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Music in the mall

Every year, when the Empire State Youth Orchestra holds its Playathon on the lower level at Crossgates Mall, a crowd gathers on the second floor and drops money down.

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Jim Martley is one Blessing Road resident who is opposing a development of condominiums and a Stewart's gas station now before the Planning Board. He and others are worried about the effect it could have on their neighborhood, while developers say it will have minimal impact.

Charles Wiff/Spotlight

Neighborhood at a crossroads

Residents speaking out
on proposed Blessings
Corner development

By CHARLES WIFF
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North Bethlehem resident Jim Martley has seen plenty of changes since he moved into his Blessing Road home 20 years ago. Housing developments have sprung up nearby, a roundabout was added up the street and a New Visions educational center was built across the road.

It wasn't until a developer came forward with a proposal to build a set of condominiums and Stewart's store near his home that he felt compelled to attend a Planning Board meeting and organize with his neighbors, though.

"I don't feel it's the right thing for the area," he said. "An overwhelming majority of the area

residents that we've spoken with are against the project."

Martley is speaking of Blessings Corner, a plan that in its most recent iteration calls for six buildings housing 44 condominium units on Russell Road and a 2,900-square-foot Stewart's store with fueling stations and 18 parking spaces at the corner of Krumkill and Russell roads.

Developer Russell Road Partners is applying for Planned Development District status and the project is before the Planning Board, which has a March 7 deadline to make a recommendation to the Town Board. A public hearing was scheduled for the Tuesday, Feb. 2, meeting of the Planning Board, and the developer hosted a forum the night beforehand at the North Bethlehem Fire Department.

Both events occurred after *The Spotlight* went to print. Check www.spotlightnews.com for new developments.

William Mafri of engineering firm Hershberg & Hershberg said it's the developer's intent to keep the process as open and transparent as possible.

"[Daniel Hershberg] thought it be best to keep everybody informed, and show everybody on more of a community level with an open forum what the project has progressed to," Mafri said.

The Stewart's station is what Martley and his neighbors oppose most strenuously. They feel it will create more traffic, among other concerns.

"My wife and I are concerned about the additional traffic it's going to bring to the neighborhood," Blessing Road resident Mike Zych said. "We moved out here to get into a rural setting... It's going to make it much more difficult to get out of our driveway."

"Some people are concerned about the change it will have on

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Super and board clash

Allegations of power plays abound after Town Board meeting

By CHARLES WIFF
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The Wednesday, Jan. 27, meeting of the Bethlehem Town Board saw two contentious votes that left Supervisor Sam Messina at odds with other members of the board, in what the new supervisor described as "the most mean-spirited and political meeting I've ever been in."

But other members of the Town Board, who voted in unison on the two issues, said that the meeting was an example of disagreement in democracy, and accused Messina of attempting to use his office to block their initiatives from the agenda.

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Larcenies spark joint investigation

G'land and Colonie gym patrons targeted

By DAN SABBATINO
and RYAN MUNKS
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A string of car larcenies continues to plague the Capital District's suburban communities, and incidents in Colonie, Guilderland, Rotterdam and Clifton Park have sparked a joint investigation among law enforcement departments.

The first larcenies were reported Tuesday, Dec. 29, in Guilderland, and Thursday, Jan. 9, in Colonie. To date, a total of 16 vehicles at a number of area fitness

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Police Blotter

Bethlehem police investigating barber shop burglary

Bethlehem police are investigating a burglary at Gregory's Barbershop at 316 Delaware Avenue, Delmar.

A suspect or suspects kicked in the back door to the barbershop, entered

the store and removed \$150 in cash from the business, according to police. A neighboring business contacted police when the damage to the door was noticed on the morning of Monday, Jan. 25.

Other arrests

• The Bethlehem Police Department arrested three individuals pursuant to an investigation regarding area larcenies on Saturday, Jan. 23, and Sunday, Jan. 24.

Richard P. Trembacz Jr., 21, of 29 Oakwood Road, Delmar, was charged with two counts of criminal possession of stolen property in the fourth degree, two counts of forgery in the second degree and

identity theft in the second degree. Colonie police contacted Bethlehem police after taking Trembacz into custody, and the Bethlehem Police Department interviewed him, according to arrest reports.

Trembacz was remanded to the Albany County jail in lieu of \$20,000 bail.

Tricia L. Bailey, 20, of 202 Glenmont Road, Glenmont, was charged with criminal possession of stolen property in the fourth degree, identity theft in the second degree and conspiracy in the fifth degree. She was scheduled to appear in court on Tuesday, Feb. 2.

The following day, Jan. 24, Bethlehem police located and arrested Albert G. Lindh, 19, of 232 Kenwood Ave., Delmar, and charged him with three counts of criminal possession of stolen property in the

fifth degree, criminal possession of stolen property in the fourth degree and conspiracy in the fifth degree.

Lindh was located at 543 Delaware Ave. Apt. 9 after police tried unsuccessfully to locate him at other locations the previous day. He was charged as the result of an investigation into a series of car larcenies, according to police.

Police recovered two Garmin GPS units, an iPod, a Blackberry phone and a number of credit and debit cards, according to arrest reports.

Lindh was scheduled to appear in court on Tuesday, Feb. 2.

An investigation is continuing, according to police.

• Bethlehem police responded to a report of an attempted burglary on Clapper Road in Selkirk

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**BC middle schoolers
take morning
announcements
to the next level**

By CHARLES WIFF
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While their parents are turning on the tube to take in the important news of the day, students at Bethlehem Central Middle School are doing much the same just after 8 a.m. every day.

At the middle school, the longstanding tradition of morning announcements has transitioned to the next level with the addition of video, which shows students two anchors and slides to keep them informed.

As it has for years, the morning announcements serve as the average student's window into the goings on at the school—sports events, extracurricular schedules and lunch menus plus, of course, the Pledge of Allegiance.

The live broadcast is piped to classrooms across the school and shown through projectors mounted on the ceiling. Before the announcements come on, the station



Middle School students set up equipment for the morning announcement broadcast.

broadcasts CNN student news to present some big picture items.

Technology teacher and program advisor Tim Connelley said the program started four years ago, and it's been well received by the student body. Homeroom teachers often tell him that students are more likely to be in their seats by the time the bell rings to see the video announcements.

"Letting the kids see it on TV, rather than just hearing it, grabs their attention," Connelley said.

It also generates a lot of interest from students who want to end up reading the news themselves.

The popularity of the program means that on-air appearances are generally limited to eighth-graders.

Appearing before a large audience also helps cultivate public speaking skills for later on in high school, said eighth-grader Fred Docous.

"It's kind of not as hard as it would be because right now you're in front of the whole school," he said.

"It makes you more confident," agreed Kayla Sturges, his co-anchor for the day.

The reasons students get involved vary, said Connelley. Some enjoy working with the



Eighth-graders Fred Docous and Kayla Sturges deliver the morning announcements from Bethlehem Central Middle School's dedicated television studio. Twenty students take turns running the equipment and reading the news.

Photos by Charles Wiff/Spotlight

technology while others envision a future in broadcast news.

The entire operation is almost entirely student run. Connelley and Jim Smith, his fellow advisor and a social studies teacher, show up early to load slides and set up some equipment, but once the students show up they're doing the reading, adjusting sound levels and switching cameras all on their own.

The advisors are there for support, but they like to stay out of the way and let the students take the lead.

"Just sort of being chaperons is our ultimate goal," said Connelley.

It's always a whirlwind operation, though, due to the limited time students and staff have to prepare. From when the studio is opened to sign off, as few as 15 minutes might pass. The slides used during the announcements are posted to the district's Web site so parents can keep up to date on the happenings at the school. There are hopes to eventually post the video from each broadcast.

Use of the studio isn't limited to the

announcements. Students can use the equipment for video editing projects and guest speakers or administrators can use the system to address multiple classrooms quickly instead of pulling students out of class for an assembly.

"They can come down here and see the whole school in minutes," Smith said.

The equipment was entirely paid for outside of the district's operating budget through grants from Time Warner and Bethlehem Opportunities Unlimited.

Westmere wants to build a new firehouse

**If approved by voters,
construction is set to
begin in 2011.**

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The Westmere Fire District announced on Friday, Jan. 21, that it has proposed the construction of a \$5.7 million facility to replace the current Westmere firehouse at 1741 Western Ave.

On Tuesday, March 23, voters who live in the district will be given the opportunity to vote on authorizing the district to issue a \$5.3 million bond to pay for costs associated

with the construction of the building. The remainder of the costs will be paid for by the department's reserve fund.

The Westmere Fire District covers the area in Guilderland from Schoolhouse Road to the Prospect Hill Cemetery. According to information from the Westmere Fire Department, the area includes more than 2,700 homes, eight major apartment complexes, three schools, four churches and "the region's largest shopping mall."

The volunteer firefighters at Westmere respond to approximately 400 to 500 calls per year, and, as of Thursday, Jan. 28, they have already responded to 44 incidents in 2010.

"The current structure is outdated and no longer meets safety and regulatory requirements," said Westmere Chief Charles Cahill Jr. in a release. "The time has come to build a new firehouse to better serve the fire district,



Westmere Fire Commissioner John Keimer points out the tight fit for the fire truck in the existing facility. According to Keimer, future model fire trucks will not be able to fit through the 12 foot bay doors on the current firehouse.

Ryan Munks/Spotlight

the community and our volunteer firefighters."

According to information from the department, the current building is scheduled for \$2 million in maintenance over the next three to five years. The heating and air-conditioning system, plumbing, and electrical systems are in need of repair. Six of the roofs on the building need to

be replaced and the truck bays cannot accommodate equipment that meets current National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) codes and standards.

The multiple roofs on the building correspond with the many additions that were made to the building since its original construction in 1955. Since that time, the structure has been added to in 1960, 1964, 1974 and 1989.

According to Westmere Fire Commissioner John Keimer, these additions were made through a "box

on box approach."

"All additions were built using the bearing walls of existing structures," Keimer said.

He said that approach makes subsequent additions and renovations more costly, which is the reason officials are proposing tearing down the structure and starting from scratch.

Keimer said a proposal was considered to demolish the eastern section of the building and expand it further to the east, however that project would have cost \$200,000 more than tearing the entire building down and replacing it.

He said one of the major drawbacks of the current building is the size of the bay doors, ranging from 10 to 12 feet, leaving only inches of space between the fire trucks and the top of the bay. "With the new station, we're looking at 14-foot doors," said Keimer.

He said this will allow the department to accommodate the ever-increasing size of fire trucks.

The department estimates that the project would result in a property tax increase of 24 cents

per \$1,000 assessed value, or \$47.27 per year on a property valued at \$200,000.

The new project received initial approval from the Planning Board at its meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 27. The department will be seeking approval from the Zoning Board on Wednesday, Feb. 3.

The public will have the opportunity ask questions about the project at the public information meeting, scheduled to take place about a month before the referendum on Thursday, Feb. 25, at 7 p.m.

"If voters pass the bond, we'll begin with preliminary deconstruction [of the existing firehouse] in the spring" said Keimer.

He also said that construction on the new firehouse is set to begin in the construction season of 2011.

"The engineer says it will be about a 12-month project," said Keimer.

To find out if you live in the Westmere Fire District send an e-mail to vote@westmerefd.org. The department will also be accepting comments and feedback about the project at building@westmerefd.org.

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There should be more 'Z's in snooze

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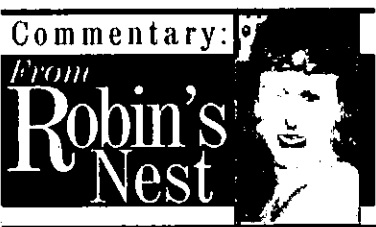
If I could stay awake long enough to finish reading a magazine I'd likely learn that I'm not getting enough sleep. Every time I turn around I'm catching a headline about the importance of a good night's sleep. Unfortunately, I'm not all that good at catching the right amount of Z's.

A few weeks ago my husband attempted to kindly let me know my make-up was smeared. One problem: I wasn't wearing any.

"Then what's that under your eyes?" he asked. I looked in a mirror and reported back: "Those dark circles are part of my face." He said, "You need more sleep!" Then I said, "Duh." Actually, I probably yawned and then said, "Duh." This is the level of conversation people resort to when they are exhausted.

I'm not getting enough sleep because I have too much to do. Either I am up late doing stuff, or I am lying awake in bed thinking of all the stuff I still need to do. Either way I am more tired the next day. When I'm tired it takes me longer to complete tasks, so that means I'm staying up late, but not being overly productive.

I'm trying to get more sleep. One mid-week evening in late December, I put on my pajamas



and got into bed at 7:30 p.m. I forced myself to stay up and read until 8:00 p.m., fearing that if I fell asleep too early I'd wake up "refreshed" after two hours and then be unable to get back to sleep.

As I anticipated, I did wake up at 9:30, only I thought it was 9:30 in the morning and I was late for work. I couldn't believe my husband let me oversleep. I went running downstairs... and found my husband and daughter sitting in the family room watching a movie... and noticed it was really dark out... and realized that it was still night. Luckily I was able to fall back asleep at a decent hour.

Most nights I aim to be in bed by 9 o'clock, only somehow it ends up being closer to midnight before I'm crawling under the covers. It's amazing how two or three hours fly by in the blink of an eye.

The computer is one culprit that keeps me up late. No matter what time I finish the stuff that really needs to be done, I often feel compelled to check my e-mail. Checking e-mail leads to

responding to e-mails, which leads to searching the library catalog and reserving books, which leads to Googling to find out more about some topic, which leads to more chances that new e-mail will arrive, which leads to more responding, which leads to checking the local weather report, which leads to randomly checking the weather report in places that are warmer, which leads to clicking on a "news" blurb about a celebrity, which leads to reading anonymous comments regarding the celebrity news blurb, and soon I'm mindlessly staring at the computer.

The other culprit that keeps me up late is the television. Well, it's really my husband watching television more than the television itself. Jeff wisely takes the opportunity to relax in the evening and tries to encourage me to do the same.

"What are you doing now?" he'll say as he glances over to the kitchen counter or table where I am poring over newspaper coupons or the high school course selection guide our daughter received or statements from dental insurers or some other documents in need of attention.

He'll tell me, "That can wait. Come and sit down and watch some funny TV shows."

And so I do. And for a short

while I'm not thinking about the leaky bathtub or that I need to call my daughter's dance studio to let them know she won't be at class this week because of the school play, or that I need to get my car inspected before the end of the month or about the various wars and other disasters occurring throughout the world.

But then after one or two hours of mindless TV sitcoms, no matter how funny, I'm faced with the lateness of the hour. And if I still go on and check my e-mail, oh boy am I late for my date with Mr. Sand-Man.

No matter what time I get into bed I always want to cap off the evening with some reading. Either I'm in the middle of a great book or I use even a mediocre book to divert my mind from thinking about all the stuff I didn't do that day or the stuff I need to do tomorrow or the fact that I stayed up too late.

Unlike my time spent in front of the computer or the TV, I don't feel guilty about staying up reading. I sometimes feel foolish, but not guilty. I can always justify reading as a worthwhile activity.

My teenager also needs more sleep. She too stays up late engrossed in books. We both give our snooze alarms a workout in the morning. Jeff doesn't understand our use of the snooze feature. He believes it makes

more sense to set the alarm later, get more "solid" sleep and just get up the first time the alarm clock sounds. I agree that his method makes more sense, in theory, but it just doesn't work for us "not-morning people." We like to hit snooze no matter how long we've slept.

Still, I need more sleep.

If I aim to get to bed at 9 I may actually be in bed by 10 and then I would be able to read for a while and still turn the light off before 11. This seems reasonable.

I've weaned myself from checking e-mail so often. It's the only way to save myself from getting sucked into the vortex of endless Internet activity.

And I've enlisted my spouse's help. I told him if it's after 10 p.m., do not leave me downstairs sitting at the computer. Do not believe me when I say, "I'll be up in a few minutes" or if I claim to just be getting a glass of water.

Lack of sleep causes lots of problems, not the least of which is exaggerated responses to everything and extreme crankiness. I don't need to read a magazine article to know that.

Speaking of reading, I've got a few books piled on the floor next to my nightstand. If I focus on getting to bed at a decent hour, I can get in a few chapters and still get to sleep before today becomes tomorrow.

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Day	High/Year	Low/Year
Wednesday, February 3	56°/2006	-18°/1955
Thursday, February 4	61°/1991	-13°/1978
Friday, February 5	59°/1890	-15°/1918
Saturday, February 6	55°/1991	-20°/1948
Sunday, February 7	48°/2005	-18°/1995
Monday, February 8	52°/1925	-16°/1950
Tuesday, February 9	57°/1925	-20°/1934

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February 6-7, 1978 The "Blizzard of 1978" dumped up to 50" of snow in Rhode Island and a record 27" in Boston with 80 to 90 mph wind gusts and damaging surf on the New England coast. The Catskills had up to 25 inches of snow and almost 30" fell on Long Island.

Sun & Moon

Day	Sunrise	Sunset
Wednesday	7:07am	5:11pm
Thursday	7:06am	5:12pm
Friday	7:05am	5:14pm
Saturday	7:04am	5:15pm
Sunday	7:03am	5:16pm
Monday	7:01am	5:18pm
Tuesday	7:00am	5:19pm

Moon Phases
February 5th Last
February 13th New

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

Area Ski Conditions

Resort	Base Depth	Lifts	Trails
Gore Mtn.	13" - 29"	10	42
Whiteface	22" - 34"	8	67
Bromley	23" - 37"	6	35
Mt. Snow	20" - 28"	10	46
Okemo	30" - 42"	14	101
Belleayre	28" - 48"	8	32
Stowe	28" - 52"	10	107
Killington	28" - 36"	18	96

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This time in February is traditionally a period when some of the coldest temperatures and biggest snow storms on record have occurred in the Northeast United States.

Tides at Albany

Day	High	Low
Wednesday	8:01am, 8:13pm	2:11am, 2:39pm
Thursday	8:53am, 9:06pm	3:00am, 3:34pm
Friday	9:48am, 10:03pm	3:52am, 4:31pm
Saturday	10:45am, 11:03pm	4:46am, 5:29pm
Sunday	11:43am, -----	5:42am, 6:27pm
Monday	12:05am, 12:40pm	6:38am, 7:23pm
Tuesday	1:05am, 1:36pm	7:33am, 8:17pm

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New Scotland makes size-cap proposal

Votes sends law to the Planning Board for review

By RYAN MUNKS
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At a special meeting Wednesday, Jan. 27, the New Scotland Town Board advanced a version of its size cap law to be considered by the town's planning board, and the Albany County Planning Board. The measure did face some resistance from Town Board members Rich Reilly and Deborah Baron, both Democrats, who said they were concerned with the effect the law would have on development in the commercial zone.

