the proper level. Check the cards weekly to determine what pests you have and then treat accordingly. If you are not certain what the insects are, you can bring in a sample (or the sticky card) to the cooperative-extension office closest to you for identification and the best approach to deal with the problem.

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Your Opinion *in the* Spotlight

Patience for political pettiness wearing thin

Editor, *The Spotlight*:

I would like to add some observations after reading Vince Moehringer's excellent letter to the editor (*Bethlehem's 'political health' in jeopardy*, Jan. 20).

January 1 — another perfect opportunity to ring in the new year, watching democracy at work, a great local lesson in "Civics 101." With my four sons (ages 5 to 14) watching at the breakfast table that morning, we discussed the day and I wrote a note to the outgoing supervisor on behalf of our family, thanking him for his service to our community.

I brought the boys to the swearing-in ceremony for the new supervisor. They had an opportunity to meet many neighbors, friends, and elected officials. A gracious David Soares engaged the lads, and actually got one of the biggest smiles I have seen in months out of my 14-year old. We were there and witnessed the orderly transition of power in our town.

Throughout the ceremony, my 9- and 10-year olds — who took turns carrying the card for Jack Cunningham — asked repeatedly where the outgoing supervisor was. I repeatedly answered, "I didn't know." The former stated, at one point, "He should be here."

Days later, I found myself not at all surprised — yet very disappointed — at the Town Board's new business being clouded by a member's

allegations of "cronyism." The bottom line is this: the lack of civility in our local government over the past year and a half has been painful to behold. Bethlehem residents are tired of it.

There is no doubt in my mind: had Bethlehem's elected officials spent more time doing what they were elected to do, rather than politicizing everything and systemically marginalizing a substantial member of their board and our community because he actually had the nerve to think independently — instead of walking in step with one party or another — the prior town supervisor would still hold that office.

To each of Bethlehem's elected officials I say: the town's residents' patience for the pettiness and rancor is all but gone.

We wish each of you well, regardless of party affiliation. We appreciate the complexities of the job you were elected to do. We ultimately recognized your abilities to tackle that job by electing you to your respective positions.

If you each do not do your part to get that job done, well, with civility and without politicization and pettiness, you proceed at your own peril.

Simply put, by so acting you will likely find yourself in the midst of your last elected term in our town.

Michael C. Clarke
Glenmont

Thank you, mysterious Samaritans

Editor, *The Spotlight*:

There is a man who I am honored to call my friend. His name is Bob and he lives in Guilderland.

Bob has to rely on a battery-operated scooter to get around and retain his independence, which he does wonderfully.

A couple of weeks ago my friend was trying to come have breakfast at the establishment where I work. He had the misfortune to tip

his scooter and himself over on its side after hitting some hard packed snow and ice.

He landed on his side in the traffic lane of Route 155, with his cheek on the pavement, looking at oncoming cars. Numerous cars drove around him and continued on. What has our society become when people can drive around a disabled person and his scooter lying in a lane of traffic?

Thankfully, two men ran over from CVS pharmacy

and helped get Bob and his scooter right side up and out of harms' way.

Thank you fellas, whoever you are.

Our hats are off to you two gentlemen, you two good Samaritans, and to those people who just drove around my friend and his scooter laying in the road, I hope you never find yourselves in the same situation.

Linda Smith
Westerlo

IN BRIEF

Old songs to hold contra dance

An old songs contra dance will be held on February 6. The event will include a potluck at 6:30 p.m.,

a beginners session at 7:30 p.m., and a dance at 8 p.m. There will be live music by Alan Thomson and Colin McCoy.

Partners are not needed, and clean-soled shoes are

required. The event will be held at 37 South Main Street in Voorheesville.

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Don't Invest Through the Rearview Mirror

MARC D. ROBERTS

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As we enter this new year and decade, many of you may be revisiting your investment portfolios. A question you may ask yourself is, "Where should I invest my money?" First, it's helpful to look at where people have been putting their money.

If we look at mutual fund dollar flow statistics, we observe that money has been pouring into bond mutual funds. According to the Investment Company Institute, investors dumped an astronomical \$349 billion into bond funds year-to-date through November 2009. Meanwhile, investors have avoided stock funds and there have actually been redemptions over this same time period. Along with bond funds, investor activity in gold has risen.

Why Bonds and Gold?

Much of it has to do with investor psychology. Right now many investors are looking through the rearview mirror. What I mean is that they are looking at the investment returns of the last decade and projecting them into the future. During the 2000s, especially the last few years, bonds and gold have outperformed stocks. However, when you drive, do you just look through the rearview mirror? Likewise, when investing, we must analyze what is behind us, but more importantly, we must look down the road.

Learning From the Past

Before we look ahead, let's look at the past. We started

the last decade in a period of "irrational exuberance" for stocks. Investors poured money into stock funds and ignored other asset classes such as bonds and gold. This enthusiasm for

stocks caused their valuations to become irrational. From these higher valuation levels the stock market was almost destined to decline. This is a classic example of "herd behavior" where investors chase returns from the best performing asset classes.

Meanwhile, the decade ended in financial distress which led to depressed stock valuations. This induced investors to flock to so-called safe haven investments such as bonds and gold. If we examine bonds we know that as interest rates fall, bond prices rise. This is exactly what happened as the Federal Reserve cut interest rates to the bone to help the ailing economy. Gold also climbed along with the general rise in commodities that occurred throughout most of the decade. The asset classes that investors were shying away from at the beginning of the decade ended up performing the best!

Looking Ahead

Right now interest rates are at extreme lows. Literally, the only place for them to go is up. When rates do rise, bond prices will fall (as interest rates rise, bond prices fall). Many individuals who are invested in bond mutual funds may be surprised to discover that their investment is capable of losing value in an environment of rising interest rates. As for gold, we are starting the decade at historical highs. You may have seen "cash for gold" television commercials and cash for gold kiosks in the mall, or you may have even been invited to a cash for gold party! These signs point more to exuberance than a good value

and your safe haven assets may not be as secure as you think. Bond funds and gold are not immune to losing value.

Stocks are starting this decade at reasonable valuation levels after rebounding from rock-bottom lows last March. Furthermore, stocks remain mostly out of favor with investors. While I would not expect the same returns that investors received in the decades of the '80s and '90s, it is likely that the next decade will be much better than the last. In fact, there have only been two decades in which the S&P 500 Index had negative returns. The first was the 1930s and the second, you guessed it, was the last decade. So while bonds, and perhaps gold, may have a spot in your portfolio, don't make the mistake of ignoring stocks completely.

Remember, stocks are not just pieces of paper they represent ownership in real life companies. While we have many challenges ahead, these businesses will continue to innovate, prosper, and grow. Despite what we may see in the rearview mirror, companies that have strong financials, sustainable competitive advantages, solid management teams, and reasonable valuations will continue to be attractive investments over the long term.

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LEFT: Cub Scout Artemus Devolder, 8, works the gate at the Pack 272 2010 Pinewood Derby.

William R. DeVoe/Spotlight

Brownell appointed ZRC chairman

By RYAN MUNKS
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The Guilderland Town Board unanimously approved Ken Brownell as chair of the town's Zoning Review Committee. The vote was 4-0, with Town Board member Paul Pastore absent from the Tuesday, Jan. 19 meeting.

The Zoning Review Committee was formed in August 2009, and is tasked with updating the town's 25-year-old zoning code. The previous chair of the committee, Bruce Sherwin, stepped down in December, citing time constraints as the primary reason for his resignation.

Town Board member Warren Redlich has questioned the use of having a zoning review committee, while Town Board member Mark Grimm said he would like the committee to have a mission statement.

After being questioned on the mission of the committee at Tuesday's meeting by Grimm, Brownell said, "[The mission is] to review the Town of Guilderland zoning law and come up with some recommendations, and bring it into the 21st century."

Brownell said the committee is taking a two-phase approach to develop ideas to modernize the code, and also to match it up with the town's master plan, developed in 2001.

Prior to the meeting, Brownell spoke in depth about the mission of the committee.

Describing the work of the committee since its inception, he said "we looked at the zoning code and are making sure definitions are up to date."

According to Regina Dubois, fellow committee member and chair of the committee that developed the master plan, the town's zoning code currently has 25 pages of definitions.

The committee has had public hearings from the time it was created until November, and will resume the hearings in February.



From left, Joseph Abbruzzese, Regina DuBois, and Peter Barber, congratulate Ken Brownell, right, after his confirmation as chairman of the Zoning Review Committee.

Ryan Munks/Spotlight

Brownell has said the hearings have revealed that businesses, especially home-based businesses, and real estate brokers are looking for a more user-friendly code.

He also said the residential dynamic of the town has changed in the past 25 years. "Twenty-five years ago people wanted big house with big yards," said Brownell, adding that Guilderland has since become more of a suburban community.

"Glassworks Village is a prime example ... People want to live amongst the community," he said.

Grimm said he approved of Brownell's description of the committee's goals. "I was curious to hear what progress they have made. It was good the public had an opportunity to see what the committee is up to," said Grimm.

Brownell, Dubois, and the rest of the Zoning Review Committee are currently working on proposing a local law to the Town Board that among other things, updates the definitions for home occupations, mixed use buildings, shopping centers.

While charged with the task of updating the town's zoning laws the Zoning Review Committee does not have any statutory authority to change the law. Any recommendations they present to the Town Board can be accepted, reject, or changed by the Town Board upon approval of the law.

Brownell said he hopes to have a local law ready for review by the Town Board in February, however, he expects the work of the committee to continue into the summer months.



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State aid a give and take for Guilderland schools

District gets withheld funds but faces bigger cuts

By RYAN MUNKS

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Though it received some \$1,080,000 in state-aid payments that were withheld from the district, the Guilderland Central School District is looking at an over-\$3 million reduction in aid, should the governor's budget hold true.

Governor David A. Paterson announced on Monday, Jan. 11, that he would be restoring funds that were withheld from school districts in December and January. However, on Tuesday, Jan. 19, Paterson announced in his budget a proposal that would permanently reduce the amount of state aid given to local school districts.

According to information from the Division of the Budget "...in 2009-10, a one-time \$1.1 billion Deficit Reduction Assessment (DRA) would be taken against total formula-based aids."

The assessment is set to be made on a progressive scale so that low resource, high needs schools receive less of a reduction in aid, while high resource, low needs schools are to receive a greater reduction in aid. According to the Division of the Budget "Individual school district reductions will range between three and 13 percent." The Guilderland Central School District is classified as a high resource, low needs school district, and if the budget is passed as is, stands to fall on the higher end of the scale.

Superintendent John McGuire said the governor's budget calls

for a \$3.4 million dollar reduction in funding for the school district, with a \$1.7 million dollar reduction in building aid.

"It means we are going to have to look at serious reductions," said McGuire. "This is going to involve reductions in staff, and has implications on programs."

McGuire said his main concern is to try to sustain the current variety of programs provided to students in the school district, while at the same time trying to maintain a level of spending that is affordable to taxpayers.

Assemblyman John McEneny D-Albany, said, "There is no question there is going to be cuts everywhere... we can't pretend this recession crisis no longer exists."

McEneny said the Guilderland Central School District has faced cuts in the executive budget in the past, but he has been able to work with the legislature to have them restored in the enacted budget.

He said this year he will once again try to restore as much as possible. McEneny also said he was heartened to see that the governor included a proposal in his budget that says as the economy recovers surplus revenues will be devoted to the relief of property taxes.

The legislature is expected to make changes and vote on the final version of the budget by Wednesday, March 31. The Guilderland Central School district will then take into account the allotment of funding presented in the enacted version of the state's budget when formulating their own budget, to be presented to voters in May.

RCS schools locked out after threat

By CHARLES WIFF

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Schools in the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Central School District were put into lockout mode on Thursday, Jan. 21, after the district received a threatening call from a teacher with a disciplinary issue.

"On Wednesday afternoon there was an employee who, at one of our elementary schools, was inappropriate in his remarks," said Superintendent Daniel Teplesky.

On Thursday, that employee allegedly made a call to the district offices that officials took to be threatening in nature.

"We were concerned with the comments that had been made," Teplesky said.

The four schools and the district offices in the district were placed under a lockout at about 10:30 a.m., and remained in that state until about 3 p.m.

In a lockout, the school's doors are sealed and staff must screen anyone entering. It is different from a lockdown, when students do not leave classrooms. Educational programming was not interrupted on Thursday, said Teplesky, but locking out all district facilities was essential due to the nature of the threat.

"As a school employee, this person would have been allowed into any building," he said.

Lt. Thomas Heffernan of the Bethlehem Police Department said officers located and questioned

the employee who had made the call. Police concluded that while the person was hostile, no threats had been made and there was no arrest.

"There are no criminal charges filed, as no crime occurred," Heffernan said.

Neither police nor the district released the identity of the employee.

Supers weigh in on Gov's mandate reform

By RYAN MUNKS

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In his 2010 budget address, delivered on Tuesday Jan. 19, Governor David A. Paterson proposed a four-year moratorium on all "on all new, significant, legislatively enacted unfunded statutory mandates."

"The mandate moratorium I am proposing is especially critical at a time when all levels of government are facing historic budget difficulties. This initiative will ensure that the State won't take the easy way out when addressing its fiscal problems by pushing mandated costs down onto local governments," said Paterson, in a release on mandate reform.

"It would certainly be a welcomed event," said Town of New Scotland Supervisor Tom Dolin. "We are currently understaffed to keep up with the levels of reporting the state and federal government are requiring."

Town of Guilderland Supervisor Ken Runion echoed Dolin's sentiment.

"It's good that the state recognizes

that they have been passing down these responsibilities on the local municipalities," said Runion.

Runion said in recent years the state has increasing burdened local governments with new responsibilities without providing funding to help municipalities to meet those responsibilities.

Among the expenses specifically mentioned by Runion are expenses associated with elections, costing the town about \$50,000, storm water management, costing the town between \$150,000 to 200,000, and most recently, dam inspection requirements, costing the town \$10,000.

Runion said in some instances the federal government will pass mandates on to states, states will then pass them on to local municipalities. "Municipalities have no one to pass them on to," said Runion.

He also said in the current economic times mandates are a "double-edged sword." They represent requirements that are costly to meet in a time when the town is experiencing shrinking revenues.

Dolin said he agrees with Runion specifically in regards to the burdens of the storm water management mandate, however, he also took issue with a mandate from the Comptroller's office.

"The Comptroller's office requires towns and villages that have contracts with volunteer fire departments to have an annual audit of the department provide to the town," said Dolin. "It's an expense that ultimately the towns and villages end up paying for."

Dolin agrees with the comptroller's office with regards to having department audited, however, he said it comes at a great expense to the town.

If enacted in its current wording, the legislation proposed by the Governor's office would only apply to "legislatively enacted unfunded statutory mandates", not mandates set by the Comptroller's office, or by any other part of the executive branch of state government.

Dolin said he would like to see the legislation extend beyond the legislature and into all unfunded mandates passed down by state government.

Graduation Celebration plans underway

One of the highlights of the Bethlehem Central High School graduation season for the past 20 years has been "Graduation Celebration," an all-night, alcohol-free party following graduation. It is a fun-filled event featuring food, music, games, entertainment and prizes in a safe environment.

Graduation Celebration is not a school-sponsored activity. Parents are already hard at work planning the celebration and beginning to raise the necessary funds. Bethlehem

families and businesses have generously donated time, talents, prizes and money to past Graduation Celebrations and soon will be contacted to once again help make this year's event a great success.

Questions about Graduation Celebration can be sent to BCHSgradscelebrate@gmail.com

and parents interested in volunteering should contact Lisa Finkle at lafinkle@gmail.com.

Anyone wishing to make a monetary donation should send a check made payable to Bethlehem Senior Celebration, c/o Maureen McLeod, 354 Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 12054.

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Brundage to pay another visit

Writers and Friends' next guest is novelist Elizabeth Brundage, who will talk about her work on Sunday, Feb. 7, at 2 p.m.

Brundage paid us a visit back in 2004, the year her first novel, "The Doctor's Wife," was published. Since then she has written two more. "Somebody Else's Daughter" was published in 2009, and "A Stranger Like You" is due out this summer. Her books are set in our region — the first in and around Albany, the second in the Berkshires.

• Brundage holds a master's of fine arts degree from the Iowa Writers Workshop, where she received a James Michener Award. Before her stint in Iowa, she was a screenwriting fellow at the American Film Institute in Los Angeles.

Her short fiction has been published in *Greensboro Review*, *Witness* and *New Letters*. She lives with her family in the town of New Scotland.

The program is free and open to the public. Books will be available for sale and signing after the talk, courtesy of I Love Books.

Writers and Friends is generously underwritten by Friends of Bethlehem Public Library.

Upcoming book discussions

"The Good Thief" by Hannah Tinti will be discussed at our After Dinner Books meeting next Wednesday, Feb. 3, at 7 p.m. The author sets a darkly comedic tale



of good and evil in a strange 19th-century New England town ruled by the owner of a mousetrap factory.

"The Secret Scripture" by Sebastian Barry will be discussed at the next DayBooks meeting on Monday, Feb. 8, at 1:30 p.m. Novelist and playwright Barry weaves a lyrical and mysterious tale of a 100-year-old woman whose life spans 20th-century Ireland.

Copies of the books are available at the information desk. New members are welcome. Books under discussion are sometimes available in large-print or recorded format; call 439-9314.

Kids' book group

Book Buddies is Bethlehem Public Library's series of book discussions for kids and the adults in their lives. Adults and children read a selected book together beforehand, then meet for discussion and fun. At the next Book Buddies meeting on Thursday, Feb. 25, at 7 p.m., kids in grades K to two, friends and family will talk about "Dinosaur Detective" by James Skofield. A craft will follow.

Tiny tot time

Friday, Feb. 12, 9:30 and 10:30

a.m.

Stories, songs and rhymes for age 35 months and younger with adult.

Valentine bingo

Saturday, Feb. 13, 10:30 a.m.

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School's out! All-day crafts

Monday, Feb. 15, 9:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.

George Washington craft. All ages.

Tuesday, Feb. 16, 9:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Tiny elephants. All ages.

Chinese new year celebration

Monday, Feb. 15, 2 p.m.

