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The owners of Perfect Blend in coming days will be opening Next Door, a shop located adjacent to the popular coffee bar that will be baking up cakes, cookies, cupcakes and pastries for catering and direct sale.

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Free family fun

Families looking for a fun time can find one for free at the Hannaford Kidz Expo on Saturday, March 6. This year, organizers are adding some circus entertainment and a new band.

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Eagles play their way in

The Bethlehem boys basketball team will play Christian Brothers Academy in the opening round of the Section II Class AA playoffs after edging Niskayuna 45-43 in the play-in game.

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Stewart's dropped from project

Developer will propose more condos in North Bethlehem application

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A developer that was aiming to bring a set of condominiums and a Stewart's gas station to Russell Road in North Bethlehem has dropped the Stewart's from the Blessings Corner project.

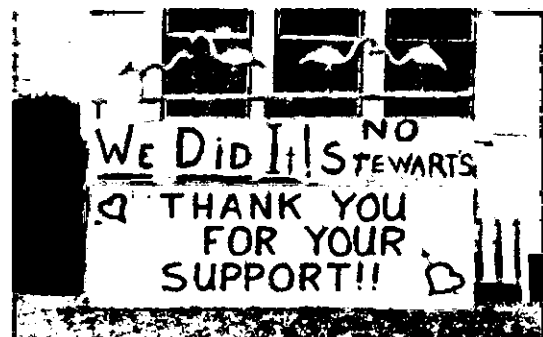
Daniel Hershberg, of project engineers Hershberg and Hershberg, said the applicant decided to remove the Stewart's store

from the proposal after nearby residents spoke out against it at community forums and a Feb. 2 public hearing before the Planning Board.

"The applicant heard from the residents concerned and we thought that it was quite likely that the PDD [Planned Development District] would not pass with a positive recommendation from the Planning Board with the Stewart's store included," Hershberg said.

The developer will instead be amending the proposal to include another set of 12 condominium units at the corner of Krumkill and Russell roads, bringing the total number of condos up to 56.

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North Bethlehem resident Jim Martley's signs expressing opposition to plans to build a Stewart's gas station at the intersection of Krumkill and Russell roads have become a familiar sight for motorists.

Charles Wiff/Spotlight



Thacher Park is one of 41 parks across the state slated to be closed in the 2010-11 fiscal year to save money.

Ryan Munks/Spotlight

Thacher Park at risk

Individuals and groups rally behind popular Capital District getaway

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John Boyd Thacher State Park is slated to close as a result of reductions in the 2010-2011 executive budget.

The announcement came Friday, Feb. 19, from the governor's office just two days after officials from the Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historical Preservation said that no definitive decisions had been made on which parks, or how many parks will have to be

closed as a result of the 20 percent cut the office took in the proposed 2010-2011 budget.

On Wednesday, Feb. 17, Dan Keefe, deputy public information officer for the parks office, said there were no specific parks singled out for closure.

"Reports of specific park closings are inaccurate and misleading to the public," said Keefe at the time.

However, later that week, the governor's office released a statement that said 41 parks and 14 historic sites will be closed in the 2010-2011 fiscal year, including Thacher Park.

"In an environment when we have to cut funding to schools, hospitals, nursing

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Beverwyck expansion proposal moves on

Planning Board also has praise for development near Five Rivers

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The Town of Bethlehem Planning Board has forwarded a favorable recommendation to the Town Board on amendments to an already approved expansion project at The Eddy Village at Beverwyck nursing home in North Bethlehem.

The town in 2006 approved plans to build an Alzheimer's and skilled nursing care expansion to the facility, but officials at Beverwyck said developments in the industry and a glut of Alzheimer's beds in the Capital District led them to revise the design to a "greenhouse" style expansion.

The new plan calls for two buildings, each 10,000 square feet and housing a grand total of 24 beds in private bedrooms - a reduction from the original plan. Each building would have a communal dining area and would be aimed at providing a more residential and less clinical setting for residents.

Such facilities are becoming popular in the senior care industry.

The Town Board still must rule on the amendment. The Planning Board made the favorable recommendation unanimously Tuesday, Feb. 16, with

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Police Blotter

Police investigate alleged scam

Bethlehem police are investigating an apparent scheme to defraud that occurred in Delmar on Saturday, Feb. 13.

Bethlehem resident Linda Taylor made a complaint to police on this date stating her father, Colin Taylor of 45 Nathaniel Blvd., had pavement work completed by pavement company "D & J Paving" earlier that day.

Three subjects performed work for about half an hour at the residence, according to police. Police later found that the two patches of asphalt they had applied had not bonded to the pavement and had already broke up into sections.

The temperature that day was about 14 degrees.

Taylor stated she believed her father had been defrauded due to his age, 87, according to police. He wrote a check for \$950 that Taylor tried to cancel at SEFCU, but found the three subjects who had done the work at the bank already cashed the check, according to police.

Bethlehem police submitted a teletype report about the incident to Capital District law enforcement and advised Taylor to contact the Better Business Bureau and Attorney General's Office. An investigation is continuing.

Arrest made for false complaint

Bethlehem police have made an arrest in the investigation of a false complaint that called officers to Job Corps at 822 River Road in Glenmont on Jan. 28.

Police say Danielle Dixon, 20, of 140 Carver Loop, Bronx, made a 911 phone call on the above date reporting she was being robbed and had a gun held to her head. Bethlehem police and State Police responded to the scene but found all students accounted for and no weapon in the building, according to arrest reports.

Police made the arrest Monday, Feb. 15, after interviewing Dixon at Job Corps. She provided a voluntary statement implicating herself in the incident, police said. Investigators also allegedly recognized her voice as the one on the 911 phone call. Police also recovered the cell phone that the call was allegedly made from.

Dixon was charged with falsely reporting an incident in the third degree and reckless endangerment in the second degree, both misdemeanors. She was sent to Albany County jail in lieu of \$3,000 bail and was scheduled to appear in court on Wednesday, Feb. 17.

Other arrests

The Bethlehem Police Department arrested Jared A. Bailey, 18, of 202 Glenmont Road, Glenmont, and charged him with DWI on Saturday, Feb. 13.

Police allegedly observed Bailey's vehicle driving erratically on Kenwood Avenue in Glenmont. He did not immediately respond to proceeding lights, instead proceeding to 29 Hoyt Avenue, where he pulled over, according to police.

Officers smelled alcohol and marijuana coming from the car

when interviewing Bailey, according to arrest reports. Bailey allegedly admitted to drinking beer at a friend's house on Wemple Road. Police administered sobriety tests to Bailey and subsequently placed him under arrest.

His sole passenger, Kyle Danetta of 29 Hoyt Avenue, was released and went to his residence.

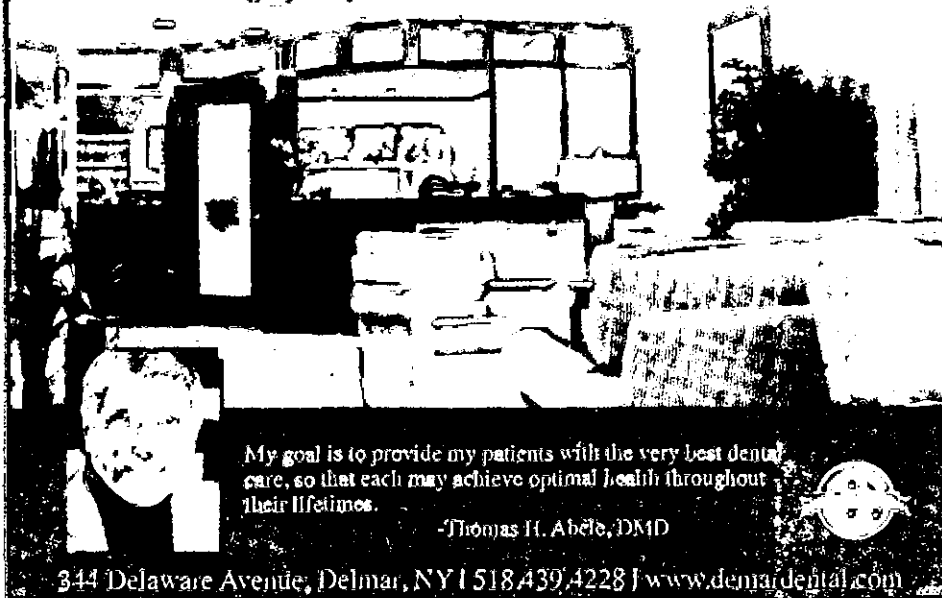
Bailey was given traffic tickets and was scheduled to appear in court on Tuesday, March 2. The results of a chemical test on Bailey were redacted from the report. He was released to his father.

Sean Ballard, 19, of New City, was arrested by Gunderland Town police on Thursday, Feb. 11, for burglary in the 3rd degree, a felony, and criminal mischief in the fourth degree, a misdemeanor. Ballard turned himself into police in connection with the Friday, Dec. 4, burglarizing of the Albany County Veterinary Hospital on 1506 Western Ave.

Ballard was arraigned later that day at Gunderland Town Court.

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Thursday, March 4, 2010 from 4:00pm to 6:30pm

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Guilderland to hold its first Relay for Life

Event's proceeds go to American Cancer Society

By RYAN MUNKS
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The Guilderland Chamber of Commerce, along with the American Cancer Society, will be kicking off Guilderland's first ever Relay For Life event at the Guilderland YMCA on Thursday, Feb.

25, at 6:30 p.m. and Saturday, Feb. 27, at 11 a.m.

"The kick-off is an informational event; it gets volunteers, sponsors, anyone who is planning it or wants a team in the same room," said Kathy Burbank, executive director of the chamber.

"The American Cancer Society is a member of the chamber and they approached us and asked us to help coordinate,"

said Burbank. She said the chamber's women's business group is already in the process of forming a team for the event, to take place at Guilderland High School from 7 p.m. on Friday, June 18, to 7 p.m. Saturday, June 19.

According to information from the American Cancer Society, "The events are held overnight to represent the fact that

cancer never sleeps."

Jessica Giles, of the American Cancer Society, described the purpose of Relay for Life.

"Relay for Life is an overnight event. The goal is to celebrate those who have battled cancer, whether they won or not," said Giles. "We celebrate, we remember and we fight back."

Giles said that participants remember

those who have lost their battle with cancer through a luminaria service, or candlelight vigil, that is held at nightfall. Participants also fight back by pledging to live a healthier lifestyle and take steps to avoid developing the disease.

The event is one of the leading fundraising sources for the American Cancer Society.

"We originally had one in Voorheesville two

years ago. This one will be the same as that, but we wanted to include more people," said Giles.

For this year's relay, Giles hopes to include teams from Bern, Voorheesville, Guilderland, Knox and Bethlehem.

For information on Relay for Life, or for information on how to start a team, contact Jessica Giles at jessica.giles@cancer.org.

Soccerplex takes shape

Bethlehem sports club moves forward with plans for indoor facility

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The Bethlehem Soccer Club's long-standing desire to expand its Wemple Road Soccerplex facilities and build an indoor field have moved into the planning stages, as the group presented a preliminary site plan to the Town of Bethlehem Development Planning Committee Thursday, Feb. 18.

The club wishes to re-grade the area and rearrange the layout of soccer fields to make best use of the space available, said club President Mark Sweeney. The preliminary

"I believe once it's built, we're going to have people knocking at the door."

— Mark Sweeney, president of the Bethlehem Soccer Club

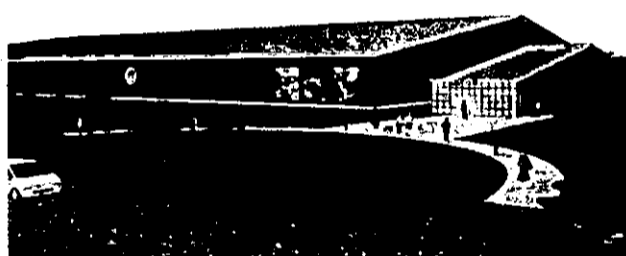
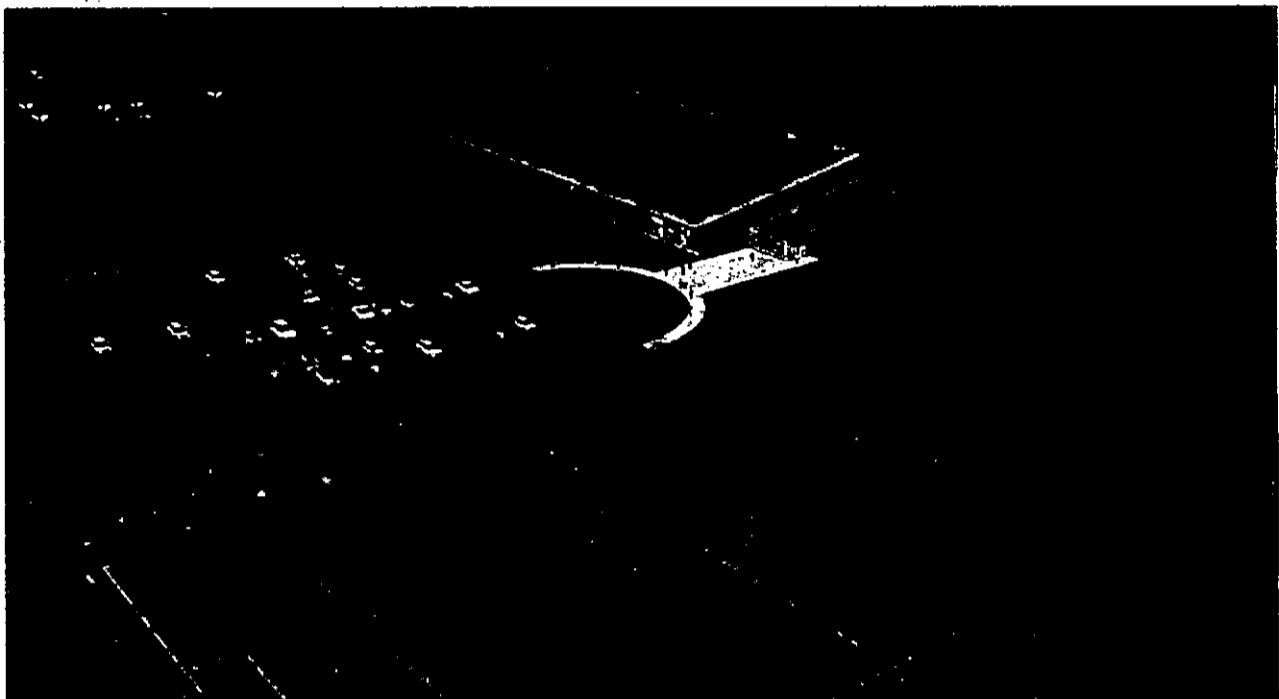
plan calls for three large regulation sized fields, one slightly smaller field and a 350-by-250-foot indoor facility that would contain enough space for offices and an additional full sized field, which could be split up into smaller sections for other uses.

An indoor facility is a priority for the club because it will allow year-round practice for competitive soccer teams,

said Sweeney. These teams have been renting out time at other area indoor facilities, which costs the club \$50,000 to \$75,000 per year.

"It'll give the kids more opportunities to play, it'll give the kids more opportunities to develop,"

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Preliminary plans for an expansion to the Bethlehem Soccer Club's Soccerplex facility on Wemple Road calls for the construction of a roughly 90,000-square-foot indoor field to allow year-round use for the club and other sports groups.

Submitted photos

Addition to G'land Library could be on hold

Demand is up, but poor economy could put a damper on plans

By RYAN MUNKS
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At its next meeting on Thursday, March 11, the Board of Trustees of the Guilderland Public Library will have to decide whether to continue with plans to add a \$12 million expansion, or put the plans on hold.

"We're having growing pains," said Board of

Trustees President Brian Hartson.

He said the library requires additional space for a computer lab and rooms for programs the library offers, such as the famous author series.

The issue of whether to put the expansion planning on hold comes at a time when demand for library services is at its highest.

"There's been a dramatic increase over the last two years. ... Demand has surpassed what you would expect from population growth," said Mark Curiale, the library's public information officer.

Curiale said the dramatic increase has been seen in the use of reference materials, computers, DVDs and CDs.

"Basically, there hasn't been a change in planning," said Hartson, although he also said, "We are in a

"In the case of any actual building or expansion, we will have a fundraising drive to minimize the impact of the bond."

— Barbara Nichols Randall, director of the Guilderland Public Library

poor economic time for the expansion."

The issue of whether the library will continue with its efforts at expansion will be decided at the March meeting, when the budget is considered by the trustees.

"At the March board meeting, we'll talk about whether to include planning money in the budget," said Barbara Nichols Randall, director of the Guilderland Public Library.

She said at that meeting, the board will have to decide whether to include \$125,000 to have architects

draw up plans for the addition to the library.

The item is estimated to lead to a 3 cent raise in the library's tax levy, increasing the levy from \$1.03 per 1,000 of assessed value, to \$1.06 per 1,000 of assessed value.

The property tax levy makes up the vast majority of library funding.

"Ninety-one percent of funding is from local taxpayers," said Randall. She said the remainder of funding is derived from fines, fees, grants and donations.

Although the state does not contribute much to the operation of local libraries, they are also feeling the effects of the state's budget crisis. "[The state] already

cut libraries by 16 percent, and is thinking about increasing it to a little over 18 percent," said Randall.

That would bring the state's contribution to the library down from almost \$11,000 to about \$7,000, the same levels as in 1996.

A greater concern to Randall is the state cutting the operations of the state-wide library system, from which local libraries benefit. She said if such a cut occurs, local libraries will have to contribute more to the maintenance of online catalogs and research databases and delivery services.

If funding for the planning of the project is included in this year's budget, the library will still have a number of steps before the eventual construction of the library takes place.

"We need to get the building permit through the State Education Department. ... It's often a long process," said

Randall.

In addition to approval from the State Education Department, the library will undertake a fundraising campaign, solicit bids from engineers to complete the construction and will need to issue a bond to pay for the construction.

"In the case of any actual building or expansion, we will have a fundraising drive to minimize the impact of the bond," said Randall.

In total, the project is expected to take from three to five years and cost \$12 million, although Hartson said the cost of the addition could change over the life of the project. "The \$12 million figure is not a hard figure by any means, it's a soft figure," he said.

Hartson said ultimately the decision to continue will rest with the stakeholders. "The caution signal is out every direction we turn, we're going to stay in

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The way my family used to play...

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"Kevin," I say to my 7-year-old in the slow, docile tone I use when I really want him to listen, "you have to understand this one thing: Your mother wants you to lose just as much as I do."

This was back when we were staying with my folks while we were closing on our house. We were sitting around the dining room table, and Kevin had just landed on Edna Mode's Mansion in the Disney/Pixar version of Monopoly.

The property was owned by my wife, and I was trying to explain to my son that dealing with my wife in Monopoly is akin to coming in first in a chili-eating contest. You think you've won, but an hour later you understand that you really didn't.

"Kevin," my wife counters in her own — and much better — docile tone, "I'll let you land on that property free of charge if you give me those two yellow properties."

"No money?" asks Kevin.

"No money, just the two little yellow properties," says my wife. The yellow properties are the kid's equivalent of Marvin Gardens and Atlantic Avenue — pretty prime stuff.

Commentary:

Pop Culture



"Jess, we just started the game like five minutes ago," I say. "He has enough money to pay you the \$8 rent."

My wife's head jerks toward me so fast I think her neck's going to snap. I imagine this is what velociraptors looked like when they played Monopoly.

"I am conducting business with another player," she admonishes. "When you have something — excuse me — if you ever have anything that I want, I will conduct business with you."

Couples should be forced to play Monopoly together before they get married. There would be a drastic decline in the divorce rate, primarily because no one would get married.

The best thing about Monopoly is that it is entirely inconsequential and yet people will act as though their actual personal finances are at stake. They will scheme, plot and manipulate as though the money were real and the property theirs to live on or sell off even after the board is folded and put

in the box.