The proposed law would limit the size of a commercial building to 50,000 square feet and a commercial development to 100,000 square feet. The measure has been under discussion since May of 2008, when the board enacted the first moratorium on large-scale commercial development after Sphere Development LLC proposed building a Target in the town.

Multiple moratoriums have been enacted since that first one, with the last expiring Sunday, Jan. 31.

Reilly and Baron said they were concerned about the effect the law, as proposed, could have on future development in the commercial zone.

"I had repeatedly indicated that I am in support of a cap," said Reilly, adding that his support does not extend to some of the provisions contained in the proposed law, especially regarding the amount of residential development allowed in the commercial zone.

An amended definition of planned use development also drew criticism from Reilly. He said the definition of PUD requires too much land (25 acres) to be used for a project to meet its requirements.

"We're going to require 25 acres for a supermarket?" said Reilly. "We're going through

all sorts of machinations for a safety balance that could have unintended consequences."

Reilly said he is concerned that all the requirements for commercial development will tip the scales in favor of residential development, which the town is also allowing in the commercial zone.

Town Supervisor Tom Dolin said he actually included the line concerning the PUD definition to try to assuage Reilly's concerns.

"In retrospect it's unfortunate that I included it in there," he said.

At the meeting, Dolin said does not believe the town will have enough commercial development to support the town's commercial zone.

"The amount of acreage [in the commercial zone] is 600 to 700 acres, in the next 10 years, I don't think we'll have enough commercial to develop it," said Dolin. "If you take away the right to build residential property you effectively destroy the ability of these people to do anything with their land. ... That land will be worthless."

Town Board member Douglas LaGrange agreed with Dolin. LaGrange said that as a member of the Planning Board, he was often conflicted with allowing houses in the commercial zone.

In an attempt to put into perspective the size of New Scotland's commercial zone, LaGrange said, "300 acres could suffice two Crossgates worth of build out."

Like Reilly, Baron said she was concerned how the law would affect the commercial zone.

"[The law] is pushing it to be that the only thing that can go in there is homes," said Baron.

Near the end of the debate, Reilly suggested the Town Board wait 30 to 60 days to consider amending the law, insisting there was no danger of a large-scale development making its way into the town, despite the end of the

moratorium.

"I'm upset. I see this as another stalling tactic," said Dolin. "The public is getting very nervous."

He went on to say that delaying the law any further could result in a law not being passed until the late summer. Dolin has said he hopes to have a final law on the book by March or April at the latest.

Town Board member Daniel Mackay encouraged the board to act on the measure, and if needed, changes could be made in the future.

"This is step one. ... I would like to forward it on to the Planning Board," said Mackay.

Mackay said the public has clearly asked for this step, and it is the step he was elected to deal with.

The board eventually voted on the measure, with Reilly the only opposing vote. The measure will be considered at the Tuesday, Feb. 2, meeting of the town's Planning Board. The Planning Board will then recommend changes to be discussed at the next Town Board meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 10.

Town studies air disaster



Erie County emergency responder representatives spoke before a crowd of 75 on Thursday, Jan. 14, to relive their experiences of the crash of Continental Airlines Flight 3407. The air disaster on Feb. 12, 2009, in the Town of Clarence, a suburb of Buffalo, took the lives of 50 people, including passengers, flight crew and a resident of the house where the plane crashed. Daniel Neaverth, Erie County Deputy Director of Emergency Services and Tiger Schmittendorf, Erie County Deputy Fire Coordinator presented a review of the crash. Bethlehem Supervisor Sam Messina in a statement advised, "The similarities between the Town of Bethlehem and the Town of Clarence are so striking that we feel we can learn from their misfortune." The two Erie County officials, who were heavily involved in the response and recovery operations at the crash site, presented a review of the event. Participating in the evenings program were individual from Bethlehem's fire, police and medical services along with town, county, state and federal representatives. The program was organized and moderated by the Town of Bethlehem, Emergency Management Office.

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Matters of Opinion *in the* Spotlight

Can't we all just get along?

No. No, we can't. And to some extent, we really shouldn't try to.

We've received a number of letters and phone calls — not to mention the comments on our Web site — that have lamented the political demeanor here in town and, more specifically, the conduct or perceived conduct of Town Board members.

Many people feel town politics should be more polite, some feel it's not too bad, and for our part here at *The Spotlight*, we're happy to see things going the way they are. Not because contentious meetings make for good copy, but because we understand that democracy, when done right, is seldom pleasant and peaceful.

It is in vogue these days for politicians to invoke the spirits of the Founding Fathers, the people who shaped this country and framed the laws with which we govern this great nation. The same politicians will cry foul when faced with disagreement, when he or she is questioned or opposed.

Those politicians should understand that the shapers of this nation did so amidst virulent argument, pointed personal attacks and downright disrespect. And, in many instances, engaged their political adversaries in the same manner.

A governing body that doesn't argue — respectfully or not — is a complacent one, and complacency begets tyranny.

Your government shouldn't be fat and happy. Nor should it be stingy and spiteful.

One situation comes as a result of a legislative body that agrees with everyone, the other of a body that agrees with no one. Both come as a result of like-mindedness.

If this is hard to swallow, take refuge in the words of Albert Einstein: "All of us who are concerned for peace and triumph of reason and justice must be keenly aware how small an influence reason and honest good will exert upon events in the political field."

Of course, as is the policy here at *The Spotlight*, we welcome the opportunity for you to tell us we're wrong. You can do so via e-mail, letter or phone, and now you can do so by way of a poll conducted on www.spotlightnews.com.

Every Monday afternoon, we'll post a question on the home page of our Web site, just under the local news box. The following Monday morning, we'll gather the results and print them in that week's print editions.

This week's question: "Are local politics getting too vicious?" Get online and tell us what you think, then check the Feb. 10 edition for the results.

Editorial

When it comes to news, think local

By GERARD HAVASY

The author is a semi-retired engineer from the General Electric Company. He is a graduate of the United States Merchant Marine Academy, at Kings Point and lives in Glenville.

In a walk through my neighborhood I observed that about 50 percent of all the houses have a newspaper box or a box below the mailbox to receive a newspaper. Being an avid reader of newspapers and of printed material in general, I was a little dismayed that there were so few paper boxes in the neighborhood. A recent full-page ad boldly declared "on your doorstep or your laptop ..." — an obvious approach to news-interested folks to get them reading one way or the other.

I not only read the daily newspaper, but I also check out the Internet and several blogs. I love my morning print version and do not relish the thought of bringing my laptop to the breakfast table. Many people believe that the newspaper has passed its time of importance, and the Internet is the venue for the computer savvy generation. It's surprising how many people get their only news from the Internet. Most of them are on their computers all day long at work so we expect that they get some information from the Internet. However, when I ask them about local news, most of them are uniformed. Local news is available on the Internet, but it takes an effort obtain it. Local news is an area where newspapers do some of their best work. There is always a local section that covers area towns, schools, development activities, arts and other items of interest. High school, college and minor-league sports are covered, providing an opportunity to boost area morale and pride in local teams.

The weekend newspapers usually provide lots of inserts for

Point of View

sales. An area town publicized its "buy local" campaign (something I've written on in the past), urging readers to pursue shopping locally to aid businesses during these tough economic times. This kind of advertisement does not appear on the Internet.

All types of schemes are being tried by the newspaper industry to increase their distribution and retain their following. One of our daily newspapers addressed part of this issue in a recent editorial where it discussed sharing printing and deliveries with a competitor. This has the makings of common sense. The newspaper has no real allegiance to the delivery person nor can it optimize delivering to low density areas on the same route. When 44 houses read one paper and 6 read the other, it makes sense to share the delivery and avoid the unnecessary cost that adds nothing to the value of the particular newspaper. There must be many areas of commonality that could be shared by newspapers which would enhance quality and coverage and reduce cost to the reader. Sharing of reporters—local town reporters, cultural reporters, and sports reporters could also improve productivity and lower costs. It can be a win-win for individuals on staffs that are under-utilized. Other changes are coming, so what is ahead?

If, as former Congressman Tip O'Neill once said, "All politics is local", then it might also be true of newspapers as well. This is a reason why a national paper, like *USA Today*, has not succeeded in penetrating local markets. If a national paper could succeed, it would probably need either a local news insert or perhaps, some type of alliance with an established weekly newspaper. This is especially true in news areas that don't require a daily report, such as local sports, town items of interest, cultural events, and local historical stories.

Help-wanted ads and other advertising sections of newspapers are being shut out by Internet forums such as Craig's list, monster.com, and even automobile sales advertisement. The weeklies become good venues for small business' advertizing dollars. Weeklies operate with a small subscription base, relying on advertizing and then passing copies out free at libraries and various high traffic stores. One of John Grisham's novels focuses on the value provided by a small-town weekly newspaper and paints a vivid picture of opportunity for the

maligned and misunderstood weekly and its importance to the community in so many ways, including human interest stories.

As an aside, weeklies like *The Spotlight*, are not Johnny-come-lately, but have been around for over 55 years, and have weekly printing and distribution of over 45,000, with the ability to focus stories, news, and advertisement on specific local markets such as a Saratoga, Schenectady, or Guiderland/Bethlehem in separate editions of the same weekly.

Having traveled widely, I have been impressed with the number of newspapers available in other cities of the world. Dublin, Ireland, pop. 1.2 million supports five dailies with far more content than we see in most of our larger city papers that are struggling to survive and want bailout money. Ireland is a small country with a literary culture including writers the likes of James Joyce, Bernard Shaw, and W. B. Yeats. It also has many weeklies in a country with approximately 4.1 million people. I find it emblematic of many cities of the world, especially in Europe, where there is a desire for more print news and information. People seem to want to be informed.

Television and radio have cornered the market on certain news. They cover major items well, but I've read that all of the evening news can be consolidated onto one or two sheets of paper. I am not a fan of TV/radio news and seldom watch/listen to it. There seem to be more commercials than news and much repetition several times an hour. Most of the coverage is shallow and includes the titillating. I do not wish to fill my mind with trash so an advantage of print is that one can filter out items of little interest and all of the in-your-face advertizing.

Phil Wrigley of chewing gum fame once noted that "advertizing is like the locomotive on a train, not noticed until it stops." Newspapers need to increase distribution and prove their worth as all companies review how to spend smaller advertisement budgets. Jack Welch was prophetic in the early 1980s when he opined that "unless a company is number one or two in its industry, or has a plan to get there, it will not survive." This appears to be the fate of the print industry, but in the end, there should be room for combinations of news to be conveyed effectively to consumers through all purveyors of information. The industry will continue to sort itself out and more of all will go by the wayside.

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Your Opinion in The Spotlight

Thanks for supporting SCREAMS

Editor, *The Spotlight*:

On Saturday, Jan. 23, the Town of Bethlehem Parks and Recreation Department in conjunction with the Bethlehem area YMCA and Bethlehem Opportunities Unlimited (BOU) sponsored an event at the YMCA for all town and school district middle school students.

The event was a free evening at the YMCA, where students had access to the pool, open gym and ice skating with free rentals. Over 200 students came and participated in what was a very successful and fun evening.

This was just one of the monthly events that the Town Parks and Recreation Department coordinates over the course of the year as part of the SCREAMS Club (Students Craving Really Exciting Activities at the Middle School).

As tremendous as the turnout was for this event, just as impressive

was the behind the scenes work of the three organizations that came together to plan, organize, chaperone and implement.

I would like to thank Curtis Hovey and his staff at the YMCA, the entire Board of BOU and the Town Police and Parks and Recreation Staff who worked the event. We also had parents, high school and college students volunteer their time as well.

Thank you everyone for dedicating yourselves on a Saturday evening to help give the Middle School Students in our community a unique opportunity and great event.

I hope that our community organizations can work together like this again some time soon.

Jason C. Gallo
assistant
administrator
Bethlehem Parks
and Recreation

Spotlight sends wrong message about MMA

Editor, *The Spotlight*:

The Spotlight recently criticized Assemblyman Bob Reilly's opposition to legalizing mixed martial arts (MMA) fighting in New York (*Mixed Messages*, Jan. 27).

Mr. Reilly, it was reported, feels MMA sends a message contrary to the anti-violence messages the state has undertaken. He also equates the effects of legalization of MMA on the community to the effects brought about by the legalization of gambling.

In contrast, *The*

Spotlight takes the position that MMA "has money to be made" for tax revenue, that nobody will be forced to attend, and that gambling has been beneficial to the state and to Saratoga Springs.

I think *The Spotlight* is taking the wrong position. First, not everyone believes legalized gambling has been a good idea. Sure the lottery brings money for education but often that money comes out of the pockets of people who can least afford it. Some who spend their money on gambling have a serious addiction while many

others just gamble beyond their limited means.

Secondly, doesn't there come a point when we should question whether the evil of a given vice outweighs our need to gather tax money? MMA is a very violent, brutal, bloody form of fighting. Yes, nobody would force us to attend, we don't have to watch, but does that mean it should be allowed? Suppose we do allow it and down the road, say, 5- to 10- years from now, the public tires of it. Do we then step up to legalized knife- or gun-fights? Hey, sex is also a bestseller.

Perhaps we should have legalized prostitution like Nevada.

Wait, I've got it! How about sex and violence as revenue source? Let's have a legalized rape arena. And we can gamble on the results.

Assemblyman Bob Reilly is right. There needs to be a limit to how far we as a society will go in the pursuit of business development and tax revenue. Mixed martial arts goes well beyond that limit.

Thomas Baldwin
Delmar

It takes a village to make 'The Music Man'

Editor, *The Spotlight*:

They say that it takes a village to raise a child. The way that I interpret that saying is not that you must have the cooperation of the entire village to raise a child but that it is likely to yield the most fruitful result.

As the Set Designer of "The Music Man" at Bethlehem Middle School I have been truly awed by the result that the workings of "the village" have on the Middle School musical. First and foremost, the directors, Lynda Conway and Katie

Daly, are an amazing duo to work with. With 65 cast members, and over 100 students on different crews, they never miss a beat or the opportunity to encourage a child to be all that they can be. The parents who give so much of their time to sets, costumes, publicity, lights, sound, props, make-up, ushering, party planning, memorabilia and refreshments are an incredible group of people. I've noticed that there are some folks in this group whose children have long graduated from the middle school, yet

they continue to return each year to offer their outstanding talents to our program.

We have also been fortunate to have ten wonderful high school and three dedicated college students help us in the areas of choreography, design, set building and painting. They have taken some of our middle school sets and running crew under their wing to pass on the knowledge that they've accumulated in those areas over the years. These students are tireless in their efforts.

Finally, I would like to thank Sandra Merely, Principal, and Mark Warford, Assistant Principal, for their continued support. I'm very proud to be a part of this amazing production.

Jill Baboulis

assistant director

"The Music Man" will be performed at 7 p.m. on 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.

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Paging Mr. Roosevelt Demand healthy school lunches

Editor, *The Spotlight*:

Our Founding Fathers must be turning over in their graves!

This country is feeding on itself, courtesy of the Citizens United decision (Supreme Court decision 1-21-10) giving corporations the right to spend as much money as they wish on political campaigns.

Coupled with that is the SpeechNow case to be heard before the DC US District Court, that would give give millionaires unlimited "free speech" by allowing them to contribute as much as they want to political campaigns.

We, the less-than-millionaires, continue to

have restrictions on how much we may contribute making our own "free speech" less than equal both by the restriction and our ability to pay? As you can tell, I am outraged!

But where is the public outrage at the Supreme Court decision to give corporations the right to destroy our country by unlimited access to our political system?

With the Citizen United decision, corporations can now purchase, elect and scare our public officials without restriction. You may think corporate influence is bad now, but this is nothing compared to what will happen in the next

few years as corporations and millionaires pour as much money as they want into the system because they have the law on their side.

They will have the absolute power to get friendly laws enacted and get rid of laws that would effect their bottom line without much effort. There is no way to rein in bankers, insurance companies, GE, Wall Street, oil companies, etc. from taking over our country entirely.

Where is Teddy Roosevelt when we need him?

Barbara Quint
Delmar

Editor, *The Spotlight*:

Last week, first lady Michelle Obama called on the U.S. Conference of Mayors to help her fight the national scourge of childhood obesity.

She noted that one-third of all children are overweight or obese. She proposed healthier school lunch fares, increased physical activity, and nutritional education.

Traditionally, the National School Lunch Program has served as a dumping ground for the U.S. Department of Agriculture's surplus meat and dairy commodities.

Not surprisingly, USAs own surveys indicate that 90 percent of American children consume excessive amounts of fat, and only 15 percent eat the recommended servings of fruits and vegetables. Their early dietary flaws become lifelong addictions, raising their risk of diabetes, heart disease, and stroke.

In the past few years, several state legislatures have asked their schools to offer daily vegetarian options. According to the School Nutrition Association, 52 percent of U.S. school districts now do.

Last fall, the Baltimore City Public School system became the first in the United States to offer its 80,000 students a complete weekly break from meat.

Parents and others who care about our children's health should demand healthful plant-based school meals, snacks, and vending machine items.

Additional information is available at schoolnutrition.org, schoolmeals.nal.usda.gov, healthyschoollunches.org, and choiceusa.net.

Richard Tokarowski
Delmar

Town Board meeting was appalling

Editor, *The Spotlight*:

I have been very interested in the direction and business of our town, and was happy to have a new direction with the election of Sam Messina as Supervisor.

I attended the Town Board meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 27. I was appalled.

It was readily apparent

that the Town Board has not accepted the will of the people in electing Mr. Messina as Supervisor to help move and change the attitude and direction of our town government. There were carefully orchestrated behind the scenes end-run actions that were meant to embarrass the supervisor and continue

the "business as usual" theme that Mr. Messina so ardently opposed in his campaigning.

There were inane comments, double talk and a general false convivial attitude that were insulting to my intelligence. Does the board really think that the voting public is that stupid?

I urge all Bethlehem citizens to attend a board meeting and see for themselves what is going on in our town.

We need transparency and representation, not puppets.

The board meets the second and fourth Wednesday of every month at 6 p.m. in the Town Hall.

Bonnie McInerney
Delmar

Editor, *The Spotlight*:

I am a landlord in Schenectady County, but what I am writing about applies to all counties in the state.

In New York state, we have commissions (dumping grounds for political hacks) regulating everything. I do business, with whom I national Grid, is highly regulated.

To cut to the chase, if a tenant has his power cut off, the power company is under no obligation to report the same to the building owner. I believe the reason is that the sanctity and privacy of tenant trumps building owners rights. Now I understand what the word privacy means but this is lunacy. The resulting damage to a building especially in

the cold northeast could be catastrophic to owner financially and other tenants.

I have written State Assemblymen Jim Tedisco and George Amedore on this matter. No reply or action has been forthcoming.

I know Jimmy is busy lining himself up for reelection and George, well George is too busy visiting senior citizens centers to do much else. George goes where the votes are.

The reasons landlords are viewed as second-class citizens are legion, some of which are due to greed. Other than scum buckets, and landlords functioning on a grand scale, most are 'middle class' people attempting to turn a honest profit.