Learn about this lucky holiday and do a Chinese New Year craft. Grades K to five.

Teen time

Tuesday Feb. 16, 3 to 4:30 p.m.

DDR, Guitar Hero, Wii, and games for grades six and up.

Louise Grieco

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

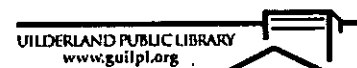
Guilderland library offers shredding

Worried about that pile of documents you want to shred — but your household shredder is behaving like Mets in the postseason? (You know: choking regularly) The Guilderland Library Foundation will help you shred them — the papers, not the Mets — with its industrial strength shredder. (It's so strong, it even chomped a nickel.) The next "Shredding on Saturdays" is on Saturday, Jan. 30, from 10 a.m. to noon. Drop by with your old checking statements, checks, investment account information, whatever. Please follow these suggestions to make it a convenient experience for all.

• Recognize that this is personal service, and we cannot handle large projects.

• Have your material stacked neatly. It makes the process go much faster when we can feed the shredder without having to organize the material on site.

• Remember we ask that you stay with our volunteers as they shred your material, or



you can stand there and shred it yourself. This is to preserve your privacy.

• This has proven to be very popular, so please arrive earlier rather than later.

• Ten a.m. to noon on each day is reserved for walk-ins. You can also make an appointment for shortly before or immediately after these times by calling 456-2400, ext. 12.

Just \$3 a vertical inch (put another way: a pile of paper an inch high) is the suggested donation. Sound like a lot? It's not when you consider the safety and timesaving this service gives you. And your donation supports many special library programs unfunded by taxpayer dollars.

For more information on this service, contact the library's Public Information Office at 518-456-2400, ext. 12, or email pio@guilpl.org.

Mark Curiale

IN BRIEF

Five Rivers to hold study of snow

Five Rivers Environmental Education Center will hold a field study of the ecological impacts of snow on Saturday, Feb. 13, at 2 p.m.

Center naturalists will search for signs of wildlife activity and discuss the impact of snow cover on various wildlife species of field and fen. For winter wildlife, a rich blanket of snow can either be a blessing or a curse. While winter's false bottom may impede mobility and hide food sources, it can also provide protection for many species of flora and fauna.

The program is open to

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

Five Rivers Environmental Education Center is located at 56 Game Farm Road, Delmar.

Soap box meeting set for Jan. 31

The 2010 Capital district soap box meeting will be held on Jan. 31 at 2 p.m. at the Masonic temple, 67 Lodge St. in Albany.

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Music series to return

The Foy Brothers' rhythm, blues, and soul open the 2010 Acoustic Doorways season. The six-piece band, with vocalist Charee Hendricks, will play at Grace Methodist Church on Friday, Feb. 5, at 7:30 p.m. The church is at 16 Hillcrest Drive in Ravenna, and there will be room to dance.

Tickets for the four-concert series are \$20 for adults and \$12 for senior citizens and children. Single-event tickets are \$8 for adults and \$5 for senior citizens and children. Come in to the library or call to reserve tickets at 756-2053.

Also scheduled to perform during the 2010 series are DaisyCutter with Sarah Milanovich, the Latin Jazz Quartet with Dave Gleason, and Global Gumbo with Charlie Tokarz. The full schedule will be

RCS COMMUNITY LIBRARY

available by Feb. 5.

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 12:30pm in the Library Annex. The evening group will meet on Feb. 3 at 6:30 p.m.

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

Nimblefingers to host open house

Whether you are crafty or just have an appreciation for the textile arts, Nimblefingers will delight you on Tuesday, Feb. 9, with homemade goodies, quilt and craft talk, help, instructions, and free patterns at their open house and reception from 1 to 3 p.m. Every year patrons look forward to the annual Nimblefingers quilt and craft show, which will be exhibited this year from Feb. 2 through March 2.

Please join us on the ninth, or visit the exhibits in the community room, hall gallery and display case anytime during the month and look at the beautiful work. To join the group, just bring a project to work on any Tuesday afternoon. There is no signup.

College workshop

For parents of high school juniors, Dr. Dean Skarlis will outline steps to take to find the right college for your child when he presents "Finding the Right College at the Right Price" on Wednesday,

Feb. 10, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Some of the topics he will cover are:

The top five factors colleges look for in applicants, need-based and merit-based aid: you can pay less; strategies to reduce college costs; and rankings/scholarships; understanding why "fit" is critical. There will be time for questions. Call or email the reference desk to sign up.

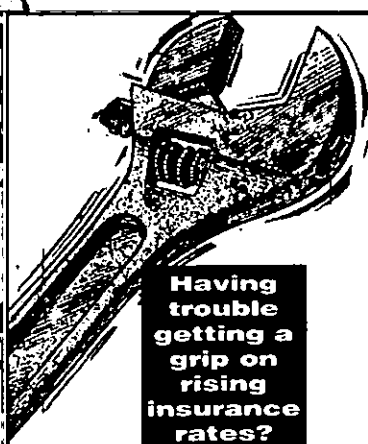
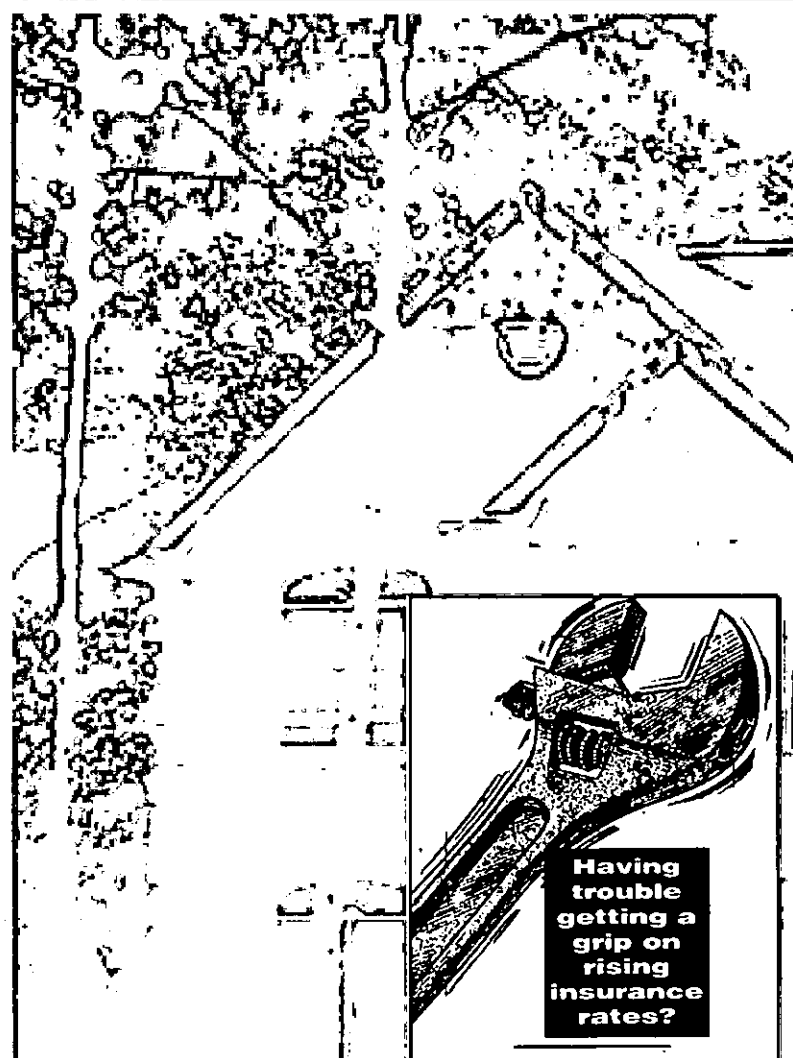
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Barbara Vink

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Better to give



The American Red Cross, in collaboration with the Guilderland Chamber of Commerce, sponsored a blood drive at Guilderland Public Library on Friday, Jan. 22. Here, Robert Crevatas, of Guilderland, gives a "double-red" donation. "Double-red" donors are hooked up to a special machine that extracts twice the amount of red blood cells from a donor.

Ryan Munks/Spotlight

Donations of cloth, yarn needed

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 or given to the receptionist.

Musical news

The Guilderland Players' next musical will be "Anything Goes".

Senior Citizens' Night will be

Town of Guilderland SENIOR CALENDAR

March 11 at 7 p.m., tickets are now available in the Senior Office—cost \$3.00. Transportation service will be provided upon request.

Monday, Feb. 1
Scheduled Shopping

9 a.m. Aerobics
10:30 a.m. Strong Bones +
10:30 a.m. Sr. Fitness
1:30 p.m. Strong Bones +

Tuesday, Feb. 2

9 a.m. Strong Bones +
11:30 a.m. Luncheon: Roast Pork or Cold Plate
12:30 p.m. Bingo/Games/Billiards

Wednesday, Feb. 3

Scheduled Shopping
9 a.m. Line Dancing
10:30 a.m. Strong Bones +
10:30 a.m. Bridge
11:45 Sr. Fitness
1 p.m. Needlecraft
1:30 p.m. Strong Bones +

Thursday, Feb. 4

Scheduled Shopping
9 a.m. Strong Bones
1 p.m. Pinochle/Mahjongg

Friday, Feb. 5

10 a.m. Painting
1 p.m. Quilting

Beat the winter blues with Senior Services

Do you find yourself feeling the "winter blues"? If so, you're not alone. Bethlehem Senior Services offers a variety of social programs every month to help folks enjoy a breakfast, lunch or dinner out, see a movie, attend a musical or dramatic theater production or even a Siena basketball game—all for a change of routine from winter weather and being home-bound.

Don't let the cold, snow, dreary, icy and wet conditions of Feb. and March (hopefully not April!) get you down. Call the Senior Services office for more information at 439-4955, ext. 1176.

Because I have decided to pursue a new phase of retirement, another author will be writing this column beginning next week. My very best wishes to the new author and the readers.

Program highlights Saturday, Jan. 30

• Breakfast and conversation at the Gateway Diner, Albany (cost on your own). Bethlehem senior transportation leaves Town Hall at 9 a.m. with home pickup available on a pre-arranged basis. Suggested van donation \$3.00. For reservations, call 439-4955, ext. 1176.

Monday, Feb. 1

• Shopping center trip with Bethlehem senior transportation to Colonie Center and Northway Mall. For reservations, call 439-4955, ext. 1176.

Tuesday, Feb. 2

• "The Music Man," the popular musical, in the Bethlehem Central Middle School auditorium, 7 p.m. (\$5 at the door), after an early supper at Mercato's, Delaware Avenue, Delmar (cost on your own). Bethlehem senior transportation leaves Town Hall at 4:30 p.m. with home pickup available on a pre-arranged basis. Suggested van donation \$3. For reservations, call 439-4955, ext. 1176.

• AARP Income Tax Assistance Program, Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Appointments and various important documents are necessary. Call 439-4955, ext. 1176.

• Seniors in Motion—a low-level

Senior Action

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aerobic exercise class to music, Bethlehem Town Hall auditorium, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 9 to 10 a.m. No registration necessary. \$3 fee per class.

Wednesday, Feb. 3

• "Meals...Music and More!" at the First Reformed Church of Bethlehem, 38 Church Road, Selkirk. A delicious lunch of chicken parmesan with ziti and dessert, followed by a musical performance by Tommy Ippolito. Suggested donation for lunch is \$2.50 for seniors and \$5 for those under 60, with voluntary donations for the music program. Lunch and music are from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Reservations are necessary. Transportation is limited and must be arranged for when making the meal reservation. Call 439-4955, ext. 1176.

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

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

Thursday, Feb. 4

• 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, Feb. 5

• The fourth program in a Health and Wellness series: "Balance Therapy." Presenter: Laura Gras, Physical Therapist, will focus on exercise for balance to avoid falls which can cause major problems for older adults. Bethlehem Town Hall, Room 101, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar. A "Lunch Out" option at the Windowbox Café in Slingerlands, with cost on your own, will be available. All are welcome to attend. If you require transportation, call Senior Services at 439-4955, ext. 1176.

• 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.

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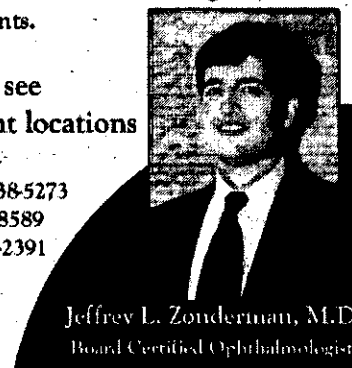
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Assemblyman fights MMA *Wide load*

Reilly says it counters anti-violence efforts in state

By DAN SABBATINO
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Assemblyman Bob Reilly said allowing mixed martial arts fighting in the state would counter anti-domestic violence and bullying efforts.

Gov. David Paterson has said mixed martial arts could be a revenue generator for the state. All but seven states currently allow the bouts

"Ultimate fighting is something we're considering," he said Monday, Jan. 11. "When the budget comes out and you see the depth of cuts, I think that there may be a sense of what types of revenues we might be able to raise."

Reilly, D-Newtonville, said a survey of registered voters in his district show that 68 percent do not want mixed martial arts fighting in New York.

"Across the board, people in my district do not want this," he said, but he admitted that a younger demographic might poll differently.

Paterson cited the budget deficit of \$7.5 million as a reason for considering a change in the law banning "ultimate fighting."

"We have very depleted

resources," he said of the bill, sponsored by Assemblyman Steve Englebright, D-Setauket.

Attempts to contact Englebright for comment were unsuccessful.

Reilly's criticisms of mixed martial arts go beyond the violence he said it promotes. He said, ultimately, permitting it in New York would not bring money into the Capital District; but in fact send it out.

"I've studied the sport, and

"In boxing there's a reason when someone is on their knees you can't slug them in the head."

Assemblyman Bob Reilly, D-Newtonville

I've studied studies of the sport," he said.

He said tens of thousands of dollars have been poured into a lobbying effort to bring mixed martial arts to New York, with numbers suggesting it could generate around \$4 million, with about \$500,000 coming into businesses, restaurants and hotels. The problem, Reilly said, is that \$3.5 million then gets sucked out of the area, and would end up in Las Vegas, or with television networks and "secondary" ticket sales Web sites like StubHub.com, which are not taxed by New York.

He also said that the \$11 million collected in taxes from such events would run contrary to Paterson's pledge to no incur

any new taxes.

"We need to ask, 'Is this really good for New York?'" he said.

He likened the effect of holding mixed martial arts events to what gambling does to an area, and he said he feared the consequences.

Not a gambler himself, he said that he does not oppose people who participate legally. It's not a good long-term plan, he said.

"It shouldn't be our major economic development activity," said Reilly.

Reilly said he might support the sport if it standardized the martial art forms the fighters use.

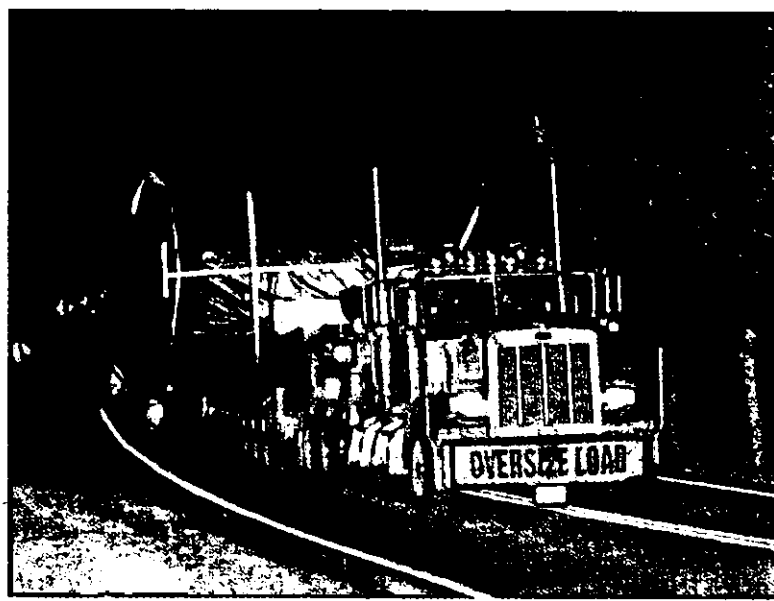
He does not like professional boxing and grouped professional hockey in that category as well, due to the permissible fighting in the latter and corruption in the former, but said amateur versions of the sports are more palatable.

"Boxing is violent too, and I think it has a history of corruption," he said.

Amateur boxing has "entirely different rules," that he said keeps fighters safe. Amateur hockey does not permit "inane fights" either.

If mixed martial arts events could limit the violence, he said he would be open to a dialogue.

"In boxing there's a reason when someone is on their knees you can't slug them in the head," he said.



This large hotwell shell — a part of an industrial steam condenser — made by LMC Industrial Contractors of Dansville, made its way through Bethlehem on its way to the port of Albany late Wednesday, Jan. 20. State police and National Grid vehicles accompanied the load, raising traffic lights along the way. The equipment will make its way to a facility overseas.

Tom Heffernan Sr./Spotlight

Friends of Albany Library to host book talk

The Friends of Albany Library will host a book talk about "The Story of Albany," which includes stories about the past and present of Albany, on Thursday, Feb. 4, at 12:30 p.m.

The book talk will include talks by Paul Grondahl and Tracy Ormsbee of the *Times Union*, a reading by library trustee Mary Ellen O'Connor, and information from APL

local history librarian Ellen Gamache.

There will be a limited quantity of books available at the event for \$25 each. There will be refreshments served.

The book talk will be at the Pine Hills Branch of the Albany Public Library at 517 Western Ave. in Albany.

For more information, visit www.albanypubliclibrary.org.

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Training

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wholeheartedly agrees with the training portion of the action.

"I'm very comfortable that it's exactly what is needed," Messina said.

He characterized the cost of the program as an "investment" on the part of the town.

"I think it's an investment when you do diversity training anywhere in the government and private sector," Messina said. "All people, regardless of their level, need to be sensitive to diversity issues, whether it's in recruitment, or communication, or just interacting with people."

Town Board member Kyle Kotary said that it would not be legally possible to compel Corsi to foot the bill for the training. The town pays the cost of all mandated and non-mandated training for employees.