My wife organizes her money and properties to more efficiently collect and, on the rare occasion, dispense funds. Her dice-rolling motion is economical, and the dice never go beyond the borders of the game board.

She has never played Monopoly at the drop of a hat; she has to prepare. She comes to the table with a day's worth of food and water and an Ace bandage in case of emergencies. She's not gone to the bathroom during even the longest games of Monopoly, and I'm sure I don't want to know how she does that.

She is a Monopoly machine, and it would be a wonder to behold if you didn't realize that her every movement was orchestrated with the objective of kicking your behind.

I am the opposite. I keep my money in a (sometimes) large pile in front of me because, quite frankly, I like how the colors look. I buy properties willy-nilly and enjoy going to jail because it means I'm safe from my wife for at least the next three turns.

Even if I have a "Get Out of Jail Free" card, I will not use it. I would try to sell it to my wife, but I have never seen her go to jail, not even to visit.

I have, on the other hand, seen her land on "Free Parking" about 17 times in one game.

I am not immune to the effects of monopoly on a person's character. I am very untrusting of people's movements on the board.

Once, I looked away briefly during my wife's turn. I went to grab the dice and noticed they were back in her hands.

"Wait a minute," I said. "Why are you rolling again?"

"I rolled doubles," said Jess.

"I didn't see you roll doubles."

"Bill, I rolled a 'two.' I'm two spaces ahead of where I was a minute ago. We're using two dice. How would I do that if I didn't roll doubles?"

"Listen, you can confuse me with your math and your female witchcraft all you want. I'm just saying I didn't see you roll doubles."

Kevin did not play with us that evening and I'm glad he didn't. He would have seen a small metal terrier give his father a bloody nose.

Even the act of choosing your game piece is contentious in Monopoly. In the Disney/Pixar version of the game we play as a family, my son cannot function unless he is Nemo or Buzz Lightyear. When I was growing up, I had a friend who refused to be anything but the cannon. It got to the point where he just started taking the cannon home with him and bringing it back when we played. After a while, everyone started doing that and, sure enough, a lot of the game pieces were lost.

It got to the point where we were completely out of the original game pieces and

substituted a button, a walnut, one of my baby teeth and an Angel Salazar rookie card (Montreal Expos, 1984. Worth about 25-cents these days and makes for a great bookmark when the game is over.)

The worst thing about Monopoly is that rules are so damn ambiguous. Some people put \$50 in the Free Parking, others put \$500. Some pay the \$200 if you land on Go, some pay it only after you pass Go.

I'm willing to wager that no two people come to a Monopoly game with the same set of rules. This has led to the most uttered saying in all of Monopoly history:

"Well, the way my family used to play was..."

I have found that the worst thing I can say to my wife in response to this is, "Well, your family would play like that, wouldn't they?"

After a round of "Just what do you mean by that?" I am usually struck by the aforementioned metal terrier.

Which brings me to wonder how my son Kevin will tell his family how his parents played Monopoly. I suspect that when the phrase "Well, the way my family used to play was..." comes out of his mouth for the first time, it will have little to do with whether a player pays the bank or puts the money on the board, or whether or not a player gets a cash bonus for rolling snake eyes.

I suspect he'll remember his squabbling over fake real estate and trying to bribe him with fake money.

I think he'll say something along the lines of, "Well, the way my family used to play was ridiculous."

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MEANWHILE... LOOK BUDDY, EVEN IF YOU STARE AT ME FOR ANOTHER HOUR, YOU'RE STILL NOT GETTING MY NUMBER! MAYBE I SHOULD START PUCKERING.

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WEEKLY WEATHER

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Record high/low/year		
AVERAGE HIGH 38°	AVERAGE LOW 19°	
Day	High/Year	Low/Year
Wednesday, February 24	-65°/1985	-11°/1894
Thursday, February 25	67°/1976	-14°/1914
Friday, February 26	63°/1976	-11°/1950
Saturday, February 27	61°/1997	-13°/1940
Sunday, February 28	63°/1903	-10°/1950
Monday, March 1	61°/1991	-9°/1948
Tuesday, March 2	65°/1991	-4°/1940

SEASONAL SNOWFALL TO DATE
27.9 inches as of Friday, February 19th
17.3 inches below average

This week in weather
February 17, 1717 During a ten day period a series of four snowstorms dumped three feet of snow upon Boston, and the city was snowbound for two weeks. Up to six feet of snow was reported farther to the north, and drifts covered many one story homes.

Sun & Moon

Day	Sunrise	Sunset
Wednesday	6:39am	5:38pm
Thursday	6:37am	5:40pm
Friday	6:36am	5:41pm
Saturday	6:34am	5:42pm
Sunday	6:32am	5:43pm
Monday	6:31am	5:45pm
Tuesday	6:29am	5:46pm

Moon Phases
February 28th Full
March 7th Last

Planets

Planets	When	Where
Mars	Evening	High SE/S
Saturn	Evening	Climbing E/SE

Ski Report

Area Ski Conditions			
Resort	Base Depth	Lifts	Trails
Gore Mtn.	14" - 32"	12	57
Whiteface	25" - 37"	9	69
Bromley	23" - 37"	9	43
Mt. Snow	20" - 28"	15	74
Okemo	30" - 42"	19	109
Belleayre	28" - 52"	7	50
Stowe	28" - 52"	12	102
Killington	30" - 38"	21	124

Resort	Base Depth	Lifts	Trails
Stratton	30" - 50"	11	92
Sugarbush	18" - 36"	16	111
Hunter Mtn.	20" - 54"	11	52
Jay Peak	20" - 36"	8	76
Jiminy Peak	52" - 64"	9	40
Windham	22" - 50"	10	44
Smugglers'	20" - 55"	8	73
Willard Mtn.	24" - 36"	5	14

Factoid
Vancouver is the largest and warmest city to host a Winter Olympics with an average high of 46 in February. Temps topped out in the 50s in town during the 2010 games with 40s in the mountains.

Tides at Albany

Day	High	Low
Wednesday	12:26am, 1:03pm	7:11am, 8:03pm
Thursday	1:32am, 2:02pm	8:09am, 8:57pm
Friday	2:39am, 2:58pm	9:05am, 9:47pm
Saturday	3:23am, 3:50pm	9:59am, 10:36pm
Sunday	4:22am, 4:40pm	10:51am, 11:24pm
Monday	5:12am, 5:29pm	11:43am, ---
Tuesday	6:00am, 6:12pm	12:10am, 12:34pm

Zoning Board approves new Westmere firehouse

Referendum will be brought before voters

By RYAN MUNKS
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On Wednesday, Feb. 17, the Westmere Fire District received Zoning Board approval to build a new firehouse in place of its current firehouse at 1741 Western Ave.

The project has also been met with approval from town officials, but the public has been quiet on the issue.

Zoning Board approval was the last major hurdle for the \$5.74 million project before residents will be given the opportunity to vote on authorizing the district to issue a \$5.27 million bond to cover the majority of the costs of building the new firehouse. The referendum is scheduled for Tuesday, March 23, at the current firehouse. The remainder of the costs associated with the construction of the firehouse will come from the district's reserve fund.

According to the district, the estimated tax levy to cover the cost of the bond will be \$0.24 per \$1,000 of assessed value, or \$47.27 on a property valued at \$200,000.

The district received approval from the town's Planning Board at its Wednesday, Jan. 27, meeting. However, the Zoning Board could not vote on the measure at its Wednesday, Feb. 3, meeting due to a procedural requirement stating that it must first be considered by the Albany County Planning Board.

The Albany County Planning Board considered the measure just before the Wednesday meeting of the Zoning Board.



This is a rendering of the proposed firehouse. According to Commissioner John Keimer, demolishing the existing house and building a new one will cost \$200,000 less than making another addition to the building.

"We received an e-mail from Leslie Lombardo, senior planner at the Albany County Planning Board, indicating that they are deferring to local consideration on the referral," said Peter Barber, chairman of the Zoning Board.

Skip Francis, of CT Male, the designer of the new firehouse, said a number of additions have made to the design of the firehouse since the last meeting of the Zoning Board.

"We enhanced pedestrian improvements along the front, along Western Ave," said Francis. He said the design included a stamped-asphalt walkway for pedestrians in front of the firehouse.

He also said "the district is willing to coordinate with the Building Department for what may be needed at that location." Specifically referenced was the addition of a crosswalk

along Centre Drive, the road immediately to the west of the building, and the expansion of the sidewalk to Westmere Terrace, to the east of the building.

The board unanimously approved the new firehouse.

"The fire station is attractively designed and will be a positive addition to the neighborhood,"

said Barber. He said the building will add green space, sidewalk improvements and improve pedestrian access in the area.

The district will hold an informational session for the public to explain the need for the new firehouse on Thursday, Feb. 25, at the current firehouse.

According to John Keimer, a fire

commissioner for the district, the public has not shown a great deal of interest in the new firehouse or costs associated with it.

"It's been real quiet as far as the public goes," he said.

There has not been any public comment on the district's plans at the Planning Board meeting, or at either of the two

Zoning Board meetings.

Keimer said he hopes the public will be responsive to the information session.

"We'll pack the room full of chairs. Hopefully people will come out," he said.

He also said the public is invited to comment at the Board of Commissioner's meetings held on the second Monday and fourth Thursday of each month. The next board meeting will be on March 8.

If the referendum passes, the district will begin the deconstruction of the existing firehouse in the spring, and begin the construction of the new firehouse in the construction season of 2011. Once the initial construction begins, the new firehouse will take a year to complete.

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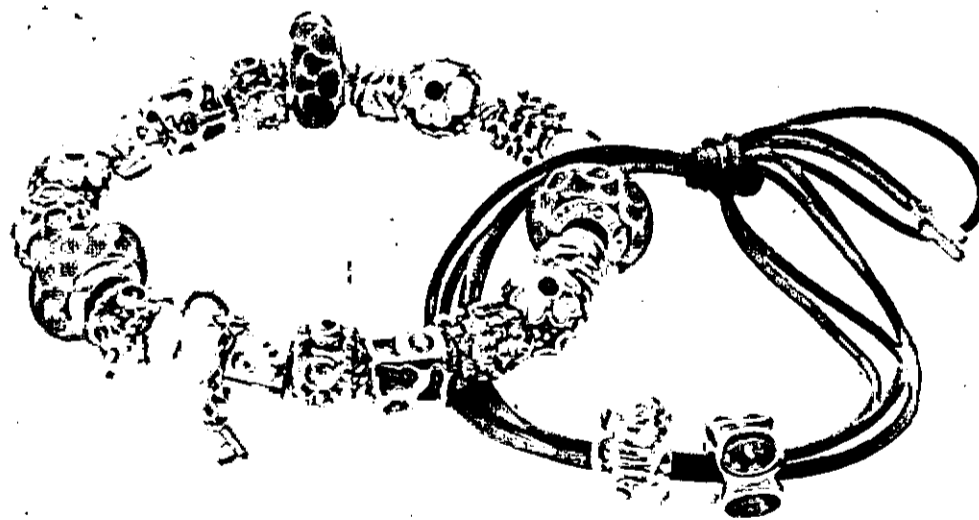
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Parks one of state's few perks

The governor wants to save the state some money by closing some state parks and reducing services at others.

Dan Keefe, deputy public information officer at the Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historical Preservation, said the state will save about \$255,000 through the closing of John Boyd Thacher State Park.

That's about the same amount of money Gov. David Paterson's election campaign brought in on Dec. 9, when the governor hosted a \$1,000-a-plate fundraiser in Manhattan.

How about some personal sacrifice on the part of our governor, and Paterson ponies up some of his re-election money to staff and maintain the park?

We could give him a pass to Thacher Park in perpetuity, so he's got a place to go after Election Day.

And if it's true that Paterson is shooting for a war chest of \$8 million, as the New York Post has reported, he wouldn't have to stop at Thacher Park — he could save all of the state's parks that are on the block.

The governor's plan calls for the closure of 41 parks and 14 historic sites, and service reductions at 23 parks and one historic site. That would save about \$6.3 million, according to Carol Ash, commissioner of the Office of Parks, Recreation and Historical Preservation, who came up with the list of closures and reductions in response to cuts to her department proposed by Paterson.

Quite frankly, Ash — the steward and representative of the state's 178 parks and 35 historic sites — should be ashamed of herself for a) not telling all parties concerned to shove it, b) not offering a cut to her \$127,000 salary or consolidation in her department or others as a means to keep some parks alive or c) both.

Before you fire up the e-mail and start typing "hypocrite" in the subject line, we at The Spotlight understand that we've preached before the virtue of small savings leading to bigger savings. But that's when it made sense, like reducing an advisory board from seven members to five, or consolidating services between municipalities and school districts to realize savings.

This does not make sense. We have a government that is so concerned for our health and well being that they have taxed people out of buying cigarettes, soda and sugary drinks, but not so concerned as to allow a cash-strapped constituency a place to get out and be active.

Here's why it doesn't make sense: Because it's a scare tactic and it doesn't have to — it just has to get the tax-paying public so riled up that they'd be willing to part with a few extra dollars in taxes and park fees if it means "saving" the parks.

Editorial

Technology makes the ball player

By DAN SABBATINO

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I'll never again wonder why athletes, especially young ones, take steroids.

Obviously it is unhealthy, dangerous and wrong, but after my experience this weekend, I can almost see where they are coming from. Almost.

Last week I had the privilege of attending an extremely well organized and professionally run "baseball showcase." For those who do not know what that is, it is basically a talent show for up-and-coming high school players. Scouts from all different types of colleges and even major league teams attend to watch a select group of athletes perform the basic skills of baseball: hitting, throwing, fielding and running. The event is invitation only.

My fiancée's younger brother, a sophomore and one of the youngest players there, was fortunate enough to have been nominated by someone, most likely a coach, to attend the event at the New York Jets training facility near Morristown, N.J.

On the first day, the players were given a brief orientation by the coaches running the program. During this time I learned some interesting things about the college recruiting process. Never having been to a showcase myself, I was astonished at how players and colleges became acquainted in the technology age.

The first curveball they threw at me was that most legitimate prospects have their own Web sites. We are talking about high school kids with streaming video of their mechanics, how fast they can run a 60-yard dash, and a biography with statistics. Second, I learned that every quantifiable statistic generated from the showcase, and others like it, would be posted on a Web site, for nearly 700 college scouts and recruiters. How fast you can run a 30- and 60-yard dash and how fast you can throw were measured and written down. I also learned that it

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is perfectly acceptable for parents to approach scouts at the showcase and ask them to keep an eye on "that left-handed kid with the red hat" that happens to be their son.

My problem with this system, and don't get me wrong I admire it for its efficiency and impeccable use of technology, is it is totally unfair. I'm sure it won't surprise you to know that the showcase cost \$350 to attend, not counting the hotel. Individualized videos for the first 10 players whose parents who could kick another \$95 to the instructors would be made as well. And that is just the start of the costs it takes to get noticed.

Making a Web page is cheap, if you have a computer, Internet access and a digital recording device — couple hundred there.

Another thing I learned about baseball scholarships is that "division one" schools, which have the most money available for new players, can offer a maximum of 11.7 scholarships for a four-year period, averaging less than three each year. And in baseball, partial scholarships are the norm, unlike basketball and football. Even with some supplemental money, a full ride is highly unlikely. The kids who can't afford the fancy personalized videos of themselves will have a harder time getting noticed and getting access to the already limited scholarship funds. It isn't fair.

The system is catered to those who are in a better financial position than a lot of other athletes. This must be bad, ultimately, for the sport, since it will be missing out on a whole pool of talent that simply isn't up to financial and technological snuff.

The scouts will tell you they can find talent anywhere. Maybe they can, but who has a better chance to get noticed?

In addition, this system is creating a bunch of overly confident, cocky and self-centered young boys — and parents. And I can't say for sure that it is related, but some of these kids are acting like they've already got and spent their signing bonus. One pitcher at the showcase

left after the first day. I overheard him talking with his parents: He was leaving because the finger on his non-throwing hand was sore. He couldn't risk hurting it for the upcoming spring season.

One father told me his son gets test answers from his teacher in school because he is so important to the baseball team, and another kid was 0.25 seconds slower on his 60-yard dash than in his training the week before. His dad asked if the statistics could reflect his practice time, which would have to be based on his word, to which the instructor, of course, said no. The runner was then scolded by his father for not breaking seven seconds, which is widely considered the gold standard for running the 60.

Not only did I disagree with what I saw from a socioeconomic standpoint, but I also felt a general disdain of overly protected and commoditized athletes. Having so much attention on yourself at that age perpetuates so much that I don't like about sports. I have no problem with honest competition, and I love to see young athletes battle for a chance at something more, but I don't want to see kids that will make it to top schools because their parents took them to nine showcases in two months at whatever cost.

I will say this to every major-league-baseball-cumulative-record-holder. You're safe. By the time I have my own kids, the average career of a baseball player is likely going to be six innings.

The pressure for these kids is enormous, and yes, I see why they take enhancers. It is wrong, but is it something fundamental about the future of the game? Maybe.

I asked one of the scouts there about my fiancée's brother, who comes from a small high school, doesn't have a Web page, no videos and probably won't go to anymore showcases — at least for this season. I asked what his chances were of getting noticed as he gets older, and better, his next few years of high school.

"If he can play," he said. "Someone will find him."

I just hope they can do so without the help of Microsoft or Hewlett Packard.

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Weekly poll

Last week's poll results:

Question: "Can a person be involved in politics without being a 'political operative?'"

- Yes. I'm involved in politics and I'm nobody's fool.: 27%
- Nope. Everyone has an agenda.: 20%
- Maybe. But it's rare to find someone who's not beholden to one politician or another.: 22%
- Not likely. Even the middle-of-the-road concerned citizens get co-opted by political parties.: 30%

This week's question:

"What would you like to see happen to Latham Circle Mall?"

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Your Opinion in The Spotlight

Gordon needs to address the real issue

Editor, *The Spotlight*:

Assemblyman Tim Gordon criticizes Governor Patterson over a proposal to delay tax refund payments. I agree that those who have over paid should not have their money held by the state and are entitled to their refund in a timely manner.

That is where my agreement with the Assemblyman ends as Gordon does not want the public to pay attention to the real issue. Gordon wants you to pay no attention to the fact that he voted for a budget that last year alone increased taxes by \$8 billion and spending by 9 percent.

In the worst economy any of us has ever seen, he said yes to more spending and higher taxes. Gordon and his

far left liberal majority in the Assembly have harmed every New York family much more than the delay of a tax refund ever could.

Surely a n "Independent" like Tim Gordon should be able to see that the real issue here is chronic over spending and the insanely high taxes that every New Yorker has to deal with on a daily basis.

That however, would require independence, and not a rubber stamping of Sheldon Silver's agenda; something not seen in our current Assemblyman.

While Tim Gordon would like nothing better than to grandstand on tax refunds, New York's families are struggling to pay the bills and put food on the table. If Gordon

was as concerned about New York's families as he claims to be, perhaps he should explain why he's voted yes on every budget since he's been in office, never saying "no" to a tax or spending increase.

The issue isn't delayed tax refunds. Uncontrolled spending and high taxes are what is destroying New York. Fiscal restraint is something all of us have to practice in our homes and businesses and the state should be no different.

I suspect the voters will send that message very clearly this November to tax-and-spend liberals like Tim Gordon.

Steve McLaughlin
Republican
candidate for 108th
Assembly District

Lent a good time to go vegan

Editor, *The Spotlight*:

The season of Lent is the perfect time to consider a plant-based diet. This 40-day period preceding Easter is when Christians have traditionally abstained from meat and dairy in memory of Jesus, 40 days of fasting and prayer before dying on the cross. Such a gesture would be a tangible expression of Jesus, message of compassion and love for all living beings.

Animals are being raised for food under abject conditions of caging, crowding, deprivation, drugging, mutilation, and manhandling. When trucked to slaughterhouses, they travel for days without food or water only to be bled, skinned, and dismembered while still conscious. Wastes from factory farms foul the water we drink and the air we breathe, and meat

production accounts for 18 percent of greenhouse gases responsible for global warming. Most chronic killer diseases are linked to consumption of animal products.