To a large extent the cause of Haiti's economic distress is due to the lack of rights for property owners. Hence capital investment does not locate there.

In America and especially in New York state the little guy or girl who owns property is having his assets destroyed while I write. Why should a landlord do more than he absolutely has to?

I understand National Grid's position on debt collection but there is no reason to keep the landlord in the dark.

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G'land seeks school budget advisors

Bethlehem tours on track

District is hoping to get diverse representation from community members

By RYAN MUNKS
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The Guilderland Central School District is seeking volunteers to serve on its Citizen's Budget Advisory Committee, and the Board of Education is hoping to get a more diversified representation of the community, something it hasn't always seen in the past.

Each year, CBAC seems to get a lot of volunteers concerned with a specific issue, such as elementary education or special needs students, said President Richard Weisz at the board's Tuesday, Jan. 19, meeting.

"We haven't had a lot of senior citizens, and members of the business community," said Weisz, adding that people that are not parents of students in the district have also not been represented on the committee. "We would like to hear their viewpoints."

According to information from the school district, the budget advisory committee is tasked "to review the district's budget proposal for the 2010-11 school year and make recommendations to the Board of Education regarding the educational and economic impact of the proposed spending plan."

No experience is required for applicants who wish to sit on the

committee. The only requirements are that the applicant resides in the district, attends all of the meetings, reviews budget materials prior to each meeting, and engages in discussion at each meeting. Past CBAC committees have had 20-30 members.

Prior to announcing that it is seeking volunteers for this year's CBAC, the school board discussed ideas for diversifying representation on the committee.

One of the ideas discussed was to set quotas for the amount of representation each facet of the community is allotted.

School board members Denise Eisele and Gloria Towle-Hilt supported that idea.

"We feel pretty strongly to structure CBAC to accomplish the mission of CBAC," said Eisele.

Some board members expressed concern about the consequences of quotas.

"I can not support quotas," said board member Colleen O'Connell. "If you exclude people from a meeting who want to be part of the meeting, you exclude their point of view."

In subsequent discussions, the board decided not to make any changes to the requirements for the committee.

"CBAC will be the same as it was in previous years," said Weisz.

The school board did decide to create more structure for the CBAC

meetings themselves.

At the first meeting of CBAC, on Thursday, Feb. 25, the school board will be given a presentation on the budget in an effort to make them more familiar with the budget and more prepared to work with CBAC.

"I think having this kind of a structure might just give us a chance to get out our questions to get a good handle for ourselves, before we try to balance what people are saying, and what we know," said Towle-Hilt.

CBAC members will be encouraged to be a part of the meeting and ask questions at the budget presentation.

"We encourage people to be there as part of your [the board's] public works session of the budget, as members of CBAC," said McGuire.

Catherine Barber, Vice President of the board, said she feels the first working session of CBAC will provide an opportunity to have more interaction between the board and CBAC, an element that was missing from the committee meetings in previous years.

To apply to become a member of CBAC, residents must submit a letter of interest to the Office of the Superintendent, at 6076 State Farm Road, Guilderland, NY 12084, by Friday, Feb. 12.

An online application is also available on the district's Web site at <http://guilderlandschools.org>.

Historical trolley rides to run for a fourth year

By CHARLES WIFF
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Bethlehem Town Historian Susan Leath will once again be taking to the road this year to guide residents and visitors on a historical trolley journey, with the first tour taking place Friday, Feb. 5.

This will be the trolley tour's fourth year running, and Leath's third year at the microphone directing the tour. As in previous years, Albany Aqua Ducks will provide the transportation. Co-owner Maureen Lundberg said that the Bethlehem tour is much anticipated.

"It's one of the nicest tours that we do," she said. "It's such a wonderful town with so much history in it."

Aqua Ducks does regular tours in the City of Albany, and has also done programs in places like Troy, Watervliet, Cohoes and East Greenbush. Enough people turn out for the Bethlehem tours to make it a recurring program, Lundberg said.

"There's no place we won't go if people show an

interest," she said.

The tour will take riders through most of Bethlehem's hamlets, excluding North and South Bethlehem, which is due to logistical considerations, not for lack of historical value, Leath said.

"It would just take too long. It's a lot of territory to cover," she said.

This year's tour will include more examples of the town's varied architectural heritage, including elaborate high style Slingerlands homes and Greek Revival farmhouses. Leath will also take the opportunity to include some of the research she's done over the past year in the tour, so even those who have taken the trolley ride before will find plenty of fresh elements.

In a town like Bethlehem, many of the remarkable stories will come from landmarks that residents pass by often, like the Slingerlands house where the Jack Nicholson and Meryl Streep movie "Ironweed" was filmed or the longstanding Adams Hotel on Delaware Avenue.

"As people tell me things, I add them onto the tour," Leath said. "You go by that a million times and you don't really think

about it."

That includes the set of lions off the road near Henry Hudson Park. They are actually marking the former entrance to a vacation home near the river, Leath said.

The tour should be about 2 hours long, including a stopover at the Bethlehem Historical Association's Cedar Hill Schoolhouse museum in Selkirk.

The first tour of the year will be held Friday, Feb. 5, which is also national Go Red Day. A portion of the \$25 ticket price will be donated to the American Heart Association this day. On the remainder of the tours (Saturday, Feb. 20, Friday, March 5, Saturday, March 20, Friday, April 16 and Friday, April 30) a portion of the price will be donated to the Bethlehem Historical Association.

The addition of more dates is not out of the question if there is enough interest, said Lundberg. Call 462-3825 or visit www.albanyaquaducks.com to make required reservations.

All tours will begin at 10 a.m. at the town parking lot on Kenwood Avenue near the Four Corners in Delmar.

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Redlich announcement official Salon holds benefit for family

Plans to challenge Lazio for republican nomination

By RYAN MUNKS
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Guilderland Town Board member Warren Redlich announced at a press conference in the Legislative Office Building, on Monday, Feb. 1 that he will be running for the New York State Governor's Office.

Earlier in the month, Redlich told *The Spotlight* that he was considering a run for the office after friends in the libertarian party approached him with the idea. On Jan. 22, Redlich made the next step in his discernment process by forming a campaign committee called "Redlich."

It wasn't until Monday, Feb. 1 that Redlich officially made the decision to run for the office.

"The thing that was holding me up was that I was meeting with a group of libertarians in Manhattan," said Redlich. He said that he had received positive feedback from the group and that solidified his decision to run for the office.

Eric Sundwall, campaign manager for Redlich and leader of the effort to draft him to run for governor, introduced Redlich at the press conference.

He said his original intention was to draft Redlich to run for the New York State Attorney General's office, "During the course of Christmas, I threw the idea out that Warren should run for

governor on the libertarian line," said Sundwall.

Redlich would eventually answer Sundwall's call for him to run for the office.

"I've always had this theme that we need to stop wasting money," said Redlich.

"When you're inside the bubble in Albany, the answer is to tax people," he said. He went on to say "instead of talking about controlling spending, we're talking about cutting spending."

Redlich mentioned the specifics of his proposals that include the elimination of a number of state departments, including Economic Development, the Thruway Authority, and the Office for Technology. He also mentioned a proposal to cap state employee pay at \$100 thousand, and a proposal to cap state government pensions at \$75,000.

"It sounds extreme, but when you're talking about taxing soda, nothings extreme," he said.

Redlich plans to run on the libertarian line, and also to challenge former congressman Rick Lazio for the republican nomination.

He said he believes he will appeal to supporters that are part of the tea-party movement. According to Redlich, the movement was born out of government's decision to bail-out banks, and allow banks receiving bail-out to grant bonuses.

"I don't see how Rick Lazio appeals to that constituency," he said. Over the course of the month of January Redlich had repeatedly referred

to Lazio as a "bailed-out banker, with a bonus."

"We don't need someone who participated in bailouts and bonuses," he said.

Redlich said it is unlikely that he will seek any endorsements in addition to the republican and libertarian lines.

"The Working Families Party does not fight for families, it fights for unions," he said.

He also said he believes he will make a better candidate than current Attorney General Andrew Cuomo, often cited as a potential democratic challenger to Governor David A. Paterson.

Redlich said that Cuomo, in his capacity as Secretary of the Department of Housing and Urban Development under Clinton, pushed for proliferation of sub-prime mortgages, a factor that contributed to the current recession.

"Do you want someone who helped crash the economy, or someone who said, 'No don't do that,'" he said.

"We need somebody outside the Albany bubble...he's [Cuomo] been inside the bubble his whole life," said Redlich.

Fellow republican Town Board member Mark Grimm was on hand to see Redlich's announcement however, he did not explicitly voice his support for Redlich. "It's way too early for an endorsement, but the more voices the better," said Grimm.

Grimm said he is reserving his endorsement until he sees which other candidates enter the race.

Skipper family looking forward to getting back in their house

By RYAN MUNKS
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On Monday, Jan. 25 Pure Elements Organic Salon sponsored a fundraiser for a local family displaced by a Jan. 5 fire that caused severe damage to both stories of their house. In total the salon raised \$750 to benefit the Skipper family of 37 Park Ave.

Pure Elements was the first to answer the Guilderland Chamber of Commerce's call for local businesses to help the family. The salon donated all proceeds from services performed between 3 and 7 p.m. on the day of the fundraiser to the Skipper family.

"I think it went very well," said Pure Elements owner Kristen Gaffney. "The rain kept some people away, but we will be accepting donations from people who could not make it to the event."

The salon served 10 clients during the hours of the fundraiser. In addition to the money raised through the salon services, donations were also accepted by volunteers from the Guilderland Chamber of Commerce.

Pizza and soda were donated by Little Caesar's Pizza.

Staffers Kalyn Cosenza, and Kaile Schaap, also donated their time, working on their days off to benefit the family.

"Any little bit helps, whatever we can do to help out the community," said Cosenza.

Schaap said "Everyone is donating to Haiti, why don't we help out around here as well?"

Linda Skipper thanked everyone for their help



Kaile Schaap, Kalyn Cosenza, and Kristen Gaffney (from left to right), of Pure Elements Salon, donated their time on their day off to help raise money to benefit the Skipper Family. "Any little bit helps, whatever we can do to help out the community," said Cosenza.

Ryan Munks/Spotlight

as the family deals with a number of challenges in addition to the fire that consumed portions of their home.

"The outpour has been overwhelming. ... We're really thankful for everything, it's made everything much easier," said.

Ernest Skipper, the patriarch of the family, has been suffering from a number of illnesses, including heart disease and diabetes. He also must undergo dialysis three times a week after having a kidney removed as a result of his diabetes.

Linda Skipper has been undergoing treatment for cancer. Both have been out of work due to their illnesses.

The fire not only displaced the family but divided it as well. The parents lived with family for a short time before moving into a hotel, and the three children resided with friends so they could catch the bus to school every morning.

"We finally got everyone under one roof. ... Last Friday [Jan. 22] we moved into a home," said Linda Skipper.

For the time being, the family's Park Avenue home remains

unlivable, with fire damage stretching from the garage area on the first floor to the second floor.

"I love my home, I would really like to get back into my house," said Skipper.

She said the structure is sound, but the damage would have to be repaired before the family can move back in.

While another benefit for the family has not yet been planned, the Chamber is still encouraging its members to make donations to the family.

"We're encouraging our members to give them gift cards," said Erika Gauthier, program and membership manager for the Chamber.

Kathy Burbank, Executive Director of the chamber, specifically mentioned the need for gift cards to Target, Walmart and Crossgates Mall.

"The structure of the house is saved, but they lost everything from the walls down," said Burbank.

Donations for the Skipper family can be sent to the Guilderland Chamber of Commerce at 2050 Western Ave., Guilderland, NY 12084.

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Course to put racing enthusiast on the fast track

G'land high schooler wins RACE 101 scholarship

By RYAN MUNKS
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At a Friday, Jan. 29, press conference, Howard Gage, of Altamont, was announced as one of 15 scholarship winners from across North America to take part in the inaugural class of Research, Analyze, Consult, Educate, 1 on 1 – or RACE 101.

The \$7,500 RACE 101 scholarship will allow Gage to take part in a program described as a one-year advanced motorsports education course designed for aspiring race car drivers looking to advance their careers.

The program was founded by Tony Blanchard, who is known for his work as a crew chief in the early career of NASCAR driver Joey Logano.

"Achieving a career in motorsports requires much more than racing talent," said Blanchard, in a release. "Young racers need to understand the mechanical side of their cars, and they need a

solid public relations foundation."

Gage, an 18-year-old senior at Guilderland High School, applied to the program after hearing about it from Adam Ross, a dirt track racing enthusiast and media coach for the RACE 101 program.

Gage said love of racing runs in the family and influenced his start.

"My dad's into drag racing, and I became interested in circle track racing," said Gage.

He said he started racing go-karts when he was about 10 years old, after which he moved up to racing with "modifieds," a hybrid between an open-wheel car design, like a go-kart, and a stock car design.

In 2007, Gage became the New York State Stock Car Association's Rookie of the Year.

"I just want to thank my parents and all of my sponsors for getting me here," said Gage, at the press conference. Gage said his mom and dad are the "backbone" of his racing career.

According to Blanchard, most of the instruction will take place in online



ABOVE: Number 37, Howard Gage, maneuvers his modified racecar around a turn at the Speedway. In 2007, Gage became the New York State Stock Car Association's Rookie of the Year.



LEFT: Gage was one of 15 scholarship winners in North America. Photos submitted by Howard Gage.

seminars due to the students' school and work commitments. The students will also travel to the home site of RACE 101 in Denver, N.C., in February and

March, for a more hands-on learning experience.

Gage said he hopes to learn anything he can from the program

to help him advance his racing career.

"I am hoping to learn more about chassis set ups, shocks, how spring ratios affect the handling of the cars, and how to gain and talk to sponsors. We are always in need of sponsors," said Gage.

He said he also looks forward to learning how to communicate better with his crew, meeting with influential people in the industry, and driving an asphalt late model car.

Due to the competitiveness of the racing industry, Gage said he is keeping an open mind about other careers.

"If I can't race professionally, I would like to be an engineer," said Gage.

He does not have a racing schedule yet for the upcoming season but he said he hopes to racing in different tracks around the state from Fonda Speedway, to Glen Ridge and Utica-Rome.

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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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Engineers criticize hiring of former supervisor

Colonie stands by Cunningham appointment

By DAN SABBATINO
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A letter from the New York State Society of Professional Engineers criticized the Town of Colonie for hiring former Bethlehem Supervisor Jack Cunningham as public works commissioner.

The letter is dated Monday, Jan. 11.

Kelly Norris, executive director of the New York State Society of Professional Engineers said that Cunningham would be responsible for the water, sewer and transportation in the town, each of which require "technical decisions," Norris said.

She said Cunningham

lack of engineering experience makes him unqualified to make those decisions.

Cunningham responded by saying his job is not to serve the interests of the Society of Professional Engineers, but to serve the Town of Colonie.

"My job is not to be out engineering and laying pipe," he said.

He said he is planning on streamlining the operation and cutting costs were possible, he said.

"They're serving their members," Cunningham said of the letter drafted by the NYSSPE.

Bethlehem's commissioner of public works, Josh Cansler, is neither an engineer nor Bethlehem resident, Cunningham said, but NYSSPE did take issue

with his appointment. Cansler lives in the Town of Colonie.

Town Supervisor Paula Mahan said that Cunningham's appointment was due to his experience managing a budget, as well as large departments. She said the town has a number of licensed engineers working under Cunningham who are there specifically to address technical issues.

There are at least 200 employees in the public works department, and the nature of the job calls for administrative skills, she said.

She also said the town has two designated engineering firms and often has private work conducted by other companies.

"The letter makes it sound like we don't have the right type of staff," she said.

Town officials point to the section on the job description for public works commissioner that discusses salary as the only part of the job description related to a degree. Otherwise, the requirements listed are mainly administrative.

The letter states it is a potential liability and the town will be safer and better served by a licensed engineer.

"It doesn't uphold the health, safety and welfare of the public," Norris said.

Norris said Cunningham's lack of a license and degree calls his appointment into question.

"According to your job description for this position, 'The commissioner of public works has comprehensive policy responsibility for the administrative supervision of the water, sewer, environmental services and engineering functions of the Town of Colonie,'" the letter reads.

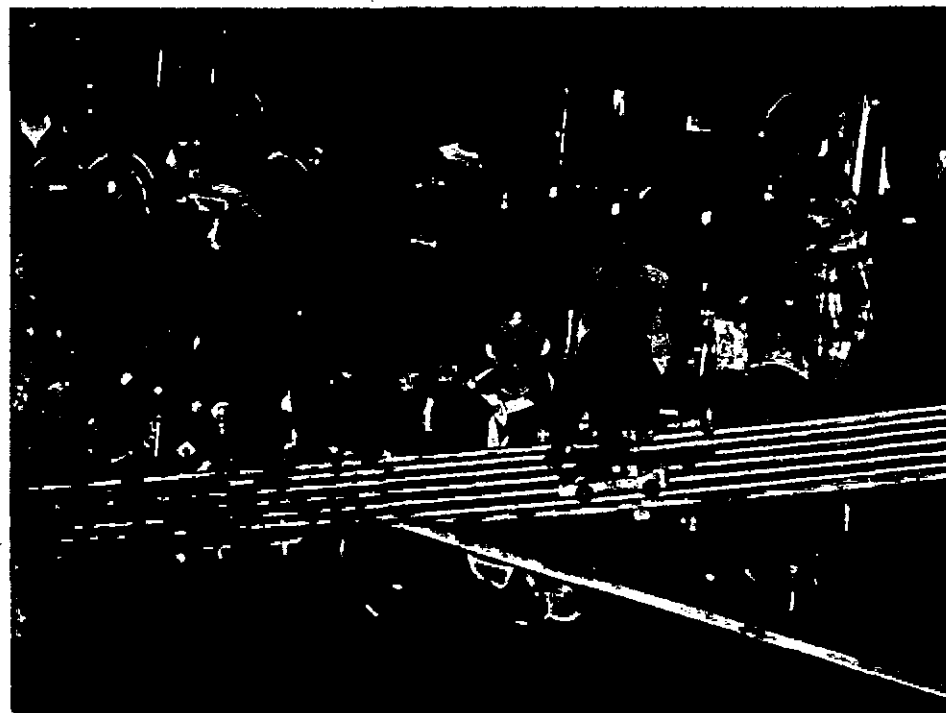
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Right on track



On Saturday, Jan. 30, Pack No. 23 held it's 2010 Firewood Derby at Bethlehem Town Hall. Dave Ksanzmak, Hamagrael Principal, Honorable Ryan Donovan (Bethlehem Town Judge and Pack No. 23 alumni) and Detective Michael Whitely, former Hamagrael School Resource Officer attended as honored guests. ABOVE: Thomas Wreda, a 10-year-old Webelo, points out his entry. BELOW: Fifty-three cub scouts entered race cars in this year's contest. Trophy Winners included Eric Salo, Patrick Fallon, Andrew DeCandia, Mitchell Socha, Grant Napierski, Sam Wample, Ethan Wolfsberg, Ian Marsh, Marko Gibbons, Joseph Harvey, Thomas Harvey, William Fichter, William, Colby Nash, James Santiraw, Thomas Wrede, Colin Baker, Garrett Skultety, Hansen Jeffrey, Nathaniel Sullivan, Jacob Kantowitz, Zeb Shipherd, Mark Meeday, Michael Connolly, Lucas Essex, and Hayden Fisher.