"The entire board supported this, Chief Corsi agreed to it voluntarily, and I think the chief deserves credit for voluntarily agreeing to the town's demands," he said.

Director of Human Resources Mary Tremblay-Glassman said the program had been specifically tailored for Corsi and the town will receive updates from Johnson.

A call to Corsi's office was not returned.

It is not just Chief Corsi who is revisiting the issue of diversity. All full time town employees and Town Board members will attend a two-hour diversity training session in coming days. The first session will take place on Thursday, Jan. 28, and there will be five additional sessions between then and Feb. 12.

The cost of the entire program is estimated at \$2,500.

The program—"Valuing Differences and Appreciating Others"—will be run by Capital Employee Assistance Program, which is contracted by the town for employee training.

Tremblay-Glassman said that the upcoming training is not the result of any particular event, but is rather one of the town's training components that are outside of courses mandated by the state.

"All of our training is scheduled periodically," she said. "I've been working on putting this training together since the fall."

Planning Board member Kate Powers raised the issue of diversity in town offices during the public comment period of the Jan. 13 meeting of the Town Board. She did not allege any instances of discrimination, but wondered whether more could be done to provide a wider range of experience in town government.

"I've noticed that I've seen very few women and very few minorities" in town positions, she said. "The overwhelming majority of the high-paid staff in town tends to be non-minority men."

She made it clear before making her comments that she was expressing her individual opinion as a citizen.

In a later interview, Powers said she was concerned there might exist gender and geographical disparities in some town entities.

"I think everybody is doing a good job...but I'm just kind of consistently hearing just one viewpoint," she said. "I just think that hearing other viewpoints would make our town stronger."

The Town Board is in the process of deciding who will fill two open seats on the Planning

Board, or if they will be eliminated altogether. All 15 applications the town received for open seats on the Planning and Zoning boards were from men, according to town officials.

Messina said he has not yet taken a hard look at how demographics break down in the town payroll, but acknowledged that furthering diversity is a goal the town should strive for in the future.

"Generally, I think the decision should be made to include diversity...whenever you have the opportunity to do so," he said.

Kotary said that sometimes the town is left with a uniform pool of candidates to choose from when filling jobs.

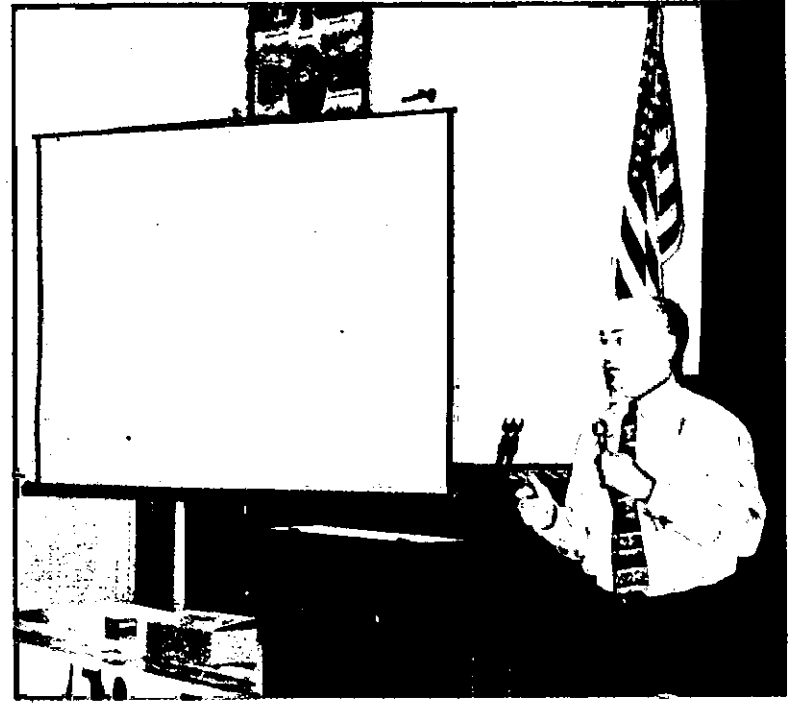
"We need to fight for and ensure diversity on the board," he said. "At the same time, on civil service positions there are some limited options, however. You can only take a certain number of people of a certain ranking off a civil service exam."

He cited the hiring of police officers as a common example of this conundrum. When the town was last looking to hire, the results of the most recent civil service exam did not produce any minority candidates, he said.

"How can we legally, given civil service and other town law, how can we make it easier, and should we make it easier, to intentionally diversify the town? That is a legitimate and important question," Kotary said.

Messina said he does not have plans to institute hard guidelines or quotas for town hiring, but indicated it should play a role in the future.

"Sometimes you just have to wait a little longer, look a little harder," he said of the hiring process. "We just need to do a good, balanced management job."



Director of Economic Development and Planning Michael Morelli talks about the Vista Technology Campus during the state of the town address.

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Growth

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and realizing what must be done to meet goals already set.

Messina made several references to the findings of the town's 20/20 Advisory Committee, which projected a \$10 million gap between town revenues and expenses by the year 2020 if the town's fiscal course continues. Messina noted that only one quarter of the town's revenue stream is made up of local tax sources, and said Bethlehem should strive to become more self sufficient.

"We should not continue to think we can be dependent on other sources," he said.

To that end, Messina called upon Director of Economic Development and Planning Michael Morelli and Assistant Engineer Terrence Ritz to contribute to the presentation. They outlined a number of significant commercial projects the town had tackled in the previous year and how the Bethlehem Industrial Development Agency is working to attract others to town.

Morelli said the Vista Technology Campus would likely see some development in the coming year that will include a 40,000-square-foot medical offices project and 40,000 square feet of secondary space development.

He went on to say that such commercial development is vital to the town's future and should be fostered, as Bethlehem cannot survive as a "bedroom community" of single-family homes.

"We send out a message that the town is looking to encourage good economic development," Morelli said.

Solidifying the town's financial situation will play a role in Messina's promise to advance the capital plan, a draft of which was recently prepared. It contains \$146 million of infrastructure improvements.

Messina has said he'd like to use the document in next year's budget process.

"Over the next year, with your help, we will have a capital plan in place with all elements identified, and we will be on track," he said.

Messina said his top priority as supervisor would be to provide a foundation of openness and transparency in town gov-

"We can do more in a proactive sense, and I intend to do that with the support of the Town Board. You're likely to see very different models of the way we exist."

Supervisor Sam Messina

ernment, and he would seek to advance initiatives to have Town Board meetings televised and to hold meetings in other parts of town.

"We can do more in a proactive sense, and I intend to do that with the support of the Town Board," he said. "You're likely to see very different models of the way we exist."

Town Board member Kyle Kotary, who along with Messina is the longest serving board member, said proposals to either Webcast or post video of meetings on the town's Web site after the fact have been researched in the past, but were not pursued due to high costs, security concerns or technical issues.

"I'm happy exploring options and I would support it if, in fact, we had a cost effective, secure option that works for everybody," he said.

Messina also took time to speak about the importance of pursuing grant opportunities, focus on existing businesses and make better use of the town's Hudson River coastline.

The state of the town was sponsored by the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce, Time Warner Cable Business Class and Spotlight Newspapers.

Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce President Marty DeLaney said the chamber is in discussions with Messina to hold forums between local business owners and town officials to better foster a constructive dialogue, a proposal Messina expressed support for.

"We open doors at Town Hall," DeLaney said. "Some people don't feel comfortable in a setting like this, so what we're going to do is open it up to a smaller group."

DeLaney said the first forum could be held as soon as February.

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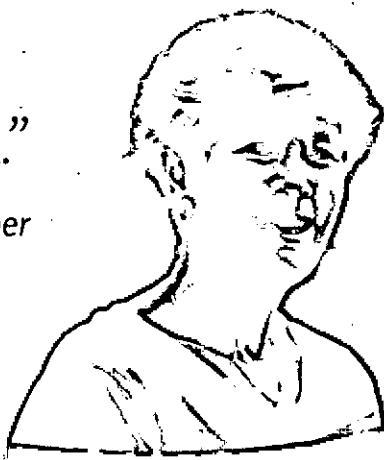
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Middle school to present a River City revelry

Bethlehem students star in production of 'The Music Man'

By CHARLES WIFF
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How do you make it to the Bethlehem Middle School auditorium? Practice, practice, practice.

At least, that's how it is for the sixth-, seventh- and eighth-graders who will be performing "The Music Man" there next week, and the dozens of others who are working behind the scenes so it all comes off right.

It has taken the cast three months to prepare, said co-directors and music teachers Lynda Conway and Katie Daly, who are preparing their fifth musical production.

"It's a substantial amount of time that the students are willing to put in, in addition to being students, which is their primary responsibility," said Conway. "The kids are phenomenal."

The cast has been preparing since October, when about 150 students auditioned. The directors said they were happy "The Music Man" allows a relatively large cast of 65 students.

"We don't exactly have the largest stage, but we try to utilize as many students as we can feasibly put up on the stage," Conway said.



Scott Mistler-Ferguson (Harold Hill) and Ashliann Arditi (Marian Paroo), right, will play leading roles in the Bethlehem Central Middle School's production of "The Music Man," which will hit the stage at 7 p.m. Feb. 2, Feb. 4, Feb. 5, and Feb. 6, with a snow date set for Sunday, Feb. 7 at 2 p.m.

Submitted photos

Another 65 students are involved in behind-the-scenes work making costumes, building sets and manning the lights. Parents have also been a great help to the directors, with about 80 volunteers doing everything from chaperoning to selling tickets to costume design.

Two-hour rehearsals have been running four days a week for the past three months, which is a big commitment from

participants, especially those playing lead parts. Some have to curtail other extracurricular activities like sports.

"You have to sacrifice a lot to put on a great show," said Trevis Lipnicky, who will play the part of Marcellus Washburn.

Scott Mistler-Ferguson (Harold Hill) agreed.

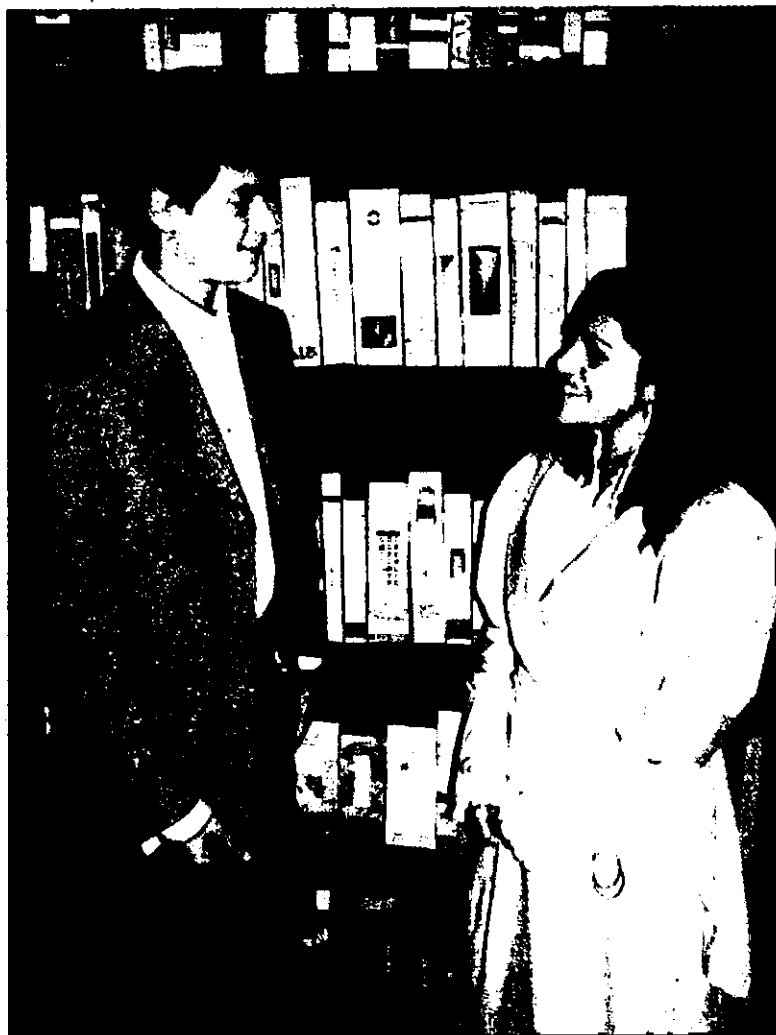
"It's really hard while you're doing it, but once it's done it's great," he said.

But the musical offers the players an opportunity to partake in a different kind of extracurricular activity and meet new people.

"As a sixth-grader, it's just trying new things," said Brendan Mortensen, who will be playing the part of Winthrop Paroo.

"You can make friends really easily," added eighth-grader Greg Brazis-Eberle, who will play Mayor George Shinn.

Some of the players are veterans of the school musicals. Lead players Mistler-Ferguson and Ashliann Arditi (Marian Paroo) were both in last year's production of "The Wizard of



Oz," but have found scenes of "The Music Man" to be much different — especially when the two share a stage kiss.

"It's a lot more romantic," said Mistler-Ferguson.

First performed in 1957, "The Music Man" was a breakout hit that has inspired a film, television remake, numerous recordings and countless performances by groups all over. Packed with musical numbers, the play tells the story of a traveling con man who falls for a girl in River City, Iowa, after selling the townspeople musical instruments and uniforms to rid their children of "sin and corruption."

It's not an easy play, said Daly, but the actors put in the work required to give off a remarkable performance for their age.

"We know what the kids can do, but I think the audience is

always surprised at the level these kids perform at," Daly said.

"The Music Man" will be performed at 7 p.m. on Feb. 2, Feb. 4, Feb. 5, and Feb. 6, with a snow date set for Sunday, Feb. 7, at 2 p.m. All shows will be in the middle school auditorium. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$5 for seniors and students, and will be on sale on Sunday, Jan. 31, from noon to 3 p.m. and on show nights from 5:30 to 6:45 p.m.

Conway advised that those interested secure their tickets in advance — in the last three years they've sold out every show. Daly attributed the success only in part to familial support, saying that other students also pack the auditorium.

"It's the students in the school who come and support their peers," she said.

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Trashy

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Rodger Stone reported to the board in December that he saw progress being made on the condition of the property, but at the Tuesday, Jan. 19, meeting, he said that progress has come to a halt.

"I've seen limited action, and almost none in the last three to four weeks," Stone said in some ways the situation has gotten worse, citing the addition of two additional unlicensed vehicles to be crushed by the crusher operated by Ciembroniewicz.

The oily runoff from the property that Stone said had "virtually stopped" in December, apparently has returned. At Tuesday's meeting Stone said there is still an oil sheen leading into a drainage ditch on Route 20.

Ciembroniewicz has also failed to have an engineering firm provide a discharge report and sediment control plan to the board, Stone said. "The engineering firm has not prepared it because they haven't been paid."

Ciembroniewicz was on hand at the meeting, along with his friend Ray Goodman, who helps him run the junk yard. Goodman said that he and Ciembroniewicz have cleared 200 tons of steel from the property, and are developing plans to have the crusher housed in a building 500 feet away from the road.

Goodman also said they are in the process of removing the thousands of tires on the property. "We have been removing tires non-stop," said Goodman.

Ciembroniewicz also said that the Department of Environmental Conservation has inspected the property and has not found runoff coming from the property.

In the end, Supervisor Ken Runion



Caption: Arnold Naparty appears before the Town Board to answer questions about the state of his property.

Ryan Munks/Spotlight

made the motion to have the town solicit bids from contractors to bring the property into conformity.

Runion also suggested a motion to revoke Ciembroniewicz's special use permit for the property, as it is zoned agricultural. However, Stone informed the board that he discovered earlier in the day that Ciembroniewicz does not have a special use permit.

The prospect of shutting down the operation completely was a concern for Town Board member Warren Redlich. He said his concern is if the town removes the junk from the property, and shuts down the operation, Ciembroniewicz would have no means to reimburse the town for the costs of the clean-up, and would simply abandon the property.

"That's always a real possibility, but is that a reason to let him continue to pollute the town's water supply?" asked Runion.

Redlich asked if there were a way Ciembroniewicz can get economic value out of the cleaned up property.

Stone said the property has no agricultural value due to the pollution sustained by the operation of the junkyard.

Runion said he believes there could be a middle-ground if Ciembroniewicz

removes the rubbish, metal, junk cars, and other debris, and houses the crusher in a building, the area would technically not be considered a junkyard.

"I think he could fall under the classification of a recycling facility," said Runion, adding that he thinks the board would be very receptive to the idea if Ciembroniewicz cleans up his act.

For now, the Town will focus on removing the junk from the property. Runion said Ciembroniewicz has between 60 and 90 days before bids from contractors are presented to the board.

"We have to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the people of the Town of Guilderland," said Runion.

Neighbors turn out in force for public hearing on unkempt property

Guilderland residents neighboring Arnold Naparty's property at 3393 Carmen Road were on hand at the Tuesday Jan. 19 meeting of the Town Board to comment on the effect the property has had on their quality of life, and petition the board to take action.

According to a report issued to the town board by Zoning Enforcement Officer Rodger Stone late last year, the property is used for the illegal storage of unlicensed vehicles, commercial vehicles and industrial equipment.

Walt Jones, of 220 Sundew Drive, located directly behind Naparty's property, said this has been an ongoing problem. "There are many promises for compliance, they're never met... we need them to come to fruition. It has been a long sequence of complaint, promise, promise doesn't get met, compliant, promise..."

The town has been receiving complaints about the junkyard since 1983, according to Stone.

Brian Bengen and his wife Rita, of 218 Sundew Drive, were the next of the

neighbors to voice their concerns about the junkyard. Brian Bengen said, "We take pride in our back yard, we pay taxes, and nothing gets done."

He said the ice storm in December 2008 forced the couple to remove branches from trees that normally mitigated their view of the junkyard.

Neighbor Nancy St. Louis said she came to the meeting to support the Bengen and Jones families. "The Bengen and Jones families keep their houses impeccable... I feel bad for them. I also question the town in why this gentleman was never fined."

"Previous justices we had were not inclined to issue fines," said Stone. He added that he does not believe that now is the time to bring the matter before the town court. Naparty has been to court and received an ACOD, or adjournment in contemplation of dismissal.