We have choices, and there are consequences: blessings and curses. We can continue to subsidize these sins against nature with every food purchase, or we can show our respect for Jesus, message by accepting a wholesome, nonviolent diet of vegetables, fruits, and grains first mandated in Genesis 1-29.

For additional information, visit <http://veg4lent.org/> or enter "vegan recipes" in a search engine for some exciting cuisine.

Ethan Fletcher
Delmar

Five Guys support community

Editor, *The Spotlight*:

The Bethlehem Boys Basketball Booster Club would like to thank the Glenmont Five Guys Restaurant for their generous support of Bethlehem Basketball.

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T-shirts and gift cards for our home games; the t-shirts and gift cards were tossed into the crowd for each 3-point shot made by a Bethlehem player and a second-chance 50/50 ticket prize was provided by the restaurant.

What a great way for a local business to show it's support for the community.

Thanks, Five Guys!

Mary Morrill
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A tip on tender beans

Editor, *The Spotlight*:

The following is in response to Robin Shrager Sutor's Feb. 17 column "Shop and chop and watch those veggies fly."

I'm a fairly confident cook and use quite a few dried beans. They're

healthy, cheap, full of fiber and protein and take on lots of flavor from whatever seasonings are added to them.

In this area we seem to have pretty hard water, and it helps to soak the beans with a pinch (dollop) of baking soda to get them to be really

tender, as in "plump and tender" from your recent column.

Sometimes I add some baking soda to the beans in their final preparation, although I have not seen anyone advise that.

Meme Pittman
Niskayuna

IN BRIEF

Figure Skating Club to hold Spring Ice Show

The Albany Figure Skating Club annual Spring Ice Show will be held on March 7 at the Bethlehem Area YMCA from 4 to 6:30 p.m. There will be 50 skaters between ages 6 and 18 from the Capital District performing individual programs, skaters from the Albany FSC Basic Skills program, and skaters from the Achilles Edge Pre-Juvenile and Intermediate Synchronized Skating Teams. Admission to the Ice Show is \$2 for adults, \$1 for students and seniors, and free for children under the age of 5. Additionally, spectators are asked to bring a non-perishable food item to be donated to the Greater Capital Region Food Pantry. There will be refreshments for sale to benefit the Albany Figure Skating Club's programs. The Bethlehem Area YMCA is located at 900 Delaware

Avenue in Delmar. For more information, call show coordinator Tom Lombardi at 439-8026 or email him at Lombardt1@verizon.net. For more information about the Albany Figure Skating Club, visit their website at www.albanyfsc.org.

Old Songs to host Irish band from Germany

The Irish band Cara, made up of German members, will hold a concert presented by Old Songs on March 5 at 37 South Main Street in Voorheesville. Cara has toured worldwide, their second CD was nominated for a German Critics Award, and was named one of the 10 most influential bands of the last decade by "Folkworld" magazine. The show will begin at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$20, and reservations can be made by calling Old Songs at 518-765-2815 or by visiting their website at www.oldsongs.com

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Patrons, tenants: Mall not achieving its potential

Former Supervisor Mary Brizzell weighs in on Lowe's approval process

By DAN SABBATINO
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Amid speculation about the direction of the Latham Circle Mall, its tenants and customers expressed hope for the shopping center's future.

Juan Colon, who runs Proline Promotion, a shop that sells tire rims and car accessories located on the Burlington Coat Factory side of the mall, said he does not want to leave the Latham Circle Mall, calling it a good location for his business.

A Clifton Park resident, Colon said he rarely scopes out the rest of the mall and keeps to his side, but he used to frequent a number of stores before they moved out.

"As bad as it is, it still has potential," he said. "I love this mall. I'll be out of here [only] when they lock me out."

The mall's remaining stores: anchors J.C. Penney, Lowe's, Regal Cinemas and the Burlington Coat Factory, are joined by the All Star Driving School, women's clothing shops Avenue and DEB, Albany Aikido, a martial art's studio, NY Gear, Proline Promotion, Blade Master, which deals in sporting and collectable goods, insurance

company Dinsmore Agency, Kermit Hayes Photography, John Lee Auction Service, The Gift Wagon, and One Step Above hair salon.

The food court no longer has any tenants.

William Leppert runs the property from an office on the Burlington side. He works for Key Point Partners, which manages the property on behalf of Realty Financial Partners.

Leppert said that the building's fire hazard and safety concerns are a No. 1 priority, but there are issues with the heating he is looking into.

The town issued a formal order to fix the heating problem by Monday, Feb. 15. According to information from the town's building department, the mall must be kept at or above 68 degrees Fahrenheit.

"We've taken steps to correct that," Leppert said.

"We have made arrangements to correct the heating problems and are in the process of bringing in additional heating units to correct [the problem]. This should be in place by the end of this week, and the town has been kept advised of our intentions," Leppert said in an e-mail on Tuesday, Feb. 16.

He said he is unsure what will happen to the mall, or if any deal with a tenant or tenants will be struck soon, but "Key Point is excited about the opportunity," and are

"looking to change the culture of what's here."

For now, shoppers scattered through the once hopping retail destination stroll casually past vacant storefronts until they land in one of the few remaining shops.

Mike Densmore, 21, of Watervliet, and Laura Rahm, 19, of Latham, stopped at the mall to visit the lone hair salon there.

Densmore said he only comes to the mall for a haircut and the occasional stop at Burlington Coat Factory, which Rahm likes to patronize. Rahm said she was disappointed to see many of the shops closed, including a candy store that had reasonable prices on a number of treats.

Densmore said he no longer goes to the movie theater at the mall in favor for other locations and would like to see a revitalized structure.

"Shut it down and make something new," Densmore said.

Eleanor Laviolette, a Troy resident of more than 30 years, said she comes to the J.C. Penney because of its location and because of the sales it runs.

"I always liked this mall," she said. "It's close to the highway and has good parking."

Laviolette was making her way to Burlington Coat Factory on the other side of the mall, she said, to do a little



Proline Productions; above, and Blade Master, left, two stores in Latham Circle Mall, during business hours on Thursday, Feb. 11. Owners of both stores say the mall is not living up to its potential. "As bad as it is, it still has potential," said Juan Colon, owner of Proline. "I love this mall. I'll be out of here [only] when they lock me out."

Dan Sabbatino/Spotlight

more shopping after a stop at J.C. Penney's.

Tenants weighed in on the state of the mall, as well.

Gloria Turner, assistant manager at One Step Above and hair stylist of 26 years, said a strong customer base has kept the salon busy, but walk-ins from mall traffic would be helpful too, if there were more of them.

Having done business

at the mall for 21 years, Turner said she would like to see the shopping center renovated but was unsure of its future.

Amanda Helda, manager at Avenue, said ever though the mall has lost tenants in recent years, a strong customer base has kept the clothing store afloat.

The store occupied the mall for the past 20 years, Helda said.

"We really don't get impacted," she said.

She said she is hopeful to see more tenants and patrons visit the mall in coming months.

"I hope it comes alive,"

she said.

She said there are leaks above the store that are causing mold to develop in the tiles, and replacing the tiles only solves the problem temporarily, since the leak continues.

She would like to see the mall either fixed up or torn down to start over, she said.

Roger Gaetano, proprietor of Blade Masters, said he has been in the mall for 13 years, and was unhappy with the effort put forth by former owner Eugene Weiss.

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G'land Center strives to form a community

Association allows residents to share concerns about hamlet's future

By RYAN MUNKS
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A number of Guilderland Center residents are leading the effort to bring a sense of community to the area with the formation of the Guilderland Center Neighborhood Association.

Residents Teri Conroy and Marsha Scott came up with the idea to form the organization, which first met in the fall of 2009, and had its second meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 26. The association will meet on the fourth Tuesday of every month at the Guilderland Center Fire House from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

"I, along with Marsha Scott, thought it would be a great idea. We don't have a lot of connection here," said Conroy of the hamlet.

She said she would like to see the development of a more close-knit community, like that of Altamont, in Guilderland Center.

Unlike Altamont, Guilderland Center, with its 3,000 residents, is characterized by widely spaced homes, a lack of sidewalks, and high speed limits—a trio of factors that make the formation of a community difficult.

"Our houses are so far apart; not everybody knows everybody," said Scott. "Every section of Guilderland has a neighborhood association. Here, if you don't get a local paper, you don't know what's going on."

While Conroy and Scott came up with the idea to form a neighborhood association, resident Kelly Gardner has stepped

"Every section of Guilderland has a neighborhood association. Here, if you don't get a local paper, you don't know what's going on."

Guilderland Center resident Marsha Scott

forward as a leader in the association, although currently, no formal structure has been put in place.

"We felt in our little hamlet, we all wanted to be in touch with the changes going on in the area," said Gardner.

Gardner said that at the Jan. 26 meeting of the association, the meeting drew 26 people from the hamlet, and organizers are for that number to grow.

"We're just starting to get the word out," Gardner said.

At their recent meeting, Councilwoman Patricia Slavick advised the group on how to form a neighborhood association. Slavick drew on her knowledge of other neighborhood associations, like the McKownville Improvement Association, as a template for her discussion.

Future meetings will be devoted to discussing the issues faced by residents.

According to Gardner, some of the issues include the potential construction of a roundabout by the Getty Station on Route 146, the speed limit, and future development in the town.

"There is a lot of foot traffic here, with cars going 40 miles per hour," said Gardner.

She said she is particularly concerned with the high speed limit and the danger it could represent to pedestrians, most notably senior

citizens and students at Guilderland High School.

Scott said that having a forum in which neighbors can discuss issues will help Guilderland Center develop solutions.

"Everybody had the same thing in their mind about the speed limit, and nobody knew what to do about it," she said.

She said the formation of a neighborhood association will provide a forum for concerned citizens to come together and reach a consensus on solutions to issues faced by the hamlet, allowing the community to petition the Town Board with a unified voice.

Traffic safety will be the issue addressed at the next meeting of the association on Tuesday, Feb. 23. Captain Curtis Cox, chairman of the town's Traffic Safety Committee, will be a speaker at the meeting.

While the association will address the practical issues the hamlet faces, its founders also hope it will provide a means to create a greater sense of community in Guilderland Center.

Gardner and Conroy both said that one of the primary goals of the neighborhood association is to help neighbors get to know one another.

Residents who are interested in joining the association, or who would like more information can e-mail Marsha Scott at catlady@nycap.rr.com, or visit the group's Facebook page.

Dolls in Delmar



Members and guests of the Bethlehem Historical Association enjoyed a program presented by Delmar doll collector Ursula Mertz at their Feb. 18 meeting. Mertz explained how the post-war social and economic changes that took place in the 1920s influenced fashions, which in turn were reflected in the dolls of the day. Doll manufacturers produced dolls styled as flappers and dolls that resembled popular movie stars such as Clara Bow and Jackie Coogan. Hair styles and facial features as well as the details of clothing were carefully designed to portray the time period. Mertz supplemented her talk with slides and she brought along several dolls from her collection.

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Sixth-grade girls at Albany Academy for Girls have raised \$1,000 for the American Red Cross relief efforts in Haiti. The girls sold candy grams during lunch from Feb. 1 to 12. ABOVE: Rachel Baker, 16, of Albany; Sydney Buran, 16, of Cohoes and Sedef Ishaque, 16, of Loudonville, sell hearts during lunch. RIGHT: McKenna Ingerson, 16, of Latham, and Sydney Buran, 16, of Cohoes.

Submitted photos



Albany County latest to join prescription discount program

Popular free card can be used by residents at any pharmacy

By CHARLES WIFF
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Albany County has joined more than two dozen counties statewide in adopting a prescription drug discount card program run by ProAct, Inc. that promises to deliver medical savings to eligible residents without incurring a cost for government.

ProAct started mailing nearly 130,000 cards to Albany County residents on Feb. 8. County spokeswoman Mary Duryea said residents should have received their card in the mail by now, but if one didn't show up a card can be printed out by visiting www.nyrxdiscountcard.com.

Duryea said the plan was appealing to county officials because it offers residents some potential relief from drug expenses without levying a cost on taxpayers.

"It's really a benefit for those without prescription drug coverage," she said. "If you don't have insurance or you don't have much coverage for prescription medications on your insurance, you can try the card to see

what kind of discount you might get."

Discounts range from 10 to 20 percent on name brand medicines and from 20 to 70 percent on generics, according to ProAct. It can't be used to reduce co-payments, however.

ProAct is a subsidiary of Kinney Drugs, a chain of drugstores headquartered in Gouverneur. About 56,000 pharmacies nationwide participate in the program under the theory providing greater access to their stores will increase sales volume, said ProAct President David Warner.

"The pharmacies want to participate in the network," he said. "I think it's a win-win for everyone."

Since 2005, the discount card program has been adopted in 29 New York counties.

"Right now, the savings as of February, we've reached the 1 millionth prescription filled under the program and savings here in New York to the residents has hit the \$20 million mark," Warner said.

The card is not linked to personal information and its use is not tracked, so one card can be used for an entire household or given to a friend, according

to ProAct.

Locally, Schenectady and Saratoga counties adopted the plan in early 2009. Saratoga Springs Supervisor Joann Yepsen, who introduced the program to the Saratoga County Board of Supervisors, said the program has been a success.

"Based on the usage numbers we are receiving from ProAct, it appears to be a win-win," she said.

Records from ProAct show the card has been used in Saratoga County for nearly 8,600 claims since September of 2009, for \$220,000 in savings. The average savings was 41 percent of the prescription cost.

"Because this is working, more and more counties are picking this up and realizing that if it's no cost to the county or the taxpayers, they have nothing to lose," Yepsen said.

All Albany County pharmacies will accept the card, which can also be used at any participating pharmacy nationwide. ProAct is looking to expand the program to apply to other costs like hearing aids, eye glasses, eye exams and Lasik surgery.

The card already offers discounts on some pet medications, as well. County officials are encouraging residents to keep the card on hand—it can't hurt to give it a try.

"It's not costing taxpayers anything and it doesn't cost anything to use the card," Duryea said. "We encourage residents to try the card."

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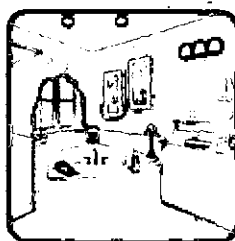
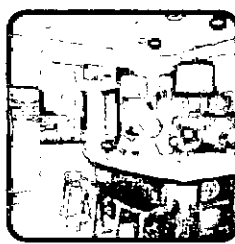
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A trustee's term is five years. Meetings are monthly and last an hour and a half to two hours. In addition, a trustee may be asked to serve on a subcommittee or as liaison



to the Upper Hudson Library System.

The board's business ranges from budget review and oversight to decisions about the physical plant, policies and staffing. Trustees help set goals for essential, relevant and high-quality library services

for their community, both now and in the future.

Beyond the boardroom, trustees are advocates for libraries. They are aware of issues facing today's libraries, and the impact

of these issues on their library and community. They are willing to share this awareness with neighbors, community leaders and legislators.

A library is democracy in a building. It offers free, uncensored access to a whole world of ideas, information, and cultural diversity. It serves all stages and walks of life. You can participate in this democracy, helping to shape your library's place in the life of your community. Think about it.

Candidate packets will be available at the information desk beginning March 1. Current board members are Aaron Baldwin,

John Sobiecki, Nancy Smith, Tamra Wright, Penelope Koburger, Yolanda Caldwell, and Joyce Becker. Feel free to contact the library director or any board member with questions; call 439-9314 or email bpltrustee@uhls.lib.ny.us.

Pajama-rama

Thursday, March 11, and Tuesday, March 16, 7 p.m.

Wear your PJs and bring your favorite stuffed animal for bedtime stories, songs and dancing. Up to age 6 and families.

Teen movie

Saturday, March 13, 2:30 p.m.

Viewers' choice. Grades six and up.

St. Patrick's Day bingo

Wednesday, March 17, 3:30 p.m.

Bingo with a little blarney for leprechauns of all ages. Grades K and up.

Call 439-9314 to sign up.

Louise Grieco

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

IN BRIEF

St. Thomas to hold fundraiser

St. Thomas School will hold a fundraising "Night on Broadway" at Normanside Country Club in Delmar on April 17.

Community members, business professionals and St. Thomas parishioners are invited to attend. The evening will feature silent and live auctions, food, and entertainment.

Attendees may use a donation form to sponsor the event, pledge an item for donation or purchase tickets to the event.

For information, call Pamela Seward at 439-4851.

Church to host Lenten series

For the upcoming five Wednesdays, Feb. 24, March 3, March 10, March 17 and March 24, the First Reformed Church of Bethlehem will host Lenten discussions.

At 6 p.m. soup and beverages will be served, and participants are asked to bring their own sandwich. From 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. the attendees will discuss spirituality and spring metaphors in scripture. For information, call the church office at 767-2243.

Volunteer to help someone learn to read

Reading is one of life's great joys, but there are so many people right in our area who are denied this pleasure because they lack basic English-language skills. If you're looking for a meaningful volunteer opportunity that can truly change someone's life for the better, becoming a Literacy Volunteer is your chance! The Guilderland Public Library, in partnership with Literacy New York: Greater Capital Region, is looking to recruit and train volunteers to become tutors in ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) or BL

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(Basic Literacy, primarily reading and writing). We provide the training to help you work effectively with adult students who want to improve their English. The Library is also adding literacy materials to its growing collection, all of which you can check out with your library card. Participants who complete the training will be matched with one student or will work with another tutor to lead

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various dates in March and April, depending on which tutoring track you choose. There is a \$35 materials fee for the full training. To register, call Literacy New York Greater Capital Region at 452-3382.

Mark Curiale

The Guilderland Public Library is at 2228 Western

Ave., Guilderland. For information on this program, or any matter pertaining to the library, contact the library's Public Information Office at 456-2400 extension 12, or e-mail pio@guilpl.org. To learn about other programs and services at the library, visit www.guilpl.org.

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"2010 – The Year of The Roth IRA"

Presented by Robert L. Wolff, Esq., on Wednesday, March 3rd from 6–7 p.m.
at East Greenbush Community Library, 10 Community Way, East Greenbush, (518) 477-7476

2010 will be a pivotal one for retirement planning, as it will be the first year in which taxpayers will be able to convert funds in regular IRAs (as well as qualified plan funds) to Roth IRAs regardless of their income level. This new conversion option poses significant tax planning opportunities for IRA owners in 2010.

The two major benefits of the Roth IRAs that appeal to taxpayers are qualified distributions from a Roth IRA are tax free and Roth IRAs are not subject to traditional IRA minimum distribution rules. In addition, the Roth IRA is a powerful wealth transfer vehicle due to qualified income distributions being tax free to heirs.

The workshop will cover in detail income tax, retirement planning and estate planning with Roth IRAs and will be taught by Robert Wolff J.D., LL.M. Tax, who has been certified as an Elder Law Attorney by the National Elder Law Foundation, and has been designated a Chartered Retirement Planning Counselor by the College for Financial Planning.

THE WORKSHOPS ARE FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. No Reservations Required.

For more information about this workshop, you can contact Robert L. Wolff at (518) 271-0801 or the East Greenbush Community Library at (518) 477-7476.

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RCS students' artwork is on display at the Community Library and in the hallway gallery outside the library annex. The show will be up until March 5.

The exhibit is open during library hours from 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., 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.)

E-mail me

The library is collecting e-mail addresses to begin e-mailing the community notices of our events and programs. Fill out an email notification form and be one of the first to know when the library schedules a concert or plans school vacation activities for the kids.

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notification when your requests arrive at the library and receiving a reminder two days before your hold expires. You will receive an e-mail reminder two days before an item is due, with a link to your account that allows you to try to renew the item. Overdue notices also arrive in your inbox with a link that allows you to renew.