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The event is a race and fundraiser for the American Heart Association's Go Red for Women cause, which fights heart disease in women.

Skiers and boarders of all abilities can participate, following some guidelines:

- Teams of four or eight people register to relay ski or snowboard for 24 consecutive hours.
- Teams of four pay a registration cost of \$60; teams of eight pay \$120 – a pretty great lift ticket cost!
- Teams of four must

raise a minimum of \$200; teams of eight raise \$400.

• At least one member must remain on the slopes at all times from the start until the finish. More than one member can be on the slope at a time.

• The Ridge Goes Red is also a race, so skiers have a chance to win prizes!

To register for The Ridge Goes Red, visit mapleskiridge.com, call Maple Ski Ridge at 381-4700, or pick up a form at Maple Ski Ridge, which is located at 2725 Mariaville Road in Rotterdam.

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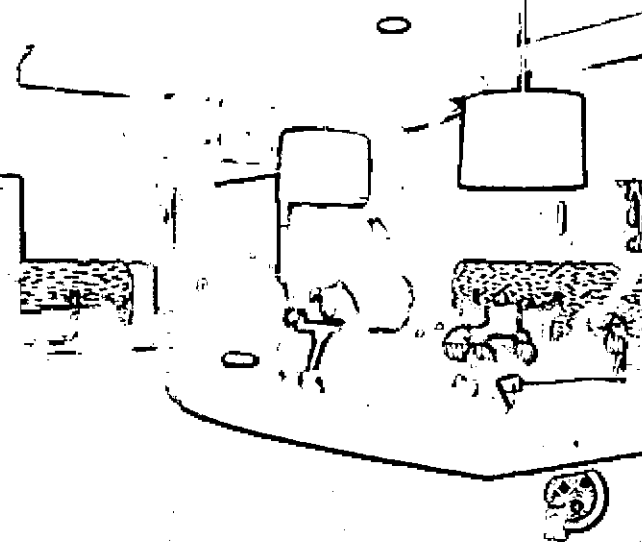
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He's got a license to collect **Colonie OKs** land swap

Area collector sports a license plate from every state

By DAN SABBATINO
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Greg Bradt has a license plate from every state and every Canadian province.

The Delmar native and Bethlehem High School graduate started collecting when he was 9- or 10-years old, and said he takes a great deal of pride in the comprehensive collection of license-plates he's amassed.

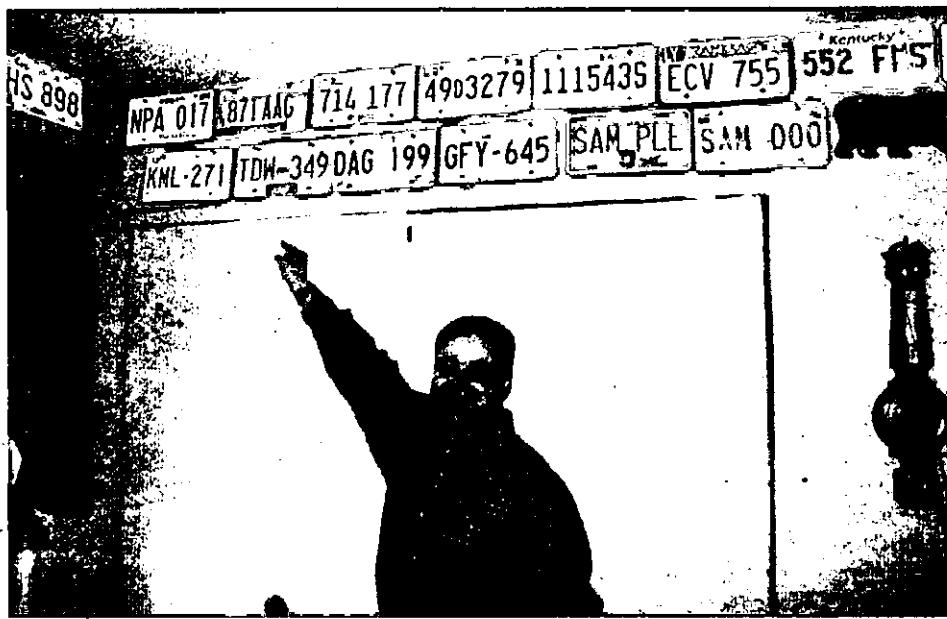
"I just like collecting stuff," he said. "They have different shows throughout the Northeast. They also have meets all over the country."

Bradt subscribes to a number of magazines and participates in collector's guilds, including License Collections of the America and Automobile License Plate Collection Association.

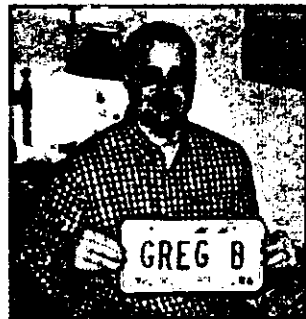
His room is adorned with everything from a homemade quilt with plates on it to tissue holders and maps dedicated to his collection.

Every so often, Bradt updates and modernizes his collection.

"States are always changing their license



ABOVE: Greg Bradt points out some of his license plate collection on display at his Delmar home.



LEFT: Bradt shows off a vanity plate with his name on it.
Dan Sabbatino/Spotlight

plates," he said.

Bradt said he followed closely New York's proposal to change to a yellow and blue license plate, but ultimately that proposal failed, eliminating the need to update his Empire State collection.

Most of his plates range from 1980 to the present, he said, and came from his parents, who got him

started collecting, and from shows in Massachusetts and Connecticut.

"I like them all. There's not one plate that I don't like," Bradt said.

Bradt said that a plate could run from \$20 to \$1,000, depending on how rare it is and what condition it is in.

He is looking to expand his collection, he said, and

recently got plates from the Bahamas and Cancun, and is also looking to branch out into motorcycle plates too.

Bradt's father, Jim, also grew up in Delmar and graduated from Bethlehem Central High School in 1964. An avid collector himself, Jim helped put a down payment on his house by selling his extensive baseball card collection.

His collection featured 13 Yankee-legend Mickey Mantle cards and a long-time homerun king Hank Aaron rookie card among some of his many treasures.

He said he admires his son's dedication and is always looking improve on his collection.

"If he finds a nicer plate, he gets a nicer plate," he said.

Republican Board member Dan Dustin questions value

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Republican Town Board member Dan Dustin said the town is getting short-changed on an appraisal related to a land swap.

The Town of Colonie adopted the appraisal related to a trade-off between the town and Guptill Landing Corp.

The Capstone Appraisal Group Inc., of East Greenbush, conducted the appraisal for the swap involving a kettle bog, owned by the Guptill corporation, and land on Onderdonk Road, to be given up by the town.

Dustin said Capstone's appraisal was low because the parcel is landlocked. He said, though, that since the land is connected to roadways through other properties owned by Guptill, the value should not take a hit.

"It's the fiduciary responsibility of the town board to get the highest reasonable price for the property," Dustin said.

The town and the Guptill corporation are swapping a 9.5-acre parcel for a 9.2-acre parcel, which the town is interested in environmentally preserving.

Town attorney Michael Maggulli said the parcel is of interest to the town.

Dustin said he favored an appraisal method that was not based on comparable sales, as Capstone did, since that method does not account for the fact that the parcel is not truly landlocked. He said the town could have given up

less land in order to obtain Guptill's property.

The land has been an issue of controversy, as Republican officials expressed concerns last year that the Guptill corporation would use the land it is getting for mining operations.

Colonie Town Supervisor Paula Mahan said at the board's Thursday, Jan. 21, meeting, that the swap has nothing to do with mining.

At a board meeting on Thursday, Oct. 22, Charles "Skip" Guptill addressed the issue.

"We are in the skating business, we are in the ice cream business, we are in the birthday business. We are not in the mining business."

Dustin said even if the land the Guptills receive is not mined commercially, it can be used privately, and that could risk polluting nearby water sources.

The land being given to the Guptills was taken by eminent domain for public use, he said.

"I see no reason why that land is no longer useful to the town," Dustin said.

Mahan said she is comfortable with Capstone's methods and has used them in the past.

"They have a very good record," she said.

She said multiple appraisals with different approaches would be too costly considering the down economy and the town's cost saving initiative.

Mahan also said that her administration is "raising the bar" for land swaps, as the previous administration did so without getting any appraisals.

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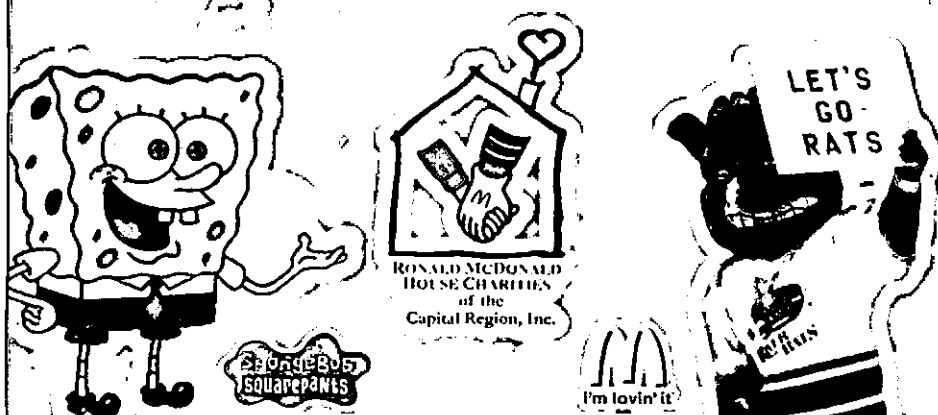
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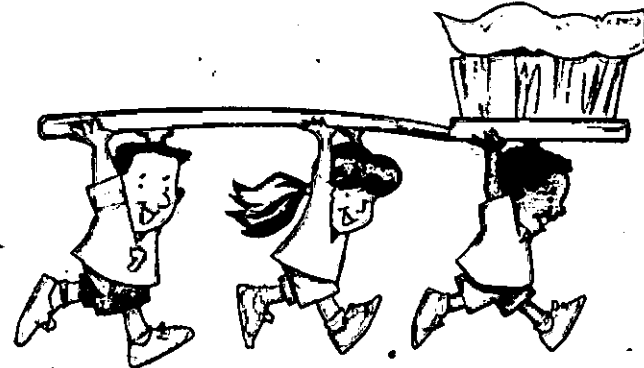
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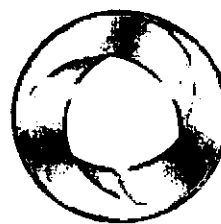
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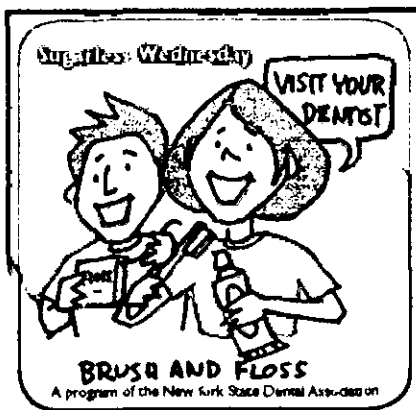
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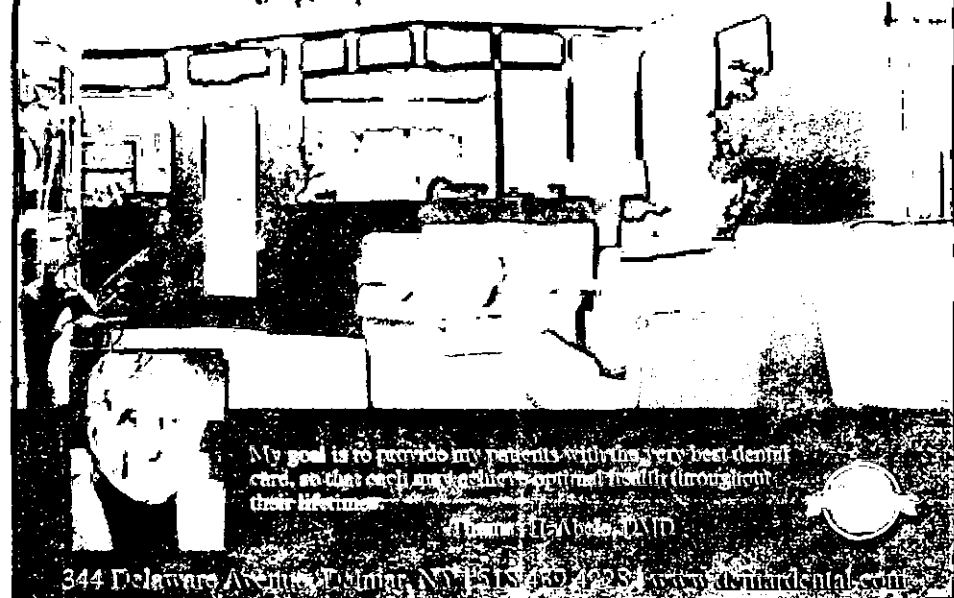


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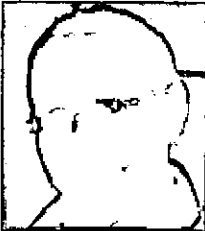
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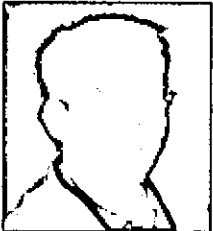
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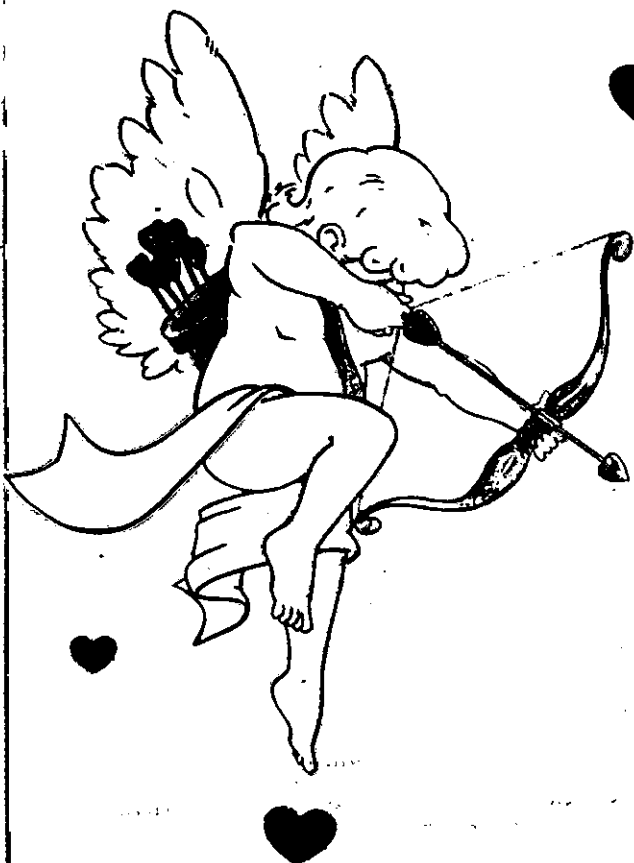
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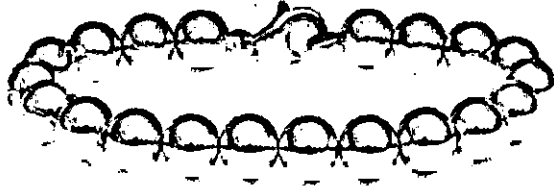
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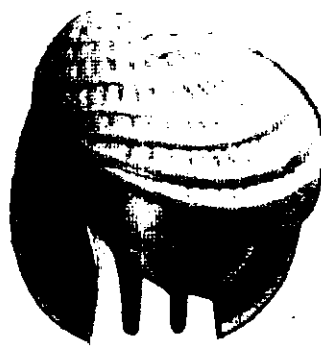
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Meeting format sparks debate

In a split vote Wednesday, the board appointed Thomas Coffey and Steve Rice to fill two vacancies

"When you have to refer to Robert's Rules it generally means you're out of order or there's some sort of agenda to the meeting," he said. "It's about power, it's about the numbers."

Jordan later said Messina was indeed out of order and corrected himself

The supervisor prepares the agenda for Town Board meetings.

Planning Board stays at seven

At the last board meeting, members left the issue of Planning Board appointments open to continue candidate interviews and to discuss if the board should be re-ordered as a cost savings measure. Planning Board members are paid \$5,263 annually.

As evidenced by the 4-to-1 vote, a majority felt the board should remain a seven-member entity.

"I think in the end, given the projects that are developing in this town ... I have come to the conclusion that this is a very important board and not the time or the place to think about reducing that board," said Councilwoman Joann Dawson.

Kotary, who at the last Town Board meeting spoke of the potential for cost savings, expressed similar thoughts.

"I'd rather ensure we have the quantity of quality representation," and seek cost savings elsewhere, he said.

All five members of the Town Board acknowledged the quality and volume of applications that had been received.

Concerns were ex-

pressed over the board's ability to form a quorum if the seats were left vacant (four of the remaining five members would have to be present to constitute a quorum until the board was formally reformed into a five-member entity). Councilman Mark Hennessey said that important projects before the board require timely consideration.

"I wouldn't want those to not go forward because we didn't take action," he said.

Messina said he believes filling one seat would send an appropriate message to residents.

"It strikes a balance between fiscal awareness ... and going to seven people," he said.

Messina alleges cronyism

Coffey and Rice will replace outgoing members Katherine McCarthy and Daniel Coffey, the latter of whom was appointed to chairman of the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Thomas Coffey is an administrator at the Albany County Nursing Home and a North Bethlehem resident. He said he applied for the post to become more involved in town government and also to give his part of town a voice.

"I echo what was said

tonight about people feeling not being a part of the Town of Bethlehem," he said after the meeting.

Rice works in the New York Bankers Association in membership and communications, and formerly worked in the state senate in communications before moving to the private sector. He's an

terred Democrat, though he was a longtime Republican, and does not belong to any political committees. Messina characterized Rice as "a friend of theirs [Town Board members]."

After a period of discussion at the meeting, Messina presented the names of two candidates

"Mr. Messina has made a habit of making false and incendiary statements."

Councilman Mark Hennessey

on the Planning Board.

Messina cast the dissenting vote. He approached the agenda item by proposing the vacancies be discussed among the board, but Councilman Mark Jordan countered by making a point of order that a motion must be made and seconded before discussion can be held.

