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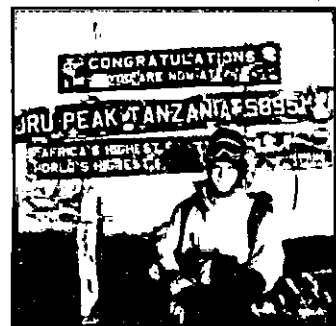
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Orchestra turns 80

The Albany Symphony Orchestra was chosen to join six other orchestras from around the country to perform at Carnegie Hall as part of the inaugural "Spring For Music" festival in May 2011.

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Eagles finish in 11th place

Bethlehem finished 11th at Saturday's Section II Class A tournament with 57 points. Matt Greene (125) led the Eagles with a third-place finish.

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Charles Kapner (shortest, left) and other Eagle Scouts with then-New York Gov. Franklin D. Roosevelt at the Governor's Mansion in Albany in 1931 to celebrate the 21st anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America.

Submitted photo

Scouting the past

Charles Kapner's photos to become part of museum's collection

By CHARLES WIFF
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The centennial of the Boy Scouts of America this year is shining a new light on the organization's past and present, and Delmar resident Charles Kapner is taking part in that revival by sharing his memories of scouting's fledgling years.

Kapner joined the Scouts when he was 10 after moving to Albany from Massachusetts. He and his brother, Arthur, were introduced to the then less well-known group by a neighbor, and he spent several summers at Scout camps.

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Charles Kapner's photo albums will be provided to the New York State Museum for the 100th anniversary of the BSA, then donated to the National Scouting Museum in Texas.

Charles Wiff/Spotlight

Full-day K gets high marks

BC officials say promised state aid may be withheld

By CHARLES WIFF
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Officials at the Bethlehem Central School District said at a Wednesday, Feb. 3, meeting of the Board of Education that this year's foray into full-day kindergarten classes has been a rousing success for all involved.

But in a later interview, Superintendent Michael Tebbano said it now appears the state grant money promised to offset the program's startup costs may be withheld.

The BC School District embarked on the switch to full day K last fall with the assumption the state would issue a grant payment at the end of the year based on student enrolment. The district had expected about \$750,000 in aid, but expanded enrolment means BC should be entitled to more than \$900,000.

Tebbano said the state has indicated that payment is no longer assured as education falls on the budgetary chopping block in Albany.

"Basically, they have changed the rules of the game in mid stream," he said. "We did everything we were asked to do in fil-

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Residents speak out on Blessings Corner

Majority at public hearing against project

By CHARLES WIFF
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The Town of Bethlehem Planning Board on Tuesday, Feb. 2, heard a parade of residents voice their opinion on a proposed North Bethlehem condominium development

that would also include a Stewart's gas station, and the majority of comments were critical.

The Blessings Corner project, proposed by developer Russell Road Partners, would consist of 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.

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An artist's rendition of a proposed condominium development on Russell Road in North Bethlehem. The development would contain six such buildings, and a Stewart's gas station is proposed nearby.

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Police Blotter

Albany man arrested for DWAI-drugs

The Bethlehem Police Department arrested Rick J. Anderson, 20, of 62 Clinton Ave. Apt. 1, Albany, and charged him with DWAI-Drugs on Thursday, Jan. 28.

Police allegedly observed Anderson's vehicle traveling

northbound on Route 144 with no headlights on. Anderson was stopped on River Road in Glenmont, and when police interviewed him, an odor of marijuana was detected coming from his car, according to arrest reports.

While being interviewed, Anderson allegedly produced three small baggies of marijuana. Field sobriety tests were conducted, and Anderson was taken into custody, police said. He was transported to Albany Medical Center, where a blood specimen was drawn.

Anderson was also

charged with driving without headlights and unlawful possession of marijuana. He was scheduled to appear in court on Wednesday, Feb. 17, and released to a friend.

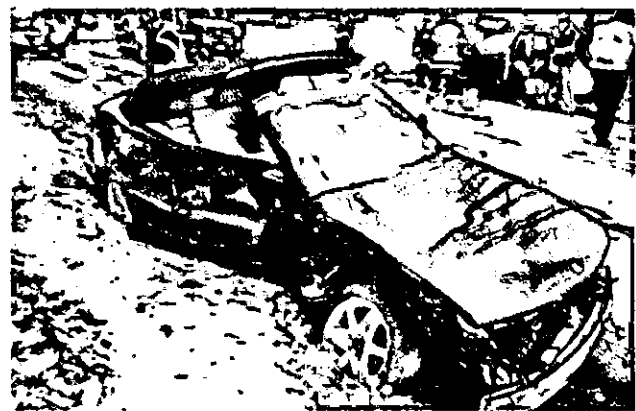
Other arrest

• The Bethlehem Police Department arrested Germaine Montes, alias Carlos Montes, 19, of 21 Hampton St., Albany, and charged him with criminal possession of stolen property in the fourth degree, petit larceny, forgery in the second degree and identity theft in the first degree on Tuesday, Feb. 2.

The charges stem from an incident at Wal-Mart at 311 Route 9W in Glenmont, according to arrest reports. Montes turned himself in to police after learning he was being sought in an investigation and a voluntary statement, police said.

Judge Paul Dwyer arraigned Montes, who posted \$10,000 bail through a bondsman. He was scheduled to appear in court on April 6.

Route 32 crash



Emergency responders were at the scene of a motor vehicle accident on Route 32 at LaGrange Lane in Feura Bush at about 6:15 a.m. Friday, Feb. 5. The accident involved a 2010 Subaru driven by Cara Lee and a 2003 Saab driven by Timothy Quinn, according to police. State police said that while the incident is still under investigation, speed was a contributing factor in the accident. Sgt. Jim Sorro of the New York State Police said two persons were injured in the accident and were transported to the hospital. State Police, the Albany county Sheriff's Department, Albany County Paramedics, the Onesquethaw Fire Department and Onesquethaw Ambulance were on the scene. The road was closed for about an hour.

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IN BRIEF

Housing Alliance offers class

On Saturday, Feb. 20, the Albany County Rural Housing Alliance will host a class for first-time home buyers from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 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 at 765-2425.

Pet group to host meeting

The Pet Care Community Association will be holding its next meeting Saturday, Feb. 13, at 1 p.m. at Diamond

Rock Terrace, 13 Gurley Road, in the Community Room, Building No. 13, Lansingburgh.

For information or to find out about volunteering please call (518) 334-0348 or email us at petcarecommunity@gmail.com.

Art institute to hold story event

The final segment of a four-part presentation on different cultural forms of storytelling given by the Albany Institute of History and Art and the New York Folklore Society will take place on Feb. 21 from 1 to 4 p.m.

The program is free with museum admission. For more information, call the museum at 463-4478.

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Climbing for a cause

BC grads' fundraising effort in Africa a success

By CHARLES WIFF
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Some travel to the African continent to see it's natural beauty. Some go there to battle the overwhelming poverty in many areas. Others go there to do both.

That's what group of college students, including Bethlehem Central graduates Kevin Welch and Katie O'Leary, did in January, as they traveled to Tanzania to climb Mount Kilimanjaro as part of a fundraiser aimed at combating a curable medical condition that afflicts thousands of African women.

The Fistula Free Climb group, headquartered at Cornell University, where O'Leary is a student, raised \$8,000 over the course of a few months, and will continue to raise money. The group's trip was aimed at raising money to combat obstetric fistulas, a predominantly third world complication that usually arises during childbirth when modern medicine is not available. A tear between the vagina and rectum or bladder can develop, leading to infection and other complications.

This usually leads to social ostracization and eventual death for thousands of

"I'd like to go back... It inspires me to want to do more. I want to raise more."

— Kevin Welch

women every year. Perhaps the most unfortunate part is that an operation to reverse the fistula can cost as little as \$250.

The Spotlight first reported on the trip in October 2009. Local donors gave approximately \$300, said Welch.

While the group did not achieve its \$100,000 goal, the team still raised enough to theoretically fund up to 32 operations, and is still accepting donations. The plan is to make the journey an annual event and keep fundraising year-round.

Welch said he would continue his fundraising efforts, perhaps with hopes of climbing another mountain next year.

"I'd like to go back... It inspires me to want to do more. I want to raise more," he said.

The team witnessed the widespread affliction of obstetric fistulas in Tanzania before beginning their climb as they volunteered at two area hospitals. One was a facility with modern equipment while the other was a bush hospital



Members of the Fistula Free Climb group — including BC graduates Kevin Welch (pictured here) and Katie O'Leary — at the summit of Mount Kilimanjaro in Africa. The students raised thousands to combat obstetric fistulas and will continue their fundraising efforts.

Photos submitted by Kevin Welch



FAR LEFT: Kevin Welch with an obstetric fistula patient in a rural Tanzanian hospital.



LEFT: Kevin Welch with a group of Masai children.

lacking even the most basic amenities.

"A few of the girls broke down in tears because it's just so depressing," Welch said.

The climb brought its own medical challenges for many. At over 19,000 feet above sea level, the summit of Kilimanjaro is the fourth-highest place on earth. But at those altitudes the air is so thin that many climbers develop altitude

sickness, a potentially fatal complication that can cause symptoms from headaches to swelling of the brain.

Two of the climbers were forced to turn back because of altitude sickness, and many others, including O'Leary, experienced its frightening symptoms.

"It was really scary, one girl couldn't stop throwing up," Welch said.

Welch was relatively symptom free, a blessing he

attributed to his strict training regimen, and adherence to the advice of guides, who told climbers to consume 5 liters of water and copious amounts of food daily.

Still, Welch said he lost 10 pounds on the 7-day climb.

"It was the hardest thing I've ever done in my entire life," he said.

The group's Web site can be found at www.fistulafree.org.

Resident praises flood fix

Larger pipeline in McKownville improves stormwater situation near Stuyvesant Plaza

By RYAN MUNKS
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Don Reeb, president of the McKownville Improvement Association, commended the Guilderland Town Board at the Tuesday, Feb. 2, meeting for their efforts to mitigate stormwater flooding that routinely occurs on Western Avenue near Stuyvesant Plaza.

The project, which began in the fall, increased the diameter of the pipeline that empties stormwater into the McKownville Reservoir. The town took the opportunity to begin the process of turning the area into a park, complete with a short trail, a bridge and a picnic area. Construction on the park should be complete in the summer.

Reeb said that the improved plumbing has eliminated the flooding in the area. He said the heavy rainstorm that hit the area in late January "normally would have caused enormous flooding, but didn't."

Supervisor Ken Runion said the flooding in the area has been going on for 20 to 25 years, and the town worked with Assemblyman John McEneny, D-Albany, the state Department of Transportation, the state Department of Parks and Recreation and Stuyvesant Plaza to "come up with a situation that would make it bearable."

McEneny said in the early 1990s the project was slated to cost around \$8 million, over 13 times the price of the actual cost of \$600,000.

"There's been some real progress, and it has been at a bargain rate," said McEneny.

Funding for the project included \$100,000 from Stuyvesant Plaza, \$100,000 from the Department of Recreation, \$200,000 from a multi-modal grant obtained by McEneny's office, and \$200,000 from the Department of Transportation.

Although there is progress, McEneny says it was not a perfect solution, and he still expects the area to flood every few years.

"Springtime will be the real test ... when the ground is frozen and a thunder storm occurs," said Joe Galu, director of research in McEneny's office.

Container plant in Guilderland Center moves forward

Town hears details of Westmere firehouse construction proposal

By RYAN MUNKS
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The addition of a light manufacturing business to the Northeast Industrial Park in Guilderland Center has been discussed and ultimately approved by the Planning Board, at its Wednesday, Jan. 27, meeting, and the Zoning Board, at its Wednesday, Feb. 3, meeting.

At the Planning Board meeting, Tom Anders, of

ABD Engineers, presented the plan for Fischbach USA Inc. to use 20 percent, or 47,000 square feet of one of the buildings in the east side of the park to produce caulk containers. Anders said the plan also calls for the building of two 59-foot silos for the storage of high-density polyethylene (HDPE) pellets, the material used to make the containers.

According to information from Fischbach, the operation will involve the addition of 25 to 50 employees, one to two railroad cars per month and two to three truck deliveries per day. According to Fischbach, it will also be an odorless and dustless operation.

Rus Elster, a representative of Fischbach said the operation would have a minimal effect on the environment and surrounding community.

"There will be no plastic waste ... anything we don't use will be sold," he said.

He also said the facility will not produce a significant amount of water waste either. "The bulk of water use will be through restrooms," said Elster.

At the end of the meeting, the Planning Board unanimously recommended the proposal to the Zoning Board.

"I think this is a positive move for the economy," said Planning Board member James Cohen.

At the Wednesday, Feb. 3 meeting of the Zoning Board, the board unanimously voted to approve Fischbach's request to for a special use permit for the light manufacturing business, and a variance request for the two silos.

According to Elster, the company plans to begin

production in May.

Westmere firehouse update

The two boards also considered the building of a new firehouse by the Westmere Fire District.

"The fire district has outgrown its facility," said Skip Francis of CT Male Associates, at the Planning Board meeting. Francis said the district is seeking a variance for the amount of area on the lot the new building would cover. The building will cover 54 percent of the lot, with the maximum allowable coverage currently being 30 percent.

At the Zoning Board meeting, however, Francis informed the board that the existing building covers from 52 to 53 percent of the lot.

Francis described the two phases of construction. First, the deconstruction of the existing structures on the property, relocation of the sewers, and the building of a garage to house two of fire trucks

to keep the district in operation. The first phase is scheduled to begin in the spring of this year.

The second phase of the project, planned for the construction season of 2011, will involve the construction of the new 20,276 square foot station. The district estimates that once construction is under way, it will take about a year to complete. The total cost of the project will be \$5.74 million, with \$5.24 million to be raised by a tax levy.

Peter Barber, Chairman of the Zoning Board, decided to close the public hearing after no concerns were raised, however, he said the board could not vote to approve the plans because they still need to be considered by the Albany County Planning Board at its Wednesday, Feb. 17, meeting.

After that, the district will still need approval from the Zoning Board and Town Board and finally from the voters during the referendum scheduled for Tuesday, March 23.

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Trail mix cookies recall warmer days

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The temperatures hovered just above zero for days on end. It was relentless, the cycle we were living. We went from school and work, to the car and then the house. We grimaced and huddled into our coats as we ran to the house. Once we got there, we stayed in. Even going to the porch for firewood was painful.

Elliot gave me a good scare on one of those frostbitten days. The temperature was 12 degrees. Before the wind chill. The sky was gray. I came home from work just as the kids stepped off the bus, a cup of steaming hot tea on my mind. It was just as the kettle began to scream, that Elliot said, "Mom, I want to make a snowman. A LOT of snowmen."

I imagined myself out on our windswept yard, bravely building an army of snowmen and being a good mom. Feeling miserable and cold but doing the right thing.

But then he did a curious thing: He opened the craft cabinet and pulled out scissors, paper and glue. It became clear to me then: He wanted to make paper snowmen. Ahhh. So I made my tea after all, humming and feeling quite pleased. We sat in front of the fire together, cutting

From a Caterer's Kitchen

Caroline Barrett



snowman after snowman.

The thing is, I love winter. The skiing, ice skating, all of it. I love to frolic in the fresh snow as much as the next person. My family does, too. But we draw the line when it comes to the temperatures, and lack of snow. Who wants to go out to play when there isn't any snow and you can't decide which is worse – the cold or the wind?

It was after four of these cold, gray days, that we started to feel a little edgy. Lucy and Zoe were fighting over which stool to sit on for homework. They fought over the hairbrush, chores and a pencil. Even the mood of our old tom cat, who is cranky in the best of weather, went from bad to worse. Those unfortunate enough to pass him sitting on his favorite perch might have gotten a swipe on the arm. Just because. It was hard to blame him, because we all felt that way. On Friday, I finally decided that I had enough of moping. If we are going to live in a cold climate, then we are going to enjoy it. Period. So I packed up the sleds, some hot cocoa and waited for the bus out to turn the corner. On the way out the door, I even shooed the cat outside. I herded my kids straight into the car from the bus, complaints and all. Paul

even left his desk and came along. Yes, it was cold. And we were the only people on the hill.

We rode down the hill, laughing and jumping on each other's sleds, being silly and pretending we weren't freezing right down to our little toes. And it worked. A few hours on that sledding hill was what we needed. The air felt so good and fresh after being under a blanket for a week. We went home exhausted, cold, ready to warm up in front of a fire.

After dinner that night, we took our desserts out to the living room. We couldn't get enough of the fire. Zoe pulled out a game to play and Lucy helped set it up. A cease-fire had been called in their weeklong battle. Even Bugs came in from the cold air and stretched out in the warmth of the fire for a nap. His claws stayed in for the rest of the night.