What's new

• Adult fiction

"The Brick Layer" by Noah Boyd

"From Dead to Worse" by Charla Harris

• Adult nonfiction

"Breakwater: Poems" by Catherine Savage Brosman

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



The action starts on the drawing (computer) board and ends up with Lego Robotics racing around the floor at the Voorheesville Library's School's Out workshop.

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Community room

The library community room will be open from 8 to 11 p.m. on Feb. 25 and 27 for Olympic viewing on the big screen. The hockey finals will be broadcast on Wednesday the 24th and Thursday the 26th beginning at 3 p.m. and miscellaneous events all afternoon on Saturday the 27th from 1 to 5 p.m.

The Library Friends will provide drinks and snacks. Drop in with family and friends!

Book discussions

Adult books discussions meet at 7 p.m. on March 3 for "Land of Marvels" (fiction) and March 8 for "The Way of the World" (non-fiction). Teens are reading "The Year of Secret Assignments" by Jaclyn Moriarty for discussion on March 11. Grades two and three are reading "Welcome to the

Bed and Biscuit" by Joan Carris for Friday, March 19. Get your copies now.

Book delivery

The weather is still threatening. Call for yourself, a friend or a family member to receive our home book delivery service. Emergency or weather closings will be logged on the library phone and local news stations. And remember, our baskets are still out for food pantry donations.

Barbara Vink

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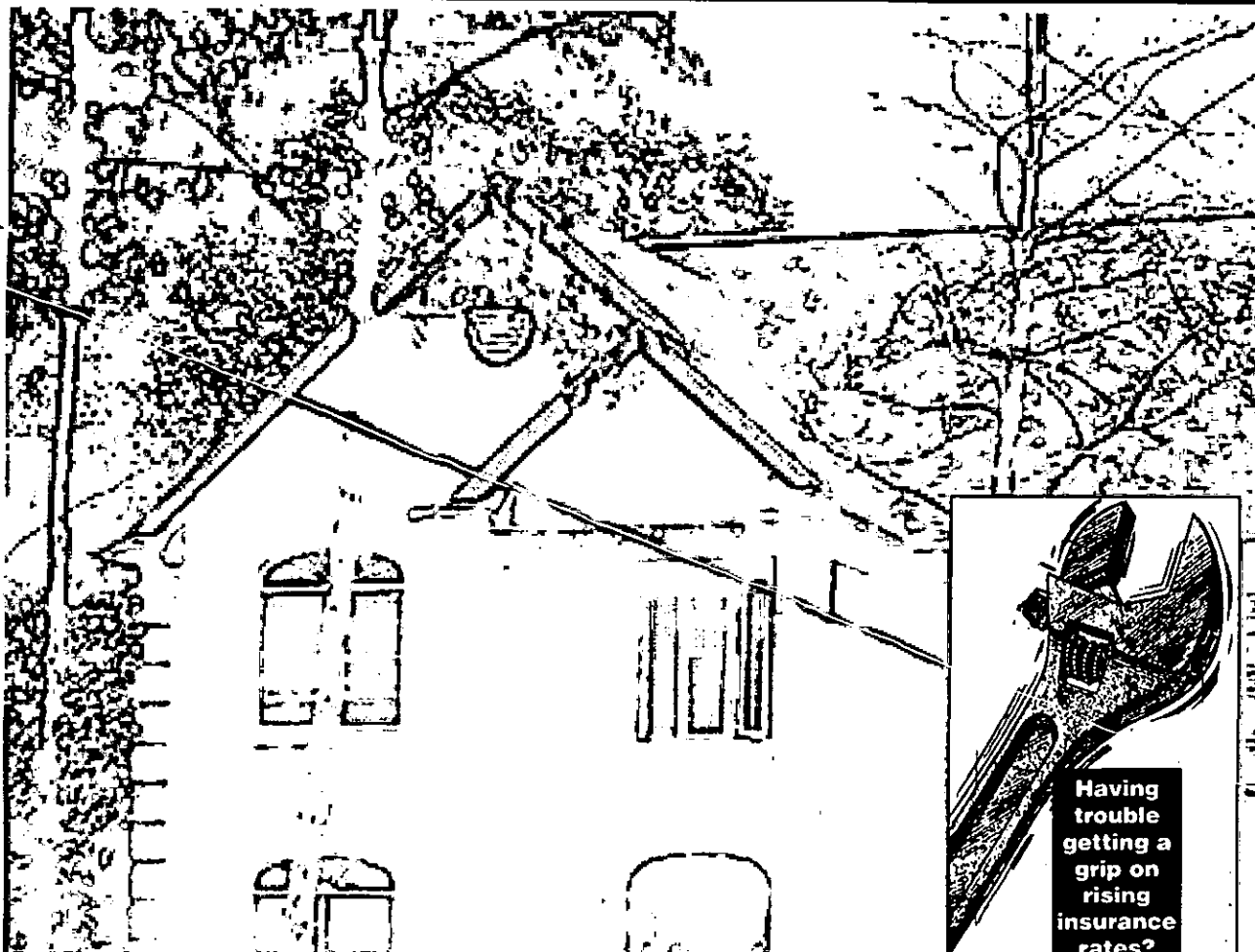
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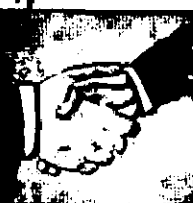


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Leah Slocum 727-9561

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Get together with other seniors to socialize

Do you like games? Or coffee, dessert and chit chat? Every Thursday, Bethlehem seniors gather for socializing while playing bridge, bingo, pinocle and mah jongg. Instruction (or refresher) is available for mah jongg. This latest craze is a fun and addictive game played with tiles. Come between 11:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. to the Town Hall at 445 Delaware Ave. A 50-cent donation is requested. Bring your lunch if you wish.

Newsletter

The Senior Services Newsletter for March and April is out. The newsletter provides information and referrals to services for Bethlehem town residents, age 60 and over. The newsletter also lists special trips and fun activities for seniors. Highlights include: "To Kill a Mockingbird"

Senior Action

Town of Bethlehem

at Capital Repertory Company on March 25, dinner at the SCCC Culinary Arts Program on April 13, "Gypsy" at the Cohoes Music Hall on April 17, "The Orphan train" at NYSTI on April 20, and "Harvey" at the Curtain Call Theatre on April 25. Reservations for these programs go fast so come to the Senior Office in the Town Hall (or call 439-4955, ext. 1176) on or after March 1 to reserve your seat. Pick up a copy of the newsletter at the Senior Office in the Town Hall or at the Town of Bethlehem Web-site at www.townofbethlehem.org or you can request that a copy be e-mailed to

you by calling 439-4955, ext. 1176.

Weatherization and HEAP programs

You may be eligible for thousands of dollars worth of weatherization improvements to your home or for help in paying your heating bills. To find out if your income level qualifies, call Bethlehem Senior Services at 439-4955 #1174, Jane Sanders; #1173, Will Vail; or #1175, Alice Parker.

Reminder

The Town of Bethlehem has senior exercise classes starting in March including "A Matter of Balance" on Tuesday mornings starting March 23, "Lifetime Fitness" on Tuesday or Thursday evenings starting March 23 or March 25, and "Yoga-50+" on Tuesday afternoons starting March 16. Registration

is through the Parks and Recreation Office, 261 Elm Ave. or call 439-4955, option 3.

Program highlights

Tuesday, March 2

• Seniors in Motion – a low level fun aerobic exercise class to music. Bethlehem Town Hall auditorium, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 9 to 10 a.m. No registration is necessary. \$3 fee per class.

• A.A.R.P. Income Tax Assistance Program, Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave. Delmar, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Appointments are needed and you should bring various tax documents, including your 2008 return, your W-2 and 1099 forms, and receipts for contributions, medical bills, and property/school taxes. Call 439-4955, ext.

1176.

Wednesday, March 3

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

• Senior Discussion Group, facilitated by Jane Sanders, targets current news events, human interest stories and reminisces about the past. The group meets from 10:30 a.m. until noon in Room 107 of the Town Hall. Transportation can be arranged by calling 439-4955, ext. 1176.

Thursday, March 4

• 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, entertainment and dessert at the Bethlehem Town Hall auditorium, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar at noon. All seniors are welcome. See above note for specifics or call 439-4955, ext. 1176.

Friday, March 5

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

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

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

Wilma DeLucco,
Bethlehem Senior Projects,
Inc. Board Member

Join fellow seniors for lunch in Guilderland

Every Tuesday at 11:30 a.m., more than 50 seniors gather to have lunch together in our Town Hall Board-Room.

Participants may order the featured hot meal (listed on the calendar), or opt for a cold tuna salad plate or cold fruit

plate. Orders must be placed with our office by 10:30 a.m. the day before the luncheon and the suggested donation is \$3. Some decide to bring their own lunch, which is also fine. Following the lunch, many seniors play bingo, other board games, shoot a game of pool or simply converse with friends. Please think about joining our Tuesday family — we would love to have you!

Third Tuesday services

On the third Thursday of each month, representatives are in Town Hall to assist seniors with the following:

- Food stamp applications
- Blood pressure readings
- Legal advice by appointment only (call

Town of Guilderland SENIOR CALENDAR

senior office)
• Medical applications

Monday, March 1

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

Tuesday, March 2

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

Wednesday, March 3

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

Thursday, March 4

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

Friday, March 5

Scheduled Shopping
9:30 a.m.-1 a.m. Defensive Driving @ Library
10 a.m. Painting
1 p.m. Quilting

Got news?

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□ Park

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homes and social services, no area of state spending, including parks and historic sites, could be exempt from reductions," said Gov. David A. Paterson, in the release.

In same release, Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historical Preservation Commissioner Carol Ash said that in light of needed reductions in the 2010-11 executive budget, the parks office put forward proposed closures and service reductions to meet its agency savings target.

"These actions were not recommended lightly, but they are necessary to address our state's extraordinary fiscal difficulties," said Ash.

Following the governor's announcement, Keefe said the process in determining which parks would be closed was an imperfect one. "We looked at attendance, operation costs and availability of other parks and recreation in the area," said Keefe.

He said the office stands to save \$255,000 through the closing of Thacher Park.

The prospect of the park closing has already drawn a tremendous public outcry.

John Kilroy, president

of the group "Friends of Thacher Park," said "If you think about it, this place has a big history, not only with Albany County, but also with the families of Albany County. ... This really is the crown jewel of the Capital Region," he said.

He also said that Thacher provides a needed respite for many people struggling with hard times.

"Think about how many people are out of work and can't afford a vacation. They can go up to Thacher Park, relax, and have a good time," said Kilroy.

Online networking Web sites have helped the movement against the closing of the park pick up steam. The Facebook group "Save John Boyd Thacher Park" has attracted more than 5,000 fans in less than a week.

"People need parks," said the founder of that group, Anni Murray of Albany. "We are animals. We need more than concrete, cars and advertising. How can you expect anyone to want to care for the environment when they never get to see it? People are extremely attached to this park and have jumped at the chance to be part of the campaign to save it."

Another Facebook group, "2,000 to Save Thacher Park," has already registered more than 23,000 fans in less than a week.

The fate of the state-run parks will depend largely on the enacted budget for the 2010-2011, which is now in the hands of the Legislature and is scheduled to be voted on by Wednesday, March 31.

"We have voiced our concerns to the governor, and the Parks Department. Closing Thacher Park would have a tremendous affect on the people of the Capital Region," said Sen. Neil Breslin, D-Delmar.

He said the park serves people from all walks of life, and is a popular location for school trips.

Breslin also said the park shouldn't be closed for more practical reasons.

"It runs on a state road. They aren't going to close the road down," he said, referring to Route 157, which runs northward from the park's southern entrance in the Town of New Scotland, to the park's northern entrance in the Town of Knox.

Assemblyman John McEneny was unavailable to comment, but according to information from his office, one of his top priorities in his budget letter to Speaker Sheldon Silver was to keep state parks open.

According to Murray, a protest of the potential closing of Thacher Park is being planned for Wednesday, March 2, outside the Capitol building.

□ Project

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"The Stewart's store, although it was a component, was not the driving component in regard to this PDD," Hershberg said. "The market still exists for those [condominiums], and I think it's a great transition."

A member of Russell Road Partners, the project applicant, deferred comment to Hershberg.

Tom Mailey, a spokesman for Stewart's Stores, said while the company felt the location was excellent for a Stewart's, the resident opposition did cause the company to re-examine the plan.

"We felt that there was [a need], but a lot of people felt that they'd rather just have us where we are," he said. "The neighborhood reaction was that they would rather see something residential there than commercial."

Blessing Road resident Jim Martley said he was pleased with the developer's decision.

"I think this is a heck of a lot better for this

community to have the condos rather than the Stewart's," he said. "They didn't bother me as much as the gasoline and the Stewart's station."

Martley is one of many residents who were vocal about the project by making public comments or signing petitions. The majority of residents who spoke at the public hearing earlier this month singled out the Stewart's portion of the application, though a few said they didn't like the idea of having condominiums nearby, citing traffic concerns among other issues.

"I know some of our neighbors on Beverly Drive are not happy with it because it's in their backyard, and they're going to have to look at these tall buildings," Martley said of the condos.

The development at the corner of Russell and Krumkill would be separated from the main plot of condo buildings further up Russell Road by federal wetlands, which the proposal would not disturb. The condos would be targeted at working professionals and run around \$300,000 per unit,

depending on size and other factors.

The developer has said the town stands to realize more than \$30,000 in revenue from the project, but those estimates included a Stewart's store. A condominium association would take on service of the development's roads and utilities.

Hershberg said he hopes the project can be placed on the agenda of the Tuesday, March 2 Planning Board meeting to make a presentation and ask for an extension of the deadline for the project to be considered. The Planning Board still has a March 7 deadline to submit a recommendation to the Town Board—which makes the final determination on PDDs—but the developer thinks more time should be taken for review.

"We've been in front of the board for a while, but this is a change," Hershberg said.

The applicant asked the Planning Board to hold a public hearing for Feb. 2. Another one won't be required until the PDD comes to the Town Board for consideration.

□ Moves

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members Nicholas Behuniak and John Smolinsky absent.

Beverwyck officials have said they hope to break ground on the \$6 million expansion in May, with construction wrapping up near the end of 2010.

Beverwyck opened in 1993 with 85 beds. It now serves 220 residents in independent living and 45 residents in assisted living.

Phillipin Kill Manor floats easement

The Planning Board extended the deadline on the environmental review process for the proposed Phillipin Kill Manor housing development, which has been before the town in various forms for about seven years, but board members had positive

comments for the latest developments.

Peter Lynch, attorney for the applicant, said the developer has decided to trim a lot from the northwest portion of the development to allow for a 30-foot wide easement down to the Phillipin Kill area from Fischer Boulevard.

The developer has long proposed offering a 35-acre plot of land for donation to the Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, but the Planning Board had expressed concerns over how the public would access the land.

"This was a major comment that we have received during the review process, that it would be a major benefit if we could provide that access," Lynch said.

While Five Rivers had been hoping for a wider easement, they have indicated the proposal should be acceptable, said town planners.

Planning Board Chairman George Leveille said the easement was "a milestone" for both the long-standing application and for town residents.

"We've been trying on projects in this vicinity to get access [to the area] and this is a favorable accommodation," he said.

Richard Tice of Brewer Engineering Associates said talks with the Army Corps of Engineers about the area's wetlands were going well, and should conclude within the next 30 days.

The Slingerlands development, if built, would be an 83-building development consisting of 30 twin homes or townhouses, 47 single-family homes and six larger "estate" style lots.

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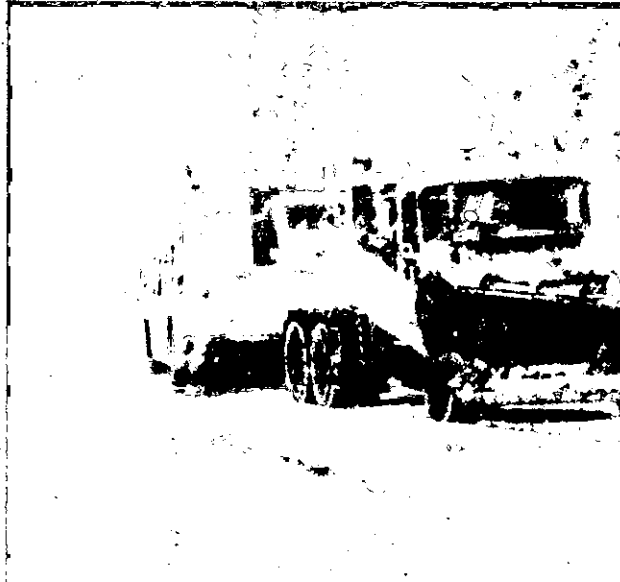
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Tom Heffernan Sr./Spotlight



The shop 'Next Door' prepares for opening

Perfect Blend owners look nearby for expansion

By CHARLES WIFF
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For Dan Casey and Brendan McCann, a vacant storefront was the icing on the cake to an already successful business relationship.

The owners of Perfect Blend in coming days will be opening Next Door, a shop located adjacent to the popular coffee bar that will be baking up cakes, cookies, cupcakes and pastries for catering and direct sale. The store, which has a sizable, fully equipped kitchen, has been under renovation for several weeks leading up to the grand opening.

Having another location will give the longtime friends the opportunity to expand their lunch menu at Perfect Blend, which has been limited because of the facilities available.

"We worked out of a 6-quart mixer [in Perfect Blend]. Now we have a 20 and 60," said Casey, who holds a degree in baking and pastry technology from Johnson and Wales University in Providence, R.I. "It's kind of like a dream come true."

The store used to be a Cookies By Design, so it was already outfitted for commercial-baking needs. A lot of customers had encouraged the coffee shop owners to expand even before they seriously considered it themselves, which actually lent the bakery its name.

"So many people kept saying, 'What's going in next door?'" McCann said. "We decided it was a good opportunity to take over that space because the kitchen's a lot bigger... It's a fantastic location."

Located at the Four Corners in Delmar, Casey and McCann opened Perfect Blend in October of 2008 after conceiving the idea on a cross-country road trip. With Casey's formal culinary training and McCann's business background, the coffee shop has become a local favorite, but with the kitchen space available the business has only been able to offer a limited food menu to go with its extensive drink selections.

That's going to change with Next Door

in play. The owners will be experimenting with further food options in addition to the sweet stuff, and will be expanding their catering services to include weddings cakes and pastries for other special events.

Along with a bigger kitchen will come a bigger payroll. The duo employ five at Perfect Blend, in addition to their own labor, and will probably double that number when Next Door is in business.

Expanding a business in today's economic climate doesn't worry either owner. They said starting Perfect Blend was a lot harder than opening Next Door; they financed the coffee shop by borrowing from friends and family because no bank would give a loan to an eatery at the time. The continued support of the community has made taking the next step a lot easier, said McCann.

"We've worked hard to get where we're at," he said. "We didn't grow up in Delmar, but we're kind of feeling like we did."

You can find Perfect Blend on the Web at www.perfectblendcafe.com



Melissa Martuscello sculpts a cake for display at Next Door, which will be opening as an extension of Perfect Blend at the Four Corners in Delmar.

Charles Wiff/Spotlight



Dan Casey, Melissa Martuscello and Brendan McCann behind the counter at Next Door. Owners Casey and McCann will use the business not only for catering and direct sale of cakes and other treats, but for expanding the menu at their neighboring business, Perfect Blend.