Messina motioned that the board fill one of the two vacant seats, but his motion was not met by a second. Jordan then motioned that Coffey and Rice be appointed. The motion was seconded and several minutes of discussion ensued.

Messina later said Jordan's interruption was rude and counteractive to open and constructive debate.

by making a motion after the point of order was made.

"There are established, longstanding rules of order ... and they apply equally to each board member," Jordan said. "If one of us didn't call the supervisor out when he was out of order, we wouldn't be doing our jobs."

Councilman Kyle Kotary said Messina's actions were no mistake, and accused him of manipulating the agenda to suit his own needs.

"Sam intentionally put a vague item of open discussion to create an atmosphere of chaos to hopefully, in his political calculation, force us to punt again for two weeks," Kotary said in a later interview.

"Last night was the most mean-spirited and political meeting I've ever been in."

Supervisor Sam Messina

Elsmere resident.

"I've been here my whole life, and it's a good time in my life now to be able to contribute something back," Rice said.

Messina spoke out against the proposed appointments Wednesday, saying the appointment of town Democratic Committee member Coffey would provide that group undue representation on town committees.

Councilman Mark Hennessey denied this statement during the meeting and called into question Messina's figures. Later, he acknowledged there are several Democratic committee members on both the planning and zoning boards, but said they are balanced by members of other political parties and emphasized that political affiliation does not play a part in his decision making process.

"Mr. Messina has made a habit of making false and incendiary statements," he said.

In a later interview, Messina went further, condemning Wednesday's appointments as purely political decisions the rest of the Town Board flatly refused to compromise with him on.

He said Daniel Coffey's appointment earlier in January to chairman of the Zoning Board of Appeals was also a politically charged appointment, but one that he was willing to vote along with in exchange for an understanding that the Planning Board appointment process would be free from political considerations. Instead, he said, more qualified candidates were ignored and no effort was made to meet him in the middle on the issue.

"I have not gotten 1 inch of that sort of reasonableness from this board," Messina said.

Kotary later balked at the notion the appointments were political.

"For the last five years I've been on the board, I have and the Democratic majority have appointed members of all parties," he said. "To continually categorize appointments of individuals who one does not agree with as constantly being political ... is getting a little old."

Rice said he is a regis-

he thought were better suited for placement on the Planning Board in Kevin Crawford, former general counsel to the state Association of Towns, and Leah Farrell, a recent Bethlehem transplant and former city planner from South Carolina.

Dawson and Kotary said they never saw Crawford's resume. Messina said he had provided it to all board members.

Board liaisons appointed 4-to-1

In a second contentious moment, the Town Board voted 4-to-1 to appoint Town Board members as official liaisons to town departments.

The item was not part of the prepared agenda. Kotary put the motion forward during the "new business" section at the end of the meeting, a move Messina characterized as "jamming" the item through.

"I'm disturbed that for a long time, through two or three administrations that I've seen, that something this significant was added to an agenda without being an agenda item," Messina said.

Jordan said the proposal hasn't been discussed amongst the Town Board for weeks now, and had to be brought up in new business because Messina sought to block it from the floor.

"He refused to put on the agenda items that several members of the board said they wanted on the agenda," Jordan said.

Messina said he had indeed discussed the idea with Town Board members and said he'd like further time to study and refine the idea. He also indicated it might be more productive to have Town Board members work on areas of policy rather than with specific departments.

"I wasn't prepared nor should the board expect me to zip that through in the first three weeks," Messina said.

The approved motion means that the four Town Board members are assigned specific departments to communicate with.

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Blessings

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the makeup and complexion of the neighborhood, being mostly residential," said Krumkill Road resident Scott Hollander. "Do we need that additional commercial development, with the increased traffic flow and increased traffic speed?"

Stewart's Shops Real Estate Representative Tom Lewis said it's the area's existing traffic that makes the location attractive.

"There's a population base that goes to work and from work that all drive by that site," he said.

If the store is built, it will be the first of Stewart's 327 stores that's not located on a state road, he said. The location made him wary at first, but after seeing the activity on the road during the commuting hours, Lewis changed his mind.

"We thought long and hard about whether there was enough market there," he said.

Lewis argued that a Stewart's simply harnesses existing traffic and won't add to it. He said only 20 percent of customers leave home just to go to Stewart's, and the proximity of the store would save nearby residents a trip to Western or New Scotland avenues.

"If the town approves this, once it's built, the vast majority of the entire neighborhood will be very pleased we're there," Lewis said.

Mafri said a traffic study has been conducted that takes into consideration other possible developments nearby, and based on that information the Albany County Department of Public Works approved the two curbs cuts in the project plans.

Hershberg & Hershberg Partner Frank McCloskey is a part of Russell Road Partners along with four other joint landowners, and is

also a Blessing Road resident.

"I go by this site probably six times a day," he said. "There's nobody who wants it to be nicer than me."

He said the condominiums are something the town sorely needs, and will contribute much more to the tax base than single-family homes.

"We think there will be quite a few people from the area who are going to want to live here," McCloskey said. "This is a very good location for professionals to live also... I think we've got a good development here."

Though opposition among neighbors to the condos seems to be less heated, opinion is still lukewarm at best, especially for those with worries of other developments following Blessings Corner.

"We're looking at lots and lots of new housing, more cars that are going to be adding to the

congestion," Hollander said.

Martley characterized the condos as being "out of character" for the area.

"The economy the way it is and the housing situation the way it is, I can't see how anybody would want to come out there," he said. "There's nothing around it to really support that kind of extravagance."

Both Zych and Martley said signs they have placed in front of their homes protesting the development have been vandalized on multiple occasions. They are carrying petitions to surrounding homes and have garnered a good response so far, he said.

Petitions for the project can also be found in two Bethlehem Stewart's stores. The petition asks that only Bethlehem residents sign. Lewis said the company wants to show town officials there is support for the project among those who drive by the location.

"We don't normally do it, but we were at a meeting with all the neighbors a few months ago and there was talk about how they were going to circulate a petition to stop Stewart's," Lewis said.

Martley acknowledged that Hershberg has been responsive to concerns and open with nearby residents.

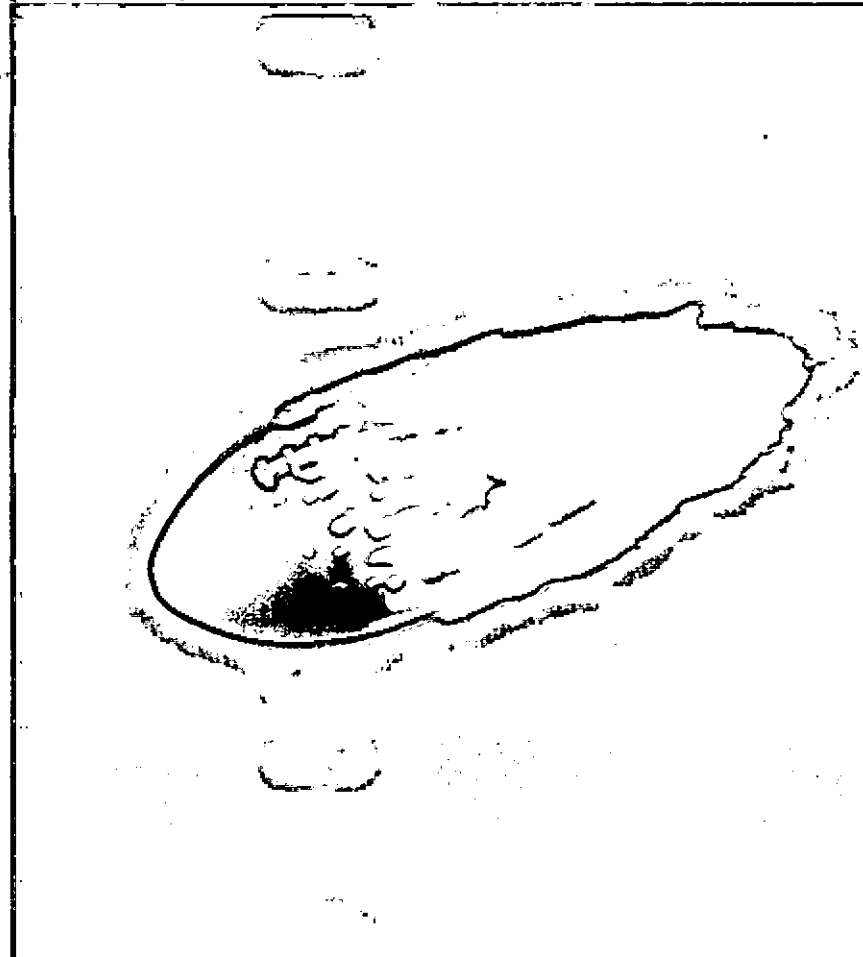
"He's been very upstanding about everything, and any questions that have been asked he's given a pointed answer to," Martley said.

That doesn't change his opinion of the project itself, though.

"We believe he's behind a project that's going to affect my household, and my life and my neighbors' lives," he said.

Mafri said that even if plans for the Stewart's station fall through, the developer still intends to develop the parcel, though alternatives haven't been thoroughly investigated.





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Entertainment in the Spotlight

By JACQUELINE M. DOMIN
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Every year, when the Empire State Youth Orchestra holds its Playathon on the lower level at Crossgates Mall, a crowd gathers on the second floor and drops money down.

"They like to aim for the bell of the tuba," ESYO Development/Marketing Specialist Sara Torrey said.

The falling money is a tradition ESYO gladly encourages (although the emcee makes sure to tell people they shouldn't toss coins from the upper level). Raising money is one of the chief aims of the Playathon, along with raising the orchestra's profile.

Billed as an ESYO "sampler," this year's Playathon run

from 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. at Crossgates on Saturday, Feb. 6. It will feature all 11 ESYO ensembles as well as students in ESYO's City Strings and City Brass Instrument Training Programs.

"It is absolutely a wonderful opportunity where someone can sit and watch eight hours of live music," Torrey said.

The students playing that music come from all over the Capital District and beyond. Torrey said the orchestra has counted musicians from Vermont

and Massachusetts among its ranks. ESYO is not actually an orchestra itself – it's an umbrella organization made up of two symphonic orchestras, a wind orchestra, a string ensemble, three percussion ensembles and two jazz ensembles. More than 300 students perform in the groups.

To belong, students have to pay tuition, although Torrey stressed that no one is turned away for an inability to pay. To that end, ESYO does a lot of fundraising to pay for scholarships and tuition assistance.

There are two ways the Playathon raises money. The first is donations – in addition to the money that people pass down to the musicians, people stop

and give as they are walking by. ESYO also sells raffle tickets for a

number of prizes both in the weeks leading up to the Playathon and at the mall. Items up for grabs this year include Prizes include tickets to see the Philadelphia Orchestra at the Saratoga Performing Arts Center, handmade quilts, tickets to Capital Repertory Theater and a car wash package from Hoffman's Car Wash.

"For a \$5 ticket, you can win some really nice merchandise," Torrey said.

Beyond raising money, ESYO looks at the Playathon as a way to

raise awareness of what it offers. Torrey said many people know the orchestra from its participation in CBS 6's "Melodies of Christmas," televised benefit concerts for the child cancer program at Albany Medical Center.

But those who never see any of the group's 30 or so public performances a year are often unaware of just how diverse and varied its offerings are.

For example, ESYO's city Strings and City Brass Instrument Training

Programs provide free private music lessons to inner-city students in Albany, Schenectady and Troy middle schools. Torrey noted that those students don't often have a chance to perform together as an ensemble; they get that chance at the Playathon.

"What it does is provide an opportunity to get up on an equal playing field with kids from a more privileged background," she said.

As a result, some of those inner-city kids have fallen so in love with music that they have gone on to audition for and join ESYO, often drawing on the scholarship money that events like the Playathon help raise.

To attract other young musicians, the Playathon will also feature a "musical petting zoo." Set up by John Keal Music Co., the zoo will feature a double bass, trumpet and other instruments.

"Kids can come up and try them out," Torrey said.

All the action takes place on the lower level



Music in the mall

ESYO holds Playathon fundraiser at Crossgates



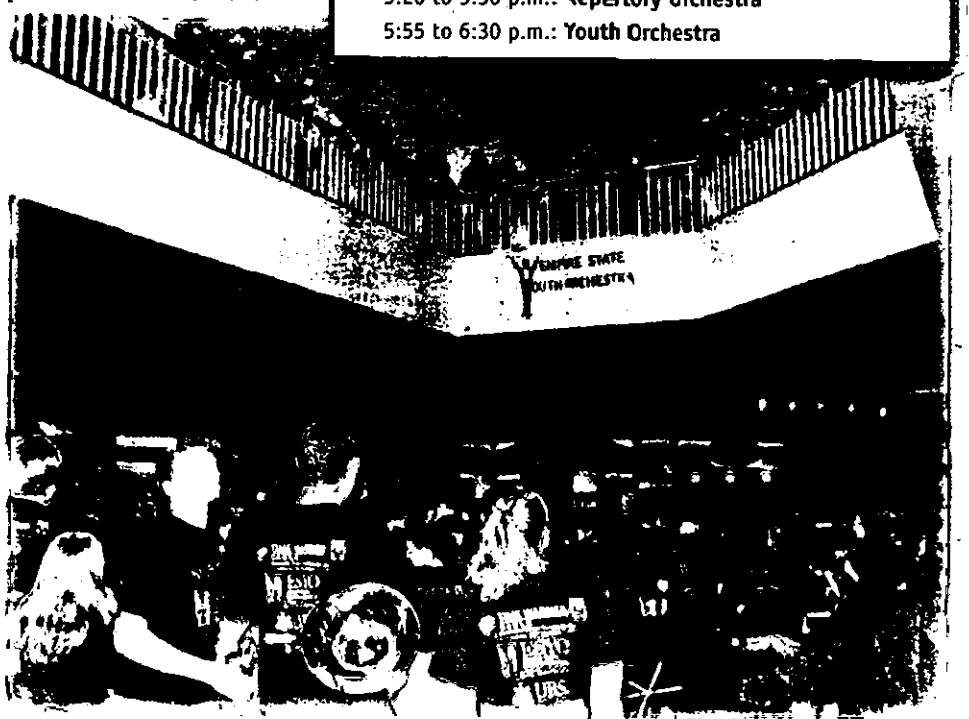
near the former Macy's storefront. "We just kind of take over the whole thing," Torrey said with a laugh. "We set up there.

We bring in chairs. We have a truck that comes in with our percussion instruments. It's a major, major undertaking."



The schedule for the Playathon is as follows:

- 10:30 to 10:45 a.m.: City Brass
- 10:55 to 11:15 a.m.: Junior Percussion Ensemble
- 11:15 to 11:35 a.m.: Repertory Percussion Ensemble
- 11:35 to 11:55 a.m.: Youth Percussion Ensemble
- 12:05 to 12:35 p.m.: String Ensemble
- 12:45 to 1:20 p.m.: Youth Orchestra
- 1:25 to 2 p.m.: Repertory Orchestra
- 2:05 to 2:40 p.m.: Youth Orchestra
- 2:55 to 3:20 p.m.: Jazz Ensemble 2
- 3:25 to 3:50 p.m.: Youth Jazz Ensemble
- 4:05 to 4:40 p.m.: Wind Orchestra
- 4:55 to 5:15 p.m.: City Strings
- 5:20 to 5:50 p.m.: Repertory Orchestra
- 5:55 to 6:30 p.m.: Youth Orchestra



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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.

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.

NO EXIT

Jean-Paul Sartre's existentialist play, presented by the Windmill Theater Troupe in conjunction with the Skidmore Theater Department, Caffe Lena Black Box Theater, 47 Phila St., Saratoga Springs, Feb. 5, 7, 9 and 10, free. Information, 583-0022.

THE 25TH ANNUAL PUTNAM COUNTY SPELLING BEE

Musical comedy about a children's competition, presented by Family Players of Northeastern NY, Colonie Community Center, 1653 Central Ave., Colonie, Feb. 4-7, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, \$10. Information, 377-3955.

UNDER MILKWOOD

Staged-reading of Dylan Thomas play, presented by Theater Voices of Albany, Steamer No. 10 Theatre, 500 Western Ave., Albany, Feb. 5-7, 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 3 p.m. Sunday, free. Information, 438-5503.

Music

MIKE HARRISON

Singer-songwriter, Feb. 5, 7 p.m., Emack and Bolio's, 366 Delaware Ave., Albany, free. Information, 512-5100.

ASPECT RATIO

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

JO HENLEY

Boston-based Americana quartet celebrates release of new CD, Feb. 5, 8 p.m., Caffe Lena, 47 Phila St., Saratoga Springs, advance tickets \$15, door price \$17. Information, 583-0022.

SANDY SHOOR & MIKE KERN

Old-time musicians, Feb. 6, 7 p.m., Emack and Bolio's, 366 Delaware Ave., Albany, free. Information, 512-5100.

ROB SKANE

Solo garage rock performer, Feb. 6, 7 p.m., Emack and Bolio's Uptown, Town Center Plaza, 1704 Western Ave., Guilderland, free. Information, 250-4196.

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Capital District singers such as Mother-Judge, Mikki Bakken, Sarah Pedinotti, Gail Sparlin and more celebrate the music of old-time female blues artists, Feb. 6, 8 p.m., Caffe Lena, 47 Phila St., Saratoga Springs, \$20, hosted by the Saratoga Acoustic Blues Society. Information, 583-0022.

BERLIN PHILHARMONIC WIND QUINTET

Performing works by Schuller, Barber, Nielsen, Hindemith and Pliss, Feb. 11, 8 p.m., Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, corner of State and Second streets, Troy, part of the Troy Chromatic Concerts series. Information, 273-0038.

Comedy

WIT&WILL THEATRE

"Cupid Dreams with Nougat Centers," a show of improvised comedy, song, dance and poetry, Feb. 13, 8 p.m., Zu Zu's Wonderful Life, Inc., 299-301 Hamilton St., Albany, advance tickets adults \$10, students/seniors \$6, door tickets adults \$12; students/seniors/military \$8. Information, 439-7698.

Visual Arts

NEW YORK STATE MUSEUM

"Birds of New York and the Paintings of Louis Agassiz," through Sept. 6; "This Great Nation will Endure," a collection of photographs from the 1930s and 1940s, through March 14; "1609," through March 10; plus "Beneath the City: An Archeological Perspective of Albany," permanent collections on the 9/11 recovery effort, New York state history and geography, Empire State Plaza, Madison Avenue. Information, 474-5877.

ALBANY INSTITUTE OF ART

"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.

BROOKSIDE MUSEUM

"Where Are You, Galway, N.Y.?" through April 30, 6 Charlton St., Ballston Spa. Information, 885-4000.

CLEMENT ART GALLERY

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

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.