Naparty was on hand at the public hearing and did not attempt to defend himself from the neighbors' complaints. "I know my property doesn't look the greatest, I admit that... I'm a pack rat," he said. "I've lived in this town over 30 years. Yes, I accumulated a lot of stuff in that period of time."

He also said that he understands if he does not clean up the property, the town will have someone clean it up for him.

The Town Board unanimously decided to order Naparty to remove all unlicensed vehicles, commercial vehicles, industrial equipment, and rubbish from the property. The board also required Naparty to secure building permits or remove all unregistered buildings from the property.

Naparty has until March 31 to comply with the Town Board's order. If the board deems that he has failed to comply by that time they will vote to authorize contractors to bring the property into compliance and bill him for the costs incurred to the town.

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Five Rivers event a shoe-in for a good cause

Five Rivers hosts fundraiser for Habitat for Humanity

By CHARLES WIFF
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Even with this year's uncharacteristically warm afternoons, January is the month that many Capital District residents begin to look longingly out of their kitchen windows and dream of spring.

An upcoming fundraiser, however, is giving those with cabin fever an opportunity to not only enjoy winter sports, but help the less fortunate gain their own shelter from the cold.

Capital District Habitat for Humanity and local Eastern Mountain Sports stores are partnering for the second year to bring a snowshoeing fundraiser to the area. Last year's event was a Pine Bush, and this year, participants will be stomping through the Five Rivers Environmental Center and raising money for donation.

The partnership is a mutually beneficial one. Habitat for Humanity receives donations that will go toward building materials for homes that will be sold to low-income families, and EMS has an opportunity to showcase its selection of snowshoes by providing pairs for participants to borrow.

"We like to try and partner with local organizations and help them out when we can, and we just felt that Habitat is a good community building organization," said EMS Outreach Director Emily Durrant.

EMS will provide snowshoes for the day at no cost to those who don't own their own. It makes the event a great chance to give winter sporting a try, said Durrant.

"It gets people out and excited about being out in the winter," she

said. "Anybody can snowshoe, and even if you don't necessarily like the winter you can enjoy being outside."

EMS has three stores locally: at Mohawk Commons in Niskayuna, Stuyvesant Plaza in Guilderland and on Route 50 in Saratoga Springs.

Last year, about 100 people turned out to the Pine Bush Preserve to snowshoe a 1-, 2-, or 5-mile loop, raising \$8,000 for CDHH.

"We were actually very surprised last year to have such a great turnout ... so we are hoping to increase the number of snowshoers and the amount of money attached to it," said CDHH Director of Development Ericka Small.

As with last year, participants will be able to travel however many miles they are comfortable with through the 450-acre preserve's 10 miles of trails. There will be giveaways, raffles and hot chocolate and snacks served throughout the day.

"We thought it would be a good place to hold it this year, they have a lot of different trails to use," said Durrant.

Habitat for Humanity builds homes for low-income families using volunteer labor and then sells them at below market value with zero percent loans.

"The whole goal ultimately is to create successful homeowners," Small said.

To learn more about CDHH, donate or volunteer, visit www.capitaldistrichabitat.org. You can also download a brochure and donor sheet for the snowshoeing event. If you plan to participate in the event and will need to borrow snowshoes, contact EMS in Stuyvesant Plaza at 482-0088 to reserve a pair.

The fundraiser will run from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Five Rivers is at 56 Game Farm Road.



About 100 snowshoers turned out to the Pine Bush Preserve in 2009 to raise money for the Capital District Habitat for Humanity. This year's event, being held at the Five Rivers Environmental Center, is scheduled for Sunday, Jan. 31, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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David Bunce is not a big fan of mysteries. He doesn't like having to pay extra close attention, trying to pick up all the subtle clues that will solve the mystery.

Thrillers, though, are a different story. He likes the way thrillers are driven by the idea, "Let's find out who done it or we're all going to die."

"Now it's about saving yourself," Bunce said with a laugh.

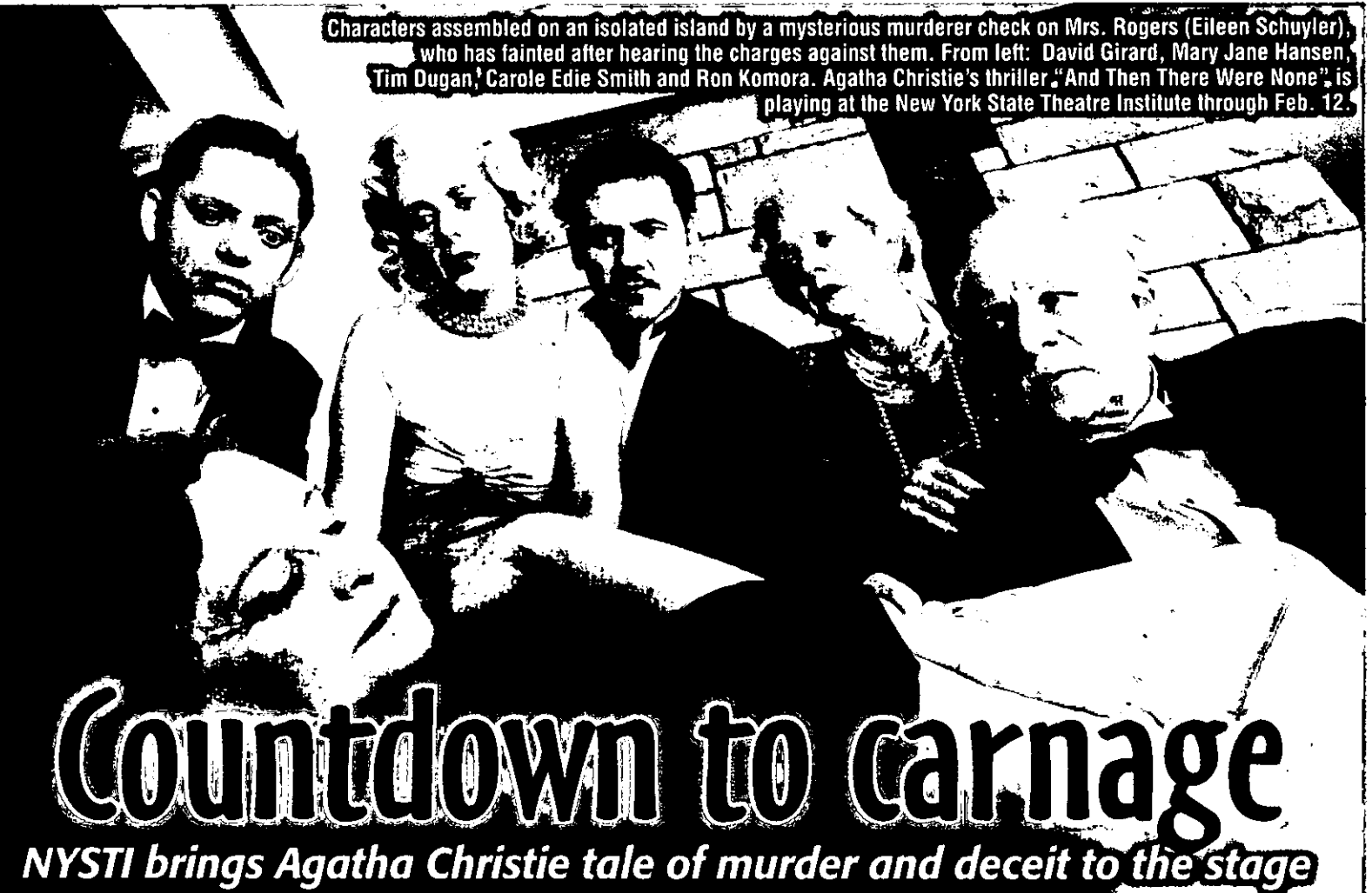
"And Then There Were None," Bunce's directorial debut at the New York State Theater Institute, is decidedly a thriller. Based on the Agatha Christie novel of the same name, the story revolves around 10 people who are invited to a remote island off England for a holiday. Upon arriving, the guests realize that none of them has ever met their hosts, Mr. and Mrs. Owens. Even more unsettling is a recorded message from Mr. Owens accusing them all of murder and sentencing them to death. One by one, the guests are killed off.

The novel was Christie's best-selling book, with more than 1 million sold. It has also proved a hit for NYSTI, earning a place as one of the theater's most popular shows.

So, when NYSTI founder Patricia Snyder asked Bunce, a veteran actor with the theater, if he ever wanted to direct, she suggested "And Then There Were None" when he said yes.

"After 26 years of doing a little bit of everything, I had a real strong interest in seeing if I could put all the ideas together," Bunce said of his motivation for trying his hand as a director.

Bunce isn't the only one fulfilling a long-standing wish in this production. Guest artist Tim Dugin, who plays Phillip Lombard, is a drama teacher at Schenectady High School. For 12 years, he has taken students to see shows at NYSTI, and he's a huge admirer of the work done there.



Characters assembled on an isolated island by a mysterious murderer check on Mrs. Rogers (Eileen Schuyler), who has fainted after hearing the charges against them. From left: David Girard, Mary Jane Hansen, Tim Dugin, Carole Edie Smith and Ron Komora. Agatha Christie's thriller "And Then There Were None" is playing at the New York State Theatre Institute through Feb. 12.

Countdown to carnage

NYSTI brings Agatha Christie tale of murder and deceit to the stage

"I always wanted to work at NYSTI," he said. "This institution represents the pinnacle of the local theater scene."

Dugin got his chance to join the institution when Bunce was casting for the play and thought of Dugin for the role of Lombard, which Bunce himself played in NYSTI's 1984 production of "And Then There Were None."

To make it happen, Dugin took a six-week leave from his teaching job, noting that the Schenectady City School District was "very generous."

"I couldn't be more pleased," he said. "When you get a great job like this, it's something to savor."

Dugin remembers that on his first day on the job, Bunce gathered the actors to talk to them about the story. "He described it as a real roller coaster," Dugin said.

That goes beyond the stress and fear the characters feel as murders keep happening. Bunce said one of the things he really likes about "And Then There Were None" is that the characters undergo a transformation. In fact,

on that first day, when he called the actors together, he suggested they all look at their characters and recognize the changes they go through, then bring that to their parts.

Mary Jane Hansen, who plays Vera, the Owens' secretary, said that at the outset, her character was very accommodating. "I could really connect with that, being a pleaser," Hansen said.

As the play progresses, Vera "goes a lot of places emotionally," which proved to be fun for Hansen.

"It's a real chance to just let it go," she said. "There's a lot of screaming and crying."

There's also some romance, as Lombard is "smitten with Vera," according to Dugin. A "man of action, kind of a gun for hire," Lombard enjoys a "tremendous arc" over the course of the story, Dugin said.

As for Dugin, performing at NYSTI has exceeded his high expectations.

"It's been a real joy," he said. "I can't tell you how much I get out of watching them all."

Bunce has found equal amounts of joy serving as director.

"It's keeping my interest immensely," he said.

Recommended for ages 11 and older, "And Then There Were None" runs through Feb. 12 on the campus of Russell Sage College in Troy. Showtimes are as follows:

Saturday, Jan. 30, 8 p.m.
Sunday, Jan. 31, 2 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 5, 8 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 6, 8 p.m.
Sunday, Feb. 7, 2 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 12, 8 p.m.
Jan. 29, Feb. 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 10, 11 at 10 a.m.

Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$16 for senior citizens and students and \$10 for children 12 and younger. They can be purchased by calling 274-3256 or visiting www.nysti.org.



Justice Wargrave (Ron Komora) is suspicious of the romance brewing between Vera Claythorne (Mary Jane Hansen) and Phillip Lombard (Tim Dugin).



Vera Claythorne (Mary Jane Hansen) listens as Emily Brent (Carole Edie Smith) explains away the charges against her.

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Arts & Entertainment

Theater

AND THEN THERE WERE NONE
Agatha Christie mystery, presented by New York State Theatre Institute, James L. Meader Little Theatre, Russel Sage College, Troy, through Feb. 12, adults \$20, seniors/students \$16, children \$10. Information, 274-3256.

BEAU JEST
Classic romantic comedy, presented by Schenectady Civic Players, Schenectady Civic Playhouse, 12 South Church St., Schenectady, through Feb. 7, \$15. Information, 382-2081.

BETRAYAL
Harold Pinter's play about a love triangle told in reverse time, presented by Capital Repertory Theatre, 111 N. Pearl St., Albany, through Feb. 7, \$15-\$39. Information, 445-7469.

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 NY Route 43, Averill Park, through Jan. 31, 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 2:30 p.m. Sundays, \$16. Information, 674-2007.

THE 25TH ANNUAL PUTNAM COUNTY SPELLING BEE
Musical comedy about a children's competition, presented by Debuts Theater Company, Hilton Center for the Performing Arts, 40 North Russell Road, Albany, through Jan. 31, \$15. Information, 542-8422.

Music

BRIAN MURPHY
Acoustic guitarist, Jan. 29, 7 p.m., Emack and Bolio's, 366 Delaware Ave., Albany, free. Information, 512-5100.

MIKE HARRISON
Singer-songwriter, Jan. 29, 7 p.m., Emack and Bolio's Uptown, Town Center Plaza, 1704 Western Ave., Guilderland, free. Information, 250-4196.

SKIP PARSONS CLARINET MARMALADE SWING QUARTET
Local jazz band, Jan. 29, 7:30 p.m., Nine Maple Avenue, 9 Maple Ave., Saratoga Springs. Information, 583-2582.

MURALI CORYELL
Acclaimed singer-songwriter, with opening act the Tequila Mockingbirds, Jan. 29, 8 p.m., Caffe Lena, 47 Phila St., Saratoga Springs, advance tickets \$16, door price \$18. Information, 583-0022.

ACOUSTIC HARTLAND
Performing rock classics, Jan. 30, 7 p.m., Emack and Bolio's Uptown, Town Center Plaza, 1704 Western Ave., Guilderland, free. Information, 250-4196.

BOOMSLANG
Jersey City rock duo, Jan. 30, 7 p.m., Emack and Bolio's, 366 Delaware Ave., Albany, free. Information, 512-5100.

OLD SONG SAMPLER CONCERT
Featuring Christopher Shaw, Three Quarter North, Thomasina Winslow and more, Jan. 30, 8 p.m., Old Songs Inc., 37 South Main St., Voorheesville, adults \$20, children 12 and under \$5. Information, 765-2815.

"SEE THE FUTURE!" NIGHT
Featuring Danielle Miraglia, Kelleigh McKenzie and Brett Mostley, Jan. 30, 8 p.m., Caffe Lena, 47 Phila St., Saratoga Springs, \$10. Information, 583-0022.

MONDAY MUSICAL CLUB
Albany-based classical music group featuring guitarists William Simcoe and Frederick Heliwitz, as well as vocalists Rosanne Hargrave and Kathleen Pruzek, Jan. 31, 3 p.m., Caffe Lena, 47 Phila St., Saratoga Springs, advance tickets \$12, door price \$14. Information, 583-0022.

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

ALBANY CENTER GALLERY
"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.

CLEMENT ART GALLERY
"Here and Now," new paintings of Washington County by Harry Orlyk, through Feb. 25, 201 Broadway, Troy. Information, 272-6811.

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 Impres-

sionist 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.

CAPITALLAND 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 Orleano 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, fo-

cusing 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

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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

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ACROSS

- Seaweed substance
- Landon, et al.
- Cause horror
- Michael's "Disclosure" co-star
- Potential measure
- Cite
- Wings
- Operatic prince
- Marry
- Gleason role in "The Hustler"
- Fog-
- Poitier role
- Choose
- "Lost Ark" seeker
- fi
- Banking convenience: abbr.
- Clarence's accuser
- Leather-producing plant
- Convinced
- Heated offense?
- Swiss river
- Age units: abbr.
- Sweet woman of song
- Rams' home: abbr.
- Powerful D.C. lobby
- Berlin composition

56 "A Room of One's Own" author

- Match site
- Probability
- Blackthorn
- Kind of dressing
- Foed fish
- Greek letters
- Legends
- Draft classification
- Collectors' goals

DOWN

- First man
- Very cold
- Name in freezers
- Wagner opera
- Budget competitor
- Golden Arches, e.g.
- Driftwood, e.g.
- Push to the limits
- Greenish blue
- Usual fourth-down play
- Calamine lotion target
- Bar member: abbr.
- "To Kill a Mockingbird" author
- Dusk, to Browning
- Monk's title
- Diminish, with out
- Former Russian rulers: var.
- Org. founded in 1890
- Par or van add-on
- Clayton or Sterling
- Singer Yoko
- Male deer
- Insertion mark
- Not quite bankrupt
- Postal-creed word
- Part of the UK
- Struggle
- Pizarro's quest
- Give up
- Participle suffix
- Song-like passage
- Opposite of ENE
- Rope loops
- "The Prince of Tides" star
- Act self-satisfied
- Move at a snail's pace
- Stadium approvals
- Inactive
- On the briny
- Admit, colloquially, with up
- Pitcher's asset
- "Everything Is Beautiful" singer Stevens

Calendar of Events *in the* Spotlight

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.

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.

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 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.

PIONEER CLUBS

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

AA MEETING

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

Thursday, Jan. 28

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

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Route 155. Call for times and information, 765-3390.

Friday, Jan. 29

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. 30

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. 31

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, 439-9953.
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.

51 School Road, 10:15 a.m. Information, 765-2791.

NEW SCOTLAND

WORSHIP INFORMATION

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

Monday, Feb. 1

BETHLEHEM PEACE VIGIL

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

PLAYGROUP

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CLASS IN JEWISH MYSTICISM

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

DELMAR COMM. ORCHESTRA

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

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Tuesday, Feb. 2

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.

PLANNING BOARD

Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave., p.m. Information, 439-4955. First and third Tuesdays of the month at 6 p.m.