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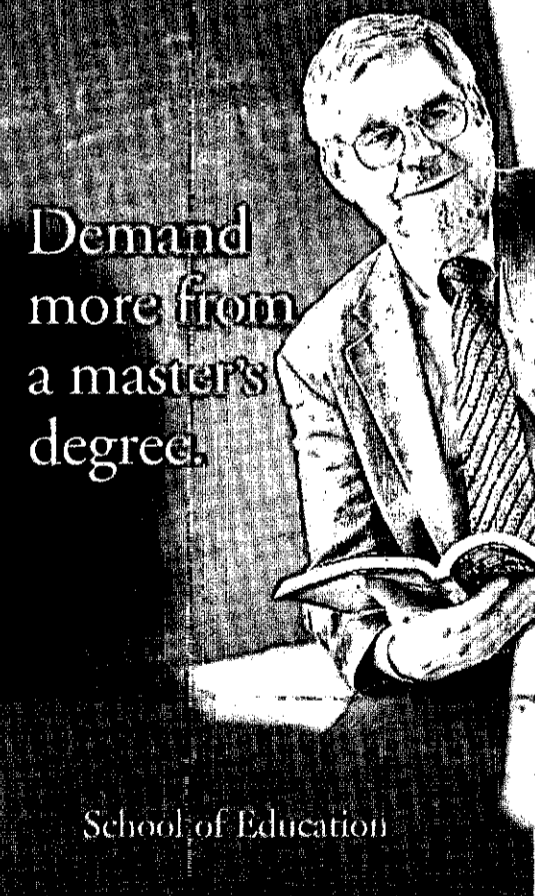
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Longtime lifeguard passes on decades of skill

Red Cross instructor made his first water rescue 70 years ago

By DAN SABBATINO
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Lifeguard trainer Albert Cahill's first water rescue came when he was 12 years old.

A child was riding his bike on a small bridge in rural New Jersey, Cahill said, when he fell off his bicycle into the water. The child had fallen into a swampy area and clearly could not keep afloat. Cahill dove in to pull out the drowning boy before ever having any lifeguard training.

"When I got home — did I get it. My mom gave me hell for it," he said.

During his rescue, Cahill had ruined a new pair of knickers, much to his mother's dismay. Even after a local councilman called his mother to tell her he would be recognized for his act of heroism, she told the official that it doesn't make up for the ruined pants.

At 82 years old, Cahill is passing on years of knowledge and experience to others as a lifeguard instructor for the American Red Cross. Certified as a water safety

instructor in 1944, at 16 years old, Cahill is one of the longest tenured lifeguards in the Capital District.

He will be running a program at the Shaker High School pool, beginning Monday evening, Feb. 22, through May 10.

Cahill spent his career in broadcasting and worked on various radio and television shows covering sports. He had a notable bowling program in the 1960s and '70s. He served in the Marines from 1945 to 1949, and was a World War II veteran. He graduated from Ithaca College and has lived in the Capital District since 1962.

Cahill was a co-founder of the Red Cross National Aquatic School.

The lifeguard classes at Shaker will run from 6 to 10 p.m., each Monday, except for the spring break week of April 5.

Michael Connelly and Janis Spilker, both certified instructors, help run the class.

"It's a community course even though it's in the school," Cahill said.

A swimming test will be given at the Shaker Pool on the first night. The swimming requirements are a "550-yard, untimed swim, using the crawl and breast strokes" and the

swimmer must recover a 10-pound object from 7- to 9-foot of water.

"The toughest part of the course is getting into it," Cahill quipped.

He spoke about the importance of water safety and how some accidents can be prevented before they occur. Cahill said preventive life-guarding is just as important as daring rescues, and some lifeguards can go decades without ever making a rescue — and that is to their credit.

"They can see the trouble coming," Cahill said. "Lifeguarding is not like the show 'Baywatch.' You got to keep your skills up and be in physical condition."

When Cahill began his tenure as a life-guard instructor he said it was different from some of the techniques taught now.

"CPR is a newcomer on the block," he said.

It was taught and practiced for the first time in the 1960s, some 20 years after he became certified. Cahill said current practices involve teaching CPR in addition to the rules and regulation of water safety, as well as surveillance skills.

Because of classes like the one Cahill is running, and strict rules regarding water safety in New York, the state has the lowest per capita drowning deaths, he said.

According to the New York State Department of



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Submitted photo

Health there have been 77 deaths in 6,417 facilities, an annual rate of 0.57 at public swimming pools, since 1987. There have been 82 incidents at an annual rate of 2.42 at

beaches where swimming is permitted.

In order to enroll in the course, one must be 15 years old by the end of the program.

"The course requires study assignments outside of class hours. The program is being conducted by Volunteers at the Shaker High School Pool, it is open to the general public, including college students and others residing in the

area," according to the Red Cross.

The Lifeguard Certification is valid for three years, and the CPR certificate is valid for one. For information or to enroll, call the Health and Safety Department at the American Red Cross in Albany, at 458-8111, ext. 5134.

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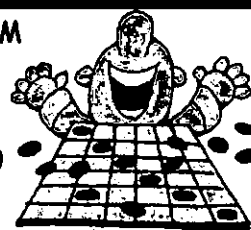
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Albany Curling Club enjoys a growth curve

Members have been playing sport long before its rise from obscurity

By RYAN MUNKS
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The sport of curling has risen from obscurity in the 1990s to one of the more recognizable events in today's Winter Olympic Games. However, the men and women of the Albany Curling Club have been part of the sport for more than five decades.

According to the United States Curling Association, "Curling is a rapidly growing sport in the United States and around the world. The sport has gained a significant following during the past two Winter Olympic Games."

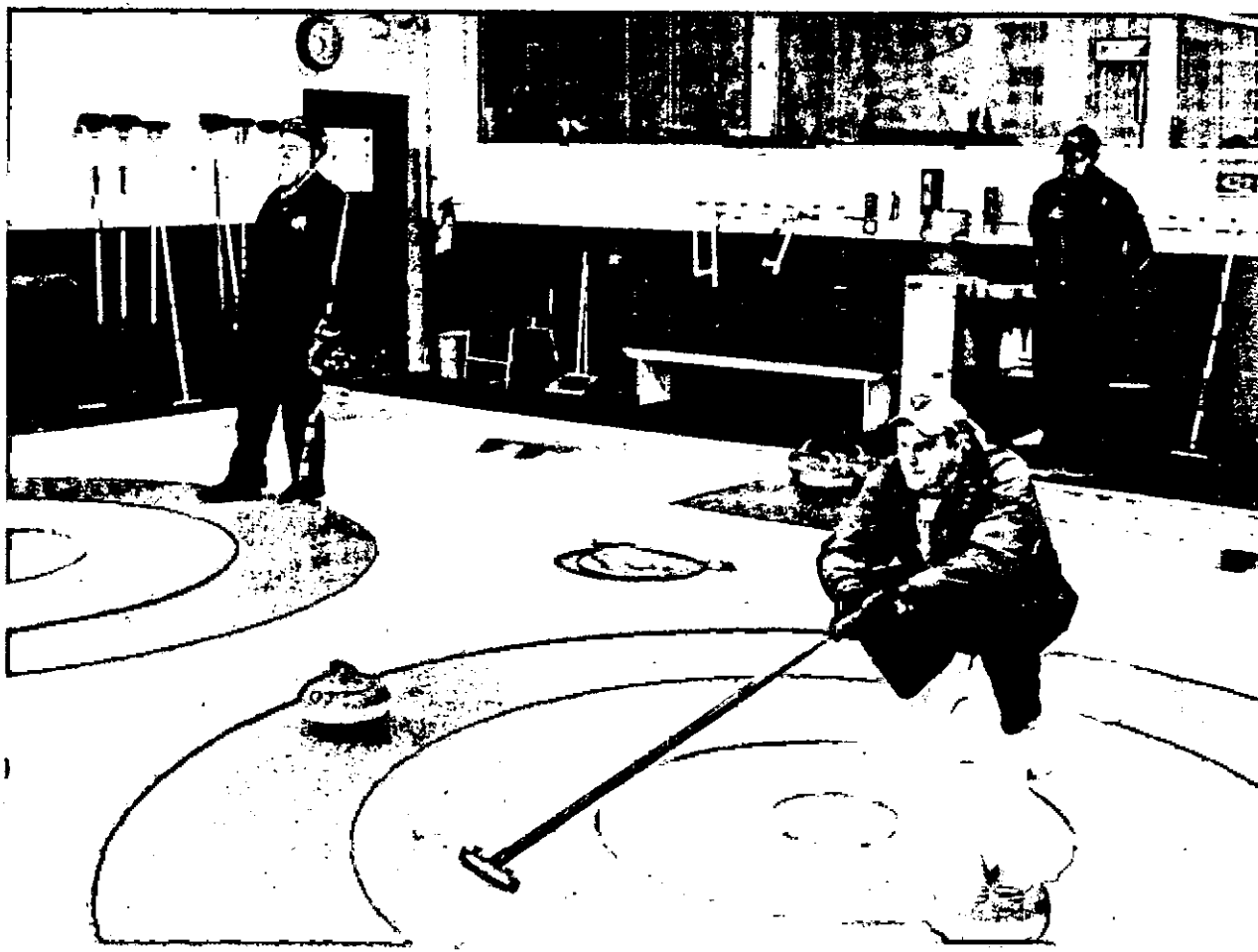
"It definitely has increased in popularity. The catalyst has been coverage in the Olympics," said Rick Patzke, chief operating officer of the United States Curling Association. "Salt Lake City was the coming out [for curling]," he said.

He said in the 2002 Winter Olympic Games in Salt Lake City, the sport of curling received a number of hours of media coverage, whereas in the 1998 Winter Olympic Games in Nagano, Japan, the first time curling was considered a full-medal Olympic sport, curling received only 16 minutes of coverage.

According to Patzke, the largest concentration of curling clubs in the United States is in the Midwest, most notably in Wisconsin. However, the areas that have been experiencing the greatest amount of growth in the sport are out west, such as California and New Mexico.

The Albany Curling Club, located at 117 W. McKown Road, in Guilderland, is a member of the United States Curling Association, and has been in operation since 1955.

Bruce Shultes, of Colonie, has been a member of the Albany Curling Club since 1972.



ABOVE: Kevin Ryan, the team's "skip," points to the location he wants the lead to curl the stone. The skip serves as a team strategist and calls out orders to the lead, the second and the vice-skip.

LEFT: Ryan, serves as the anchor for the team, curling the last two stones down the ice, while the vice-skip takes his place at the other end.

Ryan Munks/Spotlight

He explained the basic premise of the sport.

"Each team delivers eight stones per end. Basically after all the stones have been delivered, you score one point for each stone that is closer to the center than your opponent's stone," he said.

Non-professional games are usually made up of eight ends per game. In the Olympics, though, a game is made up of 10 ends.

The stones referred to by Shultes are 42-pound granite stones that can be quarried in only two locations in the world, Scotland and Whales. The average cost per stone is about \$400.

The sport gets its name from the job of the "lead," who is the first person

charged with sliding the stone down the ice. As the lead slides the stone down to the far end of the ice, he or she curls, or spins, the stone to the left or right, depending on the desired ending location, determined by the "skip."

The skip is leader of the team, and he or she decides a strategy, and calls out orders to the "second," and "vice-skip," who are the two team members charged with sweeping the ice. The faster they sweep, the faster and straighter the stone goes; the less they sweep, the slower the stone goes, and the more the stone curls.

Warm droplets of water are sprinkled on the long, narrow stretch of ice before each game to create the conditions that

allow the stone to curl. Shultes said "it's the

strategy as much as anything" that attracted him to the sport. He said the first team will normally attempt to throw the stones in the "free guard zone," the area in front of the "house," which is the target for the stones.

According to the rules of the sport, the first team to slide its stones down the ice each end can place its first two stones in the "free guard zone," and the

team cannot hit the stone other team's stones until the first four stones are thrown.

This allows the team that goes first in an end to try to block the other team from getting its stones close to the center, forcing them to try to curl their stones around the stones in the free guard zone to get as close to the center as possible.

It is the strategy, along with the emphasis on teamwork, that attracts many to the sport.

"I don't know of another sport where every member of the team has something to do with the success of every shot," said Richard Ellis, a 25-year veteran of the club.

Like Patzke, Ellis said the Olympic Games have created a huge bump in the popularity of the sport.

"It's been helping the clubs a lot. I think it's really going to help this year," said Ellis.

He went on to say the club has been getting a lot of inquiries due to the Olympics.

The Albany Curling Club currently has approximately 140 members, from ages 6 and up. The 6-to-8-year-old group is referred to as "little rockers," the 9-to-18-year old group is referred to as the "juniors," and 18 and older is the adult league.

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Following a traumatic accident that left her in constant pain from the resulting neck injuries, Deborah Friedson has turned to her love of art and is sharing that love with others facing life-changing difficulties.

In "The Woman with the Elephant Heart," Friedson presents images created as a part of her recovery and acceptance of who she was, following a head injury more than 10 years ago that occurred when she fell after slipping on a patch of black ice.

After two rounds of physical therapy and neck surgery, Friedson struggled to come to terms with what was important in her life. She has been diagnosed with Dystonia, a neurological problem that leaves her in constant neck pain, and she has to get Botox injections to help alleviate that discomfort every 10 weeks. Despite those circumstances, Friedson decided to find a

way to make herself happy once again.

"One day I woke up and said, 'If I can't get any better than I am today, how can I learn to be happy with who I am,'" said Friedson.

Using her background as an art teacher in the Niskayuna School District, where she still works part time, and her art education at Syracuse University and Wagner College in printmaking and textiles, Friedson used printmaking techniques with pens, markers and pencils to create visual layers of personal feelings and reflection to learn more about herself and who she was post-injury. From December 2005 through March of 2006, Friedson made nearly 30 different pieces of artwork on who she was after the injury and what it meant to come out of the other side and begin rediscover the joy in life.

After bringing a few of her paintings into her classroom and watching the emotional reactions of other members of the staff, Friedson realized that she was not the only person dealing with the issues of healing and recovering from tough times.

"I found out who I am

through this process. It was like a purging," said Friedson. "I was amazed that when I brought a few of my first paintings to school, that when other teachers saw them, that they felt the same way I did and I wasn't alone."

After that initial reaction, Friedson created a booklet of prints of her paintings and showed them to Dianne Zack, the owner of Symmetry Gallery in Saratoga Springs, who she has worked with for more than 20 years.

"She came to us and asked if we wanted to be involved," said Zack. "After the first few pages I knew it was a great idea to get involved in. The images and thoughts are heartfelt and are easily transferrable from one person to another."

The gallery sells Friedson's original paintings, prints and book.

"Through her artwork, Deb really has a great ability to communicate on a level that most of us don't on a day-to-day basis," said Zack. "I feel very honored and grateful to work with her on the project. I have been very grateful to see the project bloom over the years."



Deborah Friedson explains the intricacies of her paintings in her home in Niskayuna. After recovering from a head injury, Friedson used art as a way to rediscover who she was. Her book, "The Woman with the Elephant Heart," collects her paintings together in one volume to help others deal with their own healing process.

Sean Ahern/Spotlight

Since 2006 Friedson has created and published a book of prints of the paintings she created with the help of local printmakers Camelot Copy Center and Vincy's Printing. On her fourth printing, her books are donated to charitable causes throughout the Capital District and a percentage of the profits goes toward the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, which has also auctioned off original pieces that Friedson has donated to their charity.

"Deb has been involved in the society for a long time. Not only does she donate time to the community but

also allows us to sell her book online," said Director of Special Events for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation of Northeastern New York Nicole Spath.

Friedson has been a part of the foundation since her son, Matthew, was diagnosed with the disease. Her original prints are on display at their national headquarters in Bethesda, Md.

Friedson said that while she may not be able to help with large monetary donations to charities, she is grateful to be able to help in the recovery process with her art.

"I may not have a million dollars but I can give through my art," she said.

Friedson said that the name of the book comes from a saying that a friend told her about the size of her heart and the work she has done with her paintings with the different emotions and feelings that were a part of the work and that she had "a heart the size of an elephant."

"I feel other people's feelings," she said. "I'm really thankful for the people that I have met and the stories that they have shared. That has been a very unexpected gift."

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Sweeney said. "With this type of facility we can offer more practice time for our teams."

Sweeney explained that the club is working with Clough Harbour & Associates and Erdman Anthony on the site plans. The size of the indoor facility is not set in stone, but Sweeney estimated that the entire project could cost around \$3 million.

The club hopes to raise that money through a mix of donations and financing. Sweeney said the club has no desire to raise participation fees—now \$70 per season—and said revenue generated by the indoor field could actually lower those fees in the future.

"I believe once it's built, we're going to have people knocking at the door," he said.

Town planners said on busy game days there are already traffic problems on Wemple Road. The site plans calls for 200 parking spaces, an increase from the 150 existing, but Senior Planner Robert Leslie wondered if that would be enough.

"The intensity of that site is going to be a lot larger [with the changes]," he said.

Sweeney said surrounding landowners are amicable to allowing overflow parking on their land for large tournaments and the like, and said adding more parking

would jeopardize the field layout.

"The size of these fields are not sacrament, but I'd hate to pave over more than we really need," he said.

He also said the club wants to make better scheduling decisions in the future, which would be a lot easier with an indoor facility that can run after sundown. This could also alleviate some of the club's usage of the town's Elm Avenue Park facilities for games.

Parks and Recreation Department director Nan Lanahan said space at the park is in demand and she's had inquiries about changes in the club's schedule.

"There's a lot of other organizations clamoring for your space at the park," she said.

The club has been looking into purchasing additional land for the past three years, said Sweeney, but has not been able to find a suitable location for the right price.

He said the club would be interested in purchasing about six acres of land across Wemple Road for the installation of practice fields and additional parking.

If all the pieces fall into place, Sweeney said the club would like to start construction at the Soccerplex in 2012.

Today, 2,500 children of all ages participate annually in three levels of competition in the Bethlehem Soccer Club, which was formed in

Show of support



Jeff French, deputy vice chair of the Oratorical Committee, presented South Colonie Board of Education President Brian Casey with an award to thank the district for its support of the committee. The Oratorical Committee is dedicated to hosting contests for speeches about the United States Constitution and offers cash prize awards for the winners.

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IN BRIEF

Old Songs lists spring concerts

Old Songs in Voorheesville has announced its spring concert listing.

Irish band Cara will perform at 8 p.m. March 5. Admission is \$20. Global music will be performed by the band Libana on March 20 at 8 p.m.

Admission is \$20. Quebec folk group Le Vent du Nord will perform April 10 and 8 p.m. with an admission cost of \$25.

For more information about Old Songs events, concerts and classes, visit www.oldsongs.org.

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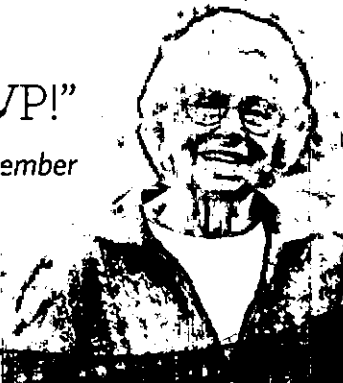
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Entertainment in the Spotlight

Clown around at Kidz Expo

Escape the cold at free event featuring family-friendly entertainment



A number of booths at Kidz Expo will offer a learning experience to those who stop by. With more than 80 vendors, the 2010 event could be a welcome distraction for families looking to get out of the house.

The family-friendly Hannaford Kidz Expo is returning this year on Saturday, March 6, with all the usual favorites, and this year, organizers are adding some circus entertainment and a new band. The Expo is fun and entertaining for all ages – and even better – it's free.

New this year will be a performance of Scholastic Books favorite "Jigsaw Jones: The Case of the Class Clown." This story about the class goofball and a young detective promises much music and laughter.

"We think this will be a favorite with school-age children," said Heidi Goertz, spokeswoman for the event.

Goertz said Kidz Expo is

excited to offer the interactive show because it involves children in the solving of the mystery.

Also new to the Kidz Expo lineup is The Uncle Brothers, a children's folk band that mixes humor and fun with every performance. Tommy Gardner and Danny Quinn, who make up the band, say their goal is to perform family-based shows that are upbeat and get people moving.

"You might say [we are] a cross between Jimmy Buffett and The Smothers Brothers," said Gardner.

Kidz Expo takes place Saturday, March 6, at the Empire State Plaza in downtown Albany from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Locations will include the Convention Hall,

The Egg Swyer Theater, Meeting Rooms 1-7, base of the Egg and North Concourse. More than 80 vendors will be on hand at this free event.