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CLARK ART INSTITUTE

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THE HYDE COLLECTION

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

ARKELL MUSEUM

"Walter Wick: Games, Gizmos and Toys in the Attic," through Feb. 15, plus "Arkell's Inspiration: the Marketing of Beech-Nut and Art for the People," ongoing; Canajoharie. Information, 673-2314.

Call for Artists

SPOTLIGHT PLAYERS

Holding auditions for its May production of the Tony Award-winning musical "Parade," Feb. 9 and 10, 7 p.m., Columbia High School Auditorium, 962 Luther Road, East Greenbush. Information, 477-2256.

THE HYDE COLLECTION

Calling for entries for the "2010 Artists of the Mohawk Juried Exhibition," which runs from Oct. 1 through Dec. 12, artists must live within a 100-mile radius of Glens Falls and the Capital District, deadline for entries is March 26. Information, 792-1761, ext. 35.

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.

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CLIFTON PARK COMMUNITY CHORUS

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

CAPITLAND CHORUS

Openings for all voice parts for women who love to sing and perform, rehearsals are at 7 p.m. Thursdays at New Covenant Presbyterian Church, corner of Orlanso 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.

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COLONIE CENTENNIAL BRASS CHOIR

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Spotlight on poetry

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Valentine's Day

by Susan Morse

Lovely little Willow
asleep in my arms
wrapped in her favorite
blanket
hands feathery on my
neck.

Snowflakes in no hurry
outside the window;

gentle afternoon, quiet
melodies,
Willow's soft breathing.

Baby granddaughter and I
united, safe
in the timeless act
of rocking.

Sometimes we get caught up in the romance of Valentine's Day. Here's another way to look at love, seen through the eyes of a grandmother.

Susan Morse is a freelance writer who lives in Delmar. She is a member of the Delmar Writers' Group and the Hudson Valley Writers Guild, and is currently completing a memoir, "Storm Window Day."

Weekly Crossword

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- 5 Broadway flop
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Your Community in The Spotlight

Historical Association to hold meeting

The Bethlehem Historical Association will hold its Feb. 18 meeting at 2 p.m. at the Cedar Hill Schoolhouse, located at the corner of River and Clapper Roads.

Ursula Mertz, a resident of Bethlehem and long time doll collector, will present the program. The topic,

"The Roaring 20s: Dolls in the Image of Famous '20s Personalities" promises to be entertaining and informative. All are welcome and refreshments will be served.

H1N1 clinic set at BCBS

The Albany County Department of Health will hold an H1N1 flu vaccination clinic at

Bethlehem Central High School on Sunday, Feb. 7, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Albany County residents aged 6 months or older are eligible. The clinic is free of charge, but pre-registration is required.

Go to www.albanycounty.com/health or call 447-4505 Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., to register.

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New Tai Chi class at Louise Corning Center

Join well-known Tai Chi expert Shifa Jianye Jiang for an ongoing, all-ages Tai Chi class, Wednesdays, 10 to 11 a.m., at Louise

Corning Center, 25 Delaware Ave., Albany. An international Tai Chi Judge in both China and the United States, Jianye Jiang has taught classes at the Louise Corning Senior Center for 12 years, and is now able to welcome participants of all ages.

Home-buyer clinic offered

The Albany County

Rural Housing Alliance will hold a first-time home-buyer clinic on Saturday, Feb. 20, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Cohoes Senior Center, 10 Cayuga Plaza, Cohoes.

Breakfast and lunch will be provided. There is a \$10 non-refundable registration fee.

For reservations or information, contact Susan 765-2425

Gym

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centers, commerce and restaurant parking lots have been broken into in Colonie, according to police. At least six similar incidents have occurred at the Gold's Gym and YMCA in Guilderland.

Colonie police Lt. Robert Winn said the break-ins in Colonie have been consistent. Windows of vehicles at gyms, restaurants and other parking lots are smashed in, and wallets and purses are looted for cash. In many incidents cash was removed and the wallet or purse was left behind.

On Saturday, Jan. 23, and Sunday, Jan. 24, there were incidents reported at Afrim's Sports on Albany Shaker Road and at Tri-City Fitness, on Loudon Road, which was the

location of a Wednesday, Jan. 13, incident.

Jason Ramundo, facilities manager at Afrim's Sports, said last year a similar string of larcenies occurred around the same time, and the facility added 11 lighting fixtures to help prevent incidences at night.

Ramundo said the recent spate of larcenies have occurred during the day. He said Afrim's is looking into installing external cameras to help deter and catch perpetrators during all hours.

Representatives from Tri-City fitness declined to comment.

Guilderland police are investigating reports of similar instances at the YMCA behind the Guilderland Town Library on Western Avenue and Gold's Gym in the 20 Mall.

The first three incidents

in Guilderland were different from those in Colonie in that instead of breaking the window with a rock, the suspect or suspects used the victims' unattended keys to gain access to their vehicles and steal cash left in the cars.

The first incident in Guilderland occurred on Dec. 29. According to police, a woman's keys were stolen from a key basket at Gold's Gym. The keys were then used to access the car and steal money from the woman's purse, left in the front seat of the car. The suspect stole only the money from the purse and left everything else behind, including the keys stolen from the basket.

The next incident in Guilderland took place Jan. 15, at the Guilderland YMCA. In this incident, the keys were taken from

a locker that was left unlocked. The following morning a similar incident occurred, also at the YMCA.

The larcenies continued the next day at Gold's Gym, however, instead of using a stolen set of keys, the suspect used a rock to break the passenger side window of a car. Unlike the previous incidents, and the larcenies that have taken place in Colonie, the suspect took not only cash, but also a wallet, credit cards, bank cards, gift cards, a cell phone and an iPod.

On the following Thursday, two additional larcenies occurred, with one taking place at Gold's Gym between 8:30 and 9:30 a.m., and the other taking place at the YMCA between 9:30 and 10:30 a.m. In both instances, a rock was used to break into and steal multiple

items from cars parked in the parking lots of the two facilities.

Chief Carol Lawlor of the Guilderland Police Department could not say conclusively if the incidents in Colonie and Guilderland are connected.

"They appear to be connected, but I don't know for sure," said Lawlor.

She did, however, confirm that the departments are working together in the investigation.

"We're working with Colonie, Bethlehem, and area police departments," she said.

Bethlehem made three arrests related to larcenies on Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 23 and Jan. 24, but Lt. Robert Winn of the Colonie Police Department said they are not likely related.

Colonie police speculate that the perpetrators are

acting quickly, as they are not taking time to break into the trunk. Winn said it was curious that no one has witnessed any of the larcenies.

"It has to make noise," said Winn.

Lawlor said she would advise people to not leave valuables in the trunk because most trunks can be accessed from the interior of the car. She said people should refrain from leaving valuables in their cars, and they should also refrain from leaving keys in an unlocked locker.

Police said there have not been any more incidents since Jan. 24, but no one has been charged with crimes related to the "smash and grabs."

Colonie police are asking that anyone who sees suspicious activity in parking lots or has any information regarding the larcenies call 783-2744.

Board

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Kotary emphasized the position of liaison would not enable Town Board members to give department heads direction.

"Nothing we did either further empowers or diminishes a Town Board member's power," he said.

Messina disagreed with the usefulness of the program, saying that liaisons are better suited for towns with part-time supervisors. In Bethlehem, he said, the supervisor is meant to be the primary liaison to department heads, who might be confused as to who they answer to under the proposal.

"It looks to me like a layer of government that

I'm not so sure we need at all," Messina said. "I don't think it serves our town well, I don't think it serves our government well."

Later, he expressed concerns about liaisons complicating town business.

"I have to believe they're using the term of liaison to interfere and create problems with me," Messina said.

Kotary argued that liaison programs exist in the nearby towns of Guilderland, Colonie and New Scotland, where there are also full-time supervisors.

Former Supervisor Jack Cunningham said the idea of Town Board liaisons was kicked around during his time in office but never made it to a formal motion because there was adequate communication between the supervisor's office and

the Town Board.

"At the time, I don't think there was a pressing need for it," Cunningham said. "When I was there, I was working very closely with the board, and I don't know whether that's still the situation."

Cunningham went on to say that liaisons were a concept Messina had expressed support for when he was a member of the Town Board.

Messina said under Cunningham's administration he had difficulty communicating with department heads due to Cunningham's policies, but he has instead directed departments to communicate freely with Town Board members.

Kotary said he presented the motion Wednesday because the support was there, unlike in previous years.

"I never had three votes for it before," he said. "The irony is the only two people who favored it in the past were me and Sam."

The liaison appointments are as follows:

Mark Jordan: Police Department, Justice Court, Parks and Recreation; Mark Hennessey: Economic Development and Planning, Management of Information Services, Human Resources; Joann Dawson: Senior Services, Assessor, Tax Department, Town Clerk; Kyle Kotary: Comptroller's Office, Department of Public Works and Engineering, Highway Department.

Moving forward

All Town Board members and Supervisor Messina expressed the

change in administration has been met with their best efforts to work together and build bridges. Several referenced the Jan. 13 organizational meeting, when dozens of votes passed with unanimous consent.

Still, there was a consensus that this cooperation was not present before or at Wednesday's meeting.

"The meeting was reflective of the Town Board moving in one direction and the supervisor moving in the other," Jordan said.

"I don't think partisan bickering is where we are heading," Hennessey said. "Where we have agreement we will work with the supervisor."

Messina said he made mention of the Town Board during his inauguration and state of the town speeches for a reason: to

foster an atmosphere of open communication.

"I think we have a chance to move forward," he said. "All I need is for the Town Board members to speak with me and focus on government and not political maneuvering."

Messina indicated he would continue to place discussion items on the agenda.

Kotary said despite the procedural clashes, the discussion at Wednesday's meeting was largely cordial and constructive.

"I thought we had very healthy and productive debates," he said. "Everybody aired out their concerns...that should be refreshing."

The next Town Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, Feb. 10.

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Blotter

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on Wednesday, Jan. 27. A resident there reported that an unknown person pulled onto his property and attempted to break off the knob to the garage door. The tracks were not good enough to be photographed, and damage was done to the doorknob.

• Scott Steel Blais, 19, of New York City, was arrested by Guilderland police on Thursday, Jan. 21, for burglary in the 3rd degree, a felony, and criminal mischief, a misdemeanor.

Blais turned himself in to Guilderland police to answer for the charges in connection with the Friday, Dec. 4 burglarizing of the Albany County Veterinary Hospital on Western Ave. Blais was arraigned in Guilderland Town Court later that day.

• Chris B. Patsis, 29, of Garden City, NY, was arrested on Sunday, Jan. 24, by Guilderland police for DWI. According to police, Patsis was driving

57 mph in a 40 mph area by the Westmere Getty. Patsis was pulled over after police observed him commit a number of additional traffic violations. According to police, there was a strong odor of alcohol emanating from Patsis. Patsis failed subsequent sobriety tests, and tested at a 0.14 BAC. Patsis is scheduled to be arraigned at Guilderland Town Court on Thursday Feb. 11.

• Jordan M. True, 26, of 6328 Hawes Road., Altamont, NY, was arrested on Sunday, Jan. 24, by Guilderland police for DWI. True crashed and overturned his vehicle while driving on Hawes Road. According to police, True was able to exit the vehicle on his own, and when police arrived they observed a strong odor of alcohol emanating from True.

True allegedly admitted to police that he had consumed alcoholic beverages, however, he could not remember how many.

Sobriety tests were not conducted due to possible injuries True

could have sustained from the accident. True was taken into custody and taken to Albany Medical Center.

Upon being released he was process by Guilderland police, and scheduled to be arraigned in Guilderland Town Court on Thursday Feb. 11.

• Larissa Autumn McGowan, 28, of 382 Rockhill Road, Voorheesville, NY, was arrested by Guilderland police on Thursday, Jan. 21, for DWI. According to police, McGowan was pulled over after police observed an expired inspection certificate on her vehicle. Upon approaching her car, police observed a strong odor of alcohol emanating from McGowan.

When asked for her license McGowan allegedly admitted to police that her license was suspended due to previous DWI's, and that she had consumed 2 to 3 beers before driving. McGowan tested at a 0.17 BAC. McGowan was arraigned at Guilderland Town Court on Thursday, Jan. 28.

Hiring

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The letter states that section 7201 of the New York state education law defines the responsibilities of the position.

"The practice of the profession of engineering is defined as performing professional service such as consultation, investigation, evaluation, planning, design or supervision of construction or operation in connection with any utilities, structures, buildings, machines, equipment, processes, works, or projects wherein the safeguarding

of life, health and property is concerned, when such service or work requires the application of engineering principles and data," the letter states.

Mahan defended the appointment, also using language from the town's job description. She said the letter ignores a number of items that Cunningham would excel at, such as oversight, management, administrative reports and coordination.

The letter also urges that despite the potential economic benefit, the technical requirements of the job should be

paramount.

"We realize that due to the economy, there may be a desire to reorganize your operations; however such changes should not interfere with sound professional judgment. Removing the professional engineer's requirement from a position that is so immersed in technical decision making is not a wise way to streamline operations," according to the letter.

The Colonie Town Board appointed Cunningham to the post at its organizational meeting on Friday, Jan. 1.

Celebrate St. Pat's with G'land Seniors

Come to the Senior Luncheon and Concert II on Tuesday, March 9, at noon at The Italian-American Community Center.

The dining choices are Corned Beef and Cabbage or Chicken Parmesan.

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Tickets are on sale Feb. 2 to Mar. 2.

Musical news

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

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

Town of Guilderland SENIOR CALENDAR

Tuesday, Feb. 9
9 a.m. Strong Bones

11:30 a.m. Luncheon: Roast Pork or Cold Plate

12:30 p.m. Bingo/ Games/Billiards

Wednesday, Feb. 10
Scheduled Shopping
9 a.m. Line Dancing
10:30 a.m. Strong

Friday, Feb. 12
Scheduled Shopping
10 a.m. Painting
1 p.m. Quilting

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Milestones

Winfred Benoit

Winfred L. Benoit, 93, of Tupper Lake, passed away Monday, January 25, 2010 at the Adirondack Medical Center in Saranac Lake surrounded by family.

He was born December 3, 1916 in Owls Head, NY, the son of Harrison and Alice (Benware) Benoit.

Mr. Benoit graduated from Franklin Academy in Malone in 1934 and from Central City Business Institute, Syracuse in 1938. He then became employed as an accountant with the National Biscuit Company of Syracuse until 1942 at which time he was inducted into the U.S. Army serving in the European Theater of Operation. He was a Sergeant with the 2nd Infantry Division when they met up with the Russians in Czechoslovakia. Upon discharge in 1946,

Mr. Benoit became employed by the Veterans Administration at the Sunmount VA Hospital in Tupper Lake. On August 16, 1947, he married Catherine McCormick of Tupper Lake at St. Alphonsus Church with Rev. John Waterhouse Officiating. Mr. Benoit served as Chief Fiscal & Budget Officer with the Veterans Administration



Winfred L. Benoit

for 31 years.

In 1965 upon closure of the Sunmount Hospital he transferred to the Brecksville VA Hospital in Cleveland, Ohio. In 1967 he transferred to the VA Medical Center in Albany, NY where he remained until his retirement from the VA in 1977.

Before his retirement, he was presented with a Certificate of Commendation from the VA Chief Medical Director in recognition of his outstanding service to the various VA Hospitals he had served. He then became employed as Treasurer of the Cantex Corp. in Schenectady, NY until 1982 at which time he fully retired and he and his wife Catherine returned to their home in Tupper

Lake.

He was always very active in the Community and St. Alphonsus church where he served on the Finance Committee, chaired the Annual Bishops Fund Campaign for many years. He also co-chaired the Holy Ghost Academy annual auction for which he was awarded the Msgr. Dumas Service Award.

He was a 4th Degree member and Past Grand Knight of the Knights of Columbus. He was a member and Past President of the Tupper Lake Rotary Club and received the Paul Harris Award, Rotary's highest award for Service above self. He was a member of the Board of Directors of North Country Home Health Services for many years. He was an avid golfer and member of the Tupper Lake Country Club. He also held membership in the American Legion, AARP and the National Association of Federal Employees.

Beside his wife of 62 years, he is survived by three sons; Thomas and his wife Mary of Niskayuna, NY, James and his wife Lorry of Louisville, KY, Joseph and his wife Alison of Glenmont, NY and one daughter Marie Anderson

and her husband David of Jamestown, NY.

He is also survived by nine grandchildren and one brother Frances and his wife Helen of Albany.

He was pre-deceased by six sisters, Irene Barrett, Evelyn Riley, Rilla Benoit, Edna Livernois, Ada More, Elsie Cook and one brother Paul.

Calling hours were held on Friday, January 29th from 3 to 7 pm at the Stuart-Fortune-Keough funeral home in Tupper Lake.

A Mass of Christian burial was celebrated on Saturday at 11:00 a.m. at St. Alphonsus church. Burial will be in the parish cemetery in May.

Those wishing to make memorial contributions are asked to consider North Country Home Services.

Online condolences may be made at www.stuartfortune-keoughfuneralhome.com.

James Joseph McGaughan

DELMAR James Joseph McGaughan "Jim", 68, succumbed to cancer at his home on Friday, January 29, 2010, surrounded by his loving family. He was born February 28, 1941 on Sherman Street in Albany, son of James F. and Josephine U. McGaughan.

Jim attended Our Lady of Angels and later Christian Brothers Academy in Albany. He went on to become a Bridge Permit Specialist for the NYS Department of Transportation, earning several awards for excellence in engineering. He served there for 38 years before retiring at age 55. Jim thoroughly enjoyed his years at DOT, recounting fond memories of the office he worked in until his dying day.

Among the many things he liked to do, he will surely be remembered for his fervent holiday spirit,

barbecues year round, and the magical vacations he took his family on to Lake George. An endearing man, it was often said that if you knew Jim for more than 10 minutes you would call him a friend.

He is survived by his lovely bride of 44 years, Carol McGaughan, son James McGaughan, daughters Beth Petta, Cheryl Entrain, and Christine McGaughan, his sister Patricia Louis, and his five grandchildren.

Calling hours were held on Monday, Feb. 1, from 4 to 8 PM at the Applebee Funeral Home, 403 Kenwood Ave., Delmar.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Tuesday, February 2, 2010 at the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle, 35 Adams Place, Delmar. Burial was in Bethlehem Cemetery, Delmar.

Memorial contributions may be made to Albany County Community Hospice, 445 New Karner Rd., Albany, NY 12205.

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Milestones

Pajerova, Zornow marry

Zuzana Pajerova and Gregory Zornow were married on September 19, 2009. The wedding took place in Thacher State Park (Glen Doane Area), Voorheesville, NY. Mr. Roger Fritts officiated. A reception followed at The Desmond Hotel in Albany.

Zuzana is the daughter of Milan Pajer of Austria and Alena Pajerova of Poprad, Slovakia. Gregory is the son of Dr. and Mrs. David H. Zornow of Delmar, NY.