The next week proved to be kinder in the cold and wind departments. One day after school, we went outside to play and walk the dog. The sun shone brightly and we walked and then ran down the street. The girls took Agnes on her leash and skipped ahead. Elliot was busy crushing big chunks of snow left by the plows. Each piece of snow was an asteroid, destined to hit his spaceship. Even though his ship had a force field around it, we needed to destroy the asteroids before they could reach us. (Elliot just watched "Star Wars" for the

Trail Mix Cookies

- 2 1/4 cup white whole wheat flour
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 2 sticks butter, softened
- 1-1/2 cups packed dark brown sugar
- 1 tablespoon vanilla
- 2 eggs
- 1/2 cup sweetened flaked coconut
- 1/2 cup peanuts, chopped
- 1-1/2 cup small salted pretzels, crushed
- 2 cups semi-sweet chocolate chips

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. In a large bowl, stir together flour, baking soda and salt. In another bowl, use an electric mixer to beat the butter with the sugar and vanilla. Add the eggs and incorporate well. Stir in the flour mixture to the butter mixture, and then add the coconut, peanuts, pretzels and chocolate. Drop by rounded spoonfuls onto a greased baking sheet and bake for 7-9 minutes, until just golden brown on the bottom.

first time, can you tell?) I faithfully defended the ship, planets and whatever else he told me to do, happy to be outside. The sun was actually shining on my face. I was warm in my coat, happy to defend the mother ship and crush any intruders. We stayed outside as the sun went low in the sky. Lucy and Zoe went in to start homework.

"It's time, Luke," I said, calling him by his Jedi name. It was hard to leave our game; neither one of us wanted to go inside. But there was piano to play, dinner to make. And it was bath night. I understood that he wanted to stay out in the warm air. I did too.

I was going to have to come up with something good to lure him in. So I pulled out my ace, and offered to make cookies with him after dinner. A friend had told me about these cookies. She had made them for her family, and spoke about them with such passion, that I couldn't get the big chewy cookie, studded with chocolate, peanuts and pretzels off my mind. It just wouldn't go away. The thing that compelled me, besides the chocolate, was the idea of a cookie offering the sweet and salty combination. These cookies are your classic chocolate chip cookie, the kind you have

with a glass of milk, and then go back for another. And another. They satisfy a sweet tooth, and add all of the benefits of trail mix, too. Protein. Salt. Crunch. I'm not saying that Trail Mix Cookies are actually good for you. The butter and sugar is in there, I mean, it is a cookie, right?

And since I'm listing the benefits of these unpretentious cookies, I'll add a few more: You could go right ahead and dream of truly warm, summer days while eating a Trail Mix Cookie. Silly, maybe. But for us, trail mix is a staple while hiking. Something we most often do in the summer. I'll take a bite or two of something that will remind me that summer surely will come, if only we are patient and wait.

Finally, my trick to lure Elliot inside did work. Before he committed to leaving the starship and all the asteroids, he wanted to know what kind of cookie we would be baking. I told him all about it, using my best salesman pitch. At that point, I was getting cold and tired of fighting evil spaceships. It worked. He threw down his last asteroid, breaking the forcefield and started the walk home. A mighty cookie it is, one that can beat Luke Skywalker, forcefield and all.

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WEEKLY WEATHER

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Albany Almanac

Record high/low/year		
AVERAGE HIGH 34°	AVERAGE LOW 15°	
Day	High/Year	Low/Year
Wednesday, February 10	53°/1955	-11°/1948
Thursday, February 11	59°/1981	-18°/1962
Friday, February 12	55°/1932	-16°/1979
Saturday, February 13	58°/1900	-18°/1875
Sunday, February 14	63°/1946	-10°/1987
Monday, February 15	55°/2006	-22°/1943
Tuesday, February 16	61°/2006	-20°/1943

SEASONAL SNOWFALL TO DATE
21.5 inches as of Friday, February 5th
17.1 inches below average

This week in weather

February 14, 2007 The now infamous Valentine's Day Snowstorm hit the Northeast. Albany officially had 17 inches but amounts ranged up to 28 inches in SW Albany County and almost 40 inches locally in counties to west. At times, snow fell at 2 to 4 inches per hour.

Sun & Moon

Day	Sunrise	Sunset
Wednesday	6:59am	5:20pm
Thursday	6:58am	5:22pm
Friday	6:56am	5:23pm
Saturday	6:55am	5:24pm
Sunday	6:54am	5:26pm
Monday	6:52am	5:27pm
Tuesday	6:51am	5:28pm

Moon Phases
February 13th New
February 21th First

Planets	When	Where
Mars	Evening	Reddish, East
Saturn	Evening	Climbing ESE
Mercury	Dawn	V Low ESE

Ski Report

Area Ski Conditions			
Resort	Base Depth	Lifts	Trails
Gore Mtn.	13" - 29"	10	52
Whiteface	24" - 36"	9	72
Bromley	23" - 37"	7	37
Mt. Snow	20" - 28"	10	59
Okemo	30" - 42"	12	103
Belleayre	28" - 48"	6	42
Stowe	28" - 52"	10	109
Killington	28" - 36"	16	104

Factoid

The days are now more than 1 1/2 hours longer than they were in December. The sun now rises before 7am and sets at close to 5:30 pm, more than an hour later than in December.

Tides at Albany		
Day	High	Low
Wednesday	2:02am, 2:28pm	8:26am, 9:07pm
Thursday	2:54am, 3:16pm	9:17am, 9:55pm
Friday	3:42am, 4:01pm	10:05am, 10:40pm
Saturday	4:25am, 4:42pm	10:51am, 11:22pm
Sunday	5:06am, 5:20pm	11:35am, -----
Monday	5:44am, 5:56pm	12:03am, 12:19pm
Tuesday	6:20am, 6:30pm	12:42am, 1:02pm

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Dogs, Willie Nelson and correct grammar

Retired Spotlight editor Susan Graves dies at 66

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The obituary was short. Two paragraphs noted that Susan Graves had died, and not a lot more.

Her former colleague of 10 years Dev Tobin saw the irony for *The Spotlight* editor who had always taken such particular care with death notices in the paper.

"Obituaries are a person's last story, and Sue wanted to make sure they were correct and complete," Tobin said.

That attention to detail is one thing people remember about Graves, who died Wednesday, Feb. 3. Her nearly 20-year career at Spotlight Newspapers began as a reporter at one paper, and ended as executive editor of 12 papers. She'd often hand a corrected proof newspaper page back to a reporter with so much red ink on it that it looked bloodied.

"Sue had been a teacher before she was an editor," Tobin said. "She fit that into her editor's job seamlessly. She was exacting, and wanted things done right, but she was also patient. She was committed to fixing up the copy, then talking it through with reporters, showing them how to make a story lively and correct."

"She was fierce, passionate, smart and hilarious," said Michael



Sue Graves spent nearly 20 years at Spotlight Newspapers. She died Wednesday, Feb. 3.

Larabee, one of many who started their post-college careers as a reporter at *The Spotlight*. "She was also massively disorganized, but that was part of her charm."

After starting as a reporter in 1990, Larabee wanted to become a copy editor at *The Spotlight*.

"Sue wouldn't let me copy edit until I could turn in completely clean copy," Larabee said. "I'd always screw something up. I had a lot of trouble with the word 'its' and apostrophes, and Sue always made a fuss about the error. I thought she was making a bigger deal out of it than it warranted, when I'd turned in what I hoped was a great story. Her point was that it wasn't such a great story if a mistake took the reader's attention away from the subject matter."

Today, Larabee completely agrees that the little things are essential. He did become a copy editor at *The Spotlight*, and today, the former Voorheesville resident is the letters and local

opinions editor at *The Washington Post*.

Tobin and Larabee recalled that Graves was able to support the community while still maintaining objectivity. For many years, Graves worked only with the Bethlehem edition of *The Spotlight*.

"She had a good sense of news and what was going on in Bethlehem," Tobin said.

Former Bethlehem supervisors Ken Ringler and Sheila Fuller remember Graves' contributions to the town.

"We'd sit down every week, Sue, the reporter, and I," Ringler, who was supervisor from 1990 -

1993, said. "We had great conversations, shared a lot of opinions and had a lot of laughs. She would take me to task sometimes, and sometimes there were things I'd tell her I couldn't discuss. I didn't like everything she wrote, but she was always fair."

Fuller was a member of the Bethlehem school board when she first met Graves, and was later a town board member, then supervisor.

"Whenever I was running for office, I'd go in and meet with Sue," Fuller said. "She cared about everything going on in town and wanted to be well-versed on the issues. I was always pleased that she worked hard to get things covered as they should have been."

Ringler also recalled once seeing Graves outside of her professional life, where she was usually quiet and an intense listener.

"I was with Dick and Mary Ahlstrom, who used to own *The Spotlight*, at a Willie Nelson concert," Ringler recalled. "We were looking at the 20-somethings down in front, tossing things at Willie on stage, and I noticed

someone I knew. 'Isn't that Susan?' I asked the Ahlstroms, and watched their jaws drop."

Nelson was one of Graves' favorites, as was the female country singer Patsy Kline. Graves combined her passion for animals with her love of country music by naming her beloved Scottie dogs Willie and Patsy.

"The only thing we ever disagreed about was what breed of dog I should get," said Barbara Vink, the public information specialist at the Voorheesville Public Library. *The Spotlight* runs weekly columns from local libraries, and Vink recalled that Graves always made sure the Voorheesville library column was in the paper.

"Sue loved literature and reading; freedom of information and people's right to access that information," said Gail Sacco, director of the Voorheesville Library. "She understood that

libraries are an important place to get information, and she was always a champion of the library."

Sacco said she interacted with Graves not only as the library director, but as a resident of Bethlehem, in particular as a parent of children in the Bethlehem schools.

"We talked a lot and shared viewpoints," Sacco said. "If I called her, she'd always listen and consider my perspective. She was always diligent about understanding and presenting both sides. She had a lot of creativity and vision, and she really let it shine through the paper."

"She didn't hesitate to express her opinions," Vink said. "She had that gravelly voice, which made her seem like an old-time, cigar-smoking editor."

Current Bethlehem Supervisor Sam Messina got to know Graves more than 20 years ago, when he and John Smolinsky co-founded Bethlehem

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Matters of Opinion *in the* Spotlight

A community speaks

It's a welcome sight to see a community come together the way North Bethlehem neighbors did last Tuesday at a Bethlehem Planning Board meeting.

Around two dozen residents spoke against the Blessings Corner project, a development that would consist of 44 condominium units on Russell Road and a 2,900-square-foot Stewart's store, complete with gas pumps and 18 parking spaces, at the corner of Krumkill and Russell roads.

What was even more refreshing was that the arguments of the two dozen — and presumably of the more than 160 people that signed a petition against the development — went far beyond the “not in my backyard” argument that we at The Spotlight see too often.

Concerns ranged from traffic to taxes to “sense of community.” If there were anywhere someone could hang the NIMBY sign on the people who attended the meeting, we suppose it would be in regard to that last sentiment. But “sense of community” is important. It is the reason why people decide to move to an area and pay the taxes they do.

The project isn't entirely without merit.

The developers say the town would realize about \$32,000 in tax revenue from the development, whereas single-family homes in that area would only generate around \$19,000. That may be true, but here is something to consider: Condominiums are assessed at a rate that is less than fair market value. To be fair, the developer has been very upfront with this fact. And while it's true that road, sewer and other infrastructure maintenance, is usually covered by dues or a homeowner's fees, particularly costly services like ambulance, fire and police are not.

Some citizens said the area is already maxed out as far as gas stations go, but it's conceivable that anyone who's ever headed into Albany that way during peak hours could see a need for one more. Also, if Stewarts didn't think they could make money there, they wouldn't be interested. You don't build over 300 convenient stores in three states by putting them where no one will shop at them.

But here's the deal: The people don't want it. And we at The Spotlight feel that in this case, an angry constituency isn't worth the \$13,000 in extra tax revenue.

The Planning Board has until next month to submit a recommendation on the development to the Town Board. Based on what it saw last week, the recommendation shouldn't take that long to make.

Editorial

Let's talk about love

By SEAN AHERN
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There is no doubt that being single on Valentine's Day is one of the worst experiences any 20-year-old has to deal with. It comes only second to an even bigger slap in the face on Feb. 14 — conversation hearts.

“But Sean,” you might say as you hold your loved one near while deciding if your wedding announcement should make reference to your first date at the Albany JCC Dinner Dance, “for such a nice, witty and handsome man whom ladies obviously fawn over, why so serious about a few candy hearts on V-Day?”

I have my reasons. Most notably, they don't have an expiration date, they're most likely made of chalk factory residue, and I asked you to the homecoming dance Marcy Vanderwinkle and you never called me back! Probably you were hanging out with Mikey on the football team for some “extra studying.” I knew what you were up to, but I didn't say anything, noooo, because I knew you would come crawling back again and again and — whoops, um, anyway.

Emblazoned with “I love you,” “Kiss me,” “Fax me” and “Tweet me” the tasteless, odorless conversation hearts are given out by the ton during the season of love. They are also easily recycled. My mom has been using the same candy hearts since 1994. They are indestructible, devoid of nutrition and have been linked to the rise of the Sandinistas in Nicaragua in the 1980s.

OK, maybe not the last one.

Far be it for me to judge the modus operandi of the inventor of these lonely hearts. It's obvious that the original intent of these treats was to spread goodwill to others and make a few bucks on a phony holiday. But for me, they have always been the bad gift

Point of View

of the season, ranking slightly below socks as a Valentine's Day present.

Remember when you had to give out valentines to all of the kids in your elementary school classes? All your closest friends got the goods: caramel hearts, dark chocolate cupid's and the coolest Power Ranger cards, the ones that said, “Have a mighty MORPHIN' day!” with the Green Ranger striking some impossible pose.

But let me get to my point. You remember the kid who ate paste in your class, right? What did he get? The little conversation hearts that said, “You're swell” and the Blue Power Ranger card that said, “You're neat!”

Conversation hearts are given as a way of saying, “I don't want to leave you off the van, fifth wheel, but I appreciate your effort.”

For every cool card I got from my friends, it would crush my Donnie Osmand puppy-loving heart to get a pack of chalky hearts from my crush at the time. Be it Sasha Sobraski in fourth grade or the many who followed. It was a shot to the heart, and you're to blame. You gave love a bad name, Ms. Vanderwinkle.

I might be slightly jaded after 22 years' on this planet, 10 of which have been spent looking for young women to mingle with, but I know that a conversation heart on Valentine's Day is the pity gift among the mountains of chocolate hearts and romantic Hallmark cards doused with Tommy Hilfiger's newest fragrance.

Conversation hearts become conversation pieces as people get older and begin to find “their one true love,” and “the only one that understands me,” or “the lawyer from an Ivy League of my dreams.” It's always a fun to sit down to a drink or 12 with

friends who are in committed relationships and listen to how blissfully happy they are, while you order a milkshake with two straws for the invisible person next to you.

Recently, a friend of mine told me that she was having “the diamond talk” with the boyfriend of a mutual friend of ours. The “diamond talk,” for those of you who don't know, is the talk that a person has with those close to his significant other in order to figure out what kind of cut and shape the engagement ring's stone should be. I found this talk to be ludicrous because anyone who knows me knows that anyone I ever propose to will have to deal with the sight of a plastic Green Lantern ring as I go down on one knee.

It's not that I'm a jilted lover, although Ms. Vanderwinkle would make you think otherwise, it's more that I'm frustrated with my age group when it comes to dating. There are expectations set now when you go out for an evening on the town, you have to either be a CEO of a Fortune 500 company, a doctor saving the lives of children in the third world, or a rebel without a cause. I have come very close to printing out my resume in triplicate to hand out to possible dates in lieu of talking about myself four too many times than is necessary in a night. What we need is either A) real-life experience points, or B) small cards that everyone carries with them that tell us their minimum requirements. I would be completely fine to hear that someone needs me to have at least three references from former girlfriends, \$30,000-plus a year, and two years experience outside their parents' household before I can be considered for an interview, really.

I suppose what I am trying to say is while you cuddle your loved one Valentine's Day, remember the single, cold, outsiders who get the 6-year-old “fax me” conversational hearts trying to start up their OKCupid accounts.

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Last week's poll results:

Question: “Are local politics getting too vicious?”