The following is a list of some of the things families can expect at the Expo this year.

New in 2010:

- "Jigsaw Jones: The Case of the Class Clown" (Swyer Theatre): Athena Lorenzo has been slimed and she doesn't think it's very funny. Someone in Ms. Gleason's class is playing practical jokes. Theodore "Jigsaw" Jones claims to be the very first detective in the whole school. It's up to Jigsaw and his friend Mila to investigate the sliming and track down the class clown. This could be their stickiest case yet!

Brimming with music, charm, and humor, ArtsPower's new production, based on the book by renowned author James Preller, will make audiences laugh and think as they learn the secret codes that Jigsaw must decipher to solve the mystery.

- Circus Theatricks Presents: "What's So Funny?" (Meeting Room 6): A one-of-a-kind circus arts show where the audience helps hosts Seano and Shovah choose what will be served up from the hilarious circus menu. This unique recipe for fun is sure to be an original – with juggling, physical humor, and loads of laughs! Each show is bound to have you in stitches all day long, prompting others to ask, "What's So Funny?" www.circustheatricks.com

- The Uncle Brothers (Meeting Room 6): The Uncle Brothers, Tommy Gardner and Danny Quinn, perform parent-friendly family shows that are upbeat and fun. You might say a cross between Jimmy Buffett and The Smothers Brothers. Whether singing, clapping, or dancing along, it's sure to be fun for kids of all ages! The Uncles Brothers are winners of 9 Parents' Choice and Parents' Guide Awards,

as well as, many others. www.unclesbrothers.com

- "Make Every Day Earth Day" with DEC (Meeting Room 3): The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation is making an Earth Day splash. Kids will see rehabilitated wildlife from Five Rivers, animal skulls and skins, and meet Smokey Bear. They'll learn how to watch for wildlife, learn how baseball bats are made from trees and meet a K-9 detective. At the "Turn Trash Into Treasures" craft table, kids can create their own souvenir treasure. www.dec.ny.gov

- NYSEDA's Energy Classroom (Meeting Room 4): Explore the world of energy with the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority and learn through engaging hands-on activities, games, and movies. How do wind turbines and photovoltaic panels generate electricity? How much energy does it take to look your best? How do you calculate your "carbon footprint?" Find out in NYSEDA's Energy Classroom. www.nyserda.org

Returning favorites:

- Reptile Adventures (Meeting Room 1): Learn

what reptiles eat, see animals from all over the world and have your picture taken with Quicksand, a python who is also a movie star! www.reptileadventure.net

- Northeastern New York PGA (Convention Hall): Give your kids the opportunity to have their swing analyzed by a local PGA Professional and to learn about the Junior Golf Association. They might even be video taped so the young golfer can improve his/her swing. <http://neny.pga.com>

- Afrim's Sports SoccerTots (Meeting Room 5): SoccerTots is a licensed child physical development program that uses a variety of fun games to delight and engage kids in physical activity. There will be trial classes at alternating times for alternating ages. All are encouraged to participate, just sign in with the program director at the booth. www.afrimsports.com

- Fox 23 Idol (Base of the Egg): Visit the FOX23 booth and we will record your child singing with our karaoke machine. All videos will be uploaded and available to watch at fox23news.com (requires release signature from parent or guardian).

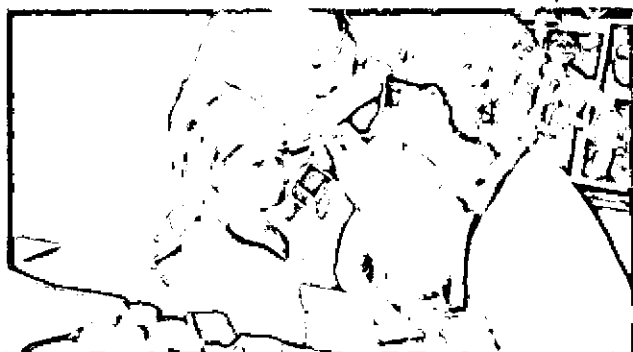
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- PoppyTown Puppets and Music (Meeting Room 7): Husband and wife team, Marilyn Schroeder & Martin Howard, will transport the audience into a "World of Merry Imagination". Your child will love the beautifully hand-crafted puppets, fast paced performances, audience participation and live music with every show. www.poppytownpuppets.com

Radio Disney (Convention Hall): Radio Disney AM 1460 will keep you rocking with their Wii Gaming Experience and tons of fun games, dancing and prizes! <http://radiodisney.com/albany>

- Meet & Greet the Looney Tunes (Concourse): The Looney Tunes are visiting the Hannaford Kidz Expo direct from the Great Escape and Splashwater Kingdom. Stop by to say hello! <http://www.sixflags.com/greatEscape>

- Total Events Gaming Showcase (Convention Hall) – Show your gaming skills and challenge your friends on the Wii and Guitar Hero. www.totaleventsmanagement.com



Pictures from the 2009 Kidz Expo show children enjoying themselves at the event. This year, in addition to face painting and costumed characters, Kidz Expo will feature music by The Uncle Brothers and an interactive clown show.

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Westmere FD to hold public info session

A Public Information Meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Thursday, February 25 at the Westmere Fire Department. The meeting will focus on building needs, cost and funding for the proposed new firehouse. The public is encouraged to attend. For information, call 456-6734.

Lupus Alliance to host walk

The Lupus Alliance of Upstate New York will sponsor the Walk Along For Lupus Mall Walk on Sunday, March 21, at Crossgates Mall.

Walkers and volunteers will raise money for education, support services and research for local lupus patients and their families. The minimum donation is \$20 for adults and \$5 for children ages 5-12.

Registration will take place at 8:30 a.m. at the entrance near Best Buy and the walk will begin at 9:30 a.m.

For information, call the Lupus Alliance of Upstate NY at 800-300-4198 or register online at www.lupuswalk.org.

Davis to read from new collection

Lydia Davis, a leading short story author will read from her newly published "The Collected Stories" on March 4 at 8 p.m. at the Assembly Hall, Campus Center on the University at Albany's uptown campus.

Beforehand, at 4:15, she will present an informal seminar. The events are free and open to the public.

SUNY Albany to host screening

The 1965 Italian film, "Fists in the Pocket" will be screened on March 5 at 7:30 p.m. in Page Hall at the University of Albany's downtown campus.

The screening is free and open to the public, and will be shown in Italian with English subtitles.

For information, call the Writers Institute at 442-5620.

Auxiliary hosts breakfast with bunny

On March 21, from 8 a.m. until noon, the West Albany Fire Company #1 Ladies' Auxiliary at 113 Sand Creek Road, there will be a "Breakfast with the Easter Bunny."

The cost is \$7 for adults, \$5 for seniors, \$4 for children ages 4-10, and free of cost for children younger than 3.

For information, call Debbie at 221-1640.

Parent & Child Society receives award

Northeast Parent & Child Society received a High Performance Building Plaque from the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) for the energy-efficient measures incorporated into its new Children's Home that will help cut energy costs by \$89,000 per year.

The new Children's Home for at-risk adolescents was built with energy-saving features including high performance window glazing, lighting systems, heating and cooling system, and a demand-based kitchen exhaust system, among others.

Play ball!

Molly Reilly and Ed Hampston manned the registration table on Monday, Feb. 8, for the upcoming New Scotland Kiwanis Baseball program, running April 26 to June 5. The league is open to all boys and girls ages 5 to 12 years old who reside in the Town of New Scotland. For more information or to register, visit www.newscotlandkiwanis.org or call Molly Reilly at 765-3065.

Submitted photo by Janna Strlinglaw

For information, visit nysesda.org.

HVCC names new members to board

Hudson Valley Community College has announced that six new members will be joining its board of directors. The HVCC Foundation Board is a not-for-profit charitable corporation that philanthropically supports the college. New members are: Maxine Barasch of Albany, Thomas P. Cook of Rexford, Nehme Frangie of Clifton Park, Karen Gordon of Troy, Kenneth W. Grey of Leeds, and Leslie King of Troy.

State Museum announces programs

The New York State museum has announced

its upcoming schedule of events. Saturdays and Sundays, Feb. 27-28 at 1 or 2 p.m. there will be 40-minute guided tours and open discussion led by a museum educator, focuses on 4 to 6 photographs from the George Eastman House Collection.

Wednesday March 3 at 7 p.m. Dr. Robert S. Feranec, a curator of vertebrate paleontology, will discuss the origin and diversification of mammals.

Every Thursday from noon to 2 p.m. there will be a music jam for all musicians of all talent levels on the 4th floor gallery.

All events are free of charge. For information, call 474-877.

Plays by women writers to be performed

On March 11,

staged readings of rediscovered short plays by 20th century women playwrights will be performed at 7:30 p.m. in the Assembly Hall Campus Center on the University at Albany's uptown campus. The event is free and open to the public.

SUNY Albany to screen Arabic film

"The Song of the Women of Mount Chenoua" will be screened in Arabic with English subtitles on Friday, March 12 at 7:30 p.m. in Page Hall on the University at Albany's downtown campus. The film is directed by fiction writer Assia Djebar, and the screening is free and open to the public.

Community Center to host toy and train show

The Mountain Toy & Railroad club will hold a toy and train show on Sunday, March 21 at the Polish Community Center on Washington Avenue Extension in Albany. The public is invited to attend from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

General admission is \$5 and children under 12 accompanied by an adult are free. Free appraisals of antique toys and trains will be available. Call Mary Lou Washburn at 828-7920 for information.

Spaghetti dinner benefit for Albany Med

The Bethlehem Grange off route 9W in Selkirk will host a spaghetti and meatball dinner to benefit the pediatric unit at Albany Medical Center on Sunday, March 14, from 4 to 7 p.m.

The dinner includes dessert, beverages, and music.

Cost is \$8 for adults, and \$4 for children ages 6 through 12.

PBC offers business seminar

A seminar entitled "Getting Started with Your Own Business - the First Steps on the Path to Success" will be offered by the Professional Business Counselors from SCORE - Counselors to America's Small Business on Thursday, March 4 from 6 to 8 p.m.

The seminar will take place at the William K. Sanford Town Library on Albany-Shaker Road in Colonie. Admission is free and reservations can be made by calling SCORE-Albany at 446-1118, ext 233.

Tourette Support group to host speaker

The local Tourette Syndrome Support group will meet on March 9 at 7 p.m. in the Community Room at Macy's of Colonie Center.

A guest speaker from Parent to Parent of New York State will conduct Special Education Record Keeping Book training. The training is designed for parents of children with special education needs. The parents will learn how to organize their records in a record-keeping book. To register, call Judy Doepel at 384-1765.

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Milestones



Michael and Karyn Steurer

Long, Steurer exchange vows

Karyn Long and Michael Steurer were married on September 12, 2009. The Wedding took place at Sacred Heart Church in Lake George, N.Y. Father Thomas Berardi officiated. A Reception followed at The Inn at Erlowest in Lake George.

The Bride is the daughter of R. James and Lynda Long of Menands, N.Y. The Groom is the son of Mark and Margaret Steurer of Rochester, N.Y.

The Maid of Honor was Alison Smith, friend of the

bride. Bridesmaids were Katelyn Ware (friend), Amy Zedick (friend), Erica Dietz (friend), Meaghan Long (cousin of Bride), Liane Colby (cousin of Bride), and Caroline Steurer (Groom's sister). The Best Man was Peter Zedick, friend of the groom. Groomsmen were Nolan Adams (friend), Jacob Tara (friend), Jeffrey Lovier (friend), R.J. Long (Bride's brother), and Kevin Long (Bride's brother).

Karyn graduated from Shaker High School. She

went on to earn a Bachelor of Science from Keene State College in 2005. The Bride is a realtor at Coldwell Banker Prime Properties in Loudonville, N.Y.

Michael graduated from Fairport High School in Rochester, N.Y. He earned a Bachelor of Science from Keene State College in 2005. He is a Property Manager.

The couple honeymooned in Maui, Hawaii. Karyn and Michael reside in Menands, N.Y.

David R. Allyn

DELMAR- David R. Allyn, 58, of Delmar, at peace on February 10, 2010.

He was the brother of Susan White (Charles) of Amsterdam; Robert F. Allyn (Judy) of Glenmont,

Laurel Sheehan (Peter) of Delmar and Janice Parrott (Scott) of Voorheesville; and uncle of Mark and Matthew Allyn and Alyxandra and Colton Parrott.

Services are private at the convenience of the family. Memorial

contributions may be made to the Mohawk and Hudson River Humane Society, 3 Oakland Ave., Menands, NY 12204.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Applebee Funeral Home, 403 Kenwood Ave., Delmar.

Brodzik named to Dean's List

Megan Brodzik of Delmar has been named to the Dean's List at William Smith College for the Fall 2009 semester.

Megan is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank A. Brodzik.

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Mall

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"I watched its demise," he said.

He said Weiss made promises about renovating and maintaining the mall that he never followed through on.

"You knew he was lying through his teeth," Gaetano said.

"The roof was falling apart. No care, no concern, no nothing. ... He played a lot of games with people."

Gaetano said he chose the location because "it's still the best mall in the area."

Although, he is hopeful that new owners can

improve the situation, Gaetano remains skeptical.

"They can't do much worse," he said. "But I want to see some work done. The patience is running low."

Mary Brizzell, who was Colonie supervisor from 1996-2008, said she hopes the mall can find success in the future.

She said the comments Weiss has made in the past about her administration blocking the mall's success "annoyed me to no end."

"I bent over backwards for him," she said. "That really put me over the edge."

Weiss had alleged that the town dragged its feet on the approval process, but Brizzell said it was

concerned neighbors that contributed to a lengthy Lowe's approval.

"Mr. Weiss billed it as 'Lowe's is going to save the mall,'" she said.

She said that some neighbors were skeptical of Weiss' management and that contributed to their hesitation of having a Lowe's on the Kunker Avenue side of the mall.

Brizzell said her administration wanted the mall to succeed, but empty promises from Weiss hurt its chances.

She also said that the planning board during her tenure was favorable to promoting business, and worked quickly and efficiently to do so.

"There's always two sides to every story," Brizzell.

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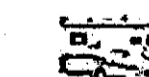
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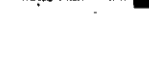
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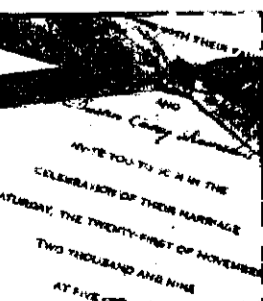
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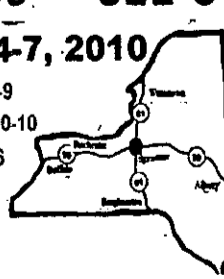
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Theater to present roller coaster ride of personal growth

Steve Lobel shares story of failure and redemption

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If at first you don't succeed, sell cheese. If that doesn't work, try insurance.

Steve Lobel, who worked his entire life to achieve professional and personal success, focuses his time now on giving back to the community and helping others understand their own strengths and weaknesses, he said.

Lobel has been publicly sharing his story of failure and redemption for years, and now will be performing it on stage at the Capital Repertory Theater on Tuesday, March 2, from 7:30 to 10 a.m., according to the theater.



Steve Lobel

The event is free and open to the public.

The series is called "Failing My Way To Success," and it focuses on the lessons Lobel has learned over his lifetime.

Melody Burns, idea practitioner and radio host of "Women In" on Talk 1300, will introduce Lobel at the event.

"I learned a lot from my failures," Lobel said. "My story is one to which everyone can relate. We all have setbacks and difficult circumstances.

However, it is how we approach our situations and move forward that really make the difference. It's about what is possible, not the impossible."

He said lessons about understanding strengths and weaknesses, perseverance and optimism as well as his "untraditional growth" are at the forefront of his presentation.

Since 1983, he has been giving his speech four to six times each year in academic circles.

Zig Ziglar, a motivational speaker who inspired Lobel, said "failure is an event; it's not a person," and Lobel builds off of that philosophy.

He said he considers his first major failure to be his inability to graduate from medical school. In fact, he said, he could barely make it out of freshman year biology with a "C," and never got so far as another course.

Lobel said his father had pushed medical school on him, but he did not have the drive or passion to pursue it.

"His view of my becoming successful was my becoming a doctor," he said. "It was a major disappointment to him. In the eyes of my dad, that was a failure."

He said his father was well-intentioned, but he did not realize that medicine was not a good fit for Lobel.

After trying a number of other majors, Lobel said, the only thing that interested him was photography, something his father did professionally

but did not want his son to pursue. Lobel decided to pursue photojournalism. He graduated from the University at Albany in 1970. During his time as a student, he published a number of pictures in the Albany Student Press and followed political rallies and marches.

He also met two "loves," the first being his wife Vivian, who made her career as a French teacher.

"I also fell in love with this region," he said, and he continues to live in Slingerlands.

After graduating from UAlbany, Lobel began a journey into what would be his "next failure." He was admitted to Albany Law School, but again, through his lack of drive, he "flunked it" and left the program.

His next venture was State Photo Supply, a retail store that he said he helped manage and eventually became manager of.

After working there for nine years, he said he wanted something more.

"I was feeling somewhat inadequate," he said. "I started looking for something else to do."

At this time Lobel began a venture that would take up the next significant chunk of his life, and ultimately, lead to more hardship — food services.

Lobel began with imported cheese, something he said was a growing market, especially in large cities. After being fired from State Photo Supply, he had to support his family with his new business.

"I was not a dependable employee [at Photo] at that stage," he said. "I was a jerk. I think they were right to fire me."

With his sister at his side, he set up shop in a 400-square-foot building on Hamilton Street, which he thought would be a prime location. It was not, he said.

"I realized very quickly we were in the wrong location for a retail food shop," he said.

Due to a number of reasons, including that Hamilton was a one-way street on the block near Swan Street, Lobel decided to take his operation to Stuyvesant Plaza in Guilderland in 1981.

There he began a full-service catering operation, in addition to the imported cheese and other gourmet goods.

"We were pretty much pioneers in that field," he said.

The problem, though, was that the business needed more capital.

He was able to secure \$75,000 through a lease arrangement and received some help from Ed Swyer, who owned Stuyvesant Plaza. The plaza was moving toward a direction that featured shops like his, and he said he was one of the first in the plaza.

After continuing financial struggles, and three mortgages on his house, he decided to make a change.

On Oct. 1, 1988, Cowan and Lobel, a larger scale operation with new financial partner Daniel Cowan, who had deep enough pockets to help, was born.

The full-service food shop lasted until 1991, when a "bad relationship" cropped up between the partners.

Lobel described it as a "personal failure."

"It was a him-or-me situation," he said, and philosophical disagreements about the future of the store led to Lobel selling his half.

In 1991 he made another attempt at success, and bought Impress Promotions Embroidery, a struggling sports promotion wear factory.

"I never should have bought it in the first place," he said.

He said he hoped to revitalize the factory, "with a degree of arrogance," but had to give it up in 1993.

"I bet the farm and I lost it," he said. "And I was unemployed, and I had two kids going to private college."

In 1993, Lobel declared bankruptcy.

Through relationships he had made while participating in community service oriented activities, something he said every businessman should do, he was fortunate enough to tap one of those contacts and become a liaison between UAlbany Foundation and the business community.

He was then approached to become the interim director of marketing for the university.

"It was quite remarkable," he said.

Lobel said he had a good deal of success at the post, and helped secure funding for a number of major projects.

At the time, Carol Livingston was director of alumni affairs, but had found new work out in the Midwest. Lobel was moved up to a vice president position and became interim director of alumni affairs.

Financially the move was not too different from his liaison position, but his work at the university gave him a second wind.

He was also teaching as an adjunct marketing professor there, which was the "fulfillment of a lifelong goal," he said.

"It also gave me an opportunity to rebuild my self-esteem," he said.