The Matron of Honor was Renata Polakova, close friend of the bride. The Best Man was Matthew Woodside, close friend of the groom. The Flower Girl was Mira Woodside.

The bride graduated from Business Academy High School in Slovakia. She earned a B.S. from Champlain College. Zuzana is a staff



Zuzana Pajerova Zornow and Gregory Zornow

accountant at Stulmaker, Kohn, Richardson LLP in Albany.

The groom is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and Curry College, where he earned a B.A. Gregory is employed

by Old Brick Furniture Company in Albany.

The couple spent their honeymoon on three islands in Hawaii. Zuzana and Gregory reside in Slingerlands, NY.



Aaron Marc Haacker and Kristin Elizabeth Wolf

Wolf, Haacker to exchange vows

Robert and Cindy Wolf of Latham, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Kristin Elizabeth Wolf to Aaron Marc Haacker, son of Fred and Linda Haacker of Endicott, New York.

The future bride, a graduate of Shaker High School and Colgate

University, is employed by the College of Nanoscale Science and Engineering of the University at Albany. She is currently pursuing her MBA at the University at Albany.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Seton Catholic Central

High School in Binghamton and received his bachelor's and master's degrees from the College of St. Rose. He is employed by the North Colonie Central School District.

A May 29, 2010 wedding has been planned.

IN BRIEF

Hutchins named to Dean's List

Megan Hutchins, a 2009 Bethlehem Central High School graduate, has been named to the Dean's List for the Fall 2009 semester at the State University of New York College at Cortland. Megan majors in History and Education, and is in the Honors program.

Amy majors in New Media Design and minors in Communications.

Luke named to Dean's List

Claire R. Luke, a fourth-year student at the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, Massachusetts, has been named to the Dean's List for the first semester of the 2009-10 academic year.

She is the daughter of Gina Luke of Delmar. Claire majors in Philosophy.

Pitts named to Dean's List

Kevin Pittz of Delmar, NY, made the Nichols College Dean's List High Honors for the Fall of 2009 for achieving a semester grade point average of

3.6 or higher and was named to the 2010 Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities, a national program recognizing college students for outstanding leadership, scholarship and service.

Kevin Pittz, an outstanding campus leader, is President of the Nichols College Radio Club.

Halvorsen named to Dean's List

Amy Halvorsen, a 2009 Bethlehem Central High School graduate, has been named to the Dean's List for the Fall 2009 Semester at the State University of New York College at Cortland.

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Basic instruction is set up in self-paced conversational units. Visual and spoken cues break down phrases into parts and put them back together. There is plenty of opportunity to repeat and re-hear each segment of the lesson.

Interspersed with the language cues are brief notes about grammatical structure, idioms, regional variations and cultural norms.

Review is built into the lessons, as are challenges to extrapolate new phrases based on what has already been learned.

Intermediate courses are set up a little more formally, but the instructional approach is the same.

Mango allows you to learn anonymously or to log your

personal profile, bookmark your place, and track your personal progress. A handy translation tool is also available.

As a former student of German, I went through the basic German lessons and found them well-designed and fun to use. Give it a try!

Mango is available at the library and at home. All you need is a valid Bethlehem Public Library card.

Just click on the link, on our homepage at www.bethlehempubliclibrary.org, or click on the "databases" tab at the top of the page for a complete listing of our online materials.

Author visit

A reminder that novelist Elizabeth Brundage, author of "The Doctor's Wife" and "Somebody Else's Daughter," will be at the library this Sunday, February 7 at 2pm.

Books will be available for sale and signing after the talk, courtesy of I Love Books.

Ms. Brundage's visit is made possible by Friends of Bethlehem Public Library.

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Check It Out Bethlehem Public Library

School's out! all-day crafts

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Wednesday February 17 *
2:30-4:30pm * Bethlehem Public Library

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School's out! all-day crafts

Thursday February 18 *
9:30am-8:30pm * Bethlehem Public Library

Dinosaur rubbings. All ages.

School's out! all-day crafts

Friday February 19 *
9:30am-8:30pm * Bethlehem Public Library

Library mystery! All ages.

Pokemon and Bakugan

Saturday February 20 *
2:30pm * Bethlehem Public Library

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Signing solutions

Monday February 22 *
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Pajama-rama

Tuesday February 23 *
7pm * Bethlehem Public Library

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

Louise Grieco

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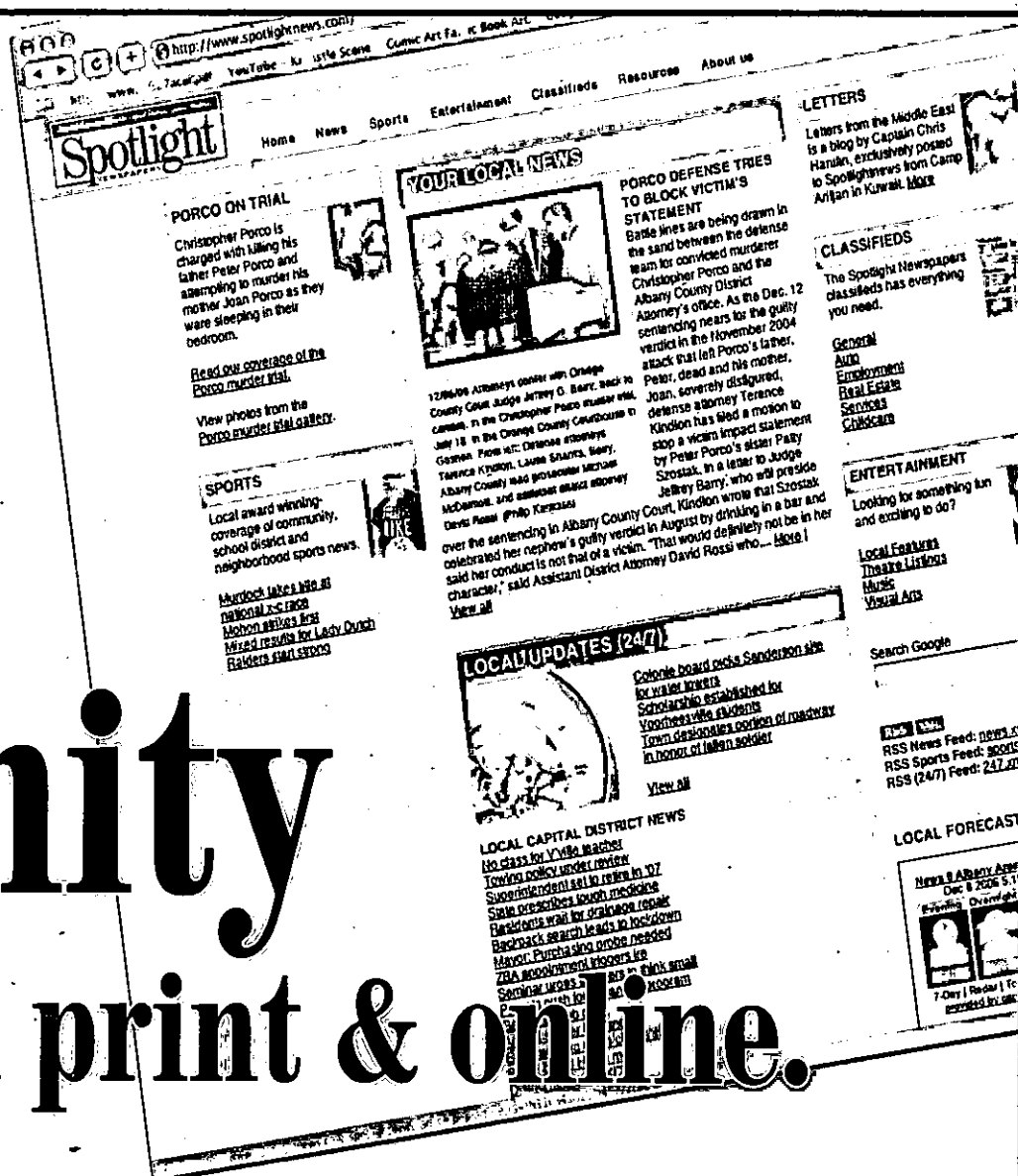
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Watch the Olympics at VPL

An unscheduled addition to the VPL program lineup should put a smile on sports fans' faces: we are opening the community room for Olympic viewing on our large screen TV.

Because many of the events are broadcast during the primetime evening hours, we have arranged for the room to be open from 8 - 11 p.m. on February 15, 18, 22 and 25. We will tune in to the finals in the four figure skating competitions: pairs, men's, ice dancing and women's, which seem to be popular with viewers. The room will also be reserved for hockey viewing on the 24th and 26th beginning at 3 p.m.

For these special times, the Library Friends will provide drinks and snacks. You can also bring your own food, and, of course, invite family and friends.

The big screen television is yours to use for other events any time the room has not been reserved for other purposes, so if you want to drop in during the day to watch your special interest, you can stop by or call to see if the room is available.

Voorheesville Public Library

School's out, library's in

It's the Year of the Tiger! With 4-year-olds and older, we'll Celebrate Chinese New Year on Tuesday, Feb. 16 @ 10:15 a.m. with stories and folktales about China. Wear something red to bring good luck. We will cook and sample Chinese Fried Rice.

Robot time

It's LEGO Robotics Again for 4th graders and up on Wednesday, February 17 from 10:30-12:30 p.m. We will learn to program the Lego® Mindstorm NXTs to "sweep" the circles and compete for bragging rights for the fastest robot. The team from "Bits, Bytes and Bots" will be here again for another exciting program. Everyone loves this, so sign up early!

Open play time

There will be Open Play Time for ages 18 months - 4 years on Thursday, February 18 from 10:30-12:30 p.m.

The community room is stocked with toys and hands-on activities to help alleviate some of the February "stuck-inside-boredom" for you and the young ones!

Girls night out

A "Girls' Night Out" Pajama Party will be lots of fun on Friday, February 19, from 6 to 10 p.m. when the library is closed, except for us to enjoy music, movies, manicures, beauty creams, gossip and food. Wear your pajamas, bring a pillow or blanket to lounge on the floor. Sign up is necessary. Grades 6 plus.

Don't forget the Nimblefingers show reception at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, February 9.

Signups are still being taken for the college prep program for parents on February 10.

Barbara Vink

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

Acoustic Doorways music series returns Feb. 5



The Foy Brothers Band will brighten our Ravena winter with great blues and soul at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 5, at Grace Methodist Church, 16 Hillcrest Drive. Call RCS Community Library, 756-2053, for tickets and information.

The Foy Brothers' rhythm, blues, and soul music opens the 2010 Acoustic Doorways season.

Winners of the 2000 Northeast Blues Society's Colossal Contenders Contest after the release of their very first album, they remain a very tight and soulful group. 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 Ravena, and there will be room to dance!

Tickets for the four-concert series are \$20 for adults and \$12 for those age 65 and up and age 12 and under. 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. They also will be sold at the door.

We are able to keep the low, low ticket prices from last year because of support from the National Bank of Coxsackie, State Telephone Company, Babcock Funeral Home, Mueller's Automotive, Bullock Utilities, Ravena Shop 'n Save, Sear Creations, and Central Hudson Gas & Electric (as of January 28), in addition to a second-year grant from the Arts Grant program funded by The Arts Center of the Capital Region through the New York Council on the Arts.

Also scheduled to perform during the 2010 series are Daisy Cutter with Sarah Milanovich, the Latin Jazz Quartet with Dave Gleason, and Global Gumbo with

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Charlie Tokarz. The full schedule will be available by February 5.

RCS schools art show

Come and enjoy exceptional artwork produced by local students.

The RCS School District Art Show opens on Saturday, February 6, with access through the Library from 10 to 5. A reception for the artists and their teachers will take place in the Library Annex on Thursday, February 11, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. The show will be up through vacation week into early March.

Library access to the exhibit runs from 10 to 8:30, Monday through

Thursday, and 10 to 5, Fridays and Saturdays. On weekdays, access through the Village Building entrances runs from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Ramp access is through the Village Courtroom.

Kids activities during vacation

Lego and Tinker Toy fans can build up a storm in the Library Annex during the February school vacation.

School-age kids will occupy our Construction Zone on Thursday, Feb. 18, from 10:30 to noon. On Friday, February 19th, pre-schoolers will be in the Zone with Duplos and other building toys. That activity will run from 10:30 to noon.

We've got the building blocks; bring your imaginations and join the fun!



Lawson, Hilary Schrauf and Erik Everson, will warm a cold Valentine's Day afternoon with a free concert at the Guilderland Public Library.

GPL presents Valentine's Day concert with an Irish twist

Lawson, the Celtic duo of Erik Everson and Hilary Schrauf, will perform at the Guilderland Public Library at 2 p.m. on Sunday, February 14, as part of the Library's Second Sunday Concert Series. This concert is free and open to the public; it will be held in the Library's Helderberg Room.

Lawson is a musical partnership some two decades in the making. Their repertoire includes traditional tunes popular in Clare and Galway, as well as the Sligo tunes from New York, and

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compositions from both sides of the Atlantic.

Hilary sings both a capella and accompanied songs in English. Mostly Irish, but some Scots or English-influenced songs are included as well. Eric plays what can only be described as a mean, expressive Bouzouki. Lawson's banter is entertaining, educational, and tender testament to the success of a pair who play so well together.

For more information

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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 (February 3, 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 (February 3, 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 (February 3, 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 (February 3, 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 LLC, c/o Siobhan Walshe, 799 Ave. of the Americas, Apt. #1, NY, NY 10001. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-22030 (February 3, 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.

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SSNY shall mail process to: c/o National Registered Agents, Inc., 875 Ave. of the Americas, Ste. 501, NY, NY 10001. DE address of LLC: 160 Greentree Drive, Ste. 101, Dover, DE 19901. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-22031 (February 3, 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: CSI, 615 S. DuPont Hwy., Dover, DE 19901. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, P.O. Box 898, Dover, DE 19903. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. LD-22032 (February 3, 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 (February 3, 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 (February 3, 2010)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY NAME: CHERY ARMS SD LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on December 16, 2009. Office location: 94 Teasdale Drive, Town of Bethlehem, County of Albany, New York. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, 94 Teasdale Drive, Slingerlands, New York 12159. For any lawful purpose. LD-22039 (February 3, 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 (February 3, 2010)

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Notice of Formation of LEONELLO BORGHI DESIGNS, LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on

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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 (February 3, 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 (February 3, 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 (February 3, 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 (February 3, 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., Cioffi Slezak Wildgrube P.C., 2310 Nott St. E., STE 1, Niskayuna, New York 12309. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. LD-22050 (February 3, 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 (February 3, 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 (February 3, 2010)

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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 (February 3, 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 upon whom process against it 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 (February 3, 2010)

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Notice of Formation of MUSICSOFT ARTS 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-22078 (February 3, 2010)

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Notice of Qualification of ALEXET CAPITAL PARTNERS 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 (February 3, 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 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-22080 (February 3, 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 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-22081 (February 3, 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 (February 3, 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 (February 3, 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, NY 12159. LD-22090 (February 3, 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 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-22092 (February 3, 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 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-22093 (February 3, 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 (February 3, 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 (February 3, 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 (February 3, 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 (February 3, 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 (February 3, 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 (February 3, 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

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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-22107 (February 3, 2010)

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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 (February 3, 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 (February 3, 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 (February 3, 2010)

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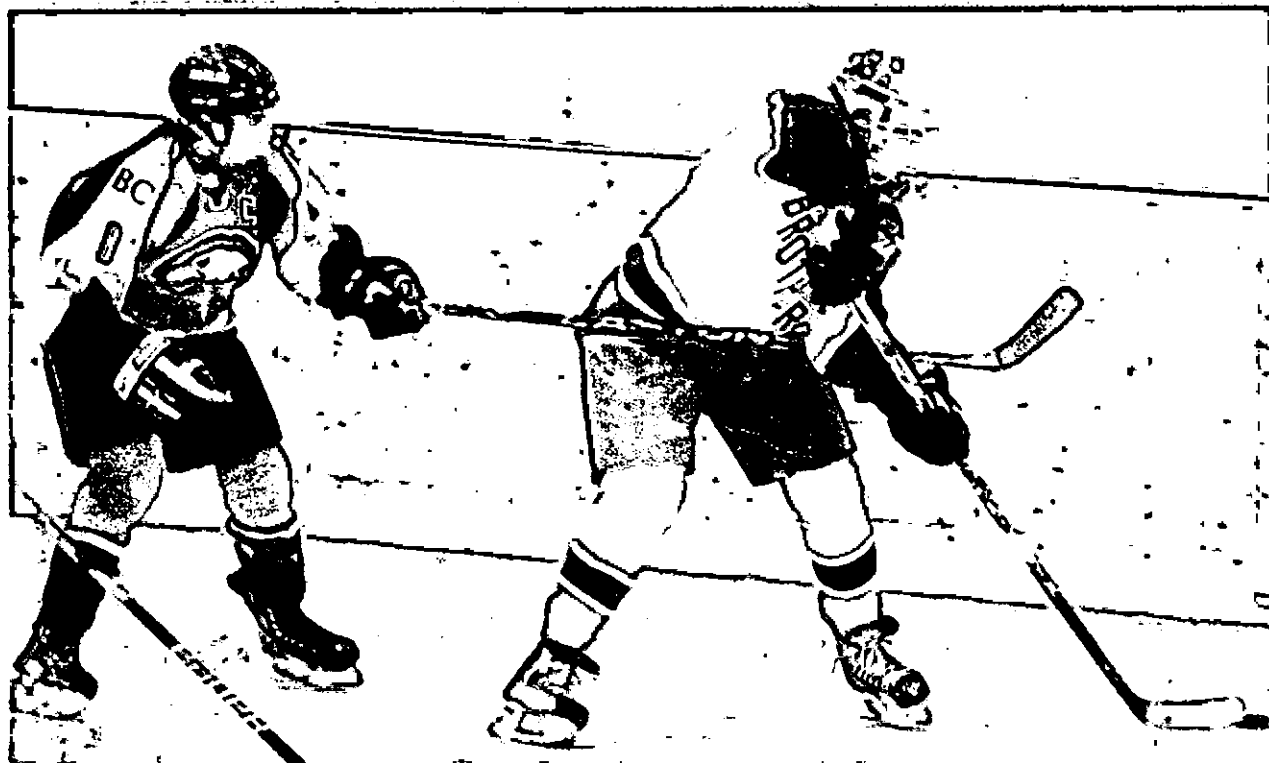
Notice of Formation of 303 East 51st Street Investors L.P. Cert of LP filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/30/09. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Allstate Corp. Svcs., 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 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 (February 3, 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 (February 3, 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



Bethlehem's Kenny Jack, left, attempts to poke check a CBA player during last Saturday's Capital District High School Hockey League game at the Albany County Hockey Facility.