- Absolutely. It's getting downright nasty.: 55 percent
- Absolutely not. I like my meetings a little spirited.: 30 percent
- Local politics? Why should I care?: 9 percent
- They are, but only in my town.: 4 percent

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Your Opinion in The Spotlight

Super must move Town board conducting 'politics as usual' beyond politics

Editor, *The Spotlight*:

I found the quotes from Town Supervisor Sam Messina in the Feb. 3 issue (*Super and board clash*, p.1) regarding my recent appointment to the Town Planning Board—"Messina characterized Rice as 'a friend of theirs,' referring to Town Board members—to be most unfortunate.

While I certainly do not wish to be drawn any further into a political war of words, I do feel obligated to set the record straight.

I'm troubled not by the supervisor's vote against me in a 4-to-1 confirmation, but by the dismissive and accusatory nature of his comment. In point of fact, I am friends with some of the Town Board members. Ironically, the one with whom I have been friends the longest is Sam Messina himself. I have known him for 30 years. We have been neighbors, friends, and our kids grew up together.

I was disappointed that Sam chose to "condemn" and portray my appointment as a "purely political" decision. During the selection process, he indicated to me that he might prefer a different candidate—certainly his prerogative—but added that under the right circumstances, he could support me, respected my judgment and believed I could be a solid addition to the Planning Board.

I am not a member of any political party's committee. As Sam knows, I was a Republican for many years. I previously worked in the State Senate, under then-Majority

Leader Warren Anderson, a Republican. Today, I am an enrolled Democrat. I apologize for neither affiliation.

As a lifelong resident of Bethlehem, I'm fortunate to count many people as my friends, regardless of their—or my—political persuasion or opinions. I have valued the friendship not only of Sam, but of the other members of the Town Board as well. They are, in my opinion, extremely dedicated and qualified individuals, as are my colleagues on the Planning Board.

But my interest in serving on the Planning Board was not, and is not, based on friendship or political preference. As I told Sam during an interview, it is based on a desire to give back to the town that has been my home; to help shape and secure the future of the community where I was raised, and where my wife and I chose to raise our own family. I presume, and certainly hope, that is the same reason all of our elected and appointed officials are involved in public service.

I think it is unfortunate that political acrimony has now apparently reached even to the level where it impacts an individual wishing to serve on the Planning Board. I sincerely hope this clears the air, and that everyone involved can now move beyond politics and recrimination, and work together to do what's best for our town.

That is certainly my intention.

Steve Rice
Bethlehem

Editor, *The Spotlight*:

In the first month of Supervisor Sam Messina's new term, the Bethlehem Town Board has already drawn a line in the sand. Supervisor Messina's outstretched hand of bipartisanship, cooperation, transparency has been felled away by his four fellow board members. Rather than living up to their sworn duty to best serve the public, they have begun their political gamesmanship.

At the Jan. 27 Town Board meeting, Sam Messina offered consideration of two potential persons to fill vacancies on the Planning Board. As a cost saving message, he suggested filling only one spot, to save \$5,000, as a way of fulfilling a campaign pledge of fiscal constraint, recognizing our citizens' financial hardships. However, he couldn't get

a second for his motion. Instead the board voted in two Democrat nominees—politics as usual.

At the same meeting, Councilman Kyle Kotary offered a resolution, promptly seconded, that effectively undermines Supervisor Messina's authority and compromises town department heads. Mr. Kotary proposed that a "liaison" be designated for each town department, with a Town Board member assigned to each.

Supervisor Messina had instead offered an alternative approach... having board members select an area of interest, such as capital projects, public safety, or economic development, and be the point person on that issue. Mr. Kotary's motion, which was adopted, is a thinly veiled crass political move to have the legislative

branch usurp the authority of the town's chief executive officer. In addition, it places the department heads in a compromising position having to answer to both, with failure to do so jeopardizing their jobs if the supervisor of a different party wins the next election.

The Spotlight plays a vital role in reporting on town government. While it must be accurate and fair, it must also recognize these political shenanigans for what they are and apprise the public. The public has a duty as well, to be engaged in the process, to attend a Town Board meeting at least quarterly and speak

out. There's an old saying in politics: "The people get the government they deserve."

We've all grown weary of political gridlock and partisan bickering. Last fall, I was proud to be on the same ticket as Sam Messina and know him to be a fair and reasonable man. I would hate to see his administration hijacked by political maneuverings that seek to bring back the past or position candidates for future higher office.

Town Board members, you were sent there to do a job, to serve the public—so do it.

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Your Opinion in The Spotlight

Kindness of neighbors much appreciated

Editor, *The Spotlight*:

Our beloved little dog was killed on Feb. 1 on the Elm Avenue extension.

We didn't realize he had escaped from our backyard fence and a car hit him. Whoever hit him didn't stop. But some very caring people did and our family would like to thank them.

Barb Riegel stopped as she past by on her way to Eagle Elementary and identified our dog. She came to our house and took our daughter to school, as I was frantic to try to help our dog.

Jeff Blanchard from the Department of Public Works also stopped. He covered our dog in his sweatshirt and he and another woman, whose name I did not get, stood by him until someone came to help. Jeff took me directly to the veterinarian to see if anything could be done, and then brought me home and tried to comfort me in my grief.

Thank you so much for stopping and caring. Your kindness and compassion to our dog and me were very much appreciated.

Karen Latter
Delmar

Help those who help others

Editor, *The Spotlight*:

Over the last month, our middle school students have coordinated a project called "Animals Without Borders," where they organized a collection of gently used, stuffed animals.

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G'land school board outlines super search

District wants to
'cast a wide net'

By RYAN MUNKS
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The man leading the search for the next superintendent of Guilderland schools said several times during a special meeting of the school board Tuesday, Feb. 2, that the goal is to "cast as wide of a net as possible."

"The idea is to encourage as many applicants as possible," said Charles S. Dedrick, superintendent of the Capital Region BOCES.

The board discussed qualification requirements, residency requirements, advertisement, salary, involvement of stakeholder groups, and the creation of a committee to coordinate the logistics of the search with BOCES.

Dedrick was appointed to lead the search in January, about a month after the Superintendent John McGuire announced that he would be retiring in July.

He joined BOCES Assistant Superintendent for Management Services Mark X. Jones to discuss the search process.

The meeting began with a presentation on succession planning by Lynn Wells, an instructional administrator for the district.

"A succession plan is critical to maintaining improvement," said Wells. "The day of the superintendent being here 30 years is no longer."

According to Wells, a succession plan involves setting a long-term course for the school district that will transcend different administrations. Wells said that succession planning

is common in health-care and the business fields.

Dedrick said he agreed, but he warned against adopting a succession plan of the "crown prince" method, where one person is designated as the "heir apparent."

School Board President Richard Weisz said the district is looking to have an open process in

salary range prompted the most spirited discussion of the night.

Dedrick said that the superintendent's pay at about \$175,000 is "at the going rate right now."

Board member Barbara Fraterrigo asked whether the board should keep the salary range so high, considering the economic climate, and board

"\$175,000, commensurate with experience."

In discussing the preferred academic credentials of the new superintendent, Dedrick said that requirements beyond what is recommended by the state would limit the number of candidates.

"Any time you put a filter in, you limit the amount of people who apply," he said.

The board also discussed the involvement that stakeholder groups would have in determining the new superintendent.

Dedrick suggested the stakeholder groups be used to identify issues in the district, and the board should then flesh out which candidates can best address those issues.

He said he has had varying degrees of success with stakeholder groups in the past.

"We have done stakeholder groups where no one has shown up, and we have done stakeholder groups where 100 people have shown up," said Dedrick.

Finally, a four-person committee of board members Catherine Barber, Barbara Fraterrigo, Emilio Genzano and Colleen O'Connell, was created to help coordinate the logistics of the search with BOCES and to review applicants.

According to a tentative timeline, the board expects to select a new superintendent in June and have the new candidate start in August or September.

"It's an aggressive timeline" said Dedrick.

He said so far three candidates who are interested in the position have contacted BOCES.

"It's a very good sign, the buzz is out there that the job is open," said Dedrick.

The following is the timeline that details the superintendent selection process. Exact dates are to be determined.

- February: Advertising of the position and mailing materials
- March/April: Stakeholder forums
- May 2: Deadline for applications to be postmarked (Applications will be reviewed as submitted)
- May (early): First round of interviews
- May (mid/late): Interviews by Stakeholder groups
- May (late): Feedback to Board of Education
- June (early): Selection of top candidate(s) for more extensive interview(s) by Board of Education, if necessary
- June: Visitation to the School District of the top candidate, if necessary
- June: Appointment of new superintendent
- August/September: Employment of new superintendent

searching for the next superintendent, with the district considering both internal and external candidates.

"There is no crown princess, or prince," he said.

In discussions about residency requirement, the board decided that the next superintendent will not be required to live in the district, although, according to Weisz, the board "wants a superintendent that has a high visibility," and lives close enough to maintain that presence.

The wording of the

member Emilio Genzano questioned the inclusion of a salary range at all.

"Guilderland is a complicated district with a lot of responsibility," said Dedrick.

The key, Dedrick said, is using the word "range," which would avoid locking the board into a specific number.

"In my world these salaries are low," said Weisz. "It's too much work for what we want to pay these people."

The board eventually decided that the wording of the salary range in the job listing would say



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A concert with 'pop'

G'land high schoolers perform at annual fundraiser

By RYAN MUNKS
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On Saturday, Feb. 6, young Guilderland musicians performed at the high school's annual pops concert, which featured 400 performers from the school's choir, bands and orchestras.

According to Pam Travers, president of Guilderland Music, Parents, and Friends, the pops performance is "the one concert that involves all high school music groups."

The theme for the concert changes from year to year. Last year it was "Pops Goes to Broadway." This year, it was "Pops Goes to the Movies."

Kathleen Ehlinger, the band's conductor, said students and teachers brainstormed ideas for the performance in the beginning of the school year, and eventually decided on the movies theme. The students began to practice in November, and rehearsals continued up until the Friday before concert.

Paul Travers, a 17-year-old junior at the high school, has taken part in the annual concert since his freshman year. He currently sings in the choir and plays in the wind ensemble and symphony orchestra. The day before the concert, he described the attention the students devote to the effort.

"It's always a very exciting time. We play music that's well known to the public," said Travers.

He said the fact that the music performed at the concert is so well known to the public adds to intensity of the preparation.

"If we screw up, people know because they know the music," he said.

Joshua Palagyi, a 16-year-old junior at the high school, said "the cool thing about 'Pops' is every group performs."

On the day of the concert, parents, teachers and students set up tables and decorations in an effort to convert the high school gym into a cabaret, complete with waiters and waitresses and refreshments.

The "Pops" concerts began in 1971 and were originally performed at Farnsworth Middle School, however the concert eventually moved to the high school because of the need for additional space.



Choir Director Ray Teeder leads the choir through a last minute rehearsal a day before the "Pops" concert.

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"The concert itself is a tradition in the district," said Lee Russo, conductor of the high school's jazz band.

Russo conducted the jazz band through two numbers, "Mack the Knife" and the theme from "The Flintstones."

"I'm always impressed with how well the community comes together and how the community supports the music department," Lori Hershenhart, director of music for the district, said.

According to Hershenhart, the concert is all the more important considering the budget cuts that school districts are facing.

"It's a difficult fiscal time, we are of course concerned, which is why at a time like this it's more important to come together as a community,"

she said.

"Of course we worry about losing the arts because of budget cuts," said Lee.

He said the arts are an essential part of a high school student's education, equal to that of science or math.

"There are so many studies done that say those who perform music, score higher in other areas," he said.

Between \$5,000 and \$6,000 was raised at the concert. The money will go to "scholarships, music enrichment programs, and to help kids with their finances as they go to festivals."

She also said that Guilderland Music, Parents, and Friends will hold additional fundraisers throughout the school year to benefit the district's music department.



Vocal soloist Cecilia Snow performs alongside the high school's wind ensemble directed by Kathleen Ehlinger.

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Libraries voice budget concerns

Officials decry proposed reductions

By CHARLES WIFF
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Few organizations whose budget is dependent on state spending are happy with Gov. David Paterson's 2010 budget proposal, and that includes those synonymous with the word free: libraries.

Paterson's proposal calls for a 2.76 percent reduction in library aid payments, or a \$2.4 million cut, that would bring total library funding to \$84.45 million. The governor is calling for reductions in most areas of state spending.

New York Library Association Executive Director Michael Borges testified on Tuesday, Feb. 2, before the State Joint Legislative Budget Hearing on Education that the cuts would reduce library aid to below 1998 levels, and would be the fifth time since April 2008 that library aid has been cut — an 18 percent reduction.

"We've already done our part to address the state's deficit," Borges

said in a later interview. "The funding cuts are beginning to create great stress on libraries and library systems."

Nancy Pieri, director of the Bethlehem Public Library, said library aid reductions probably won't directly impact her library's budget, but the effects on the Upper Hudson Library System could be felt locally.

"We would be able to accommodate those cuts," she said of the budget proposal. "But what I can't accommodate is for my system to go broke."

This year's Bethlehem Public Library Budget calls for \$22,000 in state aid, down more than \$4,000 from last year.

The Upper Hudson Library System runs an interlibrary loan program, online databases and catalogues and provides technical support services — all expensive endeavors. If the system must discontinue the services, costs will likely be passed on to local libraries and taxpayers might end up footing the bill, said Borges, who is also a Guiderland Public Library trustee.

"A good segment of library aid goes to the library systems, which provide the connection and the backbone of individual libraries," he said. "There's a lot of cost savings involved to the libraries ... the state created these library systems for that very reason."

The Guiderland Public Library's state aid has been reduced from about \$10,000 in 2007 to \$8,000 this year.

Philip Ritter, executive director of the Upper Hudson Library System, said library systems have been dealing with shrinking budgets for years. Eighty-five percent of the UHLS's budget is comprised of state aid (the rest is from federal grants and income from leasing out parts of its office building).

"Funding has been a constant problem," Ritter said. "We can only spend what money we have, so once we know what the state's going to give us for the year we determine our budget."

Since he took the post 10 years ago, the UHLS has gone from employing 17 to 10, Ritter said.

Library supporters said of all the times to cut library funding, now is one of the worst. Libraries generally see increased use in times of economic strife, as families look to cut back on discretionary spending and the unemployed and underemployed flock into libraries to use Internet connections, browse the classifieds or get help building a resume.

"Our use has really taken a big jump since last year, its busy in here all the time," Pieri said. "Public access computers are being used constantly."

Borges likened libraries to social services like food banks and unemployment insurance, and said it can be used to battle the job crisis by providing training and job-hunting resources. He called the proposed cuts "penny wise but pound foolish" for this reason.

"Libraries are now part of that safety net network," he said.

Paterson recently announced his initial budget proposal had misestimated this year's deficit by \$750 million, and he insinuated the money would be made up with further reductions. The governor was due to re-examine the budget in his 21-day amendments due out Tuesday, Feb. 9, after *The Spotlight* went to print.

"I wouldn't be surprised if the governor's budget could incur more cuts to libraries," Borges said.

Paterson in past weeks has made reining in spending the drumbeat of his public presence, saying the state needs to seek out significant reductions if it wishes to remain solvent.

Taxpayers vote on local library budgets along with school budgets in May.

G'land: Too late for appraisal

Diner assessment a point of contention in otherwise routine Town Board meeting

By RYAN MUNKS
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The unanimous approval of the three items on the agenda at the Tuesday, Feb. 2, meeting of the Guiderland Town Board was a departure from the usual 3-to-2 split along party lines. The most contentious topic at Tuesday's meeting was an item that wasn't even on the agenda: releasing money for the court-ordered appraisal of the Metro Diner.

On Tuesday, the town voted to dedicate 191 acres of land to the Albany Pine Bush Preserve, authorized the highway superintendent to bid for supplies, and authorized the superintendent of the transfer station to bid for the removal of waste from the station.

The business-as-usual mood changed, however, later in the meeting when Councilman Mark Grimm introduced a proposal to have Capstone Appraisal Group Inc. do the appraisal of the Metro Diner. Grimm said the firm could do the work for less than GAR Associates and have it completed by the March 1 deadline.

A resolution to have GAR Associates prepare the court-ordered appraisal in a tax assessment challenge for the property, located at 1709 Western Ave., was first addressed by the Town Board at its Tuesday, Jan. 20, meeting.

Councilmen Grimm and Warren Redlich abstained from the

vote, saying they were not given enough information to make a decision, blocking that measure due to the absence of Councilman Paul Pastore.

"I was able to come up with an appraisal from a reputable local firm that's a lower appraisal and a more positive alternative to the proposal that was presented to the board," said Grimm.

Supervisor Ken Runion said that the proposal was not included on the Feb. 2 agenda because it is now too late to have the appraisal completed before the Monday, March 1, deadline.