NEW SCOTLAND

STORY TIMES

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BETHLEHEM BUSINESS WOMEN

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

SOLID ROCK CHURCH

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BETHLEHEM LIONS CLUB (NOT IN JULY OR AUGUST)

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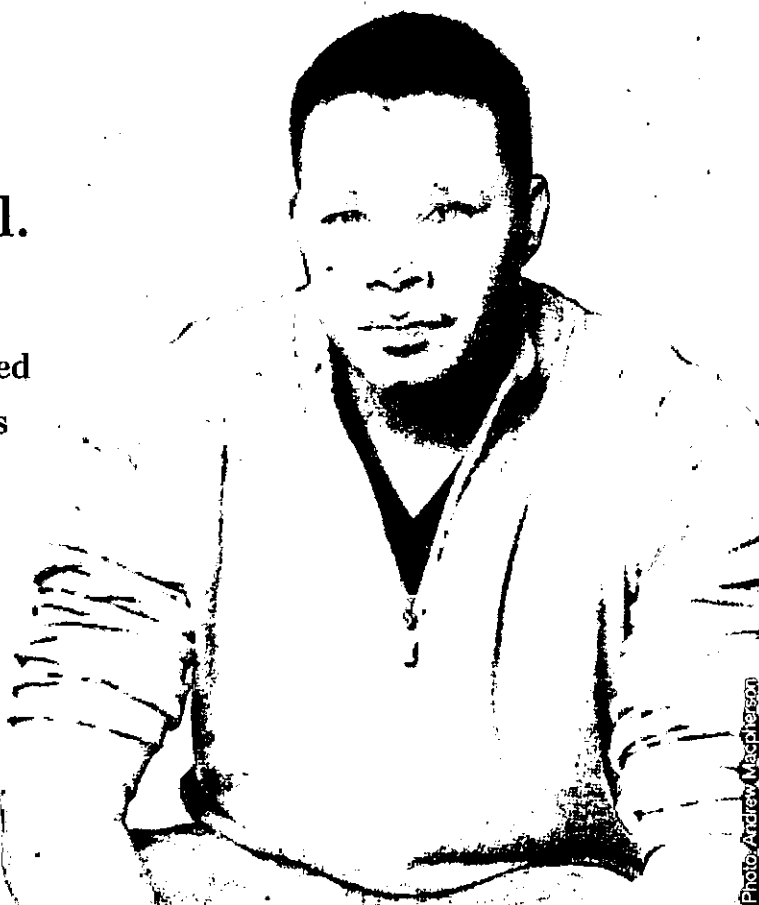
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Alyssa and Frederic Chapados

Purcell, Chapados marry

Alyssa Purcell and Frederic Chapados were married on July 26, 2009. The Wedding took place at St. John The Evangelist Church in Schenectady, NY. Father Richard Leskauar officiated. A reception followed at Glen Sanders Mansion in Schenectady, NY.

Alyssa is the daughter of James and Sandra Purcell of Niskayuna, NY. Frederic is the son of Dr. Gilles Chapados of Niskayuna, NY and Helene Chapados, also of Niskayuna, NY.

The Maid of Honor was Jennifer Purcell, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Sarah Purcell (sister of the bride), Erin Leach, and Nancy Brodeur. The Best Man was Maxime Chapados, brother of the groom. Groomsmen were Daniel Jeram, Richard

Hughes, and Marlon Dee. The Ring Bearer was Jack Woods, cousin of the bride.

The bride is a graduate of Niskayuna High School. She earned a BA in Sociology and Elementary Education from Northeastern University in Boston. She went on to SUNY Albany where she received a Masters in Literacy and Elementary Education. Alyssa is a Special Education Teacher at Reece School in Manhattan.

The groom also graduated from Niskayuna High School. He earned degrees in Finance and Chemistry from Boston College. Frederic is an Analyst in Investment Banking at Citibank in New York City.

Alyssa and Frederic honeymooned in Antigua. They reside in Manhattan, NY.



Alan Bennett Ilagan and Andrew Van Wagenen

Ilagan, Van Wagenen to wed

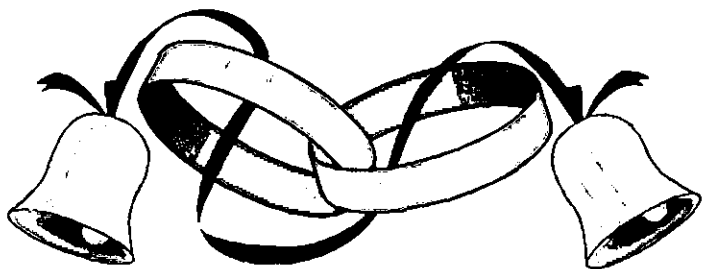
Dr. & Mrs. Emiliano Ilagan - of Amsterdam, NY are happy to announce the engagement of their son, Alan Bennett Ilagan, to Andrew Van Wagenen, son of Thomas Van Wagenen, Jr. and the late Katherine Van Wagenen of Guilderland, NY.

Mr. Ilagan is a graduate of Brandeis -University and employed by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation. He is the Gallery

Manager at the Romaine Brooks Gallery of the Capital District Gay & Lesbian Community Council in Albany, NY. Mr. Van Wagenen is a retired police

officer who served Guilderland, NY.

A wedding ceremony is planned for May 2010 in Boston, Massachusetts.



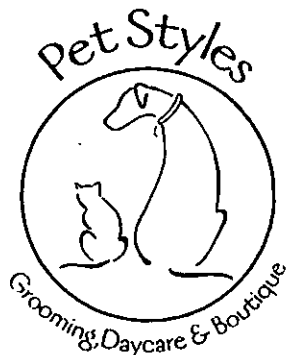
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Maureen Devine Ahl and Michael Ahl



Adam G. Prior and Laura H. Dowse

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Prior, Dowse to exchange vows

George and Darlene Dowse of Delmar are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Laura E. 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.

Devine, Ahl marry

Maureen Devine and Michael Ahl were married on September 12, 2009. The Wedding took place in Saratoga State Park in Saratoga Springs, NY. A reception followed at Saratoga Automobile Museum in Saratoga Springs, NY. The Rev. John A. Knarvik officiated.

Maureen is the daughter of Timothy and Ellen Devine of Ballston Spa, NY. Michael is the son of Robert and Judy Ahl of Latham, NY.

The Matrons of Honor were Victoria McQuade and Brittany Carpenter. Bridesmaids were Kaitlin Ahl, sister of the groom, and Andrea Martin. The Best Man was Ryan Ahl, brother of the groom. Groomsmen were Daniel Devine, brother of the bride,

John Keegan, and Christopher Novak.

The bride is a graduate of Amsterdam High School and Ithaca College. She earned a Master's Degree from The George Washington University in Washington DC. Maureen is Co-Director of Alumni Relations at The George Washington University.

The Groom graduated from Shaker High School and Ithaca College. He went on to earn a Juris Doctor from George Mason University School of Law. Michael is an Attorney with the United States Air Force JAG Corp.

The couple took a cruise to Spain, Italy and France for their honeymoon. They reside in Arlington, Virginia.

Quinlan, James L.

DELMAR — James L. Quinlan, 84, died January 14, 2010 after a long illness. He was born in New York City on April 13, 1925 to James L. Quinlan and Rose A. McDermott and was raised in the Bronx. He was attending



Manhattan College in 1943 when he entered the U.S. Army and later the specialized training program at CCNY. He was then assigned to the Infantry and Signal Corps and served in the Southwest Pacific Theater in New Guinea and the Philippine Islands from 1944 to 1946. After discharge, he attended Iona College and New York Law School, being admitted to the New York State bar in 1951. He re-entered the U.S. Army in 1952 where he was commissioned as

a first lieutenant in the Judge Advocate General's Corps. He attended the JAG school at the University of Virginia and served from 1952 to 1954. It was also during this time he met his wife, Pauline Mary Mooney, serving as a lieutenant in the Women's Army Corps. Following his discharge he worked for the Traveler's Insurance Co. and The Atlantic Refining Company in Syracuse, N.Y. He later moved to Albany where he worked for the State of New York in the Department of Public Works, Office of Parks and Recreation and the Department of Law from 1962 to when he retired in 1993. He was a member of the Nathaniel Blanchard American Legion Post, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, both in Delmar, and the Albany YMCA.

James was predeceased by his wife, Pauline M. Quinlan on November 6, 2009; an infant daughter, Maureen Patricia Quinlan; a brother, John C.

Quinlan; and a nephew, John C. Quinlan, Jr. He is survived by his daughters, Katherine Quinlan and Mary Ellen (Mel) Quinlan, her husband John Oberlander, and their son Conor James Oberlander, all of Delmar; as well as cousins of the Quinlan and McDermott families.

A reception in celebration of both James and Pauline Quinlan was held at the Nathaniel Blanchard American Legion Post 1040, Poplar Drive, Delmar, on Monday, January 18. Friends and family were invited to call. Services were held at Holy Family Parish, 279 Central Ave., Albany, on Tuesday at 11:00 a.m. Following the service both James and his wife, Pauline M. Quinlan were interred in the Saratoga National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, those desiring may send a remembrance in James' or Pauline's name to the Delmar Fire and Emergency Medical Services, PO Box 337, Delmar, NY 12054.

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healthcare events around the country.

Following Paris' presentation there will be a response from a panel including Albany physician Dr. Andy Coates, physician's assistant John Sullivan and Congressman Paul Tonko. The forum will be held at the First Unitarian Universalist Society of Albany, 405 Washington Ave., Albany. Parking will be available across the street in the University of Albany lot on the corner of Washington and Robin streets.

Q.U.I.L.T. sets February meeting

Q.U.I.L.T. Inc. will meet on Friday, Feb. 12, at Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., Delmar.

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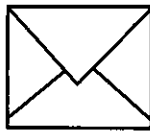
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Notice of Formation of Gozaimas Consulting, LLC. Arts Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/23/09. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 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 27, 2010)

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Notice of Formation of Mandalay Builders, LLC. Arts Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/26/09. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Allstate Corp. Svcs., 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Registered Agent upon whom process may be served: Allstate Corp. Svcs., 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-21988 (January 27, 2010)

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Notice of Formation of Merry Twins Capital LLC. Arts Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/12/09. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Allstate Corp. Svcs., 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Registered Agent upon whom process may be served: Allstate Corp. Svcs., 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-21989 (January 27, 2010)

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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 27, 2010)

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Notice of Formation of Suds-A-Lot LLC. Arts Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/12/09. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Allstate Corp. Svcs., 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Registered Agent upon whom process may be served: Allstate Corp. Svcs., 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-21991 (January 27, 2010)

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Notice of Formation of LPM IP Holdings LLC. Arts Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/24/09. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Allstate Corp. Svcs., 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Registered Agent upon whom process may be served: Allstate Corp. Svcs., 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-21992 (January 27, 2010)

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Notice of Formation of Atlas Staffing, LLC. Arts Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 07/29/09. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Allstate Corp. Svcs., 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. 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 27, 2010)

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Notice of Formation of Backoffice Services International BSI LLC. Arts Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/20/09. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Allstate Corp. Svcs., 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Registered Agent upon whom process may be served: Allstate Corp. Svcs., 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-21995 (January 27, 2010)

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Notice of Formation of Wally Strauss Productions, LLC. Arts Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/23/09. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Allstate Corp. Svcs., 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Registered Agent upon whom process may be served: Allstate Corp. Svcs., 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-21996 (January 27, 2010)

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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.

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LD-21997 (January 27, 2010)

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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 27, 2010)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: PRM Technologies LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 8/26/09. 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 27, 2010)

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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 27, 2010)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). Name: 19th STREET PARKING 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 27, 2010)

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Notice of Formation of Old Heritage Realty Services, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 11/20/09. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to 18 Computer Dr. East, Albany, NY 12205. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-22004 (January 27, 2010)

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Notice of Qualification of Icon Equities, LLC with a fictitious name of Icon Equities, LLC of Nevada, App. for Auth. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 10/13/09. Office location: Albany County. LLC org. in NV 4/29/09. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to c/o Nat. Reg. Agents, 875 Ave of the Americas, NY, NY 10001. NV office addr.: 3753 Howard Hughes Pkwy., Ste. 200, Las Vegas, NV 89169. Art. of Org. on file: SSNV, 202 N. Carson St., Carson City, NV 89701. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-22005 (January 27, 2010)

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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: SSNM, 60 Empire Dr., Ste. 100, St. Paul, MN 55103. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-22006 (January 27, 2010)

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Notice of Formation of Park Ave Suites LLC. Arts Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/10/09. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Allstate Corp. Svcs., 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Registered Agent upon whom process may be served: Allstate Corp. Svcs., 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-22007 (January 27, 2010)

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Notice of Formation of Aniceta Home Estates, 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: The LLC, 1 Liberty Way, Loudonville, NY 12211. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-22008 (January 27, 2010)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LLC Double Eagle Consulting LLC, filed Articles of Organization with the New York Secretary of State on 12/16/09. Its office is located in Albany County. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent upon whom process may be served and shall mail a copy of any process served on him or her to the LLC, at LLC, 677 Broadway, Fifth Floor, Albany, NY 12207. The street address of the principal business location is 677 Broadway, Fifth Floor, Albany, NY 12207. Its business is to engage in any lawful activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under Section 203 of the New York Limited Liability Company Act. LD-22009 (January 27, 2010)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: PCP Binghamton Associates, LLC (LLC). Articles of Organization filed with NY Dept. of State on 12/15/09. Office location: Albany County. NY Secretary of State (SOS) is designated as agent of LLC for service of process. SOS shall mail copy of process to c/o Nigro Companies, 20 Corporate Woods Boulevard, Albany, NY 12211. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity. LD-22011 (January 27, 2010)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). Name: 456 MADISON AVE., LLC. Articles of Organization filed with NY Secretary of State, December 16, 2009. Purpose: to engage in any lawful act or activity. Office: in Albany County. Secretary of State is agent for process against LLC and shall mail copy to 19 Arden Court, Albany, NY 12205. LD-22012 (January 27, 2010)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). Name: DEBBIE'S KITCHEN, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with NY Secretary of State, December 16, 2009. Purpose: to engage in any lawful act or activity. Office: in Albany County. Secretary of State is agent for process against LLC and shall mail copy to 456 Madison Avenue, Albany, NY 12208. LD-22013 (January 27, 2010)

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Notice of Qualification of 310 MAIN BOLIVAR LLC. Authority filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/17/09. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 11/23/09. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Capitol Services, Inc., 1218 Central Ave., Ste. 100, Albany, NY 12205. DE address of LLC: 615 South DuPont Hwy., Dover, DE 19901. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. LD-22023 (January 27, 2010)

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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 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-22025 (January 27, 2010)

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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 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-22026 (January 27, 2010)

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Notice of Formation of CONSAUL HOLDINGS LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with 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: 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 27, 2010)

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Notice of Formation of AGENCY PREMIER GROUP LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 12/28/09. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 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 27, 2010)

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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

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LLC, c/o Siobhan Waishe, 799 Ave. of the Americas, Apt. #1, NY, NY 10001. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-22030 (January 27, 2010)

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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: 1600 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 27, 2010)

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Notice of Qualification of M-I 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: 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 27, 2010)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: BRANDING 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 27, 2010)

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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 upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: any lawful purpose. LD-22036 (January 27, 2010)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: CHER-RY 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 27, 2010)

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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: 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 27, 2010)

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Notice of Formation of LEONELLO BORGHI DESIGNS, LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 1/4/10. 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-22046 (January 27, 2010)

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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 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-22047 (January 27, 2010)

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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 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-22048 (January 27, 2010)

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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 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-22049 (January 27, 2010)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: WILLIAM LANE ASSOCIATES, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 12/30/09. Office location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of the process to the LLC c/o Michelle H. Wildgrube, Esq., 2310 Nott St. E., STE 1, Niskayuna, New York 12309. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. LD-22050 (January 27, 2010)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). Name: 5 FRITZ BLVD LLC. Articles of Organization filed with NY Secretary of State, January 5, 2010. 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 c/o Hamilton News, 41 Hamilton Lane, Glenmont, NY 12077. LD-22051 (January 27, 2010)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION of Reliant Growth Strategies L.L.C. Art. of Org. filed w/ Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 9/16/09. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent for service of process. SSNY shall mail process to 7014 13 Ave. #202, Brooklyn, NY 11228. Purpose: Any lawful activity. LD-22052 (January 27, 2010)

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NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF TAX ROLL AND WARRANT TAKE NOTICE, that I, Nancy Mendick, the undersigned Receiver of Taxes and Assessments for the Town of Bethlehem, have received the tax roll and warrant for the collection of taxes and will receive payments thereon Monday through Friday from 8:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. and on Saturday, January 30 from 9-noon, at the Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York for the properties assessed upon such roll. NO COLLECTION FEE DURING JANUARY & on Feb 1st. 1% collection fee on February 2nd through March 1st. 2% collection fee on February 2nd through March 31. TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that pursuant to the provisions of law the tax roll of the Town of Bethlehem will be returned to the County of Albany Director of Finance on April 1, 2010. Dated: January 1, 2010 Nancy Mendick Town of Bethlehem Receiver of Taxes and Assessments

LD-22071 (January 27, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of OLM Advisers, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/30/09. 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: Delaney Corporate Services, Ltd., 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 805A, Albany, NY 12210. Address of the principal office: 8 Stuyvesant Oval, Apt. 7G, NY, NY 10009. Address to be maintained in DE: c/o National Registered Agents, Inc., 160 Greentree Dr., Ste. 101, Dover, DE 19904. Arts of Org. filed with DE Secy. Of State, 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-22074 (January 27, 2010)

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MTL DEVELOPMENT LLC was filed with the SSNY on 12/31/09. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. The P.O. address which SSNY shall mail any process against the LLC served upon him: c/o CorpCo, 910 Foulk Rd., Suite 201, Wilmington, DE 19803. Purpose: any lawful purpose. LD-22075 (January 27, 2010)

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Notice of Formation of MUSICSOF ARTS 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-22078 (January 27, 2010)

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Notice of Qualification of ALEXET CAPITAL PART-

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NEERS LP. Authority filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/7/10. Office location: Albany County. LP formed in Delaware (DE) on 1/5/10. SSNY designated as agent of LP upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: C/O 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. DE address of LP: c/o USA Corporate Services Inc., 3500 South Dupont Hwy, Dover, DE 19901. Arts of Org. filed with the DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Ste 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-22079 (January 27, 2010)