Again, though, Lobel wanted to make another career change. On Jan. 2, 1997, his birthday, Lobel started working at an insurance agency, which he is vice-president of now, with the help of his personal friend and insurance agent Marvin Freedman.

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"I'm in the relationship business. It's important for people to know me and trust me."

Lobel is chairman of the board for the Albany Symphony Orchestra, as well as a number of other organizations.

He has been given a number of awards including the "Ebbie Award" given by the Rensselaer County Chamber of Commerce.

"The award established in honor of Edward H. Patterson exists 'for the encouragement of good citizenship, community and civic involvement, economic, cultural and humanitarian advancement,'" according to information provided Lobel's representatives.

"I believe my story of both failure and success resonates with everyone on some level. Each time I tell the story it is my hope that it opens a new door for someone to share their difficulties and discover how they can transform their own life experience," he said.

Lobel published his first photography book "Recognition Beyond Burned" in 2006, which documents the stories of survivors of burns.

He continues to explore his passion of photography today.

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Reilly gives charities 'Head Start' County looks to improve Cold War tax exemption

Assemblyman Bob Reilly donates 2010 salary

By DAN SABBATINO
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An elderly businessman once told Assemblyman Bob Reilly that elected politicians are only in it for themselves.

In 1983, while Reilly, D-Newtonville, was going door-to-door before his first bid at the County Legislature, Jim Fraizer was "speaking in a loud voice," about selfish politicians, Reilly said.

His encounter with Fraizer motivated him to take up an initiative to become a "citizen legislator," and part of that pledge would be donating his annual salary to charitable organizations.

"I think it's an original concept," Reilly said. "During these tough economic times our friends and neighbors are depending on service organizations' and charitable groups more than ever," he said.

There were 18 organizations on Reilly's 2010 list, including Big Brothers and Big Sisters of the Capital Region, the American Red Cross of Northeastern New York, and the Domestic Violence and Rape Crisis Services of Saratoga. Another part of Reilly's initiative is to visit every community he represents each year.

When Reilly was in the Albany County Legislature he was making \$12,000 each year. But now, as a state representative, he pulls in \$79,500, allowing him to give to a number of different charities.

There is diversity in all of the organizations, he said. As a general rule, he donates to organizations that directly impact those areas he was elected to represent, he said.

Reilly said that he has no problem with other legislators who consider themselves "professional politicians" and realizes not all politicians have the benefit of a pension to live off of. Reilly was a teacher,

and worked in the state education department.

He said he and his wife live off of social security and their pensions.

Reilly said, though, it is best to have politicians, or "citizen legislators" with diverse backgrounds in addition to those who make a career out of politics.

He said he has spoken to people who have grown frustrated with politicians who are not serving the people, but themselves, and he is hoping to combat that misconception because there are lots of politicians looking out for their constituents.

"Many politicians are doing it for the best but for too many, they do it for their own personal enhancement, and some even break the law," he said.

Kathleen Cloutier, executive director of Albany Community Action Partners, which runs Albany County Opportunity, Inc., said she is thrilled to be on the receiving end of Reilly's donation.

Cloutier said the organization offers a Head Start program that allows struggling families to send children to pre-school. Head Start also offers family intervention services and can help provide food and counseling for families in need.

"We had done a needs assessment that [showed] that there was a strong need for head start services in Colonie," she said.

Cloutier said there is no location picked out yet for a Colonie Head Start facility, but areas along Central Avenue, or in Menands, where families in need could access the facility, are being explored.

Reilly donated \$4,000 for startup funding to renovate whatever location is chosen.

"It's going to be significant," she said.

She said ultimately she would like to see the program coordinated with the school districts, so

there could be a smooth transition for the students. Head Start provides a curriculum, teachers, teacher assistants and field trips for children.

Albany Community Action Partners is a full-service community action agency that has run for 44 years and serves close to 500 Albany County families. It offers weatherization, income tax assessment and employment services through federal funding, Cloutier said.

According to Reilly's office, his Salary Fund has provided more than \$335,000 to area charities since 2005. The fund is a venture between the Community Foundation for the Greater Capital Region, which vets applications and through a formal process makes determines the awards and amounts. Reilly receives no tax benefit from the donations, according to information from Reilly's office.

"I've learned that when you give back to local programs, everybody wins," Reilly said. "Whether it's enhancing volunteerism, helping to fund infrastructure or simply providing new sports equipment, these donations are able to help various organizations achieve their goals and in turn, better serve the community."

Increase could triple existing exemption

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The Albany County Legislature is considering increasing a tax exemption for Cold War Veterans, which will essentially lower the assessed value of their primary residence.

The tax exemption will apply to those who were in the armed forces between Sept. 2, 1945, and Dec. 26, 1991.

Shawn Morse, D-Cohoes, one of the bill's sponsors, said the original state law passed in 2000, but he is hopeful it will be improved.

"Every single legislator has the greatest respect for our military," Morse said. "I can't see it not passing."

He said the average taxpayer would have saved \$30 based on the provisions of the original law, but the increase could up that to \$90 annually.

"I wish I could give ten times that," he said.

Morse said those who served during peacetime were ready to lay their

lives down, and helped ensure that the county stayed at peace. Not to disparage war time vets; who Morse said deserve even more than they get in benefits, but the Cold War veterans were extremely important to the country's well being. All veterans deserve our "respect and gratitude," he said.

State law allows municipalities to grant the tax exemptions, which does not include school districts and limits the exemption to 10 years.

It will work out to "15 percent of the assessed value of their primary residence up to the first \$12,000, multiplied to the state equalization rate for the assessing unit," according to information from the legislature. The maximum will be \$36,000.

The original law allowed for additional exemptions based on service related disabilities and capped the amount to \$40,000.

The new local law increases that amount to \$120,000.

"With the new exemption being tripled, it is expected by the sponsors that the break will also triple," according to information from the county legislature majority.

The law is expected to service close to 4,000 veterans in Albany County who served during the Cold War.

Alber Cahill, 82, who served in the marines from 1945 to 1949, and saw action in World War II, said he thinks the exemption is a great idea, and something veterans deserve.

"If it's going to lower my taxes, how can [I] be against it," Cahill said.

A public hearing was scheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 23, after The Spotlight went to press.

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Kids challenge locals to be smarter than a 5th grader

Birchwood students submitted questions to game show broadcast

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Students at the Birchwood Elementary School in Niskayuna appeared on televisions across the Capital District as a part of the "Extra Credit Question of the Day" on the FOX Broadcasting game show "Are You Smarter than a 5th Grader?"

The nationally televised show siphons extra questions from local

"I would go back and have 20 more Birchwood students if I could. It's been a positive experience for My4 and for Albany."

Mike Adamec
My4Albany producer

elementary schools to air between commercial breaks. For two weeks through Feb. 5, 20 students from Birchwood presented questions to viewers across the region, on topics ranging from



Birchwood Elementary School students (left to right) Andrew Fraterrigo, Kelly Brinsko and Meghan O'Brien were among the 20 students from the Niskayuna school who were asked to present the "extra credit question of the day" on the local broadcast of "Are You Smarter than a 5th Grader?" With the students are fifth grade teachers Carole VanAlstyne, left, and Ellen DiRienzo.

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the differences between wild and captive turkeys to how much milk goes into one gallon of ice cream. Students practiced with fifth grade teachers Lynn Adams, Ellen DiRienzo and Carole VanAlstyne on the presentation of their questions and how to act on camera. Fifth grader Meghan O'Brien said she was nervous to be on TV, because some of her friends were also in the room taping for the show.

"When I was first picked it was really cool because I was going to be on TV," said O'Brien. "I was nervous because I had three other friends also in the

room watching." O'Brien also said that her family recorded her appearance on television and that she did not originally know the answer to her question, how many pounds of milk go into one gallon of ice cream.

The answer is 12.

"They were nervous, but every student who was chosen stepped up, practiced and learned their questions," said DiRienzo.

Fifth grader Kelly Brinsko, who is a student in DiRienzo's class, did some investigative work of her own by watching other students on the show.

"I was watching other kids so that I knew that I would be ready," she said.

Students at Birchwood Elementary School were picked from a random list of schools in the area. Six to seven students were picked at random from each of the three fifth grade classes to participate in

the extra credit questions that would accompany the nationally televised show for local audiences, bringing a local face to the questions asked by the students on the show.

"Although they were nervous, they loved it," said Birchwood principal Debra Berdt about the work the students were involved in. She also said that the production was a big deal for parents and families, who were excited to see their children on-screen during prime time.

Mike Adamec, the creative services producer for My4Albany, where "Are you Smarter than a 5th Grader?" is broadcasted locally, said the students at Birchwood were easy to work with.

"The kids were fantastic," said Adamec. "They were personable and attentive. As a producer it was great to see students that were involved. They were bright, attentive and easy to talk to."

Adamec said he has a list of local elementary schools throughout Albany, Saratoga and Schenectady counties to pick students from. He also said he is working to get more students taped as they get closer to the summer break, and the station will need more questions as the show goes on through the summer.

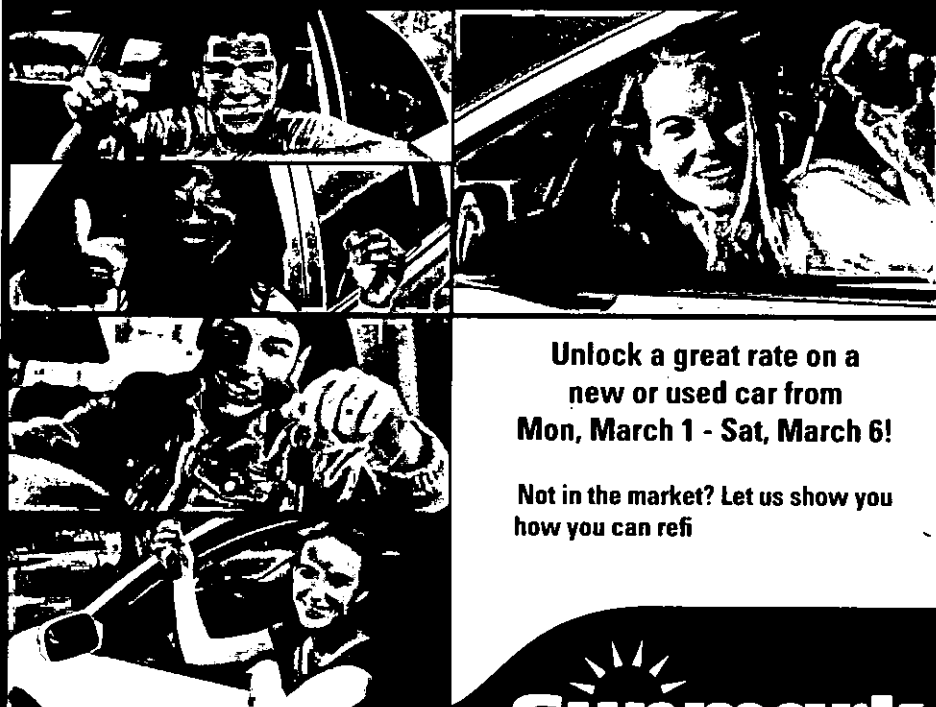
Teacher Carole VanAlstyne said she was surprised by the questions asked on the show, and knew that her own children in her class would know the answers.

She also said she understood the nervousness of the students that were shown on the show. "I think it was a big deal. I think I would be pretty nervous myself," she said.

"I would go back and have 20 more Birchwood students if I could," said Adamec. "It's been a positive experience for My4 and for Albany."

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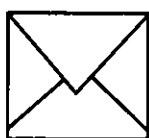
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Notice of Formation of ATOZ CONSULTING, LLC. Arts of Org. was filed with SSNY on 1/15/10. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate

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Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. LD-22093 (February 24, 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 24, 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 24, 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 24, 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 24, 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 24, 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

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of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Allstate Corp. Svcs., 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Registered Agent upon whom process may be served: Allstate Corp. Svcs., 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-22106 (February 24, 2010).

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Notice of Formation of APSE Property Services, LLC. Arts of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/29/09. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Allstate Corp. Svcs., 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Registered Agent upon whom process may be served: Allstate Corp. Svcs., 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-22107 (February 24, 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 24, 2010).

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Notice of Formation of 4909, LLC. Arts of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/16/09. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Allstate Corp. Svcs., 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Registered Agent upon whom process may be served: Allstate Corp. Svcs., 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-22109 (February 24, 2010).

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Notice of Formation of M & M Furniture Gallery LLC. Arts of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/25/09. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Allstate Corp. Svcs., 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Registered Agent upon whom process may be served: Allstate Corp. Svcs., 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-22110 (February 24, 2010).

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Notice of Formation of 303 East 51st Street Investors L.P. Cert of LP filed with Secy of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/30/09. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Allstate Corp. Svcs., 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Registered Agent upon whom process may be served: Allstate Corp. Svcs., 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-22111 (February 24, 2010).

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Notice of Formation of Hinds Brokerage LLC. Arts of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/15/09. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Allstate Corp. Svcs., 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Registered Agent upon whom process may be served: Allstate Corp. Svcs., 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-22112 (February 24, 2010).

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Notice of Formation of Finning Builders, LLC. Arts of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/16/09. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 1 Stoneridge Dr., Loudonville, NY 12211. Registered Agent upon whom process may be served: David Macphree, 1 Stoneridge Dr., Loudonville, NY 12211. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-22113 (February 24, 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 24, 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 24, 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 24, 2010).

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Notice of Formation of Overnight 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

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process may be served: Allstate Corp. Svcs., 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-22117 (February 24, 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 24, 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 24, 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 24, 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 24, 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 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-22125 (February 24, 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 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-22126 (February 24, 2010).

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Notice of Formation of IERA ODOSS LLC Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 1/7/2010 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-22127 (February 24, 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 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-22128 (February 24, 2010).

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Notice of Formation of CHOYSANTHEMUM PRODUCTIONS LLC Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 1/7/2010 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-22129 (February 24, 2010).

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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, Guilderland, NY 12084. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. LD-22131 (February 24, 2010).

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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 Sr., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-22132 (February 24, 2010).

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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 Sr., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-22133 (February 24, 2010).

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). The name of the LLC is PRO PLAYER PROMOTIONS, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the Secretary of State on January 25, 2009. Purpose: to engage in any lawful act or activity. The Secretary of State is agent for process against LLC and shall mail copy to 2 Kling Terrace, Voorheesville, NY 12186. LD-22135 (February 24, 2010)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). Name: SPA HOTEL MANAGEMENT, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with NY Secretary of State, December 23, 2010. Purpose: to engage in any lawful act or activity. Office: in Albany County. Secretary of State is agent for process against LLC and shall mail copy to 302 Washington Avenue Ext., Albany, NY 12205. LD-22136 (February 24, 2010)

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Notice of Formation of Kastor 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 24, 2010)

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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 24, 2010)

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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 24, 2010)

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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 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-22151 (February 24, 2010)

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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 whom process against

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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 24, 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 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 24, 2010)

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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 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 24, 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 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 24, 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 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 24, 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 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 24, 2010)

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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 whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The

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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 24, 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 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 24, 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 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-22169 (February 24, 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 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 24, 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 24, 2010)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION of Xenios USA LLC. Art. of Org. filed w/Sec'y. 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 24, 2010)

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Notice of Qualification of PromiseCare Pharmacy, LLC. Authority filed with Sec'y 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

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address to be maintained in TN. Arts of Org. filed with TN Sec'y. Of State, 312 Rosa L. Parks Ave., Snodgrass Tower, 6th Fl., Nashville, TN 37243. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-22175 (February 24, 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, Guiderland, New York 12084-0093. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. LD-22176 (February 24, 2010)

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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 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 24, 2010)

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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"). SECOND: The Articles of Organization of the Company were filed with the 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 24, 2010)

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Publication Notice of Organization of Limited Liability Company FIRST: The name of the Limited Liability Company is FFP-IV, LLC. (hereinafter referred to as the "Company"). SECOND: The Articles of Organization of the Com-

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pany 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 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-22183 (February 24, 2010)

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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 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-22185 (February 24, 2010)

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Notice of Formation of SPENCER & MYRTLE LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 2/1/10. 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-22186 (February 24, 2010)

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Notice of Qualification of Ritter Insurance Marketing, LLC. Authority filed with Sec'y. 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 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 Sec'y. of State, 401 North St., Rm. 206, Harrisburg, PA 17105. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-22187 (February 24, 2010)

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Notice of Qualification of Quintana Energy Partners II, L.P. Authority filed with Sec'y. 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. 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-22188 (February 24, 2010)

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Notice of Qualification of Quintana Energy Partners II - TE, L.P. Authority filed with Sec'y. of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/28/10. 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 24, 2010)

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Notice of Formation of Integrative Productions LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Sec'y. of State of NY (SSNY) on 2/1/10. 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, 145 East 35th St., Apt. 4FW, NY, NY 10016. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-22195 (February 24, 2010)

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Notice of Formation of Energex Worldwide Trading, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Sec'y. of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/29/10. Office location: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Corporation Services Company, 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207-2543. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-22196 (February 24, 2010)

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PONDERA MANAGEMENT LLC was filed with the SSNY on 12/24/09. 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 Paracorp Incorporated, One Commerce Plaza, 99 Washington Ave., Ste 805A, Albany, NY 12210. Purpose: any lawful purpose. LD-22197 (February 24, 2010)

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WGT - WORLD GLOBAL TRADING LLC was filed with the SSNY on 01/20/10. 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 Paracorp Incorporated, One Commerce Plaza, 99 Washington Ave., Ste 805A, Albany, NY 12210. Purpose: any lawful purpose. LD-22198 (February 24, 2010)

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Notice of Formation of The Serby Group LLC. Arts of Org. filed with Sec'y. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 08/04/09. 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-22205 (February 24, 2010)

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Notice of Formation of Julie World Realty, LLC. Arts Of Org. filed with Sec'y. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 01/07/10. 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-22206 (February 24, 2010)

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Notice of Formation of That Sushi Spot LLC. Arts Of Org. filed with Sec'y. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 01/28/10. 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-22207 (February 24, 2010)

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Notice of Formation of Lavanderia Express VIII, LLC. Arts Of Org. filed with Sec'y. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 01/21/10. 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-22208 (February 24, 2010)

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Notice of Formation of Launch Collective Partners LLC. Arts Of Org. filed with Sec'y. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 01/20/10. 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-22209 (February 24, 2010)

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Notice of Formation of Middleberg Nutrition, PLLC. Arts Of Org. filed with Sec'y. 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: Profession of Dietetics-Nutrition. LD-22210 (February 24, 2010)

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Notice of Formation of Jacqueline S. Castro, LLC. Arts Of Org. filed with Sec'y. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 01/06/10. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it

Area athletes win medals at Empire State Winter Games

Several area athletes earned medals at last weekend's Empire State Winter Games in Lake Placid. They are as follows:

Biathlon

Darwin Roosa (Altamont) – Grand Masters division sprint race (gold) and relay race (silver)
Eric Seyse (Scotia) – Open men's division sprint race (gold)
Sean Halligan (Gansevoort) – Open men's division relay race (bronze)
Christian Borger Jr. (Niskayuna) – Scholastic

men's division sprint race (gold) and relay race (gold)
Brian Halligan (Gansevoort) – Scholastic men's division sprint race (silver)

Cross country skiing

Chris Yrsevich (Saratoga Springs) – Masters I men's division freestyle race (silver) and pursuit (gold)
Don Rodbell (Scotia) – Masters IV men's division freestyle race (silver) and pursuit (silver)
Gina Huneck (Rexford) – Masters IV women's division freestyle race (gold) and pursuit (gold)
Tim Huneck (Rexford) –

Masters V men's division freestyle race (silver) and pursuit (bronze)
Bernadette O'Brien (Round Lake) – Masters VI women's division freestyle race (silver) and pursuit (silver)

Andrew Kulmatiski (Scotia) – Masters VII men's division freestyle race (gold) and pursuit (gold)

Eric Hamilton (Clifton Park) – Masters VII men's division freestyle race (bronze) and pursuit (bronze)

Eric Seyse (Scotia) – Open men's division freestyle race (bronze), open men's division classical race (silver) and

open men's division pursuit (silver)

Avery Francois (Scotia) – Scholastic men's division freestyle race (silver), scholastic men's division classical race (gold) and scholastic men's division pursuit (gold)

Katie Zeppetelli (Scotia) – Scholastic women's division freestyle race (gold)

Ashley Forshey (Scotia) – Scholastic women's division freestyle race (silver)

Austin Huneck (Rexford) – Scholastic men's division classical race (bronze) and pursuit (bronze)

bronze medal, novice ladies division

Tara TenEyck (Glenmont) – bronze medal, open junior division

Saratoga Stars (Saratoga Springs) – silver medal, open juvenile synchronized team skate

Women's hockey

Adirondack team featuring Kaitlin Branon (Clifton Park) and Kristen Cady-Sawyer (Delmar) – silver medal

Skier cross

Joshua Nixon (Saratoga Springs) – silver medal, scholastic men's division
Peter Palumbo (Gansevoort) – bronze medal, scholastic men's division

Ski orienteering

Ellie George (West Charlton) – gold medal, masters women's division

Snowshoe racing

Kim Scott (Malta) – Masters II women's division 100-meter dash (silver), masters II women's division 400-meter race (silver) and masters

II women's division 1,500-meter race (silver)

Sean Curtis (Greenfield Center) – scholastic men's division 100-meter dash (bronze), scholastic men's division 400-meter race (bronze) and scholastic men's division 1,500-meter race (bronze)

Jennifer Kelley (Greenfield Center) – scholastic women's division 100-meter dash (bronze), scholastic women's division 200-meter dash (bronze), scholastic women's division 400-meter race (bronze) and scholastic women's 1,500-meter race (gold)

Michael DellaRocco (Altamont) – Masters III men's division 200-meter dash (bronze)

Justin Bishop (Colonie) – open men's division 400-meter race (silver) and open men's division 1,500-meter race (silver)

Douglas Gerhardt (Saratoga Springs) – Masters II men's 5,000-meter race (bronze)

Speed skating

Stephen Meyer (Slingerlands) – scholastic men's 500-meter race (gold), scholastic men's 777-meter race (bronze) and scholastic men's 1,000-meter race (gold)

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Figure skating

Olivia Serafini (Niskayuna) – gold medal, intermediate ladies division

Achilles Edge (Albany) – silver medal, intermediate synchronized team skate

Trisha Roohan (Delmar) – second place, juvenile A division

Helen Serafini (Niskayuna) –

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may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Albert Tucker and Associates, LLC, 295 Madison Ave., Ste. 1010, NY, NY 10017. Registered Agent upon whom process may be served: Allstate Corp. Svcs., 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-22211 (February 24, 2010).