"I don't see any reason to revisit it," Runion said before the meeting.

When asked if the appraisal could have been done in time if the board had revisited the issue at the Feb. 2 meeting, Town Assessor John J. Macejka said, "No way."

According to the proposal for appraisal services submitted to Grimm by Capstone, dated Jan. 31, the firm would charge \$4,500 and have the appraisal ready prior to the March 1 deadline.

Runion said Grimm did not present the proposal to the board in time for the board to give it consideration. He said Grimm sent the e-mail about the proposal "sometime around or after 4 p.m." on the day of the meeting. Grimm said the e-mail was sent at 3:54 p.m.

Runion said Grimm's attempt to undercut bids solicited by the town is "possibly illegal but certainly not a good practice."

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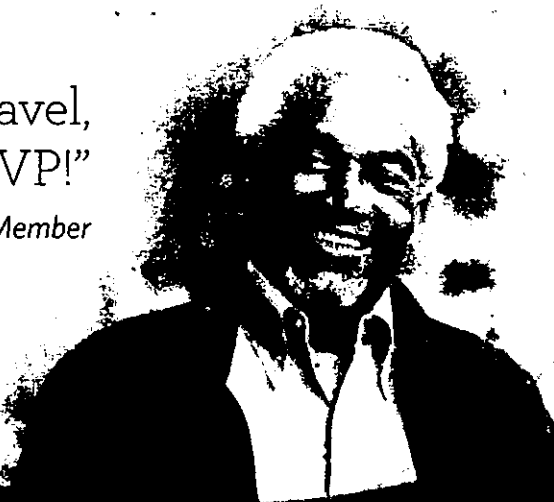
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BC sports teams play cash-strapped seasons

Next year's budget unlikely to offer relief

By CHARLES WIFF
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Few would question the tenacity and dedication of Bethlehem Central's student athletes, but if there's one thing the 2009-10 sports seasons have shown, it's that their parents and fellow community members can be just as hard working.

Despite deep budget cuts this year that impacted everything from after school clubs to bus routes, athletic teams that practice and compete off district property that had their funding for facility rental removed will be finishing full seasons thanks to community efforts that closed the gaps.

BC Superintendent Michael Tebbano said the district worked closely with parents and booster clubs last year to make sure they would be able to do fundraising before making the cuts.

"It was one of the plans the [school] board had last year in dealing with the difficult budget we had," he said, adding that the reductions were necessary to avoid cutting teams outright.

Similar support has developed for co-curricular clubs and

musical activities.

The BC Ice Hockey Team had its \$21,000 facility rental funding removed from the 2009-20 budget, but will be playing its final regular season game Saturday, Feb. 13, before moving on to playoffs as it completes one of its most successful seasons in years under the leadership of first-year head coach Andre Rodrigue, who attributed the program's survival to the hockey booster club.

"The boosters have done a lot," he said. "It hasn't been easy, but it's given the kids and the boosters a sense of ownership of the team this year."

BC Hockey Booster Club member David Taillon said fundraising has been the club's focus all year.

"It's like eating an elephant, we didn't do one thing that just raised the money," he said.

The booster club has organized a golf tournament, car washes and a raffle that will be drawn at the Senior Night game on Saturday, where the 23-member team's eight seniors will be honored. One can also support the team by shopping on Amazon.com. Going to the site through the team's Web site at varsity.bethlehemhockey.org means that the team

gets a cut of the purchase price.

This season isn't the first time the hockey team has dealt with a budget shortfall. The entire program was struck from the 2007-08 school year budget for a \$35,000 savings. The booster club raised enough to keep the players on the ice, but it's a reminder that things could still get worse.

"We expect hockey to be another target," Taillon said. "We're already thinking ahead to next year to try to anticipate the need to raise even more funding than we did this year."

The district is still paying for coaching, transportation and officials for all sports. Many other athletics expenses, such as money for new uniforms and night games, were deferred or removed.

The hockey team practices and plays at the Bethlehem YMCA. As a nonprofit entity, the YMCA wouldn't be able to eliminate the ice fees for the team, said Bethlehem YMCA Programming Director Curtis Hovey, but after looking into the legalities decided to allow the boosters to fundraise at games through 50/50 raffles and other means.

"We couldn't reduce the ice fees because we're in the same boat as they

are," Hovey said. "We were able to allow them to do that inside."

Hovey declined to discuss details of the ice fee structure.

As in previous years, the boosters also collect the ticket take (\$3 general, \$2 for students) and run a concession stand at the games. The hockey team plays 12 regular season home games and practices five times a week at the YMCA.

Various area groups and businesses have made it a point to lend a helping hand to the team. On Monday, Feb. 1, Gregory's Barbershop in Delmar raised \$715 through a four-hour fundraiser during which proceeds and donations from 40 haircuts were pooled.

It's the community's willingness to give that makes such events worthwhile, said owner Gregory Zorian.

"We had a really good turnout," he said. "They really came out and supported it, it was nice to see."

Teams with smaller facility budgets—the golf and bowling teams—also funded their seasons through community support and parental efforts. The golf team saw its \$1,690 greens fees budget eliminated, while the bowling team's \$3,500

facility rental budget was cut.

Marv Sontz is not only the coach of the BC bowling team, but co-owner of the team's practice and competition facility: Del Lanes in Delmar.

Boosters, parents and players have been working to raise money through car washes, raffles and selling discounted Del Lanes gift cards, but Sontz said he'll probably only realize half of the rental price that used to be paid by the district.

"It won't make the nut, no, there's no way," he said. "There's only so much kids can do."

The bowling team was 10-5 for the season as of press time.

35 boys and girls participate in BC bowling teams. Sontz said bowling is a sport that's rapidly growing in popularity among young players, and there are even scholarships emerging for top players.

"Bowling's a sport that kids can do who might not be able to play football or basketball," Sontz said.

Sontz said he would provide Del Lanes for the team's use even if no money could be raised to cover the expense.

"I would never, never drop the bowling team," he said. "We do what we have to do to keep these

kids in the sports."

Other booster clubs are raising money to better their programs. The BC Swimming and Diving Booster Club recently raised \$17,000 to purchase an electronic timing system and scoreboard for the high school pool.

BC is entering another problematic budget process, and is faced with closing a \$2.5 million gap brought about by rising costs and reduced state aid.

Tebbano said like last year, the district will strive to make cuts across the board so no one program bears the brunt of the hard times, and estimated athletics funding could be reduced by \$75,000 or more.

He spoke of the district's emphasis on provided a full-fledged extracurricular experience for students, but said schools everywhere are in an unenviable position.

"Unfortunately, the rules of the game have changed due to this budget crisis of the last couple years," he said.

The Board of Education will be examining different areas of the budget in coming weeks as they prepare a 2010-11 budget. The board is scheduled to examine athletics and other topics at a budget workshop on March 17.

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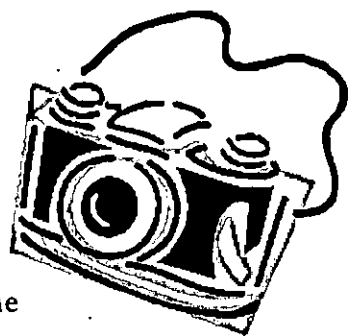
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Library plans photography program

We welcome back Kathy Montgomery, owner and operator of LTF Tech, for a program on The Art of Photography. She will discuss composition — subjects like the "rule of thirds," symmetry, lines, framing, candid portraits, and the right moment to snap a picture. Join us on Sunday, Feb. 21, from 2 to 4 p.m. This is not a "hands-on" workshop; no registration is required.



caregivers to ask questions of knowledgeable resources from Cornell Cooperatives Extension, early literacy specialists, and members of the health care community, while their children enjoy free play, an art activity, and parachute play. Each Wednesday from Feb. 24 to March 24 between 10:15 to 11:30 a.m., we will host a different specialist. The workshops are for children up to 3 years old and a parent or caregiver.

We request that you attend three of the five sessions. Register for this program at the reference desk.

Real estate seminar

With the extension of the Homebuyer's Tax Credit, you may be considering purchasing real estate. Learn about the process from pre-approval to closing from local agent Jill Jackson of Keller Williams Capital District at a program in our series REAL LIFE 101: Home Sweet Home on Wednesday, Feb. 24, at 7 p.m.

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Family storytime

Family Evening Storytime on Feb. 23 at 6:30 p.m. will be all about zoo animals.

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Vacation programs

Kids can sign up for School's Out — Library's In vacation programs:

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- Open Play Time for ages 18 months to 4 years on Thursday, Feb. 18, at 10:30 a.m.
- "Girls' Night Out" Pajama Party on Friday, Feb. 19, from 6 to 10 p.m. Grades six and up.

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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

IN BRIEF

Historical group 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 is "The Roaring 20's: Dolls in the Image of Famous '20's Personalities." All are welcome and refreshments will be served.

Club to hold breakfast

The Menands St. Patricks Club will hold a Sweetheart Breakfast on Feb. 28 from 8 a.m. to noon at the Menands Firehouse, located at 250 Broadway in Menands.

The breakfast will include eggs, pancakes, bacon, sausage, corned beef hash, home fries, Irish soda bread, danishes, donuts, coffee, tea and juice. The breakfast is \$7 for adults, \$6 for seniors, \$5 for children 5 years and older, and free for children

under age 5.

For information, call 463-5196.

Adoptive Families plans workshop

Adoptive Families of the Capital Region, Inc. is sponsoring a workshop entitled "Adoption & the Schools," on Monday, Feb. 22, at 7 p.m. at the McKownville United Methodist Church in Guiderland.

The workshop is free of cost and reservations are not required. Children are not allowed at this meeting. For information call 448-5295.

AARP chapter to hold meeting

The Guiderland AARP chapter #980 will hold a meeting at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 23, at Christ Lutheran Church on Western Avenue in Albany.

After the meeting, Denise Schultz, representing the Western Turnpike Rescue Squad will give a talk about emergency services. It is requested that participants bring items for the food pantry.

For information, call Jane McCormick at 456-0324.

Five Rivers slates climate program

Five Rivers will hold a program on the impacts of climate change Saturday, Feb. 20, at 10 a.m.

Five Rivers naturalists will discuss the current status of climate change science and the anticipated impacts of increasing carbon emissions.

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Past

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Though he didn't stay involved for life, Kapner, now 92, recalls his Scouting days fondly.

"I feel that through Scouts that I met a lot of nice people, and I had some good friends that I kept up with afterwards," he said. "I felt that it gave me something to do and to be."

He's donating his collection of photographs taken during this time to the Twin Rivers Council, headquartered in Albany, which has struck a deal with the New York State Museum for storage of the organization's extensive collection of memorabilia, and also a display this year to commemorate the BSA centennial.

"We will catalogue them, they are working on putting a display together for us, and they're going to put it together so it's a rotating display," said Steve Silverman, director of support services for the Twin Rivers Council.

Kapner's photos will be donated to the National Scouting Museum in Irving, Texas, when the display in Albany ends. He also recently recorded an oral account of his time in the Scouts for the museum, which will be archived for posterity.

This won't be the first time Kapner has been in-

involved in a BSA anniversary. In 1931, he and a number of other Eagle Scouts met then-Gov. Franklin D. Roosevelt to present him with a ceremonial award to commemorate the club's 21st anniversary.

Kapner attained the rank of Eagle Scout in one and a half years, which is far faster than it takes now. Today, aspiring Eagle Scouts must complete community service projects, among other things.

"I think that's a great idea. We didn't have anything like that back then," Kapner said. "I think that Scouting has changed some."

Kapner said the best memories he has of Scouting are summers spent at Pioneer Camp at Big Moose Lake in the Adirondacks and Camp Hawley near Kinderhook. He attended Pioneer Camp in 1931 for two weeks at a cost of \$7.50 per week.

"It would be great if every Scout could go through it," he said. "The only way we could get to our camp was a 2-mile canoe trip, and we didn't have any buildings — we slept in tents."

The Scouts spent time clearing trails and performing other outdoors tasks.

Kapner said his Scouting experience served him well when he enlisted in the Army in 1943. His three-year service as a

radioman took him to Europe to fight in World War II, including the Battle of the Bulge.

"Scouting helped me. I felt it was a big help," he said. "I had no problem with the drilling and the routines and the disciplines."

National Scouting Museum Assistant Curator Gail Mayfield has been gathering oral histories, including Kapner's, from across the country in preparation for the 100th anniversary. She said the response has been so strong she plans to leave the project open so it can continue to grow.

"Initially, the project was basically a local project," she said. "But I said, we really need to be having stories from Scouters all over the United States."

She plans to put the database of stories online.

"What I'm hoping is that I'm going to be able to have a section on the Web site itself where people can upload the stories as transcribed," she said.

Mayfield said Kapner's photo album would be added to the museum's permanent collection.

For more information on area Scouting events during the BSA centennial, visit the Twin Rivers Council at www.bsa.siigroup.com.

K

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ing all the paperwork in the last four years for this funding."

Tebbano said he would be visiting the Capitol and meeting with legislators in coming weeks to lobby for the payment of the grant. Now that full day K is implemented and a success, however, he said there are no plans to turn back.

"The FDK program is going to succeed, but the insult is they want us to put the burden back on the school district," he said.

Slingerlands Principal Heidi Bonacquist said the full day program has been well received by kindergarten teachers, who appreciate the extra time they can spend on every activity from reading to math, to simply getting children dressed to go home in the winter.

"It's just a much more relaxed atmosphere. It makes the teachers less stressed and in turn the children less stressed," she said.

Having more instructional time each day means that the district's reading specialists have more time to interact with kindergarten classes—30 minutes a day five times a week instead of just three—said Elementary English Lan-

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Slingerlands Principal Heidi Bonacquist

guage Arts Supervisor Patty Skiba.

The reading specialists will not only hold small group work sessions with students, but also collaborate with teachers in lesson planning.

"They're finding a little bit more time to do that planning," Skiba said.

The specialists have also made it possible to administer the standardized English Language Proficiency Test to all kindergarten students, which helps to identify students who need extra help early on and provide them with one-on-one support.

"It's really better to jump in early on," when it comes to reading comprehension, Skiba said.

Bonacquist said having reading specialists available at every building has made a huge difference in instruction, and asked that the school board keep that in mind as they approach a budgeting process that might include layoffs.

"It's a huge, critical component of the success of our full day K program," she said.

BC Chief Business and Financial Officer Judith Kehoe at Wednesday's meet-

ing made a presentation regarding the workings of the Business Office.

With nine employees including Kehoe, the Business Office handles issuing approximately 28,000 paychecks annually to the district's 1,100 employees. The office also fills around 8,000 vendor payments a year and spends 200 man-hours on state and federal reporting annually, Kehoe said.

"Those kind of volumes make the nine of us very busy," she said.

The Business Office also plays a large role in preparing the budget and the contractual bargaining process. Kehoe noted BC is unusual amongst school districts in that there is no dedicated human resources department. Instead, that work is spread among administrators.

Having a single person to cover HR matters would be a great help to her staff, Kehoe said, but she acknowledged the district's fiscal position.

"It isn't really even possible given budget constraints to even think about getting there," she said.

County gets grant for feasibility study

Bethlehem, New Scotland, Voorheesville submitted letters of support

Albany County, with support from 20 local communities, was awarded a \$49,500 grant from the New York State Department of State Local Government Efficiency Grant Program to support a Solid Waste Management Authority feasibility study for the Capital Region.

"There is tremendous need and potential to develop a more cost effective and environmentally friendly waste management system," County Executive Mike Breslin said. "Currently, there are eight solid waste management units in a seven county area. Working together, we can increase recycling, reduce waste, improve efficiency and save money."

The feasibility study is timely for the region as the City of Albany landfill has reached capacity and the Town of Colonie landfill will reach capacity in a decade.

The study will research the economics and viability of a solid waste management authority for the region; assess the

status of recycling efforts; provide a comparison of disposal methods; and analyze various waste treatment technologies. The total cost for the study is estimated to be \$55,000.

Public input will be a critical component of the study. Albany County will establish a steering committee and advisory committee consisting of representatives from municipalities in the Capital Region, establish a project Web site and develop an e-mail list to keep the public informed of our progress. The study will take about one year to complete.

The grant application included Schoharie County as a co-applicant and letters of support from the Capital District Regional Planning Commission; the Eastern Rensselaer Solid Waste Management Authority; Rensselaer County; Cities of Albany, Cohoes, Watervliet, Rensselaer; Towns of Bethlehem, New Scotland, Berne, Rensselaerville, Poestenkill, Clifton Park, Schaghticoke, East Schodack and Grafton; and the Villages of Altamont, Green Island, Menands and Voorheesville.