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Notice of Formation of MARKZ & CO., LLC. Arts of Org. was filed with SSNY on 1/7/10. 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-22080 (January 27, 2010)

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Notice of Formation of DHARMA LIFE LLC. Arts of Org. was filed with SSNY on 1/12/10. 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-22081 (January 27, 2010)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY NAME: HG3 LLC Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on January 5, 2010. Office location: The Street Address of the limited liability company's office has not yet been determined. 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, c/o Anthony V. Cardona, Jr., Esq., 16 Sage Estate, #208, Menands, New York 12204. For any lawful purpose. LD-22083 (January 27, 2010)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION of Greatness LLC. Art. of Org. filed w/Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/12/10. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent for service of process. SSNY shall mail process to 623 Eagle Rock Ave. #333, West Orange, NJ 07052. Purpose: Any lawful activity. LD-22084 (January 27, 2010)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC) The name of the LLC is Saban Painting, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on 1/8/2010. The purpose of the LLC is to own, operate and manage an automotive business, and also to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the LLC is to be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against the LLC may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is 1645 New Scotland Road, Slingerlands,

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NY 12159. LD-22090 (January 27, 2010)

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Notice of Formation of ELOGISTICS INTERNATIONAL LLC. Arts of Org. was filed with SSNY on 1/14/10. 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-22092 (January 27, 2010)

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Notice of Formation of A TO Z CONSULTING, LLC. Arts of Org. was filed with SSNY on 1/15/10. 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-22093 (January 27, 2010)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). Name: BBL ALBANY MT MANAGEMENT, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with NY Secretary of State, January 15, 2010. Purpose: to engage in any lawful act or activity. Office: in Albany County. Secretary of State is agent for process against LLC and shall mail copy to 302 Washington Avenue Ext., Albany, NY 12203. LD-22094 (January 27, 2010)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). Name: BBL GREENBUSH MANAGEMENT, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with NY Secretary of State, January 15, 2010. Purpose: to engage in any lawful act or activity. Office: in Albany County. Secretary of State is agent for process against LLC and shall mail copy to 302 Washington Avenue Ext., Albany, NY 12203. LD-22095 (January 27, 2010)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). Name: BBL RESTAURANT MANAGEMENT, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with NY Secretary of State, January 15, 2010. Purpose: to engage in any lawful act or activity. Office: in Albany County. Secretary of State is agent for process against LLC and shall mail copy to 302 Washington Avenue Ext., Albany, NY 12203. LD-22096 (January 27, 2010)

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem hereby invites sealed bids for the furnishing of MATERIALS for the Town of Bethlehem, for the year 2010. Bids will be received up to 2:30 p.m. on February 17, 2010 at which time such bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York. Bids shall be addressed to Samuel E. Messina, Supervisor of the Town of Bethlehem, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York. Bids shall be in sealed envelopes which shall bear, on the face thereof, the name and address of the

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bidder and the subject of the bid. ORIGINAL AND ONE COPY of each bid shall be submitted. Bidders may bid on any or all items. Bid documents may be obtained at the Bethlehem Town Clerk's Office, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, NY 12054. Bid documents may also be available for download from the Capital Region Purchasing Group through the Town of Bethlehem Website at www.townofbethlehem.org Purchasing Division. The Town Board reserves the right to waive any informality or to reject any or all bids. BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD

NANCY MOQUIN TOWN CLERK Dated: January 20, 2010 LD-22097 (January 27, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, February 3, 2010 at 7:00 p.m., at the Town Offices, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York to take action on application of South Albany Airport, for a variance under Article V, Section 128-39, D. (4) specific Regulations for the District (100' Buffer), of the Code of the Town of Bethlehem. The applicant requests the ability to construct a hanger, parking and access at property located at 6 Old School Rd. Selkirk N.Y. 12158.

Daniel W. Coffey Chairman Board of Appeals

NOTE: The Town of Bethlehem provides reasonable accommodations for the disabled. Disabled individuals who need assistance in order to participate in the public hearing, should contact the Town Clerks Office at (518) 439-4955 ext. 1183. LD-22098 (January 27, 2010)

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING, TOWN OF BETHLEHEM, ALBANY COUNTY, NY Notice is hereby given that the Planning Board of the Town of Bethlehem, will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, February 2, 2010 at 6:00 p.m., at the Town Offices, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York, on the application of Russell Road Partners for a proposed Planned Development District known as Blessings Corner at 572 Russell Road as shown on map entitled Proposed PDD Development Plan, Blessings Corner at No. 572 Russell Road, Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, State of New York, dated February 15, 2008, last revised October 12, 2009; prepared by Hershberg & Hershberg, 18 Locust Street, Albany, NY. Disabled individuals who are in need of assistance in order to participate should contact the Town Clerk's Office at 439-4955 Ext. 1183. Advanced notice is requested. (January 27, 2010) LD-22099 (January 27, 2010)

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS Repair and Rehabilitation of the Dissolved Air Flotation Thickener Wastewater Treatment Plant 98 Dinmore Road, Selkirk 12158 Town of Bethlehem, New York Sealed bids will be received by the Town Clerk of the Town of Bethlehem, Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York 12054 until 2:00 p.m. February 22, 2010. The bids will be publicly opened and read at 2:00 p.m. The work includes providing all labor, materials, machinery, tools, equipment and other means of construction necessary and incidental to the completion of the work described in these speci-

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fications including, but not necessarily limited to the following: -Recoating the Interior and Exterior of the Dissolved Air Flotation Thickener (DAFT). -Installation of a new tank bottom over the existing tank bottom. -Miscellaneous welding and patches. -Installation of interior replacement parts previously purchased by the Town. Parts include chains, skimmers and redwood flights. -Replacement of existing 3-way plug valve. -Ancillary items required to accommodate the work previously listed above. All work is to be completed by May 28, 2010. Stipulations pertaining to the Construction Schedule are included in the Information to Bidders. Complete sets of the drawings, specifications and bid forms may be examined after January 22, 2010 at the Town of Bethlehem, Town Clerk's office, Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York 12054. Contract documents will be provided electronically on compact disk (CD) in pdf format and may be obtained from the Town Clerk's office. There will be no cost for the CD, and the CD does not need to be returned. A mandatory pre-bid conference will be held on February 10, 2010 at 9 am at the Dinmore Road Wastewater Treatment Plant (98 Dinmore Road, Selkirk NY 12158). Nonattendance at the pre-bid conference may be grounds for rejection of a bid for this project. Questions pertaining to the bid package should be directed to Monika King, PE, at (518) 439-4955, Ext-1136. All bids must be made on the official Bid Form. The official Bid Form and an exact copy by reproduction thereof shall be enclosed in a sealed envelope identified with project title, stating that a bid is enclosed. This is a unit price bid as described in the Instructions to Bidders. No Bidder may withdraw his bid within forty five calendar days after the actual date of the opening thereof. Each bid must be accompanied by a bid security in the amount of five percent of the base bid in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders. If a bid deposit is not submitted with the bid, the bid may be deemed incomplete and may not be considered. Bids may be submitted by mail or other delivery system, however, it shall be the responsibility of the Bidder to ensure the bid is delivered by the date and time as specified above. The Town of Bethlehem reserves the right to reject any bid delivered after the date and time specified above. The Owner is exempt of sales and compensation use taxes of the State of New York and of cities and counties on all materials to be incorporated into the Work. These taxes shall not be included in the Bid. The owner will furnish the required certificates of tax exemption to the Contractor for use in the purchase of supplies and materials to be incorporated into the Work. The Owner's exemption does not apply to construction tools, machinery, equipment, or other property owner by or leased by the Contractor, or to supplies or materials not incorporated into the Work. The Contractor shall be responsible for and shall pay any and all applicable taxes, including sales and compensation use taxes, on such tools, machinery, equipment, or other property, or such supplies and materials not incorporated into the Work. The successful Bidder will be required to furnish construction performance and payment bonds in the full amount of the contract price. The successful bidder will be required to comply with all provisions of the Federal Government Equal Employment Opportunity clauses issued by the Secretary of Labor on May 21, 1968 and published in the Federal Register (41CFR Part 60-1,

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33 F.2 7804). All bidders must also comply with General Municipal Law section 103 and Sections 220-223 of the New York State Labor Law. Owner reserves the right to reject any and all Bids, to waive any and all informalities and the right to disregard all nonconforming, non-responsive or Conditional Bids. OWNER'S CONTACT: Monika King, PE Town of Bethlehem Department of Public Works 445 Delaware Ave Delmar, New York 12054 Phone: (518) 439-4955, x 1135 Fax: (518) 439-5808

ENGINEER'S CONTACT: As above. The Town Board reserves the right to waive any informalities in or to reject any or all bids. BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM NANCY MOQUIN TOWN CLERK Dated: January 21, 2010 LD-22100 (January 27, 2010)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION of 701 New Scotland Avenue LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 01/13/10. Office location: Albany County. Principal business location is: 41 Columbine Drive, Glenmont, NY 12077. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served. The Post Office address to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him or her is: the LLC, c/o R. L. Michela, 41 Columbine Drive, Glenmont, NY 12077. Purpose: Any lawful business. LD-22104 (January 27, 2010)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION of 244 South Allen Street LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 01/14/10. Office location: Albany County. Principal business location is: 41 Columbine Drive, Glenmont, NY 12077. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served. The Post Office address to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him or her is: the LLC, c/o R. L. Michela, 41 Columbine Drive, Glenmont, NY 12077. Purpose: Any lawful business. LD-22105 (January 27, 2010)

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Notice of Formation of Leila Mae LLC. Arts Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/18/09. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Allstate Corp. Svcs., 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Registered Agent upon whom process may be served: Allstate Corp. Svcs., 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-22106 (January 27, 2010)

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Notice of Formation of APSE Property Services, LLC. Arts Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/29/09. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Allstate Corp. Svcs., 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Registered Agent upon whom process may be served: Allstate Corp. Svcs., 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Purpose: any lawful activity.

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Notice of Formation of Decastro LLC. Arts Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 09/14/09. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Avishai Decastro, 58 Monmouth St., Brookline, MA 02446. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-22108 (January 27, 2010)

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Notice of Formation of 4909, LLC. Arts Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/16/09. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Allstate Corp. Svcs., 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Registered Agent upon whom process may be served: Allstate Corp. Svcs., 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-22109 (January 27, 2010)

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Notice of Formation of M & M Furniture Gallery LLC. Arts Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/25/09. 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-22110 (January 27, 2010)

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Notice of Formation of 303 East 51st Street Investors L.P. Cert of LP filed with Secy of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/30/09. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 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. The name & address of each general partner is available from SSNY. Latest date to dissolve: 12/31/2059. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-22111 (January 27, 2010)

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Notice of Formation of Hinds Brokerage LLC. Arts Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/15/09. 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-22112 (January 27, 2010)

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Notice of Formation of Finning Builders, LLC. Arts Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/16/09. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 1 Stoneridge Dr., Loudonville, NY 12211. Registered Agent upon whom process may be served: David Macphee, 1

Bethlehem wins on Senior Night

Second-quarter run fuels 22-point victory over Ballston Spa

The Bethlehem girls basketball team wanted to give its six seniors a proper Senior Night sendoff.

Playing Ballston Spa certainly didn't hurt.

The Lady Eagles outscored the Scotties 17-9 in the second quarter on their way to a 55-33 victory in last Friday's Suburban Council game in Delmar.

Junior guard Emily Kirby led the way with 12 points, but every Bethlehem player scored at least three points in the victory. The senior class was led by guard Abby Lawler, who finished with nine points. Senior forward Tracey Koch added six points, as did freshman guard Bridget Murphy.

Geena Gallo netted 15 points for Ballston Spa (1-10, 1-12).

It was Bethlehem's sixth win in its last five games, and it helped the Lady Eagles (7-4 league, 7-5 overall) rebound from a 55-35 loss

to Shenendehowa last Tuesday in Clifton Park.

Bethlehem's road won't be getting easier over the next 10 days. The Lady Eagles host undefeated Averill Park Friday before traveling to Rotterdam next Tuesday to face a Mohonasen team that defeated Shen 57-51 last Friday. The three-game stretch concludes Feb. 5 when Bethlehem visits Colonie.

In other Suburban Council action last Friday, Guiderland (2-9, 3-10) won for only the third time this season when it edged Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake 37-34.

The Lady Dutch overcame a three-point halftime deficit by outscoring the Lady Spartans 14-8 in the third quarter.

Erin Kelly and Melissa Winne each scored 10 points, and Kat Keegan added eight points for Guiderland. Maria Allocco led Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake with 12 points.

In the Colonial Council, Lansingburgh's Diamond Branch scored all four of her team's points in overtime to lead the Knights to a 55-53 victory over

Voorheesville in Troy.

Elizabeth Madden netted 19 points for the Blackbirds (8-5), who fell farther behind in the race for the Colonial Council title. Emily Norris contributed 12 points, and Amelia Martin added 10 points.

Ariana Youngs had 18 points, and Alyssa Fane added 16 points for Lansingburgh (8-5).

Watervliet dominated the boards in a 53-30 victory over Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk last Friday.

Nae White led the way with 10 rebounds to go along with seven points for the Cannoneers (9-4). Ailayla Demand had 10 points, while Tierney McGlynn chipped in with six points, 10 steals and 10 assists.

Jaquilla Ponder and Haley Richter each scored six points for Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk (4-9).

Voorheesville and Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk each have tough challenges this week. The Blackbirds host undefeated Holy Names Friday, while the Indians visit Mechanicville.

Melt

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(which would be the perfect fit around here), perhaps the Buffalo Sabres, whose affiliate is all the way up in Portland, Me.

Finally, if there is AHL hockey in Albany next year (and I believe that will be the case), this region has to prove that it can support an AHL team by showing up in much larger numbers EVERY home game. The surest way to lose a pro team is to treat it like it's insignificant in the grander sports scheme. This may be "Siena Saints Country" right now (11 straight wins), but there's room for another popular team if people take it upon themselves to go to the games and see what they've got. Right now, we've got a good hockey team that's getting lost in the local sports shuffle.

If we really want AHL hockey to remain in Albany, then it's time to start showing it. Even if this crop of Rats wind up in Charlotte next year, we have to cheer them on in larger numbers now so that we don't wind up having no one to cheer for in the 2010-11 AHL season.

It was nice that Time Warner Sports televised Saturday's Shenendehowa-Christian Brothers Academy hockey game from RPI. Now, if they'd only broadcast some regular-season River Rats games that weren't from Syracuse ...

To all the New York Jets fans out there, I realize this is small consolation for you at the moment, but Peyton Manning is the best quarterback in the NFL today - not only because of his arm, but also because of his brain. When he audibles, you know the end result isn't going to be good

for the opposing defense. Just accept this fact because fans of every other NFL team already have accepted it.

Many people are bummed that Brett Favre didn't guide the Minnesota Vikings to the Super Bowl. I'm not one of them. Thank you, New Orleans Saints, for sparing us two weeks of "40-year-old Brett Favre makes it to the Super Bowl" hype.

By the way, did you see the TV footage of the party in New Orleans following the Saints' overtime win Sunday? If thousands of people are going to dance their way down Bourbon Street just because the Saints won the NFC title, imagine what they'll do if the Saints win the Super Bowl. That party might not end. Seriously, I can't think of a point when that party would end.

Just so you know, the Siena-Niagara game on Feb. 12 is being televised on ESPN2. This should spare you the thought of making the 5-hour trip to Niagara Falls to see the game in person.

That's it for this week. Remember, I welcome comments about my columns. Just e-mail them to jonasr@spotlightnews.com, and I promise I'll read each and every one of them.

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Bethlehem's Rosie McKee (50) battles a Ballston Spa player for a rebound during last Friday's Suburban Council game. Robert Goo/Spotlight

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Rats

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of doing the bowl-a-thon with the booster club, and they've been really great," said Capital District Sled Warriors founder Kim Wilson.

For the players, it was a pleasant break from the daily grind of playing in the American Hockey League.

"This is the easiest gear to shift into," said left winger Bryan Rodney, who was coming off a busy week that included playing in the AHL All-Star Game in Portland, Me. "It's a lot of fun for us."

"We have a lot of games, and we have to travel a lot," added defenseman Tim Conboy. "So, it's fun to get out here today."

And for the lucky fans who got to bowl with the players, it was an added treat.

"These guys are very cool," said Ben Ferber, a coach with the Capital District Sled Warriors, who had several players bowling with the River Rats. "They take

great care of our guys."

Helping children's charities has been a cause close to the River Rats Booster Club's heart. The organization has raised thousands of dollars for Ronald McDonald House and the Sled Warriors over the last several years with a number of events including the bowl-a-thon and an annual hockey jersey auction.

"They've opened up so many doors for us," said Jeff Yule of Ronald McDonald House. "Sean [Brennan] got us connected with G&H Lumber ... which helped us build a playhouse."

"I was kind of at a point [a couple of years ago] where I didn't know if we could continue, and they stepped in and helped us buy some sleds and some ice time," said Wilson.

Wilson can expect more help from a River Rat in the near future. Left winger Michael Ryan met with the Delmar resident during the bowl-a-thon and volunteered his services to the Sled Warriors at a future team practice.

"It's something I'd like to do here in Albany," said Ryan.

Cadets

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and showing improvements ... but we weren't prepared for how LaSalle would respond [in the third period]," said Guilderland coach John DeRubertis.

The Dutchmen (5-6 league, 6-9 overall) took control of the game in the second period. Following a Vinny Planz goal, Guilderland grabbed a 2-1 lead on tallies by Robby King and Conor Hurley.

Things fell apart for Guilderland in the third period, though. Wacholder tied the game 5:14 into the final period, and LaSalle kept buzzing around Guilderland's goal until Sacks put the Cadets ahead with 1:45 left. Allen then iced the victory with an empty-net goal.

"Even before the tying goal, I

didn't feel like we were controlling the game," said DeRubertis.

Guilderland goaltender Michael Alsante stopped 26 shots, while LaSalle netminder Brett Bernardo had 19 saves.