Rob Jonas/Spotlight

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"Since Day 1, we set a goal, and that goal was to get a first-round bye," said Rodrigue. "With our win over CBA and our win over Queensbury [Jan. 19], we've all but assured ourselves of that first goal."

The Eagles could put even more distance between themselves and Glens Falls this week. Glens Falls faces Queensbury (9-7-0) Thursday and LaSalle (6-9-0) Friday, while Bethlehem hosts Niskayuna/Schenectady (4-12-1) Saturday.

In other hockey action last weekend, Guilderland (5-8-1) scored twice in the second period to pull out a 3-3 tie against Mahopac Sunday at Union College.

Ryan Ghizzoni had a goal and an assist, and goaltender Nigel Simmons stopped 21 shots for the Dutchmen. Conor Hurley and Robby King also tallied for Guilderland.

The Dutchmen entered the Mahopac game off a 9-1 loss to Division I-leading Saratoga Springs last Saturday. Cody Nizolek, Stephen Cash and Alex Luse each scored two goals for the Blue Streaks.

Guilderland hosted CBA Tuesday.

Lax club registration

The Bethlehem Lacrosse Club is holding registration sessions for its spring season Feb. 9 and March 9 from 7 to 9 p.m. at Bethlehem Town Hall.

The club is open to children in Kindergarten through eighth grade and includes membership in US Lacrosse. For information, visit www.bethlehemlacrosse.com.

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as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 1 Stoneridge Dr., Loundonville, NY 12211. Registered Agent upon whom process may be served: David Macphree, 1 Stoneridge Dr., Loundonville, NY 12211. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-22113 (February 3, 2010)

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Notice of Formation of Crescent Moon Games LLC. Arts Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 01/06/10. 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-22114 (February 3, 2010)

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Notice of Formation of Yu's Group LLC. Arts Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 01/06/10. 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-22115 (February 3, 2010)

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Notice of Formation of Hallie Design Group 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-22116 (February 3, 2010)

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Notice of Formation of Over-night City 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-22117 (February 3, 2010)

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Notice of Formation of Love Is In The Heir LLC. Arts Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/21/09. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Allstate Corp. Svcs., 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Registered Agent upon whom process may be served: Allstate Corp. Svcs., 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-22118 (February 3, 2010)

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Notice of Formation of Hudson Capital Fund LLC. Arts Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 01/11/10. 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-22119 (February 3, 2010)

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Notice of Formation of Kothari Law Group PLLC. Arts Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 01/14/10. Office location:

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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: Profession of Law. LD-22120 (February 3, 2010)

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Notice of Formation of Cutting Edge Pet & Imaging PLLC. 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: The PLLC, PO Box 370670, Bklyn, NY 11237. Purpose: Profession of Medicine. LD-22121 (February 3, 2010)

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Notice of Formation of EMPIRE REAL ESTATE HOLDINGS LLC Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 1/14/2010 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-22125 (February 3, 2010)

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NY, NY 10001. 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 Sr., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-22132 (February 3, 2010)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC) The name of the LLC is PRO PLAYER PROMOTIONS, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the Secretary of State on January 25, 2009. Purpose: to engage in any lawful act or activity. The Secretary of State is agent for process against LLC and shall mail copy to 2 Kling Terrace, Voorheesville, NY 12186. LD-22135 (February 3, 2010)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). Name: SPA HOTEL MANAGEMENT, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with NY Secretary of State, December 23, 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 12205.

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LD-22136 (February 3, 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 Water Meters for the Bethlehem Department of Public Works and other Town departments, for the year 2010. Bids will be received up to 2:30 p.m. on the 24 th. Day of February 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 Mr. Samuel E. Messina, Supervisor, Town of Bethlehem, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York 12054. Bids shall be in sealed envelopes which shall bear, on the face thereof, the NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE BIDDER AND ONE COPY OF each bid shall be submitted. 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 Beth-

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lehem Website at www.townofbethlehem.org Purchasing Division. The Town Board reserves the right to waive any informalities in and/or to reject any or all bids.

BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM NANCY MOQUIN TOWN CLERK

Dated: February 3, 2010 LD-22144 (February 3, 2010)

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Siena

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edge Saratoga's Madalayne Smith in the 55-meter dash finals at Sunday's Suburban Council Indoor Track and Field Championships. It takes a special effort to beat one of the best sprinters in the nation, and Richardson had just such an effort. We'll see if she can keep that up at Sectionals.

• I watched a YouTube clip of Jeff Blatnick's gold medal wrestling match against Sweden's Thomas Johansson at the 1984 Olympics. All these years later, it's still quite a sight to see Blatnick falling to his knees after beating Johansson 2-0. (It was also quite annoying that the announcers kept saying Blatnick was from Schenectady, but that's nitpicking 26 years too late.)

Hopefully, Marsicano can have a Blatnick-esque moment in Vancouver. And to the TV announcers calling the speed skating action, he's from Ballston Spa - not Saratoga Springs or upstate New York. Got it? Good.

• I've also been watching clips of Olympic opening ceremonies of the past in preparation for this year's Winter Games. Given some of the ways the Olympic flame has been lit the

last several times (archer shooting a flaming arrow, fireworks, Mohammed Ali), Vancouver has a special challenge ahead of it, and I'm not just talking about the part where the flame will be lit inside a domed stadium. Good luck, and don't set BC Place's fabric roof on fire.

• Anyone rooting against the New Orleans Saints in the Super Bowl is a heartless soul. Peyton Manning has his Super Bowl championship. His hometown deserves one.

• I wonder what Brett Favre is going to do Sunday. Mow his field? Play football with his Mississippi buddies? Watch the Super Bowl and think, "Why couldn't I just have run five yards and slid? I wouldn't be in any more pain than I'm already in, and I'd be in Miami."

• Finally, if you want to know who's going to win the Super Bowl, follow Friday's Wheelchair Super Bowl at Albany's Teresian House. The name of the winning team in each of the past six Wheelchair Super Bowls has also been the name of the Super Bowl champion. Strange, but true.

That's it for this week. Remember, you can always drop me a line at jonasr@spotlightnews.com. Enjoy the Super Bowl, and Geaux Saints!

Lead

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in the 300-meter dash and the high jump. The sophomore finished with a time of 40.41 seconds in the 300, and she cleared 5 feet, 4 inches in the high jump.

Mohonasen's Jessica Ciraulo won the triple jump with a distance of 35 feet, 7.75 inches.

On the boys' side, Shaker all but locked up another league title by taking a 43-point lead over Shen. The Blue Bison had 128 points after the first day, while the Plainsmen had 75 points. Bethlehem was third with 70 points.

Shaker pulled away from Shen by winning two of the three relays. The team of Darryl Roberts, Ryben Feinman, Matt Dustin and Matt Conti won the 800-meter relay with a time of 1:38.92, and the quartet of Conti, Dustin, Chris Herman and Brendan Dolan finished first in the 1,600-meter relay with a time of 3:38.47.

Conti and Herman each won individual events for Shaker. Conti claimed the 300-meter dash title with a time of 37.10 seconds,

while Herman fended off Bethlehem's Matt Crawford to win the 600-meter race with a time of 1:26.28.

Dan Harris, Stuart Charbonneau and Grant McLeod earned individual titles for Shen. Harris won the 1,000-meter race with a time of 2:38.56, while Charbonneau finished first in the 55-meter high hurdles with a time of 8.19 seconds. McLeod took first place in the high jump by clearing the bar at 6 feet.

Ballston Spa also had multiple champions at the league meet. Mike Villano won the 55-meter dash with a time of 6.75 seconds, Devin Bennett finished first in the 1,600-meter race with a time of 4:26.76 and Max Groves claimed the 3,200-meter title with a time of 9:26.75. The Scotties' 3,200-meter relay team of Jake Flynt, Phillip-Michael Williams, Adam Custer and Ryan Grandeau finished first with a time of 8:26.82.

Bethlehem's Paul Buehler was the lone double winner on the boys' side. Buehler won the long jump with a leap of 22 feet, 4.25 inches, and he took the triple jump title with a distance of 43 feet, 5 inches.

Fighting for two



Guilderland's Josh Murray shoots over a Mohonasen defender during Sunday's Coaches vs. Cancer game at Siena College. Guilderland won 46-39. Robert Goo/Spotlight

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Sports *in the* Spotlight

Saratoga, Shaker lead the way

Buehler sweeps jumping events at league meet

An upset in the girls 55-meter dash highlighted Sunday's Suburban Council Indoor Track and Field Championships at the University at Albany.

Mohonasen junior Courtnee Richardson nipped Saratoga's Madalayne Nipp by .02 seconds to win the event. Richardson finished with a career-best time of 7.09 seconds, while Smith placed second with a time of 7.11 seconds.

It was an otherwise strong

day for Smith and her Saratoga Springs teammates. Smith won the 55-meter high hurdles and the long jump to help the Blue Streaks pull into a 74-point lead over Shenendehowa in the team standings pending Monday's shot put and pole vault competitions at Shen.

Smith had little trouble winning the hurdles, as she bested Colonie's Kyle Plante by .26 seconds in the finals. Smith finished with a time of 8.08 seconds, while Plante placed second with a time of 8.34 seconds.

Smith also made short work of the long jump field, taking first place with a leap of 17 feet, 2.5

inches. Colonie's Cassidy Keane was second with a distance of 16 feet, 9.75 inches.

As a team, Saratoga dominated the middle- and long-distance races, as it swept the top two places in the 600, 1,000, 1,500 and 3,000-meter races. Brianne Bellon led the way with wins in the 1,000 (2:59.52) and the 1,500 (4:41.89), while Cassie Goutos (10:37.64) edged Sydney King (10:37.65) and Keelin Hollowood (10:37.70) in the 3,000. Amanda Borroughs won the 600 (1:40.64).

Saratoga also won the 3,200-meter relay, as the team of Borroughs, King, Katie Treichel and Margaret MacDonald finished with a time of 9:32.63.

Shen's 1,600-meter relay team of Danika Simonson, Sam Crisafulli, Sarah Osaheni and Stefanie Fresenius took first place with a time of 4:13.91, and Shaker's 800-meter relay team of Emily Vandenberg, Christine Coughlin, Carly Brundige and Kristen Hayes won with a time of 1:51.43.

Saratoga finished the first day of the Suburban Council meet with 144 team points. Shen was second with 73 points, and Colonie placed third with 46 points, two points ahead of fourth-place Shaker.

Plante led Colonie with victories

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Varsity schedule

Wednesday, Feb. 3**BOYS BOWLING**

Bethlehem at Averill Park, 4 p.m.

GIRLS BOWLING

Bethlehem at Averill Park, 4 p.m.

BOYS SWIMMING

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

Saratoga Springs at Bethlehem, 4:30 p.m.

BOYS VOLLEYBALL

New Lebanon at Voorheesville, 6 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 4**GIRLS BOWLING**

Bethlehem at Section II Championships, 8 a.m.

GYMNASTICS

Section II All-Around Meet at Bethlehem, 6 p.m.

BOYS VOLLEYBALL

Berlin at Voorheesville, 6 p.m.

WRESTLING

Voorheesville at Shaker, 3 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 5**BOYS BASKETBALL**

Colonie at Bethlehem, 7 p.m.

Guilderland at Columbia, 7 p.m.

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

Mechanicville at Voorheesville, 7:30 p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Voorheesville at Mechanicville, 6 p.m.

Bethlehem at Colonie, 7 p.m.

Columbia at Guilderland, 7 p.m.

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

GYMNASTICS

Bethlehem, Guilderland at Saratoga, 6 p.m.

NORDIC SKIING

Guilderland at Mayfield/Scotia Invitational, 3 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 6**BOYS DIVING**

Guilderville at Ballston Spa, 11 a.m.

HOCKEY

Shenendehowa at Guilderland, 1:30 p.m.

Niskayuna/Schenectady at Bethlehem, 3:45 p.m.

BOYS SWIMMING

Guilderville at Albany Academy, 10 a.m.

WRESTLING

Bethlehem, Guilderland at Section II Class A Tournament, TBA

Sunday, Feb. 7**INDOOR TRACK**

Bethlehem at Great Dane Classic, 8:30 a.m.

Monday, Feb. 8**BOYS VOLLEYBALL**

Hawthorne Valley at Voorheesville, 6 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 9**BOYS BASKETBALL**

Averill Park at Guilderland, 7 p.m.

Bethlehem at Columbia, 7 p.m.

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

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Columbia at Bethlehem, 7 p.m.

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

BOYS BOWLING

Bethlehem, Guilderland at Section II Tournament, 8 a.m.

Eagles survive scare

Halek's third-period goal lifts BC past stubborn CBA

By ROB JONAS

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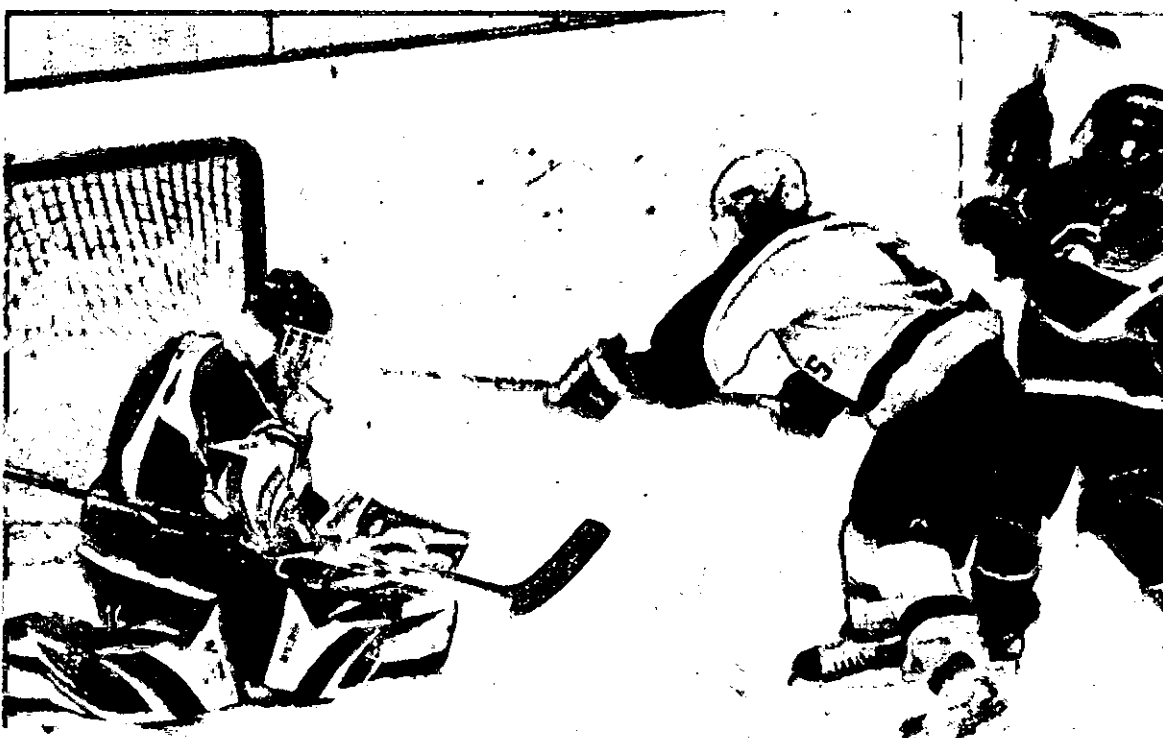
Not even the Albany County Hockey Facility's vast, Olympic-size ice surface could stop the Bethlehem Eagles.

It slowed the Eagles down, but it didn't stop them.

Eric Halek broke a scoreless tie in the third period, and goaltender Alex Cooper made 39 saves to lead Bethlehem to a 2-0 Capital District High School Hockey League victory over Christian Brothers Academy last Saturday in Colonie.

Quality scoring chances were hard to come by in the first two periods for Bethlehem (12-2-1), as the Eagles adjusted to the large ice surface and CBA's relentless pressure.

"They played us really tight for the first two periods," said Bethlehem coach Andre Rodrigue. "We had a hard time getting our offense in gear. Once we got on the [score]board, everybody settled down. But there wasn't a minute where we didn't feel confident in what we



Bethlehem goaltender Alex Cooper holds on to the puck before CBA's Casey Crotty gets to it during last Saturday's Capital District High School Hockey League game at the Albany County Hockey Facility. *Rob Jonas/Spotlight*

were doing."

Even after Halek scored, CBA (4-10-0) refused to go away. The Brothers kept peppering Cooper with shots, but the senior made all the necessary stops to preserve the lead until Stephen Russo sealed the victory with an empty-

net goal in the final minute.

"He definitely was the difference maker in that game," Rodrigue said of Cooper, who lowered his league-leading goals against average to 1.76. "It's offensive security knowing that Cooper is back there to bail us

out. He's the backbone of that defense."

The victory against CBA gave Bethlehem a three-point lead over second-place Glens Falls in the Division II standings with two weeks left in the regular season.

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Siena needs Butler in BracketBuster

Hey boss, now that Ballston Spa speed skater Trevor Marsicano is heading to Vancouver to compete in the Olympics, can I have \$3,000 to travel there and cover the games? Why are you laughing? OK, moving on...

• If Siena doesn't meet Butler in ESPN's BracketBuster weekend later this month, there are going to be some highly disappointed mid-major basketball followers across the country.

All the Internet talk I've seen lately on the subject seems to conclude that the Saints need to meet the 23rd-ranked Bulldogs. It's the best way for Siena to prove itself worthy of an at-large bid for the NCAA Tournament should the Saints actually lose in the



From the
Sports Desk
Rob Jonas

MAAC Tournament next month (a possibility that seems less likely with every loss by Rider or Niagara).

Hopefully, ESPN will see fit to make this game happen. If not, the network might face some protests out in cyberspace.

• Can something be done about the Hershey Bears? They have the AHL's best record (37-9-0-2, 76 points), the league's

highest goal total by far (211) and lead second-place Albany by 19 points in the East Division standings. Please AHL, force the Bears to share the wealth. Make them trade a goal scorer or two to other league teams just to make it a fairer fight.

• I knew it was only a matter of time before Union's hockey team would come back to earth. An 0-3-1 stretch has knocked the Dutchmen out of the ECAC's penthouse, and I don't know if they'll completely right the ship before the playoffs. I hope they do because the Dutchmen are the only local team I see having a shot at reaching the ECAC Final Four at the Times Union Center. RPI is good, but the Engineers'

road is made more difficult by being outside the top four, which means no first-round bye.

• Kudos to the Shaker girls basketball team for almost pulling off the school's biggest win in two decades last Friday against Suburban Council North Division leader Shenendehowa. Coming back from a 15-point deficit to take a 47-45 lead late in the fourth quarter shows a lot of promise for the Blue Bison. Unfortunately for them, Shen ruined the rally by pulling out a 49-47 victory on Meg Rogers' buzzer-beating basket.

• Attention must be paid to Mohonasen's Courtnee Richardson. The junior ran a career-best time of 7.09 seconds to

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