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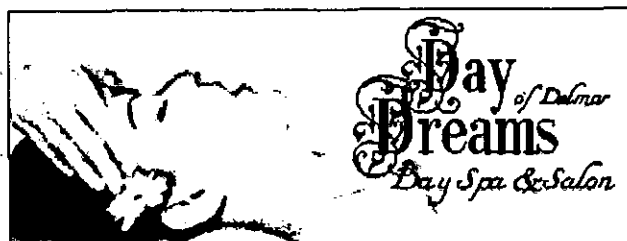
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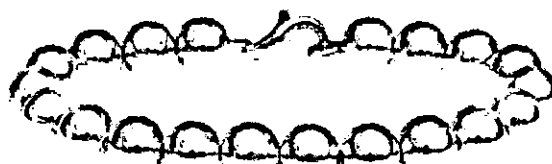
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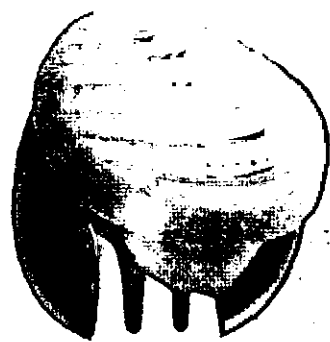
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Entertainment *in the* Spotlight



Albany Symphony celebrates eight decades

By ALYSSA JUNG
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The Albany Symphony Orchestra got a big present for its 80th birthday this year. It was chosen to join six other orchestras from around the country to perform at Carnegie Hall as part of the inaugural "Spring For Music" festival in May 2011.

"It's validation of a lot of what we've been putting in place over the years. Carnegie is really a celebration of the most creative orchestras in the country, and we're one of them," said David Alan Miller, Albany Symphony music director for 17 years.

Selected orchestras were deemed "the most innovative and creative orchestras in the country" for their work on and off the stage. Albany Symphony has prided itself on embodying this for decades, and that innovation is what Miller said makes directing so rewarding.

"We think it's our core mission to serve our community, so we do with the music we play and institutions we collaborate with," said Miller. "Something we've been very proud of is outreach and community involvement. That makes me want to come back each year and involve even more people in our activities. The funny thing is, you see the public face of [Albany Symphony] in the concerts we put on, but probably 80 percent of our programs are beneath the public radar."

Miller said he's planning to find a way to get friends, subscribers and donors to New York City for the Carnegie Hall debut.

Beside putting on special themed performances throughout the year, the orchestra coordinates extensive education outreach programs at schools across the region. For its 80th season, it has collaborations with Capital Rep, Albany Pro Musica and ESYO on board, as well as concerts that will

Orchestra will perform at Carnegie Hall in 2011



feature world-renowned classical musicians.

Miller said that he is most proud of the family concert series — the next one is March 7 at the Palace Theatre — where he dresses as "Cowboy Dave," and the orchestra's recordings, which he said give young composers a

taste of fame.

"We have a whole bunch of beautiful recordings of American music that otherwise might not have been recorded. We reach out and explore new music in the works of young composers. We champion them in a way other orchestras simply don't," said Miller. "Nationally and internationally, we commission and play pieces by emerging writers and are working towards creating a composer education program that will further reach out to them. We want to help develop a whole new generation."

Exposing "the next Beethoven" isn't the only way Albany Symphony tangles with young musicians. For years, its Magic of Christmas concert has been a community favorite and engaged local children in a valuable way.

"Collaboration with professional musicians is really important and the chance to work side by side [with them] is really neat for the kids," said Noel Liberty, director of The

Music Studio.

Students from the school, which has been around for more than 30 years, have performed on Orff instruments at the concert for four years. There was no holiday music written for the xylophones, so Liberty had some specially created by a composer who writes for, *Prairie Home Companion*.

"The fact it's live music is really important, as is the relationship with the symphony. The musicians really treat the kids as professional musicians. I don't know if people realize how lucky [the Capital District] is to have an accessible symphony that goes out of its way to visit schools and make themselves a part of the community," said Liberty.

Her students also entertain in the lobby before family concerts by singing and playing Orff instruments and the piano. Miller said getting Music Studio kids involved in this way feeds into how he views music.

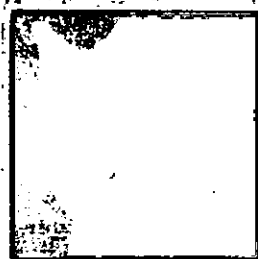
"Besides listening, the most fun thing about music

is actually playing it. I'm a big believer in experiential learning. If you experience something firsthand you'll learn, appreciate and enjoy it far more than looking from afar," said Miller. "The arts are all about putting art in people's hands, particularly young people because that's how they develop a deep love for it."

Albany Symphony has a full 2010-2011 schedule already planned and is offering special subscription prices to celebrate 80 years. Some of the highlights of its celebratory season are a concert centered around "A Midsummer Night's Dream," a 50th birthday bash for Miller and appearances by world class musicians like Yefim Bronfman, David Krakauer and Dame Evelyn Glennie. The 80th concert season begins Sept. 11 at Troy Savings Bank Music Hall.

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COURTNEY BLACKWELL

Acoustic guitarist and singer, Feb. 13, 7

p.m., Emack and Bolio's, 366 Delaware Ave., Albany, free. Information, 512-5100.

ROB JONAS AND FRIENDS

Roots rock band, with opening act Justin Joseph, Feb. 13, 7 p.m., Emack and Bolio's Uptown, Town Center Plaza, 1704 Western Ave., Guilderland, free. Information, 250-4196.

PROFESSOR "LOUIE" AND THE CROWMATTX

Woodstock-based rock/blues band celebrates Valentine's Day Mardis Gras style, Feb. 13, 8 p.m., WAMC Performing Arts Studio, 339 Central Ave., Albany, adults \$15, students \$10. Information, 465-5233, ext. 4.

JOHN DOYLE AND KAREN CASEY

Irish music duo, Feb. 14, 7 p.m., Cafe Lena, 47 Phila St., Saratoga Springs, advance tickets \$22, door price \$24. Information, 583-0022.

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 Archaeological 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 Orlyk, 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.

SARATOGA AUTOMOBILE MUSEUM

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

TANG TEACHING MUSEUM AND GALLERY

"Lives of the Hudson," through March 14; "Lives of the Hudson," through April 25; "Fred Tomaselli," through June 6; Skidmore College, 815 North Broadway, Saratoga Springs. Information, 580-8080.

CLARK ART INSTITUTE

"Material Witnesses: Photographs of Things," through April 11; "Constable and After: Sir Edwin Manton and the British Landscape," through June 23; 225 South St., Williamstown, Mass. Information, (413) 458-9545.

THE HYDE COLLECTION

"An Enduring Legacy: American Impressionist Landscape Paintings from the Thomas Clark Collection," through March 28; "Divided by a Common Language? British and American Works from the Murray Collection," through Feb. 28; 161 Warren St., Glens Falls. Information, 792-1761.

ARKELL MUSEUM

"Walter Wick: Games, Gizmos and Toys in the Attic," through Feb. 15; Canajoharie School District Student Exhibition,

through March 28; plus "Arkell's Inspiration: the Marketing of Beech-Nut and Art for the People," ongoing; Canajoharie. Information, 673-2314.

Call for Artists

HILLTOWN PLAYERS

Holding auditions for its spring dinner theater comedy production of "Spirit!" Feb. 22 and 23, Berne Reformed Church, Route 443, Berne, casting for five women and three men. Information, 872-9455.

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.

ETUDE CLUB

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

SARATOGA ARTS

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

CLIFTON PARK COMMUNITY CHORUS

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

CAPITLAND CHORUS

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

TANGO FUSION DANCE COMPANY

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

ADIRONDACK PASTEL SOCIETY

Seeking new artists that work in pastels, meetings are the first Tuesday of every month at the Dave Francis Gallery, the

Shirt Factory, Glens Falls. Programs, artist demonstrations and exhibitions are planned throughout the year. Information, 793-9309 or 793-9350.

DELMAR

COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA

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

COLONIE TOWN BAND

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

COLONIE CENTENNIAL BRASS CHOIR

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

SUBURBAN SOUNDS COMMUNITY CHORUS

Openings in mixed chorus, rehearsals

Sundays at 7 p.m. at Lynnwood Reformed Church, Route 146, Guilderland. Information, 861-8000.

FRIENDSHIP SINGERS

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

A CAPPELLA

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

SIENA CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

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

SIENA COMMUNITY CHORALE

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

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Weekly Crossword

ACROSS

- Magician's word
- Peevishness
- Hacks
- Swit co-star
- City in Judah
- Famed NBA center
- Restrict
- With great ease
- Bach's "Coffee _____"
- Appetite
- Diminutive ending
- Like unripe fruit
- "Once upon _____"
- Fell in torrents
- Circle segment
- Pulley attachment
- "Three Lives" writer Gertrude
- Sheep, sometimes
- Littoral region
- Soak through
- Mamma _____!
- Light plane
- Besieged Gulf War city
- Remain stationary at sea
- Pro _____
- "Wild Bill" Donovan's

erstwhile agency

- Looking like a rake?
- New-mother's celebration
- Kind of mate
- Kate's-TV partner
- Iris' place
- Birthplace of Ceres
- Optician's product
- Act the demagogue
- Impart

DOWN

- Parisian oasis
- Olive genus
- "Descent of _____"
- Chinese gambling game
- Topped
- Toward the core
- Medieval love poem
- Clio relative
- Football ritual
- Novelist Radcliffe
- Mohammedan princess
- Room for René
- Pipe cleaner?
- Intended
- Duffer's dream
- Scottish biographer

James

- Kind of worm
- Carpentry tool
- Jocular Johnson
- Cupcake topper
- Itty-bitty
- Easy victory
- One of five Great ones
- Wash's partner
- Devilkins
- Emotional disorders
- Airport info.
- Cut _____: be showy
- "My Sister _____": 1955 film
- Direct taunts toward
- New Mexico's _____ Lake
- Small bite
- "_____ that you can be": USA slogan
- Mosey
- TV Guide abbr.
- Whiskey _____
- Actress Skye
- Onetime Georgia Senator Sam
- Pleased
- Yang's opposite
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Out

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Project engineer Daniel Hershberg of Hershberg & Hershberg said the condos would likely be about \$300,000 on average for the 1,200-to-1,500-square-foot units. If the project is approved within the year, full build out is projected by 2014, he said.

The majority of the 22 individuals who addressed the board were against the project. While concerns ranged from the impact of possible gasoline spills on the area water table to light and noise pollution, the most frequent argument was that a Stewart's store would simply be out of character for the largely residential area.

"I've seen this area go from a real rural area to a more suburban area," said 49-year North Bethlehem resident Mark Campbell. "I think this area has really maxed out."

Others expressed concern that if the town allows rezoning through a Planned Development District at this location, more commercial development could follow.

"This could be precedent-setting in terms of commercial development," said Stewart Hughes. "Once something's in the door, the next time it comes up it's that much harder to turn down."

Beverly Drive resident Joan Shack would have the condominiums abutting her back yard. She said the residentially zoned area already has a sense of community that would be disrupted by the development.

"I don't think these condominiums are going to devalue my home. But that's not the only value I place, is monetary," she said.

Nancy Shulman said she initially supported the proposal, but after attending a public forum with the developer the previous evening at the North Bethlehem Fire House, she changed her mind. She said she believes there are plenty of nearby shopping options.

"Within a diameter of 5 miles there are already two Stewart's," she said. "Convenience? Yes. Need? No."

The few who spoke in favor of the proposal stated their belief the Stewart's store would benefit area residents as a gathering place and destination for local sidewalks. The

developer is also proposing the installation of a sidewalk along Krumkill Road to Googas Road.

"The town has spent a tremendous amount of money on sidewalks down Krumkill and up Schoolhouse. We should take advantage of them," said Jeff Cohen.

"Stewart's is a convenience store. A convenience store increases the quality of life for people in the area," resident Ken Hahn said. He said those who visit the nearby pocket park on Russell Road would appreciate a nearby Stewart's store.

Others cited the nearby pocket park as a reason the Stewart's should not be placed there, saying the presence of a store selling alcohol and tobacco could turn the park into a party location for local youngsters.

The area's traffic was another often mentioned topic. The developer has said a Stewart's store would draw upon the traffic already moving through the area, not add to it, but neighbors who said their area is already too heavily traveled took exception to that argument.

Blessing Road resident Mike Zych handed a petition to the Planning Board he said had 165 names on it.

Many credited the developer for holding two public forums, asking for the public hearing before the Planning Board and making information readily available.

Hershberg said it's developments like Blessings Corner that will help the town build its tax base, something that town leaders say is sorely needed. He projected the development would bring \$154,000 in taxes to local municipalities, including over \$32,000 for the Town of Bethlehem. If the site was subdivided for single family homes, he said, it's likely the town would only realize \$19,000 in tax revenues, and would spend almost that much in maintain roads and sewers that would otherwise be the responsibility of a condominium association.

Hershberg said his figures take New York's Condominium Act into consideration.

The Planning Board did not give any comments or hold any discussion at Tuesday's meeting. The Planning Board has a March 7 deadline to submit a recommendation to the Town Board on the PDD, though the Planning Board can extend that deadline if it wishes.



Helping Haiti

Glenmont students, staff and their families raised \$1,370 for relief efforts in Haiti at a swing dance fundraiser on Thursday, Feb. 4. The money will be donated to the American Red Cross's work in the island nation. Earthquake relief efforts are under way at all schools across the district, with upwards of \$5,000 being raised to date. Visit bethlehemschools.org for information.

Submitted photo

IN BRIEF

NSBB selects directors

The New Scotland Business Builders (NSBB), founded by business owner and New Scotland resident Janna Shillinglaw, have chosen their 2010 board of directors.

The following members were elected to sit on the board:

- Janna Shillinglaw, associate broker with Albany Realty Group, Stonewell Plaza branch, chair of the Board of Directors

- Lance Moore, owner of the Renovation/Restoration company J.L. Moore Associates, Inc., vice-chair

- Thea Snyder, owner of the copy, shipping and small business services store Corner Gateway, secretary

- Jay Vandervort, chief marketing officer of NEXTIDEA Marketing and Account Manager with Charge Card Systems, Inc., treasurer

In addition, four directors were chosen.

These individuals are Pete Rinaldi, owner of Pete Rinaldi Photography; Gail Sacco, director of the Voorheesville Public Library; Andy Spence, director of Old Songs, Inc.; and Steve Mason, owner of SM Home Inspection.

The NSBB was organized in October 2007 to help grow and foster businesses in and around the Town of New Scotland. For information on NSBB events, meetings or to request a membership application, visit www.NewScotlandBE.com.

Five Rivers plans bird program

Five Rivers will hold a program for children on birds and bird-feeding Saturday, Feb. 20, at 2 p.m.

During this indoor/outdoor program, Five Rivers naturalists will discuss bird feeding basics, using the Center's bird feeding station as a backdrop. Participants will

make simple bird feeders to take home. Afterwards, staff will lead an outdoor foray to study birds in their natural habitat.

The program is open to the public free of charge. Registration is limited. Parent(s) and child(ren) must accompany one another. Participants are urged to dress for outdoor activity. In the event of severe weather, this program may be cancelled. Call the center at 475-0291 by Thursday, Feb. 18, to register.

The center is at 56 Game Farm Road, Delmar.

Program to look at snow as shelter

Five Rivers will hold a program on snow as shelter for winter wildlife will be conducted on Saturday, Feb. 27, at 10 a.m.

An insulating blanket of snow can provide many wildlife species protection both from the cold and from predators. On this outdoor study of the subnivean lifestyle, Center naturalists will

probe the winter landscape for evidence of wildlife activity, and discuss the impact of snow cover on various wildlife species of field and fen.

The program is open to the public free of charge. Registration is limited. Parent(s) and child(ren) must accompany one another. Participants are urged to dress for outdoor activity. In the event of severe weather, this program may be cancelled.

Pet group to host meeting

The Pet Care Community Association will hold its next meeting Saturday, Feb. 13, at 1 p.m. at Diamond Rock Terrace, 13 Gurley Road, in the Community Room, Building # 13, Lansingburgh (North Troy).

For more information or to find out about volunteering, call 334-0348 or e-mail petcarecommunity@gmail.com.

Late

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"If I ever did that those guys [Grimm and Redlich] would probably try to get me indicted," he said following the meeting.

Grimm said Runion's complaints amount to "reckless political posturing."

"The issue should be what's the better deal for taxpayers," he said. "They [the Town Board]

didn't conduct a bidding process."