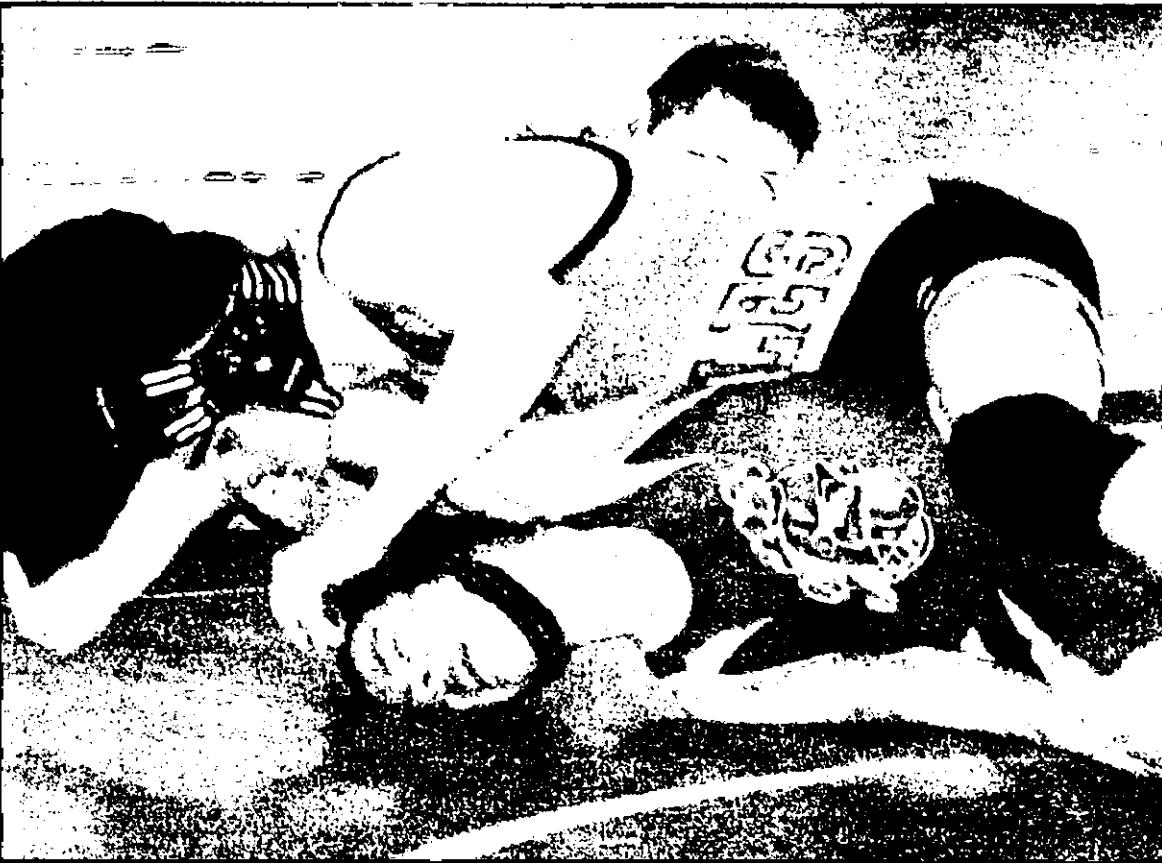
The week began promisingly for Guilderland with a 3-1 victory over Niskayuna/Schenectady last Tuesday at Union College, but it ended on a negative note last Saturday with a 7-2 loss to Glens Falls. Still, DeRubertis said that the Dutchmen are on the right track.

"Over the last five games, we've shown some nice improvement," he said. "The kids have been applying some of the things that we've been doing in practice."

Guilderland is off until Saturday when it visits Division I leader Saratoga Springs.

"Frankly, Saratoga looks like they are the top team," said DeRubertis.

Gotcha!



Bethlehem's Sean Romanski closes in on a pin during a 125-pound bout at last weekend's Lansingburgh Duals in Troy. Romanski earned the fall to help the Eagles defeat Lansingburgh — one of four teams Bethlehem defeated during the two-day event. Romanski is a recent call-up from the junior varsity team after the injury bug depleted Bethlehem's starting lineup. The Eagles also defeated Shaker, Voorheesville and Johnstown in the Lansingburgh Duals. Heavyweight Josh Barbuto led Bethlehem with an 8-1 record in the 215-pound weight class, while Matt Greene (125 pounds) battled through an injury to win his three bouts and raise his season record to 25-1.

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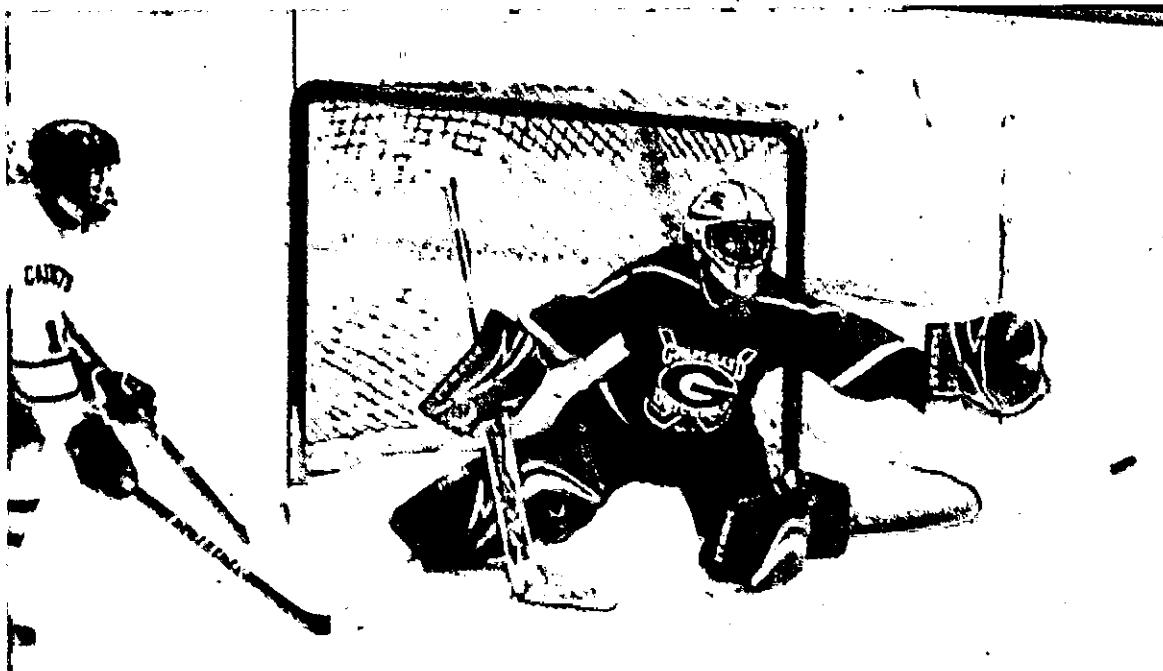
By ROB JONAS
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The Guilderland hockey team saw an opportunity for a victory slip away.

Mitch Wacholder, Kyle Sacks and Mitch Allen scored in the third period to lift LaSalle to a 4-2 victory over the Dutchmen last Friday at Hudson Valley Community College.

"They've been working hard

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Guilderland goaltender Michael Alsante reaches to catch a puck as a LaSalle player closes in from the other direction during last Friday's Capital District High School Hockey League game in Troy. Rob Jonas/Spotlight

Varsity schedule

Thursday, Jan. 28

BOYS BOWLING

Bethlehem at Averill Park, 4 p.m.
Guilderland at Mohonasen, 4 p.m.

GIRLS BOWLING

Bethlehem at Averill Park, 4 p.m.

BOYS VOLLEYBALL

New Lebanon at Voorheesville, 6 p.m.

WRESTLING

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

Voorheesville at Cobleskill, 6 p.m.

Bethlehem at Columbia, 7:30 p.m.

Mount Anthony Union at Guilderland, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 29

BOYS BASKETBALL

Bethlehem at Averill Park, 7 p.m.
Mechanicville at Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk, 7:30 p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Averill Park at Bethlehem, 7 p.m.
Mohonasen at Guilderland, 7 p.m.

Holy Names at Voorheesville, 7:30 p.m.

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

GYMNASTICS

Saratoga at Bethlehem, 6 p.m.

NORDIC SKIING

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

BOYS SWIMMING

Mohonasen/Schalmont at Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk, 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 30

GYMNASTICS

Guilderland at Shaker, 10 a.m.

HOCKEY

Bethlehem at CBA, 4 p.m.
Guilderland at Saratoga Springs, 7 p.m.

INDOOR TRACK

Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk at league meet, 3:30 p.m.

BOYS SWIMMING

Bethlehem, Guilderville at Ballston Spa diving meet, 10 a.m.

WRESTLING

Guilderland, Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk at Big 10 Tournament, 9 a.m.

Sunday, Jan. 31

BOYS BASKETBALL

Guilderland vs. Mohonasen at Siena College, 1:45 p.m.

HOCKEY

Mahopac at Guilderland, 11:45 a.m.

INDOOR TRACK

Bethlehem, Guilderland at Suburban Council Championships, 8 a.m.

Monday, Feb. 1

BOYS BASKETBALL

Berne-Knox-Westerlo at Voorheesville, 7 p.m.

BOYS BOWLING

Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk, Voorheesville at Colonial Council Tournament, 8 a.m.

Boys volleyball

Voorheesville at Berlin, 6 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 2

BOYS BASKETBALL

Colonie at Guilderland, 7 p.m.
Mohonasen at Bethlehem, 7 p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Bethlehem at Mohonasen, 7 p.m.
Guilderland at Colonie, 7 p.m.

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

Voorheesville at Albany Academy, 7:30 p.m.

Rats ditch skates to help kids

Booster club Bowl-a-thon raises more than \$4,300

By ROB JONAS
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The Albany River Rats traded their hockey skates for bowling shoes Sunday.

And though the scores might have been less than stellar, the results were good for two area organizations.

The players teamed up with fans young and old for the River Rats Booster Club's annual Bowl-a-thon at Albany's Playdium bowling center.

"We have roughly 100 people here, and the whole team is here," said event organizer Sean Brennan. "Even the injured players are here participating."

All of the bowlers received sponsorships to help raise money for Albany's Ronald McDonald House and the Delmar-based Capital District Sled Warriors adaptive youth hockey program. In addition, drawings were held throughout the afternoon for prizes donated by the River Rats and several more minor league hockey teams. Those two elements helped the booster club raise more than \$4,300 for the two charities.

"This is our second year

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Albany River Rats defenseman Tim Conboy helps a young fan during Sunday's booster club Bowl-a-thon at the Playdium bowling center. Jennifer Bock/submitted photo

Don't melt the TU Center ice just yet

If the Siena Saints ever reach the Final Four, I want the radio call to be similar to New Orleans Saints broadcaster Jim Hernderson's "PIGS HAVE FLOWN! HELL HAS FROZEN OVER!" call following the team's win over Minnesota. OK, moving on ...

• Having a few days to digest the news that the Albany River Rats might not be Carolina's AHL affiliate next year, here's what I think is the most likely scenario.

First, I do think it's likely that



Carolina is moving its affiliate to Charlotte next year. It's a lot closer to the NHL team's base of operations in Raleigh, and hockey is popular in Charlotte (the ECHL's Charlotte Checkers

average more than 5,000 people per game, while Albany averages 3,500). It's a good fit for the Hurricanes.

Secondly, unless it's absolutely necessary for this to happen, the actual Rats franchise won't be sold in order to move Carolina's affiliate to Charlotte. It certainly wasn't necessary for the Rats to be sold to somebody in Lowell, Mass., four years ago when the New Jersey Devils moved its affiliate there. I don't expect that it will be necessary here, either.

Thirdly (and is that a word?), area hockey fans should not panic if Carolina does pull its affiliate out of Albany. From what I've been reading on-line (yes, I do peruse other sports Web sites - it's how I educate myself), the New York Rangers have been unhappy with the arena arrangements for their AHL affiliate in Hartford. If those rumors are true, then perhaps with a little coaxing, the Rangers could move their affiliate to Albany. And if not the Rangers

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Manageable means to restoring credit

As the economy begins to rebound, so, too, are many of the individuals who were negatively affected by its decline. Be it because of layoffs or investments that steeply declined in value, many people across the country took significant financial hits in 2009.

As the calendar gets set to turn into a new year, lots of people are seeking ways to better manage their financial affairs in the hopes they'll be more prepared should another recession rear its ugly head in the future.

One of the best ways to prepare is to manage credit properly, which can be done in a number of ways.

• Know why your rating is going up or down. Many people are aware they have a credit score, they just aren't aware what that score is

or how it's determined. Credit bureaus such as Experian and Equifax can provide individuals with their credit score, but that's only half the process. The other half is why that score is what it is. The two most influential factors in a credit score are an individual's payment history and how much of their available credit that individual uses.

Paying on time

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is arguably the most important part of achieving and maintaining a good credit score. A single missed payment can have a longterm negative impact on an individual's credit score. Individuals can set up automatic payments so they never forget to pay a bill. Even a momentary bout of forgetfulness will not matter when missing a payment. All that will show up on the credit report is a missed payment, not the reasons for it, no matter how valid or innocent those reasons are.

How much of an individual's available credit is being used also has a strong impact on that person's credit score. In general, it's best to keep credit use to less than 30 percent of available credit, and many financial advisors

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HILL: 'The University of Our Town'

Bethlehem Humanities Institute for Lifelong Learning offers classes for Spring Semester 2010

The Spring semester of the Bethlehem

of Bethlehem and the greater Capital District. It is an adjunct unit of the Bethlehem Central School District.

Modest class registration fees are used to support the program. HILL's registration, now about 900, for the two annual five-class semesters taught by local college and university faculty, is proof positive that "The University of Our Town" concept is thriving in Bethlehem.

The 2010 Spring courses include: Symbolic Landscapes of the Nineteenth Century (John Pipkin); Painting in Sixteenth Century Italy (Louisa Matthew); Joined at the Hip: the America and French Revolutions (Warren Roberts); Family, Oy Vey: The Jewish Family in Literature (Peter Heinegg).

The semester will also feature a six-unit lecture series covering Current Issues in Foreign Policy, presented by experts in various world "hot spots" and/or issues.

So, come now and be part of our Spring semester!

See the full course schedule at our Web site, <http://bcsd.k12.ny.us/HILL>.

Humanities Institute for Lifelong Learning (HILL) is scheduled to begin on Wednesday, Feb. 24, with an exciting array of currently relevant and intellectually challenging classes.

Course offerings run the gamut from art history to foreign policy, with courses on cultural geography, history, and literature also included. There is something for everyone.

HILL is a community-based all volunteer organization that is dedicated to making educational and cultural experiences available to residents of the Town

About this issue

It's the beginning of a new year. We're weathering economic storms and there's no better time than now to make new plans and choices on how we'll sail through 2010. Spotlight Newspapers' Update 1 includes an informative mix of educational programs for your children or career change opportunities for you. It also features advice on investing wisely for your banking and financial future, with tips and legal advice as well as finding new ways to maintain and conserve the value of your home, business and your community.

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Classes start the weeks of February 22 and March 1 at the Delmar Reformed Church. For course descriptions and a registration form see our web site at <http://bcsd.k12.us/HILL> or call 368-7029.

UPDATE 1

Questions to ask car dealers

For consumers who know the right questions to ask car dealers, shopping for a car or truck can be a straightforward process.

Before deciding what car to shop for, a few decisions must be made. Will you be looking for a new or pre-owned vehicle? Front-wheel drive or AWD? SUV, sedan or pickup? How much can you afford to spend, both on a down payment as well as monthly payments if financing the vehicle?

According to the Better Business Bureau, preliminary research is an important part of the buying process. The local newspaper's weekly auto section can be a great place to gather information, as can Web sites that provide reviews, comparisons and advice on an array of vehicles.

Comparison shopping is also essential when

shopping for a vehicle. Things to compare include safety record or rating, reliability history, fuel economy, warranties, operating costs, theft rates, and general features and options. It might also be a good idea for prospective buyers to request an insurance quote on a particular vehicle before making any purchase final, as insurance rates can vary greatly not only for drivers, but for specific makes and models as well.

Once you've decided on which make and model you'd prefer, be sure to ask the dealer the following questions to ensure you're getting the best deal possible.

• Which vehicle features come standard and which are options? Ask to see an itemized list of all add-ons, options and fees separate from

the cost of the vehicle.

• Can pricey options be removed prior to the purchase, thus lowering the cost?

• What is the trade-in value of a current vehicle?

• What inspection standards or reconditioning processes does the dealer use to prepare

or documents are required when financing the vehicle through the dealer?

• What warranties are available on the vehicle?

• Is the dealer accredited by the Better Business Bureau?

Receiving satisfactory answers to these questions



pre-owned or even new vehicles for purchase?

• Are maintenance and repairs provided on site?

• What information

does not guarantee a perfect buyer-dealer relationship, but should give the buyer a much clearer understanding of the transaction.

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actually suggest keeping it closer to 10 percent. An individual should never "max out" a credit card unless that individual is certain he or she can pay the balance in full by the time the next bill is due. Establishing a 10 percent threshold can allow individuals to avoid the massive credit debts many before them have suffered through.

• Consider a secured credit card. Secured credit cards require careful and meticulous research on the borrower's part, but can be an effective means of restoring a credit rating for those with a bad or even minimal credit history. A secured credit card requires the borrower to deposit money with a lender, and the credit limit is typically the amount of money deposited.

Be careful, however, as certain secured lenders have hidden fees and interest rates that can be quite large. Those who are already a member or eligible for membership in a credit union should look into a secured credit card from their union, as credit unions are typically trustworthy sources for secured cards.

• Think outside the card. A credit rating isn't entirely based on how an individual handles his or her credit card payments. Installment loans, if paid on time, can be a boon to an individual's credit rating. Installment loans

can include auto loans, personal loans or even mortgages. Those with relatively short credit histories might find it difficult to secure an installment loan, especially one with a good interest rate.

However, individuals who have had credit for a year or so and have made their payments on time while carrying a responsible balance might want to consider applying for an installment loan in the future.

Demonstrating an ability to make loan payments on a monthly basis can only provide a significant boost to a credit rating, helping individuals secure bigger loans, such as a mortgage, down the road.