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of ARM PARTNERS LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 2/5/10. 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-22212 (February 24, 2010).

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Notice of Formation of SAFE & VAULT TECHNOLOGY, LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 2/4/10. 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-22213 (February 24, 2010).

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Notice of Formation of 215 PORT WASHINGTON, LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 2/2/10. 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.

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LD-22214 (February 24, 2010)

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Notice of Formation of RISE CONSTRUCTION SOLUTIONS LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 2/4/10. 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-22215 (February 24, 2010).

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION OF CPD REALTY PARTNERS, LLC On January 29, 2010, CPD Realty Partners, LLC (the "LLC") filed Articles of Organization with the New York State Department of State. The principal business location of the LLC is Albany County, New York. The New York Secretary of State is designated as the agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. The LLC may be served. The post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him or her to the LLC, is 48 Howard Street, Albany, New York 12207. The LLC is organized for the purpose of owning and managing real estate and all other purposes permitted by law. LD-22216 (February 24, 2010).

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JREFLECTION LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 09/08/09. Office in Albany County. Registered Agent: N/A. SSNY may mail a copy of any process to 75 Edgecomb Street, Albany NY 12209. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful activity. LD-22217 (February 24, 2010).

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Notice of Qualification of Genesis Networks Enterprises, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/5/09. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Texas (TX) on 5/21/08. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Capitol Services, Inc., 1218 Central Ave., Ste. 100, Albany, NY 12205. TX address of LLC: 600 N. Loop, 1604 E., San Antonio, TX 78232. Arts. of Org. filed with TX Secy. of State, 1019 Brazos, Austin, TX 78701. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. LD-22218 (February 24, 2010).

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ANTLIA INTERNATIONAL HOLDING LLC was filed with the SSNY on 10/23/09. 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-22221 (February 24, 2010).

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC) Name: Breathing Room, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York on 12/16/09. The principal office of the LLC is in ALBANY County. Secretary of State of New York is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it shall be served. Secretary of State of New York shall be mailed a copy of any process against the LLC to 339 Kenwood Avenue Delmar NY 12054. The purpose of this LLC is to engage in any lawful activity. LD-22222 (February 24, 2010).

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC) Name: The Fresh Perspective, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York on 12/16/09. The principal office of the LLC is in ALBANY County. Secretary of State of New York is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it shall be served. Secretary of State of New York shall be mailed a copy of any process against the LLC to 51 Gardner Terrace Delmar NY 12054. The purpose of this LLC is to engage in any lawful activity. LD-22223 (February 24, 2010).

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC) Name: The Healing Spark, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York on 12/16/09. The principal office of the LLC is in ALBANY County. Secretary of State of New York is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it shall be served. Secretary of State of New York shall be mailed a copy of any process against the LLC to 1605 Delaware Avenue Delmar NY 12054. The purpose of this LLC is to engage in any lawful activity. LD-22224 (February 24, 2010).

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LLC. Clinton Square Securities, LLC, filed Articles of Organization with the New York Secretary of State on February 4, 2010. Its office is located in Albany County. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent upon whom process may be served and shall mail a copy of any process served on him or her to the LLC, c/o Vincent L. Valenza, McNamee, Lochner, Titus & Williams, P.C., 677 Broadway, Albany, New York 12207. The street address of the principal business location is 5 Clinton

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Square, 2nd Floor, Albany, NY 12207. Its business is to engage in any lawful activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under Section 203 of the New York Limited Liability Company Act. LD-22241 (February 24, 2010).

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BETHLEHEM CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NOTICE TO BIDDERS This Board of Education of the Bethlehem Central School District hereby invites the submission of sealed bids for the following: SURPLUS ELECTRONICS AND COMPUTER EQUIPMENT FOR SALE Equipment for sale may be viewed at the rear courtyard of BCMS, 332 Kenwood Avenue, Delmar, NY 12054 on March 12, 2010 from 9:30 AM - 12:00 PM, and 1:00 PM - 4:30 PM. Parking is available in the front lots only. On March 2, 2010, information about the equipment, which is to be sold on an "as is" basis, will be available either at <http://bcsd.k12.ny.us>, by emailing auction@bcsd.net, or by calling 478-0296. Bids will be received until 2 PM on March 15, 2010 at Bethlehem Central School District, Help Desk, 700 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York, at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened. The Board of Education reserves the right to reject any or all bids. Any bids submitted will be binding for 90 days subsequent to the date of bid opening. Board of Education Judith Kehoe District Clerk Date: 2/15/10 (February 15, 2010) LD-22242 (February 24, 2010)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY NAME: FIGJAM, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 02/24/09. Office location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated

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as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, 235A Elm Street, 3rd Floor, Albany, New York 12203. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. LD-22243 (February 24, 2010).

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of ENOLAM REALTY LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 2/12/10. 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-22246 (February 24, 2010).

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Notice of Formation of MILK TRUCK, LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 2/12/10. 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-22247 (February 24, 2010).

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Notice of Qualification of Vera Bradley Retail Stores, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 9/14/09. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Indiana (IN) on 7/28/06. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 2208 Production Rd., Fort Wayne, IN 46808, also the address of the principal office. Arts of Org. filed with IN Secy. Of State, 302 West Washington St., Rm. E018, Indianapolis, IN 46204. Purpose: any lawful activities.

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LD-22248 (February 24, 2010)

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Notice of formation of a limited liability company ("LLC"). Name of LLC: One Gunderland Ave., LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York ("SSNY") on February 3, 2010. Office location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon it to Lorenzo Scavio, 115 Spyglass Ct., Albany, NY 12203. Purpose: to engage in any activity for which LLCs may be organized under the LLC Law. LD-22250 (February 24, 2010).

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, March 3, 2010 at 7:00 p.m., at the Town Offices, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York to take action on application of Thomas Burke, for variances under Article VI, Section 128-56, Off Street Parking, C. (1) Size, F. Location, H. Number, K. Landscaping Percentage and Dimensions, Article XIII, Section 128-100, Side Yards, of the Code of the Town of Bethlehem. The applicant requests the ability to construct Medical Offices and Pharmacy at property located at 250, 254 & 256 Delaware Ave, Delmar N.Y. 12054.

Daniel W. Coffey
Chairman

Board of Appeals

NOTE: The Town of Bethlehem provides reasonable accommodations for the disabled. Disabled individuals, who need assistance in order to participate in the public hearing, should contact the Town Clerks Office at (518) 439-4955 ext. 1183. LD-22251 (February 24, 2010).

Podium

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won't get his rematch with Greene's Tyler Beckwith. That's because Gallo moved up to 189 pounds, while Beckwith stayed at 171 pounds. The good news is that makes Gallo a favorite to win the state title in his new weight class.

No matter how well any of Section II's wrestlers do, they should all remember that it's an honor just to represent the region at the state tournament.

• As you could tell by the opening to this week's column, I've been closely following the Winter Olympics in Vancouver.

So far, there have been plenty of American highlights to choose from, but the one I liked the most was Team USA's 5-3 victory over Team Canada in men's hockey. It not only showed how talented America's young NHL stars are (Ryan Miller is the best goaltender no one

outside of Buffalo has heard of), but it also showed how vulnerable Team Canada is. There's no doubt that the guys wearing the red maple leaf are playing tight in front of their home fans, and if they don't loosen up soon, they won't make the gold medal game.

It was also good to see Bode Miller finally win an Alpine skiing event. Miller took a lot of heat for his non-medal performance in Turin, Italy four years ago, so for him to stand atop the podium now has to be extra sweet for the New Hampshire native.

The most impressive performance came from Shaun White in the snowboard halfpipe, though. I never knew somebody could get that much air on a snowboard. He must have booster rockets hidden in that thing.

Still, the best moment from the first week of the Olympics was when moguls skier Alex Bilodeau won Canada's first gold medal on home soil. When they played "O Canada" at the medal ceremony, they could have dropped out the music and let the thousands of people in BC Place serenade Bilodeau with his country's national anthem.

Somehow, I don't think Canadians will get to serenade their vaunted men's hockey team with the national anthem. A different anthem will be played after the gold medal game. Perhaps "The Star Spangled Banner."

• Speaking of winter, we're going to be reminded that it's still that time of year around here this week with several bouts of snow. And it would have to coincide with the start of the Sectional basketball playoffs. Let's hope the heavy snow misses its mark, or we could be staring at a very hectic playoff schedule.

• Finally, if you want a laugh (or just to cringe), go to YouTube and type in "Let's Have a Party, Albany," the city's official tricentennial song from 1986. The sight of Bishop Howard Hubbard lip-synching and dancing in the video alone is worth it. The song, on the other hand, could get stuck in your head forever.

That's it for this week. If you have any comments to pass along, or if you want to "thank" me for giving you an ear worm that you'll never get out of your head, e-mail me at jonasr@spotlightnews.com. (Everybody, now: "A-L/B-A/N-Y/N-Y/Albany, New York.")

Eagles

(From Page 36)

with a throw of 51 feet, 9.5 inches and won the weight throw with a distance of 61 feet, 1.25 inches.

Stuart Charbonneau (pole vault), Grant McLeod (high jump) and Dan Harris (1,600) also won individual events for Shen.

Colonie's John Drabik posted a Section II-record time of 6.1 seconds to win the 55-meter dash.

On the girls' side, Shen eased past the competition to win the Division I team title with 169 points. Saratoga Springs was second with 138 points, and Colonie placed third with 58 points.

Lizzie Predmore led the Plainsmen with victories in the two longest races of the day. The sophomore took first place in the 1,500-meter race with a time of 4:38.9, and she won the 3,000 with a time of 10:14.6.

Savannah Gordon was a double winner for Shen in field events. Gordon took first place in the shot put with a throw of 34 feet, 8.75 inches, and she won the weight throw with a distance of 43 feet, 11.25 inches.

Kelsey Hanson and Maddesen Weekes earned individual titles for the Plainsmen. Hanson cleared the bar at 5 feet to win the high jump, and Weekes finished first in the pole vault after clearing 9 feet, 6 inches.

Shen also fared well in the relays, as it won the 800-meter event with a time of 1:51.3 and finished first in the 1,600-meter race with a time of 4:10.4. Saratoga won the 3,200-meter relay with a time of 9:36.1.

Saratoga's Madalayne

Smith continued her impressive indoor season. She won the 55-meter dash with a time of 6.7 seconds, and she finished first in the long jump with a distance of 17 feet, 6.75 inches.

Amanda Borroughs and Brianne Bellon also won individual events for Saratoga. Borroughs edged teammate Margaret MacDonald by three-tenths of a second for the 600-meter title with a winning time of 1:39.6, while Bellon nipped Borroughs by the same margin to take first place in the 1,000 with a time of 3:01.5.

Colonie's Kyle Plante won two individual events at Sectionals. Plante cruised to the 55-meter hurdles title with a time of 8 seconds, and she had a 2.2-second cushion over her nearest competition on her way to winning the 300 dash with a time of 40.2 seconds.

In Division II, Ballston Spa won the boys team title with 122 points, nine points ahead of runner-up Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake, while Holy Names won the girls team title with 118 points. Niskayuna was second with 84 points.

Mike Villano led Ballston Spa with victories in the 55- and 300-meter dashes. Max Groves added a win the 3,200 for the Scotties, who also finished first in the 1,600 and 3,200 relays.

Otis Ubriaco won the 1,000- and 1,600-meter races for BH-BL. Chris Fernandez took first place in the 600, and the Spartans' 800 relay team claimed the Division II title.

Mohonasen's Mi'chael White was a double winner in field events. The junior finished first in the high jump and the long jump.

Niskayuna's Sonya Pevzner (55-meter

hurdles), Ballston Spa's Bailey Kowalczyk (1,000) and BH-BL's Kiersten Anderson (3,000) won individual Sectional titles on the girls' side. Niskayuna's 3,200-meter relay team also finished first.

The Lansingburgh boys and Scotia-Glenville girls were the Division III team champions. Lansingburgh edged Ichabod Crane by five points to claim the boys team title, while Scotia-Glenville cruised to a 51-point victory over the Riders to win the girls team title.

Becky Celorio led Scotia-Glenville with wins in the girls 1,500- and 3,000-meter races. Makala Gatta added victories in the 55-meter dash and the long jump.

The Lady Tartans also won the 3,200-meter relay with a time of 10:43.9.

Dylan Elliot (long jump) and Kevin Murdock (shot put) won Sectional titles for the Scotia-Glenville boys team.

Section II holds its state meet qualifier Saturday at UAlbany.

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Sports *in the* Spotlight

Two Eagles take titles

Buehler sweeps jumping events; Zaid claims 1,000

Paul Buehler and Yousef Zaid each won individual events to lead Bethlehem to a third-place finish at Saturday's Section II Division I Indoor Track and Field Championships at the University at Albany.

Buehler had victories in the long and triple jumps for the Eagles. The senior came within two inches of 22 feet in the long jump with a winning distance of 21 feet, 10 inches, and he was the long competitor to top 45 feet in the triple jump with a distance of 45 feet, 5.5 inches.

Zaid fended off Shaker's Ryan Egan to win the 1,000-meter title. Zaid finished with a time of 2:35.8, while Egan placed second with a time of 2:36.5.

Shaker won its second consecutive team title at Sectionals. The Blue Bison finished with 137.5 points, more than 24 points ahead of runner-up Shenendehowa. Bethlehem placed third

with 55 points.

Shaker showed its strength in the 300-meter dash and the 600-meter race. Matt Conti won the 300 with a time of 36.4 seconds, while Chris Herman edged Conti by four-tenths of a second to win the 600 with a time of 1:24.5. Conti finished with a runner-up time of 1:24.9.

Brendan Dolan added a victory in the 55-meter hurdles for Shaker. The senior nipped teammate Jaquell Chandler and Albany's Kyle Thompson at the finish line to claim the title with a time of 8 seconds. Thompson and Chandler each finished with a time of 8.1 seconds.

Shen's greatest success came in the relays. The Plainsmen edged Shaker by less than one-tenth of a second to win the 800-meter relay with a time of 1:37.9, and their 1,600-meter relay team took first place with a time of 3:34.9.

Tyler Prendergast won two individual events for the Plainsmen. The senior took first place in the shot put

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Bethlehem's Yousef Zaid leads the pack in the boys 1,000-meter race at Saturday's Section II Division I Indoor Track and Field Championships at the University at Albany. Robert Goo/Spotlight

BC wins playoff opener

Eagles get top-seed CBA as reward for edging Niskayuna

For the second year in a row, the Bethlehem boys basketball team has the honor of playing Christian Brothers Academy in the opening round of the Section II Class AA playoffs.

The Eagles (7-12) earned that honor the hard way last Friday by edging Niskayuna 45-43 in the play-in game on Dan Krzykowski's buzzer-beating shot.

Things did not look good for Bethlehem in the first half. Despite having a size advantage in the front court, the Eagles found it difficult to get their shots to drop as they fell behind 24-19.

Bethlehem got its offense on track in the third quarter, as it outscored Niskayuna (8-11) 15-9 to take a one-point lead. The two teams kept the battle going through the fourth quarter before Krzykowski decided matters with his lone basket of the night.

John Morrill scored 14 points, and Ryan Stempsey added 12 points for Bethlehem. Kyle Bayly, Brandon LaMar and Aaron Wyngowski all had 10 points for Niskayuna.

Bethlehem travels to Colonie Wednesday to face defending Class AA champion CBA, which won the Big 10 title this season. Guilderland visits Schenectady Wednesday in another opening round tilt.

The Voorheesville boys basketball team begins its pursuit of a Class C title Wednesday when it hosts Greenwich. The Witches are coming off a decisive 69-36 win against Berlin in last Friday's play-in game.

The Bethlehem girls basketball team is also in action Wednesday. The Lady Eagles host Schenectady in a Class AA contest.



Bethlehem's Jack Lanchantin (10) is guarded closely by a Niskayuna defender during last Friday's Section II Class AA play-in game. Rob Jonas/Spotlight

Americans own Canada's podium

Hey, Canada. If you want to "own the podium," come see the American Olympic team. OK, moving on...

• I wasn't shocked that Siena lost by 17 points to Butler Saturday. Butler is the kind of team that is hard to slow down when it gets on a roll.

• Of course, this means what I suspected would be the case when the Saints started the season 6-4 — they have to win the MAAC Tournament to get to the NCAA Tournament. I still feel confident that they can get the job done, but they have to regain that killer instinct that they showed for much of the season, especially in the second half.

• Since it's the first time in several years that a Meys brother hasn't been involved in the New York State Wrestling Championships, it's a little difficult to pinpoint a Section II grappler that would have a good shot at winning his weight class. But, I'll try.

Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake's Zeal McGrew should be a challenger in the 285-pound division among large school wrestlers. He placed third at last year's state tournament, and he's seeded second this year.

Shen's John Belanger is another possibility. The No. 3 seed at 135 pounds is looking to improve on his fourth-place finish one year ago.

The wrestler with the toughest first-round match-up is Niskayuna's Alex Espina. His reward for ripping through the Section II field is to face top-seed Andy Rodriguez in the opening round of the 145-pound weight class. Either the state wrestling committee doesn't think much of Espina, or it doesn't think much of Espina's Section II competition.

In the small school division, Schalmont's Vince Gallo

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