"What Mr. Grimm did was completely appropriate; what Mr. Runion did was completely inappropriate," said Redlich.

He said it was inappropriate for Runion to call for the adjournment of the meeting without giving Grimm the chance to fully introduce his proposal.

Redlich, however, seconded Runion's motion to adjourn.

"I seconded the motion to adjourn and voted on the motion because I was expecting it would get to be Mark's turn to vote, and Mark would have his chance to speak," said Redlich. "If I had known they were going to sandbag Mark, I wouldn't have seconded the motion, and I wouldn't have voted for it."

Without the appraisal, the town is poised to default on the court's order to provide one, and Judge Thomas

McNamara of the State Supreme Court in Albany County will have to make a determination on the value with information from the original assessment, as well as the challenge to the appraisal.

According to a memo written by Macejka, the town could possibly have to refund \$72,582 to 1700 Western Ave. Corp., the owners of Metro Diner, a sum that "does not include penalty, interest and special district refunds for fire and ambulance."

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G'land library gearing up for Baby Palooza

Baby Palooza, the Guilderland Public Library's first-ever fair focused exclusively on the needs, wants and comforts of new and soon-to-be parents, will be held in the Library's Helderberg Room on Saturday, March 20, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Parents of newborns have many questions about their new roles. The library, along with local and community organizations, is putting together this event to give workshops, presentations and demonstrations about services new parents need. It's a one-stop source for information on everything related to meeting the need of mothers during pregnancy and post-pregnancy, for babies at birth, child care for infants, and much more.

Among the Baby Palooza workshops are:

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• **Baby Itsy Bitsy Yoga** – Ages: 6 weeks to Nearly Crawling. Baby Itsy Bitsy Yoga classes contain dozens of unique yoga postures designed to support baby's development. No yoga experience required.

• **Kim's Signing Solutions Storytime** – Learn how sign language can help minimize baby's crying and temper tantrums, reduce their frustrations (and yours), and help you communicate with your child – and them with you – before they can speak.

• **Baby Massage** (newborn to noncrawler) – Find out how to provide loving massage strokes to your baby from the very beginning. This

demonstration is designed for babies of all abilities including those with special needs.

• **Prenatal Yoga** – This class will introduce expectant mothers to the many ways in which yoga can enrich the journey through pregnancy. Class will include a sequence of gentle yoga poses and will end with guided relaxation. Yoga experience not necessary.

• **Protecting Your Family from Household Hazards** – The outreach health educator for Community Cradle will provide a presentation on exposure to ecological and environmental hazards that your family should be aware of.

• **Ask the Lactation**

Consultant – An IBCLC (International Board Certified Lactation Consultant) will answer your questions about breastfeeding, including where to find breastfeeding help, how often to feed your baby, how to tell if your baby is getting enough milk, how to get enough sleep and what foods to avoid.

• **Ounce of Prevention** – Price Chopper has been working to locate the best resources to help families create healthy meals and healthy relationships with food for their children. They have been working with local communities on resources to assist with preventing pediatric obesity, and are proud to bring some wonderful resources to Baby Palooza about the Ounce of Prevention program.

These workshops

have limited attendance. Tickets to these events will be available at the door on a first-come, first-served basis.

Our exhibitors include Ask the Pharmacist, Bellevue Woman's Center, Capital District Child Care Coordinating Council, Certified Prenatal Yoga Instruction, Community Cradle, Honest Weight Food Co-op, Seton Health Childbirth Center, Kim's Signing Solutions Storytime, MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers), Sling Babies and The Terrace at Beverwyc.

On March 1, visit www.guilpl.org/youth/babypalooza.php for a complete list of workshops, workshop schedules, and exhibits.

Josalyn Wilder, one of our Youth Services

librarians, has been awarded an American Libraries Association's Books for Babies grant, which, with the help of the Friends of the Library, will allow us to distribute 200 Books for Babies kits to new parents at the Baby Palooza. The Guilderland Public Library is one of only 20 libraries nationwide to be awarded this year's grant from Nordstrom and ALTAFF, the Association of Library Trustees, Advocates, Friends and Foundations, a division of the American Library Association.

For information on this free program, please contact the Youth Services Department of the library at 456-2400, ext. 9, the Public Information Office at 456-2400 ext. 12, or e-mail pio@guilpl.org.

Mark Curiale

RCS library hosting student art show

RCS students' art work is on display at the Community Library and in the hallway gallery outside the library Annex. The reception for artists and their teachers is this Thursday, Feb. 11, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. in the library Annex. The show will be up through vacation week and until March 5.

The exhibit is open during library hours from 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday, and 10 to 5, Fridays and Saturdays. On weekdays, access through the Village Building front entrance runs from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Ramp access, also 8:30 to 4, is through the Village Courtroom. (Court is in session on Wednesday afternoons.)

RCS COMMUNITY LIBRARY

our construction materials, your imagination will be the blueprint!

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

Time 4 Teens

Music will be at the

heart of T4T February activities. For vacation week teens can enjoy Guitar Hero and some of their own Wii games, because Upper Hudson Library System has lent us a Wii console. The program is late afternoons on Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 4 to 6 p.m.

Job search center

Today's economy has many searching for employment. If you have found yourself in this position come into the RCS Community Library for help in your job hunt.

You can find the most current county civil service announcements at the library as well as exam study guides. We get the *Times Union* daily and the *News Herald* and *Spotlight* weekly.

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Library to close

RCS Community Library will be closed Saturday, Feb. 13, and Monday, Feb. 15, in observance of Presidents Day. The library will reopen Tuesday, Feb. 16, at 10 a.m.

Kids construction activities

Get your construction hats on; the Construction Zone will be in full gear during February. School Vacation. LEGOS, Tinker Toys and Duplos will be

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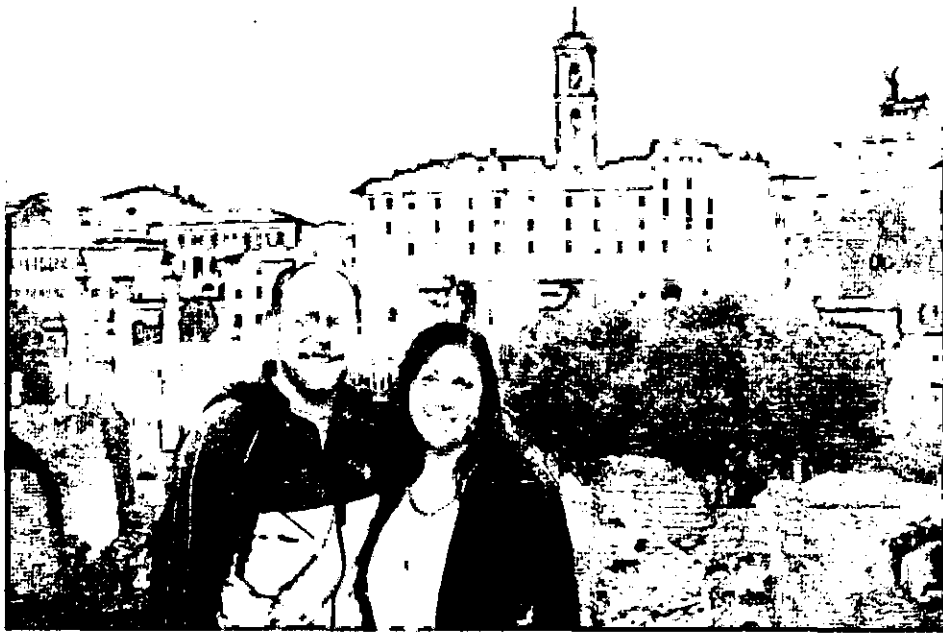
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Milestones



Timothy Tadlock and Heather Caulfield

Caulfield, Tadlock to marry

Dr. and Mrs. Patrick Caulfield of Delmar are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Heather to Timothy Tadlock, son of John and Theresa Tadlock of Chicago, Illinois.

The bride-to-be attended Chatham Hall in Chatham, VT. She went on to Hudson Valley Community College and University of Vermont.

Heather's fiancé earned a B.S. in Outdoor Education

from Prescott College. He is Camp Director at Keewaydin Summer Camp in Salisbury, Vermont.

Heather and Timothy will marry on March 27, 2010. They both reside in Winooski, Vermont.

Cioppa, Hutchinson to wed



Karyn Cioppa and Jason Hutchinson

Carl and Elena Cioppa of Selkirk are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter Karyn Elizabeth to Jason Karyn Hutchinson, son of Mark and Jane Hutchinson of S. China, ME.

The future bride is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School. She earned a B.S. in Biomolecular Science from Clarkson University and is pursuing a Master's in Teaching - Chemistry from Binghamton University.

Jason graduated from Erskine Academy in S. China, ME. He attends Clarkson University where he is majoring in Aeronautical Engineering and minoring in Business.

Karyn and Jason will marry on July 9, 2011 at St. Thomas Church in Delmar. A reception will follow at Glen Sanders Mansion in Scotia.

Monaco, Cioppa marry

Christine Ann Monaco and Peter Anthony Cioppa were married on April 18, 2009. The wedding took place at Immaculate Conception Church in Fayetteville, N.Y. Father Michael Carmo officiated. A reception followed at the Ballroom at HILTON DOUBLETREE Hotel in Syracuse, N.Y.

Christine is the daughter of Jim and Debbie Monaco of Manlius, N.Y. Peter is the son of Carl and Elena Cioppa of Selkirk, N.Y.

The Matron of Honor was Katie Feulner, sister of Bride. The Maid of Honor was Carrie Monaco, sister of Bride. Bridesmaids were Karyn Cioppa (sister of groom), and friends of Bride, Kristin Reopell and Cheryl King.

The Best Man was Steve Long, friend of the groom. Groomsmen were Mark Riley, Mike Aliota, Pat Farley, and Kenny Bart, all friends of the groom.

The Bride graduated from Fayetteville - Manlius H.S. She earned a B.A. in Teaching from Siena College and is pursuing a Master's in Second Language Education in Spanish from SUNY - Cortland. Christine is a Spanish Teacher at Fayetteville - Manlius H.S.



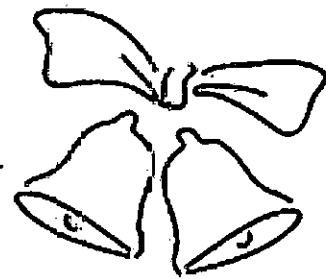
Christine Ann and Peter Anthony Cioppa

in Manlius, NY.

The Groom is a graduate of LaSalle Institute in Troy, N.Y. He earned a B.A. in History from Siena College and is pursuing a Master's in Library

+ Information Science from Syracuse University. Peter is employed by the Fayetteville Free Library in Fayetteville, NY.

The couple live in Manlius, N.Y.



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Graves

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"There was a lot of growth and development happening in town, and there was no planning department, no comprehensive plan," Messina said. Messina was also part of the town-established Land Use Management Advisory Committee (LUMAC).

"We developed what we believed was a good comprehensive plan," Messina said. "Sue's editorials were very supportive, and she recommended adopting it. In talking with Sue, I never felt my time was rushed, nor that she wouldn't listen, even if she didn't agree."

Messina and Graves connected on another important matter; both suffered the death of an adult child.

"My wife, Jan, Sue and I all talked and even had lunch together after Sue's son died," Messina said. "People who experience that want to see what others have done; how they've survived that loss."

It was rare that Graves' personal life crossed into her work life.

"My mother compartmentalized her life," Graves' surviving son Scott DeLong said. "We knew as little of her work life as work colleagues knew of her private life."

DeLong said his mother had a knack for creating a wonderful home, and combined parenting and work — and a few other things — well.

"My mother had her children when she was 19 and 20," DeLong said. "She went to college and earned a master's degree when we were small, and eventually, she was a single mother. We were nomadic until we settled into a house in Albany, but there was always a delicious, candlelit dinner on the

Susan Graves, Former Executive Editor of Spotlight Newspapers

By JOHN MCINTYRE
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Former Executive Editor of Spotlight Newspapers Sue Graves had an understanding for what the story was, not just the superficial events that described what was happening that particular week. She would set up meetings with the school board members, town supervisors, or the police chief to get the background before there was any story.

This week she is a story in her own beloved *Spotlight*.

Susan Graves, 66, of Troy died at the Albany Medical Center after a short illness.

She leaves a son, Scott DeLong (Suzanne) of Altamont, grandson Taylor (T.K. she called him), and two brothers, William Andrews of Melrose and Michael Andrews of Oakland, Calif. She was blessed with many friends, especially her special friend and companion John (Ringo) Pakatar.

She was pre-deceased by her son, Kevin, who died in 2005, and

her parents, Mary Olive Andrews in 2009 and John Graves in 1944.

Sue began her family at a young age while working for New York Telephone. She went on to earn a bachelor's degree cum laude and master's degree in English from the University at Albany in 1973 and 1974, respectively.

Sue was an educator first and foremost. She taught English at the Albany Academy for Girls from 1974-1984. She also was the developer and then director of the Albany Academy for Girls summer program from 1976 to 1979. Her name while at the Academy was Susan Ryan.

She began her journalism career in 1984 as a general assignment reporter for the *Troy Record*. Sue advanced to copy editor before leaving the paper in 1989 to join *The Spotlight*. She was also an accomplished freelance writer for the *Capital District Business Review*.

Sue was the managing editor for *The Spotlight* until 1998 when she was promoted to executive

editor. She retired in 2007. *The Spotlight* received many awards during her tenure, including 23 first-place and more than 40 other awards from the New York Press Association.

Her role as teacher continued at the *Spotlight*, where she worked with young reporters and interns to polish skills they needed to succeed at the next level. Graduates of the *Spotlight* "school of hard knocks" reach all over the media and public relations industry.

Each year, she organized and judged newsletter contests for NYSUT and AFTCA.

Among her other passions were music and the love of animals. She loved the Rolling Stones, Willie Nelson and Scottie dogs.

The Spotlight was Sue's community. Even in retirement, she continued to follow town and regional events, and she often called to say how she would handle certain things.

The newspaper will miss her.

executive editor and Tobin the managing editor of *Spotlight* Newspapers.

"Sue was completely committed to the community," McIntyre said. "For the first six months I worked there, she carted me around and introduced me to every source. Many of those relationships I still have today."

Larabee also recalled that she never shied away from difficult conversations.

"Sue had a way of empathizing with people while holding her ground," he said.

McIntyre said Graves excelled at producing a polished product, and working with young reporters and interns.

"The second year I was with *Spotlight*, we won 14 awards at the New York Press Association," McIntyre said. "As we grew, Sue had to teach more and delegate, but she never lost sight of what was important, covering the community."

"Sue really believed in community journalism," Larabee said. "She made it fun and we all felt it was important."

Graves never lived in Bethlehem, but it's in that town she's best remembered.

"It was her community as much as anyone's," Messina said. "She did her job well and she'll be missed."

table."

Graves' name was Susan Ryan when she taught English at the Albany Academy for Girls.

"I used to hold up a copy of Cliff's Notes at the beginning of each year and tell my class I never wanted to see this," Graves recounted once. "Then I'd hurl it across the room."

"My mother went to school and worked, but it never seemed like she was gone a lot," DeLong said. "I'm grateful for all

the things she did for us — it's made me who I am today."

Tobin also recalled that Graves cheerfully handled many different things at once.

"When *Eagle* Newspapers bought *The Spotlight* in 1999, they expanded the number of papers," he said. "Sue remained helpful and supportive, and juggled a lot of balls, always cheerfully."

Tobin said Graves' thoughtfulness was epitomized when he

made a trip to Europe and offered to visit the American graveyard in Luxembourg where her father had been buried after dying in The Battle of the Bulge during World War II.

"Sue never knew her father," Tobin said. "I was going to Europe and had located the graveyard where he was buried, and offered to take a picture of his grave. She gave me \$20 to buy flowers to

put at his grave. Her thoughtfulness even extended to someone she'd never met."