• Ask for help. While it might seem as though a co-signer would not be ideal for someone hoping to boost their credit rating, it actually will, so long as the individual makes the payments on time and pays off the loan responsibly. Parents often co-sign loans for their children, allowing children to use their high credit rating as a stepping stone to establish their own credit history.

However, borrowers must realize that missing a payment on a loan that has a co-signer negatively impacts the co-signer's credit score as well as their own. That reality emphasizes the importance of paying on time and, for the co-

signer, making a wise decision as for whom it is they're willing to co-sign a loan for.

• Open a bank account. Lenders want to see stability before handing out credit. That's especially true in the current economy, when lenders who made irresponsible loans to unqualified borrowers

either ended up out of business or in need of a bailout. Individuals hoping to restore a credit rating or build a credit history should open a checking and savings account as a means of illustrating to lenders that they are stable and worthy of the trust and responsibility that comes with credit.

St. Pius X Catholic School: Bucking the trend

St. Pius X Catholic School, in the heart of Loudonville not far from Siena College, has seen continued growth in enrollment for the past decade. Today the parochial school serves 700 students in grades pre-K through 8th.

That enrollment figure makes

St. Pius X the largest Catholic school in the Albany Diocese, as well as the largest non-public school in the Capital Region according to Business Weekly.

Principal Dennis Mullahy, who taught at the school before becoming the Principal eleven years ago, credits the growth of the school to its outstanding faculty, strong academic programs, happy students and families and, most importantly, the Catholic/Christian values that are integrated into every facet of the school.

"It seems that more than ever, parents are seeking a place where their children can receive an outstanding education that prepares them for the future not only academically but spiritually. Our parents want their children in a school that reinforces the values that they share with their children at home. They recognize the great value in that, despite a very difficult economy," Mullahy said.

This year the school added an addition to accommodate a full-day Pre-K program for 3 year olds and another section of Pre-K for 4 year olds.

"With so many families with two working parents, we knew that there was a need. The parents are thrilled that there is now a place for their very youngest students in the school."

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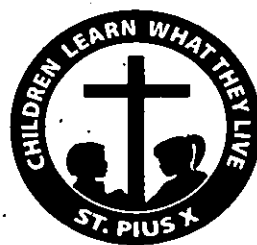


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Young and old a vital part of Kingsway Community

Sounds of laughter and joy float to the open window of the second floor lounge at Kingsway Manor Assisted Living. Children seen and sometimes heard are part of daily life on the Kingsway campus.

That is because Kingsway Kids Center is located in the center of the 25-acre retirement campus on Kings Road in Schenectady.

The children of Kingsway Kids Center and the residents of Kingsway Community share more than a campus and parking lot; they share a home away from home.

The residents of Kingsway Community are a vital part of the innovative day care program at Kingsway Kids Center. The children of the Kids Center benefit from this spirit of unity by being a part of a loving, caring environment for all ages.

The benefits that children and seniors derive from each others lives are great. The shared location allows, indeed encourages,

the generations to mix and mingle. Children are often seen walking around campus, stopping to say hello to a familiar senior face, or sharing a laugh about the turtles in the pond.

Simple conversation about the weather ensures a sense

coming" is all it takes to rouse a drowsy friend. At three years old, the children are introduced to more official intergenerational programming. Activities then include anything from baking to exercise class, singing to sharing stories.

Children at Kingsway Kids Center think nothing of having a friend in a wheelchair, with a walker, or even an oxygen tank. They have experienced

this from their earliest days and know a friend can come in any size, shape or form.

Sharing of space between young and old is how everyone used to live.

Now Grandma may not live around the block, she may live in Florida. The children at Kingsway Kids Center are lucky to have found substitute grandparents to teach them, hug them or just love them unconditionally.

And Kingsway's residents think they are lucky too, to have the little ones in their lives.

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of community - a community that includes both the young and the young-at-heart.

The intergenerational program at Kingsway begins rather informally. The babies and toddlers take walks around campus and through the buildings.

The residents love to see them and always stop to admire their beautiful faces.

When the babies come down the hall, residents sit up a little straighter and their eyes get a little brighter.

An elbow with the words, "The babies are

White Wolf leads the pack in computer service

Robert Remillard, owner of White Wolf Computer at 125 Wolf Road in Albany, can do about anything to make your computer run at faster speeds at a lower price and provides better customer service than his competitors.

"You're not going to get some nerd who is going to treat you like you're a second class citizen. I want to help people to be comfortable," said Remillard. A former Schenectady-based computer programmer,

Remillard now spends his time helping local home and small businesses work at the speed of light with hardware and software maintenance on PC, Macs and Networking devices.

Remillard said that he is able to present everything a small business would need for computing services including virus removal, network troubleshooting and data backup alongside computer repair and web design for small businesses.

Working with two technicians, Remillard is able to take a look at computers at his store and at local offices with a personal touch, something he says you rarely find in computer repair programs at chain

stores in the Capital District.

"You're not going to be a number, I know every computer and every customer," said Remillard. "I am such a microscopic business that I have a vetted interest in customer service."

Remillard started his business in 2003 as a way to make money while he looked for computer programming

top priority, Remillard said that he would like to move into the creation of web pages for small businesses who want to move into the 21st Century.

Remillard said that many companies will have Web sites created and will never be updated on a constant basis, he would like to step into web design in hopes of giving small businesses the website they need and



jobs in the capital district. After fixing hardware, removing viruses and doing memory upgrades on a daily basis he realized that he enjoyed his work outside the office more than his former job as a computer programmer. "I really found a niche for myself. I like being out on the road working with people."

Remillard and White Wolf Computer have also begun their work with web designs for small businesses. While the computer repairs for small offices and homes in the area remain their

the constant upkeep they deserve from a community computer repair company.

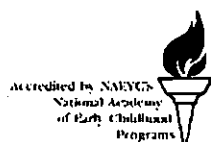
Remillard and his technicians are proficient in Windows XP, Vista, 7 and Mac operating systems and is able to perform online remote, in store and on-site support for computer problems.

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St. Gregory's nurtures a love of learning

By JEFFREY P. LOOMIS

The writer is Head of School at Saint Gregory's School in Loudonville.

Parents often ask what they should be looking for as they search for an early childhood or an elementary program for their children.

It is my experience that the most critical

life-long learners. No matter what their direction in life, they always see themselves as a student. They feel that every encounter and every experience can be used to enhance their knowledge and broaden their horizons.

Students who do not receive this passion are likely to turn off

person who ignites this fire in a student. Teachers who show enthusiasm for their profession, their school, and their students create learners for life.

The environment of an elementary program is also important. The classrooms need to be inviting, full of colors, and imagination.

with the teacher.

Students do better when they see themselves as individual learners comprising a community of learners. Teachers are human beings and only have so much time to give.

The larger the class size, the harder it is for a child to be seen as and interacted with as an individual.

The teacher must determine how each student learns best and adjust their style to meet those needs. Students reach their full potential when the teacher can focus on them as a unique, individual learner.

In seeking a program for elementary education, the curriculum is important. However, it is much more important for a child to develop a love of learning.

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function of a successful early childhood or elementary education program is to instill in its students a life-long love of learning. These young learners have a world of potential before them.

The young mind is like a sponge with almost no limit on what it can absorb. The issue at this level of education is how does one convince the sponge to absorb. Once this passion is established, there is no end to the potential success a student can achieve.

Students who have this passion become

to learning. They see knowledge as a chore like doing the dishes and taking out the garbage.

While their academic success may continue throughout elementary school, it often diminishes sharply as they enter high school and college.

How is this passion to learn instilled at a young age? Students from three to nine years old tend to view their teachers as role models.

The teacher is the

Student work needs to be displayed to foster pride in the students' work. Classrooms need to be warm and secure places of learning. Part of learning is taking risks without the fear of failure. An inviting and open classroom gives this type of security to a young learner.

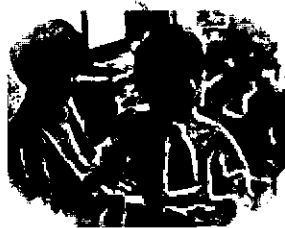
Class size is of utmost importance at this age. The entire learning spectrum is represented in this age group. No matter where they are on the spectrum, students will need individual time

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People make Our Savior Lutheran special

Those looking for a dynamic education for students from 3-years old through the eighth grade may want to learn what makes Our Savior's Lutheran (OSL) special.

Here is a hint, it's the people!

"It is exciting to be a part of a school which is growing programs and building relationships; the spirit at Our Savior's is one of cooperation and success." With these words, newly-elected Parent Teacher Organization President, Melissa McClellan, explained what drives her to commit time and energy to her volunteer position.

"My daughter, Mikayla, a sixth grader, is a third generation OSL student. Education methods may have changed since her grandmother attended, but the constant theme is the school's unchanging mission to cultivate a love of learning."

A new principal, Mr. Don Gillingham, came to the school in the fall, after a long tenure at a school in suburban Chicago. "The first thing I did when I arrived was ask questions and listen for the meaning behind the answers. I discovered

that people are really committed to this school: our sponsoring congregation, the professional teachers who believe they are called to the teaching ministry, and the parents who have weighed their options and selected OSL as their partner in the challenge of raising and equipping their children."

Gillingham also learned that the time was right for expanding, enhancing and extending what has been a quality program for more than 50 years.

The school moved quickly to expand the hours of operation of the preschool. At the most recent School Board meeting, a summer program was approved. The school will now operate 12 months a year with extended care from 7 a.m. until 6 p.m.

An upgraded interactive website, www.oursaviorsschool.com has been launched. Parents can keep up to date with teachers and review the teacher's grade book in the majority of classes. Activities and events appear on the site as well as the tuition that truly distinguishes Our Savior's from other private schools.

A recent survey of 50 private schools in the Capital District shows 34 schools with higher tuition rates than OSL. School Board President Bob Jordan explains the school's financial reality. "Our Savior's congregation has a commitment to Christian education. They provide us with an eye-popping facility and subsidize our operation, so that families can afford to send their children here." Financial aid is available for qualified students. Family discounts are significant and the school works with families to remove any financial obstacles.

Dan Horning, owner of American Digital Services and Our Savior's member, remains committed to the school "because the people of this community care enough to push for excellence. The students are challenged spiritually, academically, and socially to reach their fullest potential."

Gillingham summed up the driving force behind the school.

"We believe this is the best place, in the entire Capital Region, for a young person to grow in wisdom, faith and strength."

Maria offers a world of possibilities

By MARTHA FASHOUER

The writer is the director of marketing and development at Maria College.

If you've had any experience at all in New York's Capital Region, chances are, you know Maria. Maybe you've been a patient in an area hospital or had to place a parent in a nursing home. Perhaps you've enrolled your child in preschool, needed occupational therapy, or visited a lawyer's office. If so, you've probably met Maria ... a Maria graduate, that is.

Over the years, the community has come to depend upon the skills and services of the College's graduates, in these professions and more. And with a student/faculty ratio of 14-to-1, and a 96 percent placement rate after graduation, for Maria students, the possibilities are endless.

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Ask students why they chose Maria, and you'll get many answers. While "traditional" students (attending college directly out of high school) are part of the Maria community, "non-traditional" students are represented as well: those who are

changing or looking to advance careers, those older students attending college for the first time. This population, rich with diversity, is one we're proud of, and is proof of our belief that learning must be a lifelong pursuit. Educating students for more than 50 years, Maria College is committed to the same values today as it was at its founding: academic excellence and service to the community ... two things that never go out of style.

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Pursue a well-rounded education while exploring courses that will help you to develop your interests and talents.

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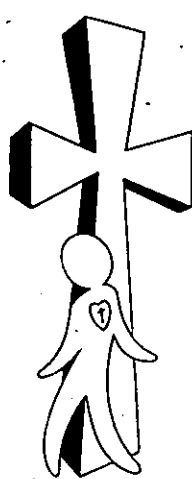
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Design on 20's Sam Madia, Stacy Snell and Troy Miller.

A grand 'Design'

Design on 20 presents unique design, planning and shopping experience

Design on 20, recently opened on Jan. 4, represents a unique opportunity for homeowners, business owners, builders and members of the trades to have a one-stop shop when planning and/or shopping for any project.

The philosophy behind the concept, developed by business partners Troy Miller and Sam Madia, is to incorporate everything from the main building and design essentials to the smallest decorative accessories and details in one location. Thus allowing anyone to work with the help of a designer or associate to make selections and develop a plan for an entire project or any individual specific needs.

"Wouldn't it be nice if people could work under one roof and not have to go place to place?" said Madia. "Somebody could come here and find selections for a project from beginning to end." The Design Center is able to provide quality products and services supported by its relationships with different partner companies (Best Tile Builders' Kitchens, Empire State Stone, Old Heldeberg Antiques, Precision Glass, Security Supply, The Lighting Place and Towne TV) in addition to its own merchandise lines.

Upon entering the 6,250 square foot design center, located at 2390 Western Ave (above CM Fox Real Estate), one will discover an inviting showroom featuring different vignettes created by Madia and the design team. To the left is a bedroom setting, and to the right, a family room. The vignettes are completely furnished and accessorized. A main wall created from cabinetry features a working fireplace and entertainment fixture which conceals a large flat screen television behind a motorized piece of wall art. "It reflects what one

can do in their own home," said Madia.

Within the showroom is a design library, with samples and catalogs, thousands of fabrics, trims, blinds, shades, wall coverings, and anything else one would need to complete a renovation.

After browsing through or by the library, customers venture into a larger showroom space which boasts a fully appointed working kitchen featuring different cabinets, countertops, plumbing fixtures, tile and lighting. A go green-inspired water filtration system allows an alternative to the use of bottled water. Within the cabinets one can browse to find samples of accessories used for organizing and saving space. A melody of different hardware and fixtures are also displayed.

Finally, the shower and bath setting, located next to the kitchen, is designed with a contemporary theme in mind. It comes complete with a glass portal, programmable lighting that can mimic a sunset, or even a disco, built in speakers and nine different shower

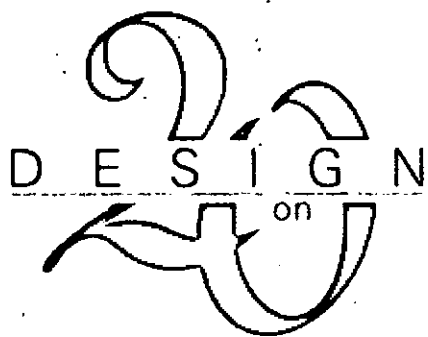
heads. The mirror above the vessel sink conceals a built in television.

"We can work with clients to show them how the tile works with plumbing fixtures," said Madia. He went on to say that sometimes a person may become enamored with one element of a project, and neglect how that element fits in to the project as a whole. The result is an inappropriate blending of different elements.

Design on 20 will eliminate that challenge to home design by including all of the elements in one location, giving the customer the opportunity to see how different elements will look together before they make the investment.

Miller and Madia would like to welcome anyone interested in design to come by and check out their new design center. They plan to hold seminars to educate people on building, decorating and design related topics.

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Children discover themselves at Maria Campus School

At the Campus School at Maria College, children can discover who they are. Providing a comfortable and encouraging environment for this to happen has been the pre-school's mission since its inception in 1967.

"We provide an environment where children can become comfortable with finding out who they are as learners. We have a hands on environment where teachers see themselves as support for the children and guide them in learning experiences, participate with them," said Sister Mary Fraser, director. "It's a good first start for children on the road to what learning will be. The goal is to make them comfortable in their very first stages of schooling."

The program is designed so children at a very young age can experience an environment that would be similar to what they will find in elementary school. Fraser said the difference is that the groups are smaller and play-oriented.

"I don't mean come in and do what you want, but the curriculum deals with subject areas in terms of how meaningful it will be to very young children," said Fraser, who has worked at the Campus School for 32 years.

Children are exposed to concepts through games and activities that incorporate the whole child into learning. The school serves ages three to six from 9 a.m. to noon. The number of days a week children attend is dependent on their age—some programs are twice a week, some are three times and others are five. Children from all over Albany and beyond attend, with a strong contingency being from Bethlehem, Guilderland, Colonie and Voorheesville. There are now about

80 children enrolled.

"It's a simple application process and is open to everyone in the community. Some people think it's just college students or faculty's children but it's not. I think parents see it's a good fit, that it's structured and that it's preparing children for what school is," said Fraser. "For most, it's [children's] first group setting outside of the family and when you think of children that young... parents are just looking for a comfortable fit to help the transition to schooling after here."

The Campus School employs five full time staff and uses a handful of early childhood education majors from Maria College as support teachers.

What sets the Campus School apart from other childcare services in the area is that it's more of a private school than an actual childcare center.

"Any program for children is or definitely should be designed to realize that children don't learn like grownups

do, they need to be hands on. We certainly provide that and do that well through the support of adults and a creative comfortable environment. We try to portray ourselves as totally different and unique; we're focused on making kids 'happy learners,'" said Fraser.

The Campus School will have a formal open house on Sunday, Feb. 7 from 1 to 3 p.m. It's open to the community at large but people are invited to come in by appointment and see what it's all about. Fraser said prospective parents are encouraged to visit any time the children are in session so they can get a sense of what goes on, philosophy wise. Fraser said the school is value-based but doesn't push or center on any particular religious doctrine.



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Which type of IRA is right for you? Loudonville Christian School celebrates 50th anniversary

By DON DORR

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Head of School
Kathryn Hills

program and service opportunities, The LCS' elementary

School's high school is a college preparatory school, offering Advanced Placement courses, SUNY Albany's College in the Classroom program,

Mock Trial team, fine arts productions, drama opportunities, as well as participation in the Section II sports program. Scripture and Biblical truths are integrated throughout their curriculum with an emphasis on developing a heart for Christian ministry. LCS recently has been honored, for two consecutive years, with the New York State School of Distinction Award for Outstanding Academic Achievement with all of their Varsity sports teams.

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States Association of Schools and Colleges, Association of Christian Schools International, and the New York State Board of Regents. Loudonville Christian School admits students of any race, color, and national or ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school.

Loudonville Christian School will host an Open House on Tuesday, evening February 9th from 5 to 7 pm.

You are invited to stop in for a tour of their facility, view their state of the art classrooms and labs, and meet the administration, and teachers.

For more information, please contact Mary Hill, Director of Admissions at 434-6051.

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