Current *Spotlight* Publisher John McIntyre first met Graves when he was working with *Eagle Newspapers*, and the Syracuse-based company bought *Spotlight Newspapers* — then just *The Spotlight*, *Colonie Spotlight* and the *Loudonville Weekly* — in 1998. After the purchase, Graves became the

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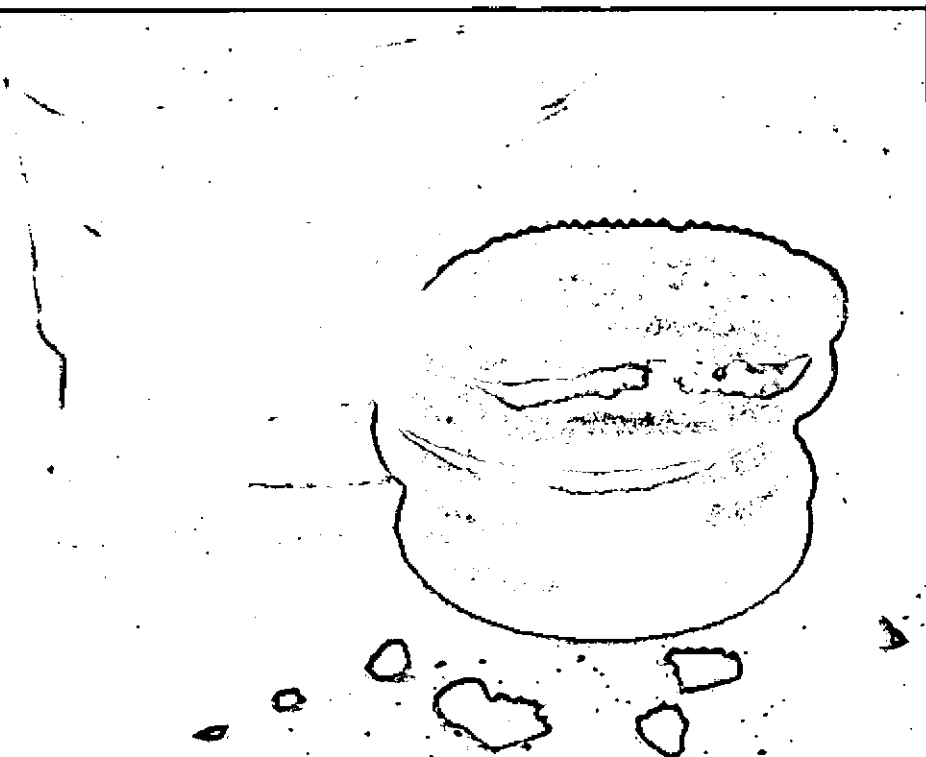
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Town of Bethlehem

preparation behind you. Why wait until April when the weather is warmer and there are so many pleasant outdoor activities?

Sunday, Feb. 14
Happy Valentine's Day!

Monday, Feb. 15
Presidents' Day observed
•Town Hall closed-No

senior transportation

Tuesday, Feb. 16
•No Seniors in Motion (class recess)

•Post Valentine's Day dinner out at Carappoli's Family Restaurant in Delaware Plaza.

•\$18, includes full dinner, dessert and gratuity. Reservations: 439-4955 #1176.

•Albany County Veterans Service Bureau available 12:30 p.m. to 2:15 p.m. If you are a veteran, check out your benefits. To schedule a conference with the officer, call 439-4955 #1176.

Wednesday, Feb. 17

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

Thursday, Feb. 18

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

•Bethlehem Senior Citizens Club meets for an enjoyable social afternoon of games and entertainment, Bethlehem Town Hall auditorium, 445

Delaware Ave., Delmar, at noon. All seniors welcome. For specifics, call 439-4955 #1176.

Friday, Feb. 19

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

•Health & Wellness Series continues: "Chair Yoga" with Mark Thurman, YMCA Wellness Director. This class connects traditional yogic postures and breathing for improved overall mind and body balance. This class is designed for active older

adults. Come and increase your flexibility. Bethlehem Town Hall, Room 101, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar. A "Lunch Out" option at the Windowbox Café in Slingerlands, with cost on your own, will be available. If you require transportation, call Senior Services at 439-4955, #1176.

•No Seniors in Motion (class recess)

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

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Monday, Feb. 15

Town Hall closed, President's Day

Tuesday, Feb. 16

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11:30 a.m. Speech; "Home Safety Crime Prevention Tips"

11:30 a.m. Luncheon: Swedish Meatballs or Cold Plate

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

Wednesday, Feb. 17

Scheduled Shopping

9 a.m. Line Dancing

10:30 a.m. Strong Bones +

10:30 a.m. Bridge

11:45 a.m. Sr. Fitness

1 p.m. Needlecraft

1:30 p.m. Strong Bones

Thursday, Feb. 18

Scheduled Shopping

9 a.m. Strong Bones

9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Medicaid, Legal Help & Blood Pressure

10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Food Stamps

1 p.m. Pinochle/Mahjongg

Friday, Feb. 19

Scheduled Shopping

10 a.m. Painting

1 p.m. Quilting

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IN BRIEF

QUILT Inc. to hold meeting

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

The meeting starts at 9:45 a.m.; doors open at 9:15. There is a \$5 visitor donation.

Diana Marshall of the Gloversville Sewing Center will be doing a presentation on threads and needles.

For information, call 439-1194 or visit www.quiltinc.org.

YMCAs seek nominations

The Guiderland and Bethlehem YMCAs are accepting applications for the 13th Annual outstanding student and educator award.

All students in grades 10 and 11 residing in the communities of or attending schools in, Berne-Knox-Westerlo, Bethlehem, Guiderland, Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk, or Voorheesville are eligible to apply. Students will be honored based on demonstrated leadership and dedication of service to their communities or schools, making responsible and positive choices even when negative peer pressure makes those choices difficult, and exhibiting a character trait that embraces the values of all YMCAs nationally: caring, honesty, respect and responsibility.

Applications are due at the Guiderland or Bethlehem YMCA on Friday, March 19. Stop by either school guidance department or YMCA or contact Kyle Anderson, program director, at 456-3634, ext. 1151, for an application.

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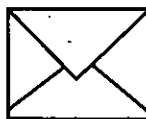
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Notice of Formation of VLY VENTURES LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 11/24/09. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. LD-22026 (February 10, 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 whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. LD-22027 (February 10, 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 whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. LD-22028 (February 10, 2010)

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Notice of Formation of Night City Media LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 12/23/09. Office location: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, c/o Siobhan Walsh, 799 Ave. of the Americas, Apt. #1, NY, NY 10001. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-22030 (February 10, 2010)

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Notice of Qualification of CSA-Credit Solutions of America, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/23/09. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in DE on 12/18/09. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o National Registered Agents, Inc., 875 Ave. of the Americas, Ste. 501, NY, NY 10001. DE address of LLC: 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 10, 2010)

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Notice of Qualification of M-I L.L.C. Authority filed

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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 10, 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 10, 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 whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: any lawful purpose. LD-22036 (February 10, 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 10, 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 10, 2010)

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Notice of Formation of LEONELLO BORGHI DESIGNS, LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 1/4/10. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. LD-22046 (February 10, 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 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 10, 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 whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. LD-22048 (February 10, 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 whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. LD-22049 (February 10, 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., Cliff Slezak Wildgrube P.C., 2310 Nott St. E., STE 1, Niskayuna, New York 12309. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. LD-22050 (February 10, 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 10, 2010)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF Reliant Growth Strategies L.L.C. Arts. of Org. filed with 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 10, 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

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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 10, 2010)

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MTL DEVELOPMENT LLC was filed with the SSNY on 12/31/09. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. The P.O. address which SSNY shall mail any process against the LLC served upon him: c/o CorpCo, 910 Foulk Rd., Suite 201, Wilmington, DE 19803. Purpose: any lawful purpose. LD-22075 (February 10, 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 whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. LD-22078 (February 10, 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 10, 2010)

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Notice of Formation of MARKZ & CO., LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 1/7/10. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. LD-22080 (February 10, 2010)

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Notice of Formation of DHARMA LIFE LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 1/12/10. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. LD-22081 (February 10, 2010)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY

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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 10, 2010)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF Greatness LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with 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 10, 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 10, 2010)

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Notice of Formation of ELOGISTICS INTERNATIONAL LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 1/14/10. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. LD-22092 (February 10, 2010)

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Notice of Formation of A TO Z CONSULTING, LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 1/15/10. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against 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 10, 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 10, 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 10, 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 10, 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 10, 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 10, 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. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-22106 (February 10, 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

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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-22107 (February 10, 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 10, 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. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-22109 (February 10, 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. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-22110 (February 10, 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. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-22111 (February 10, 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. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-22112 (February 10, 2010)

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Notice of Formation of Finning Builders, LLC. Arts

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Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/16/09. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 1 Stoneridge Dr., Loudonville, NY 12211. Registered Agent upon whom process may be served: David Macphee, 1 Stoneridge Dr., Loudonville, NY 12211. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-22113 (February 10, 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 10, 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 10, 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 10, 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 10, 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 10, 2010)

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Albany, NY 12260. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-22118 (February 10, 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 10, 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: 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 10, 2010)

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Notice of Formation of Cutting Edge Petct & 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 10, 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 10, 2010)

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Notice of Formation of DINELA, LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 1/6/2010 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-22126 (February 10, 2010)

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Notice of Formation of IERA ODOS LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 1/7/2010 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-22127 (February 10, 2010)

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Notice of Formation of MAZLIAH 999 LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 1/7/2010 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-22128 (February 10, 2010)

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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-22128 (February 10, 2010)

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Notice of Formation of CHRYSANTHEMUM PRODUCTIONS LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 1/7/2010 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-22129 (February 10, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: WEBDIRECT CMS, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 10-29-09. 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 c/o 2123 Western Avenue, Guilford, NY 12084. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. LD-22131 (February 10, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Harwich Enterprises, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/4/10. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 6/19/09. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o National Registered Agents, Inc., 875 Avenue of the Americas, Ste. 501, NY, NY 10001. Address 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-22132 (February 10, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Validus Consulting Holdings, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/21/10. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 6/26/09. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o National Registered Agents, Inc., 875 Avenue of the Americas, Ste. 501, NY, NY 10001. Address 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-22133 (February 10, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

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 10, 2010)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIM-

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ITED 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. LD-22136 (February 10, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Kastos Properties, LLC, Art. of Org. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 10/13/09. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to Efstathios Giannoutsos, 21-61 46th St., Astoria, NY 11105. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-22140 (February 10, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Maggard Information Associates, LLC, Art. of Org. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 1/5/10. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to 275 1/2 Lark St., Albany, NY 12210. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-22141 (February 10, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of formation of R.F. Peck HVAC Service, LLC, a limited liability company (the "LLC"). Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (the "SSNY") on 1/19/2010. Office location: Albany County. The SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC, upon whom process against it may be served. The SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to the LLC, 22 Computer Drive West, Albany, New York 12205. The purposes of the LLC are to provide services to repair and maintain HVAC equipment. LD-22150 (February 10, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of BROOK PROPERTY GROUP LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 1/26/10. 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-22151 (February 10, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of JEROME CLARK LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 1/26/10. 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-22152 (February 10, 2010)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY NAME: William Joseph Enterprises LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on January 28, 2010. Office location: The Street Address of the limited liability company's

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office has not yet been determined, 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-22159 (February 10, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE TO BIDDERS NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem hereby invites sealed bids for the furnishing of Biodegradable Paper Bags for Yard Wastes, for said Town.

Bids will be received up to 2:00 p.m. on the 17th 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 the subject of the bid. ORIGINAL and ONE COPY of each 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 Bethlehem 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 Nanci Moquin TOWN CLERK Dated: February 10, 2010 LD-22160 (February 10, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem hereby invites sealed bids for Rental of Portable Toilets. Bids will be received up to 3:30 p.m. on February 26, 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. Sam 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 SUBJECT OF THE BID. ORIGINAL 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 Bethlehem Website at www.townofbethlehem.org Purchasing Division. The Town Board reserves the right to waive any informality in or to reject any or all bids.

BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM Nanci Moquin TOWN CLERK Dated: February 10, 2010 LD-22161 (February 10, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of INWOOD BRONX LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 1/26/10. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of

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LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. LD-22163 (February 10, 2010)

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Notice of Formation of 17753 PARKING LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 1/26/10. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. LD-22164 (February 10, 2010)

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Notice of Formation of 164283 PARKING LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 1/27/10. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. LD-22165 (February 10, 2010)

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Notice of Formation of BRIAN ORTER LIGHTING DESIGN LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 1/22/10. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. LD-22166 (February 10, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of FEAL INTERNATIONAL LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 1/28/10. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. LD-22167 (February 10, 2010)

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Notice of Formation of BSC THEATER, LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 1/28/10. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. LD-22168 (February 10, 2010)

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Notice of Formation of BUDGET PLUMBING & HEATING LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 1/28/10. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities.

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LD-22169 (February 10, 2010)

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Notice of Formation of JEROME GERARD LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 1/26/10. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. LD-22170 (February 10, 2010)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION of .18 Joelson Court LLC (the LLC). Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 01/28/10. 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-22171 (February 10, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION of Xenios USA LLC. Art. of Org. filed w/Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/22/10. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent for service of process. SSNY shall mail process to 99 Washington Ave. #805-A, Albany, NY 12210. Purpose: Any lawful activity. LD-22173 (February 10, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of PromiseCare Pharmacy, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/28/10. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Tennessee (TN) on 8/22/08. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 605 Bakertown Rd., Antioch, TN 37013, the address of the principal office, and the address to be maintained in TN. Arts of Org. filed with TN Secy. Of State, 312 Rosa L. Parks Ave., Snodgrass Tower, 6th Fl., Nashville, TN 37243. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-22175 (February 10, 2010)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: Prendo Forensics, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on January 15, 2010. 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: P.O. Box 93, Guilford, New York 12084-0093. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. LD-22176 (February 10, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Publication Notice of Organization of Limited Liability Company FIRST: The name of the Limited Liability Company is FOCUSED TECHNOLOGIES IMAGING SERVICES, LLC. (hereinafter referred to as the "Company"). SECOND: The Articles of Organization of the Company were filed with the New

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coming up. Even though some of the residents are in their 90s, they're still interested in current events such as the Super Bowl."

Campbell spent the previous day setting up the "field," which was laid out in masking tape on the carpeted floor of the Teresian House's St. Joseph's Hall.

"This takes about an hour and a half to do the day before, and it's easily removable," said Campbell.

Twelve residents were chosen to be the players, while several more acted as cheerleaders during the game. Some of the players were veterans of Wheelchair Super Bowls of the past, while others were newcomers.

"This year, all the Angelic Saints are [nuns] that are living here, so that's how they were picked," said Campbell.

Like the real Super Bowl, the Saints won the

coin flip for the Wheelchair Super Bowl and received the ball first. And like their counterparts from New Orleans, it took a while for the Angelic Saints to break through the Devilish Colts' defense.

But unlike the New Orleans Saints, the Angelic Saints scored first. That set off a touchdown frenzy that lasted until halftime, but the Saints held on to a 21-14 lead.

The second half provided the turning point of the game when the Devilish Colts missed an extra point attempt that would have tied the contest at 21. The Angelic Saints scored twice to go up 35-20 before the Devilish Colts made a comeback bid that ultimately fell one point short.

After the game, each player received a small football-shaped trophy vaguely reminiscent of the Vince Lombardi Trophy that's given to the real Super Bowl champion.

More importantly, all the players left with smiles on their faces after a hard-fought Wheelchair Super Bowl.



Elizabeth Normanden carries the ball during last Friday's Teresian House Wheelchair Super Bowl.

Submitted photo

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Brown should have been able to build on the Great Danes' success from 2005 to 2007. That hasn't happened. Maybe the younger players will turn out to be like the talented group led by Jamar Wilson, but they need to start winning some games to prove it.

Brown should get the benefit of the doubt because he's starting three freshmen right now. However, if things continue to go badly next season, Brown's status should be re-evaluated.

• Do you know why the Shenendehowa boys basketball team is undefeated in the Suburban Council? One word: conditioning.

Ever since Tony Dzikas took over in Clifton Park several years ago, he's made it a point to put his players through drill after drill to improve their stamina. As a result, when other teams grow tired in the fourth quarter, the Plainsmen are still running with ease.

Will that conditioning lead to a Section II Class AA title? That depends on how well Shen executes when faced with a team like Christian Brothers Academy or Bishop Maginn

— teams that also have athleticism and stamina. But, it certainly should lead the Plainsmen deep into the Sectionals once again.

• On the girls' side, I'm not quite certain I'm ready to hand the class AA Sectional title over to Shen.

The Plainsmen have looked impressive, but I still think Colonie and Shaker have an opportunity to knock them off in Sectionals. Colonie has a singular force in Tehresa Coles, who can beat you offensively and defensively, while Shaker has a group of young players that can beat anybody — if they can avoid long scoring lapses.

• Here's something not to look forward to — a Section II football season where 18 class C teams will vie for eight playoff spots over a seven-week regular season. At least, the possibility of playoff rematches in class C won't be as great as they will in the 11-team class A field.

• Congratulations to Schalmont boys bowling coach Hugo McGroty for being able to retire on top after the Sabres won the class B Sectional title last Friday. Schalmont won two Sectional championships under McGroty's guidance, and they were contenders most other years.

• As the Winter Olympics start in Vancouver this weekend, the only thing that matters to me is

who wins the men's hockey gold medal. Canada is the favorite, but don't be surprised if Alex Ovechkin leads Russia to the title. The way Ovechkin is playing, I don't think there's a team in the world — either at the Olympics or in the NHL — that can stop him now. (If you watched NHL hockey, you'd know I'm speaking the truth.)

• Speaking of hockey, Wednesday's Bethlehem-Glens Falls rematch ought to be a preview of the Section II Division II final. I know Queensbury is still a threat, but if Bethlehem can nab the No. 1 seed for the playoffs and avoid meeting Queensbury in the semifinals, the Eagles should get to the title game.

• Check this out: starting with this weekend, we have the Winter Olympics, the Daytona 500 and college basketball hitting the home stretch. Then, pitchers and catchers report for Spring Training. Good thing the Super Bowl is done. Otherwise, I might not have left my apartment. Oh, and there's supposed to be something called "Valentine's Day" Sunday. I did not know that.

Are there other facts — sports related, or other — that you'd like me to know about? Send me an e-mail at jonasr@spotlightnews.com.

Lax club registration

The Bethlehem Lacrosse Club is holding a registration session for its spring season 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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York Secretary of State on January 6, 2010.

THIRD: The County within New York State in which the office of the Company is to be located is ALBANY.

FOURTH: The Secretary of State has been designated as agent upon whom process against the Company may be served. The post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail process is 279 Broadway Albany, New York 12204.

FIFTH: The purposes of the business of the Company is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under the New York Limited Liability Law. LD-22181 (February 10, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Publication Notice of Conversion of Focused Technologies

FIRST: The name of the Limited Liability Company is FOCUSED TECHNOLOGIES IMAGING SERVICES, LLC. (hereinafter referred to as the "Company").

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New York Secretary of State on January 6, 2010.

THIRD: The Partnership was, in accordance with the provisions of the Limited Liability Company Law, duly converted to a Limited Liability Company.

FOURTH: The name of the Partnership is: FOCUSED TECHNOLOGIES.

FIFTH: The County within New York State in which the office of the Company is located is ALBANY.

SIXTH: The Secretary of State has been designated as agent upon whom process against the Company may be served. The post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail process is 279 Broadway Albany, New York 12204.

SEVENTH: The Company's purpose is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under the New York Limited Liability Law. LD-22182 (February 10, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Publication Notice of Organization of Limited Liability Company

FIRST: The name of the Limited Liability Company

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is FFP-IV, LLC. (hereinafter referred to as the "Company").

SECOND: The Articles of Organization of the Company were filed with the New York Secretary of State on January 25, 2010.

THIRD: The County within New York State in which the office of the Company is to be located is ALBANY.

FOURTH: The Secretary of State has been designated as agent upon whom process against the Company may be served. The post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail process is 111 State Street Albany, New York 12207.

FIFTH: The purposes of the business of the Company is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under the New York Limited Liability Law. LD-22183 (February 10, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of LOVE & WAR ASSOCIATES, LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 2/1/10. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail

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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-22185 (February 10, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of SPENCER & MYRTLE L.C. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 2/1/10. 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-22186 (February 10, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Ritter Insurance Marketing, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/20/10. Fictitious name in NY State: Ritter Insurance Services/Marketing, LLC. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Pennsylvania (PA) on 12/11/01. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process

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against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o National Registered Agents, Inc., 875 Ave. of the Americas, Ste. 501, NY, NY 10001. PA address of LLC: 4800 Linglestown Road, Ste. 300, Harrisburg, PA 17112. Arts. of Org. filed with PA Secy. of State, 401 North St., Rm. 206, Harrisburg, PA 17105. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-22187 (February 10, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Quintana Energy Partners II, L.P. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/26/10. Office location: Albany County. LP formed in Cayman Islands (CI) on 11/12/08. SSNY designated as agent of LP upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Capitol Services, Inc., 1218 Central Ave., Ste. 100, Albany, NY 12205. Principal office of LP: 601 Jefferson, Ste. 3600, Houston, TX 77002. Name/address of each genl. ptr. available from SSNY. Cert. of LP filed with M&C Corporate Services Ltd., PO Box 309GT, Ugland House, South Church St., George Town, Grand Cayman, CI. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

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LD-22188 (February 10, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE TO BIDDERS Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received for Furnishing all Materials Necessary To Grind And Remove The Town's Yard Waste.

Bids will be received until 10:00 A.M. March 2nd, 2010 at which time bids will be opened and read aloud, at the Town Clerk's Office, Town Hall, Route 20, McCormack's Corners, Guilford, New York. Bids shall be in Duplicate, in sealed envelopes, which shall bear on the face there-of the name and address of bidder, and the subject of bid. Certification of Non-Collusion and Waiver of Immunity clause must be attached to each bid. Detailed Specifications and bid forms may be obtained at the Town Clerk's Office. The Town Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids. Bids must be submitted in duplicate in sealed envelopes marked "Bid To Grind And Remove The Town's Yard Waste" and sent to: Rosemary Centi, Town Clerk

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Guilford Town Hall Route 20, McCormack's Corners Guilford, New York 12084

By Order of Timothy A. Spaw, Superintendent of Transfer Station Town of Guilford Rosemary Centi, Town Clerk LD-22190 (February 10, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Quintana Energy Partners II - TE L.P. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/23/10. Office location: Albany County. LP formed in Cayman Islands (CI) on 10/24/08. SSNY designated as agent of LP upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Capitol Services, Inc., 1218 Central Ave., Ste. 100, Albany, NY 12205. Principal office of LP: 601 Jefferson, Ste. 3600, Houston, TX 77002. Name/address of each genl. ptr. available from SSNY. Cert. of LP filed with M&C Corporate Services Ltd., PO Box 309GT, Ugland House, South Church St., George Town, Grand Cayman, CI. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. LD-22191 (February 10, 2010)

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Guilderland had several wrestlers place third at Sectionals. Mike Lainhart (96 pounds), Kevin Bates (119), Eugene Sellie (171) and Matt Miller (215) all shook off semifinal losses to win their consolation bracket finals for the Dutchmen, who placed fifth in the team standings with 116 points.

Bethlehem finished 11th with 57 points. Matt Greene (125) led the Eagles with a third-place finish.

In Class B, Queensbury fended off a challenge from host Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake to win the Sectional title. Queensbury finished with 244.5 points, while BH-BL placed second with 198 points. Averill Park was third with 159 points, and Mohonasen took fourth place with 119.5 points.

Dylan Clarke, John Acors and Zeal McGrew all won individual titles for BH-BL. Clarke defeated Lansingburgh's Austin Schnapp 13-2 for the 160-pound championship. Acors pinned Queensbury's Dan Hanchett 1:18 into their 215-pound title bout and McGrew outlasted Averill Park's Alex Boudreau 14-8 for the 285-pound title.

Scotia-Glenville's Nick Leffler and Mohonasen's

Anthony Paturso also earned individual titles. Leffler pinned Averill Park's Peter Allen 11 seconds into the second period for the 130-pound division championship, while Paturso defeated BH-BL's Josh Lyle 6-2 for the 145-pound title.

Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk had multiple champions at Saturday's Class CC Sectional tournament at Schalmont.

Freddy Pechette pinned Hudson Falls' Kody Bruno 36 seconds into the second period for the 96-pound title, and Andy Lyman defeated Watervliet's Andrew Etman for the 130-pound championship to lead the Indians, who placed third in the team standings with 178.5 points.

Loudonville Christian's Brian Walsh and Schalmont's Vincent Gallo also claimed individual titles. Walsh - wrestling for Watervliet for the second consecutive year - pinned Canajoharie/Fort Plain's Zach Wilder for the 140-pound title, and Gallo claimed a second-period fall over Hadley-Luzerne/Lake George's Jason Yard for the 189-pound crown.

Hudson Falls won the Class CC team title with 213 points, 21 points ahead of Watervliet.

Voorheesville's Treadgold brothers picked up



The referee signals two points for Saratoga's A.J. Rue as he takes down Guilderland's Trav s Wolanski at the edge of the mat during their semifinal bout. Rob Jonas/Spotlight

Class C Sectional titles Saturday in Granville.

Taylor Treadgold edged Granville's Brendan Miller 11-9 for the 125-pound championship, while younger brother Quinn Treadgold scored a 12-4 victory over Fonda-Fultonville's Michael Guiffre for the 130-pound title.

Voorheesville placed

sixth in the team standings with 112 points, four points behind fifth-place Maple Hill. Corinth won the Class C championship with 215 points.

All the place finishers from last weekend's class Sectionals compete for spots on the Section II team at this weekend's state qualifier at the Glens Falls Civic Center.

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Bethlehem ties Nisky/Sch'dy

Niskayuna/Schenectady goaltender Peter Mrazik stopped 43 shots to help the Mohawks tie Bethlehem 3-3 in Saturday's Capital District High School Hockey League game.

Bethlehem netminder Alex Cooper was also sharp, stopping 30 of the 33 shots he faced.

Stephen Russo, Sam Vincent and Derek Barach scored the Eagles' goals, while Devon Patrick and Sam Hartz each had a goal and an assist for the Mohawks. Jonathan Lorraine also tallied for Niskayuna/Schenectady.

Bethlehem (12-2-2) visits Glens Falls Wednesday.

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Sports *in the* Spotlight

One victory predicts another

Teresian House game accurately predicts Super Bowl

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Most casual sports fans were stunned Sunday when the New Orleans Saints defeated the Indianapolis Colts 31-17 to win Super Bowl XLIV in Miami.

Not so at Guilderland's Teresian House nursing home,

though. The residents there knew it was coming after the Angelic Saints edged the Devilish Colts 35-34 in last Friday's Wheelchair Super Bowl VII.

The outcome of the Wheelchair Super Bowl wasn't decided until the final play of the game. The Angelic Saints had one play to run out the clock, but the pass was fumbled, and a mad scramble for the loose ball ensued. Not among the residents, of course, but among the staffers who were pushing the wheelchairs

— specifically Santos Colon and Nancy Miranda. The ball — a plastic, inflatable ball, not the real thing — bounced out of bounds, ending the game.

"I was trying to run the clock down," said Colon, who was pushing one of the Angelic Saints. "I couldn't let them score."

"That comes from playing football with my brothers when I was younger," said Miranda, who was pushing a Devilish Colt.

There were several moments of competitiveness throughout

the game, but it was all good-natured competitiveness. After all, the point of the Wheelchair Super Bowl was to allow residents and staff members a chance to have some fun.

"We do it for positive interaction between the residents and the staff," said Teresian House physical therapist Heather Campbell, who organizes the Wheelchair Super Bowl. "It's timely because the residents know that the Super Bowl is

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& Notes Indians stun Lansingburgh

The Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk boys basketball team turned in its best performance of the season with last Friday's 75-68 Colonial Council victory over Lansingburgh.

The Indians (1-11 league, 1-15 overall) outscored the Knights 24-11 in the second quarter to take an 11-point halftime lead. R-C-S then fended off several Lansingburgh rallies to pull out the victory.

Anthony Monescalchi netted 26 points, and Kenny Fuqua contributed 21 points for the Indians. Jordan Skipper added 16 points and 18 rebounds.

Sajae Pryor had 26 points for Lansingburgh (11-2, 14-3), which entered the game in first place.

Voorheesville (10-2, 13-3) moved within a half-game of Lansingburgh for first place with its 50-42 victory over Mechanicville last Friday.

It wasn't an easy win for the Blackbirds. They had to outscore the Red Raiders 19-4 in the fourth quarter to overcome a five-point deficit.

Ethan Mackey scored 22 points, and Nicholas Crawford added 10 points for Voorheesville.

In the Suburban Council, Guilderland edged Columbia 53-51 in overtime, while Colonie defeated Bethlehem 61-49 last Friday.

Ryan Ochs netted 15 points, Anthony Gallo chipped in 14 points and Nate Sents added 10 points for Guilderland (6-7, 7-8), which has won three consecutive games. Corey Gibson's 17 points paced Columbia.

Jordan Meeks netted 19 points to lead Colonie past Bethlehem (5-9, 5-11). John Morrill's 13 points led the Eagles.

PBGS� extends registration

The Pine Bush Girls Softball League has extended its registration deadline for the 2010 spring season to Tuesday, Feb. 23.

The league is open to girls ages 5-18. There will be a T-Ball league this season, as well as several recreational leagues.

In addition, the league will hold a registration session Saturday, Feb. 20, from 1:30 to 4 p.m. at Guilderland Public Library on Western Avenue.

For information and a registration form, visit the Pine Bush Girls Softball League Web site at www.pbgsll.com.

Shen owns Class A tourney

BC, Guilderland grapplers place at Sectional meet

The Shenendehowa wrestling team dominated Saturday's Section II Class A tournament on its home mat.

Four Plainsmen won their weight classes to help Shen run away with the team title. Shen finished with 269 points, 77 points ahead of runner-up Columbia. Ballston Spa was third with 184 points, and Colonie placed fourth with 179 points.

Nick Kelley and John Belanger had little trouble winning their championship bouts for Shen. Kelley downed Columbia's Corey Southard 15-3 in the 119-pound finals, while Belanger defeated Saratoga's A.J. Rue 19-7 to take the 135-pound division title.

Shen's Seth Hazelton and Mike Almaviva also won their weight classes. Hazelton pulled out a 6-4 victory over Evan Wallace in the 140-pound final, and Almaviva shut out Schenectady's Isaiah Earing 6-0 for the 215-pound title.

In all, the Plainsmen had 10 finalists — by far, the most of any team in the Class A field. Colonie was next with five finalists, followed by Ballston Spa and Columbia with four finalists apiece.

Colonie had three individual champions, led by middleweights Steve Anson and Jason Chudzinski. Anson defeated Shen's David Almaviva 8-4 for the 125-pound title, while Chudzinski cruised



Bethlehem's Matt Greene, bottom, keeps his grip on David Almaviva's leg to prevent the Shenendehowa wrestler from scoring a takedown during their 125-pound semifinal bout at Saturday's Class A tournament.

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past Shen's Max Miller 7-2 in the 130-pound final. Zach Zovistoski beat Shen's Will Bryans 10-0 for the 160-pound championship.

Ballston Spa had individual champions in Jared Wojtowicz and Chris Ohnsman. Wojtowicz edged Shen's Dan Duffy 3-0 in the

152-pound final, and Ohnsman doubled up Colonie's Matt McCarty 4-2 for the 189-pound title.

Shaker and Niskayuna also had individual champions at the Class A tournament. Shaker's Blake Retell easily handled Ballston

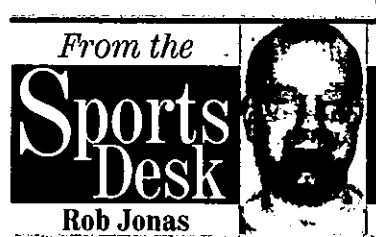
Spa's Dalton Jones 16-2 to claim the 103-pound division title, and Niskayuna's Alex Espina pinned Ballston Spa's Toby Barnes midway through the second period to earn the 160-pound division championship.

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Could Super Bowl portend NCAA run?

Now that the New Orleans Saints have won the Super Bowl, could the Siena Saints win the NCAA Tournament? No? Are you sure? OK, moving on...

• Congratulations to New Orleans for beating Indianapolis in Super Bowl XVII Sunday. Of course, the outcome was predetermined once the Angelic Saints defeated the Devilish Colts 35-34 in Teresian House's seventh annual Wheelchair Super Bowl last Friday in Guilderland. The name of the winning team in the previous six Wheelchair Super Bowls turned out to be the name



of the winning NFL team in the real Super Bowl. See separate story about the game for more details.

• Another group of Saints will be on national TV Friday night when Siena meets Niagara on the first stop of its western

New York swing. Given that the Purple Eagles have looked rather pedestrian this season, I think Siena's Saints should pull out a victory and gain more momentum toward the NCAA Tournament.

And the nice part is people outside of New York have a chance to watch the game on ESPN2. That is, if there's anyone interested outside of New York.

• I know that the University at Albany men's basketball team's struggles can be attributed to the youth of the starters. But at some point, we should take a look at the job coach Will Brown is doing and

wonder if he's really cut out for the position.

Yes, Brown guided the Great Danes to consecutive NCAA Tournament appearances in 2006 and 2007, but in the four years prior to those appearances, his teams were 32-72. And in the three seasons since those appearances, including this season, UAlbany is 36-51.

I know UAlbany is only in its 10th season at the Division I level, but there has to be a point where that is no longer an excuse.

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