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In this week's issue



Westmere makes its case

On Thursday, Feb. 25, the Westmere Fire District held a public information session on its proposed new firehouse, where representatives discussed the need, costs of, and construction process for the new building.

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Pipe band sees youth movement

Once a band for all ages, the Scotia-Glenville Pipe Band in recent years has become the Northeast's only competitive junior pipe band. It holds its annual concert Friday night at Scotia-Glenville Middle School.

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Eagles' season ends

Central Catholic outscored Bethlehem 19-8 in the fourth quarter to defeat the Eagles 49-34 in Saturday's Section II Class AA quarterfinal game in Troy.

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Mom honored for role at fire

Lab tests on explosion are complete but unreleased

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Michelle Sanchez, the mother of a Delmar teen who was critically burned in a December house fire, has been honored as

a "Keep America Running Home-town Hero" for her role in the incident that claimed her Adams Place home.

Emergency workers who removed Keenan Sanchez from the home after they responded to reports of explosions there on Dec. 19 arrived to find his mother attending to him, according to police.

"She was still in the house when we arrived...the mom was

attending to the son," said Lt. Thomas Heffernan of the Bethlehem Police Department. "She was told to leave the residence for her safety, then our officers were able to drag him out the door to safety."

The Spotlight made inquiries to emergency officials after a press release from PR firm Ed Lewi Associates indicated Sanchez, a volunteer EMT with the Delmar Fire Department,

had "pulled her son, Keenan, to safety from their home," [emphasis added] an apparent contradiction to reports made after the fire.

BPD Officers Kenneth Beck and George Travis and Albany County EMT Eric Kerr were later publicly recognized for their role in extricating Sanchez from the home.

Sanchez's friend Maureen

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A snow day snowman



Colin, 10, and Christopher Baker, 7, work on making a snowman during the Wednesday, Feb. 24, snowstorm in Delmar. The two Hamagrael students used the snow storm to their own advantage as schools were closed throughout the Capital District. "I'm not in the mood to go to school tomorrow," said Colin.

Sean Ahern/Spotlight

Size cap inches closer to law

Despite lack of support from New Scotland Planning Board, proposal to go before town officials

By RYAN MUNKS
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New Scotland's Planning Board submitted its finalized comments on "Local Law B," also known as the size-cap law, to the Town Board on Monday, Feb. 22.

Despite the Planning Board being 6-to-1 against the size cap, the law will still be considered by the Town Board after a public hearing scheduled for Thursday, March 11, at Voorheesville High School.

The Planning Board's report is the product of discussions that took place at the Feb. 2 and Feb. 16 meetings of the board. Robert Stapf led the group of six board members who are against passing the law. He was chairman of the Planning Board when the controversy first began more than two years ago. After the current Town Board was sworn in, Charles Voss was appointed as the chairman of the committee. Voss is the only member who voiced support for the law.

Stapf said that he does not feel limiting development in the commercial zone to 50,000 square feet per unit and 100,000 square feet per development will make the town's

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Superfund site in Delmar

Those involved say previous occupant spilled dry cleaning chemicals; extent of contamination unknown

By CHARLES WIFF
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The state Department of Environmental Conservation has declared the location of a Delmar dry cleaning business a Superfund site and said the designation is probably linked to a previous business operating there.

The DEC recently added 156 Delaware Avenue to

Site Page 16



The Department of Environmental Conservation has designated this Delmar location as a Superfund site.

Charles Wiff/Spotlight



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Police Blotter

Man arrested for incident at McDonald's

The Bethlehem Police Department arrested Jarrell A. White, 26, of 150 Lark Street, and charged him with menacing in the second degree, a misdemeanor, on Friday, Feb. 19.

Earlier that day, Greg Zink, an employee of McDonald's in Delmar, made a complaint that a black male had approached the register and stated a man had fallen in the restroom, according to police. Zink walked with the man to the bathroom, where the man allegedly

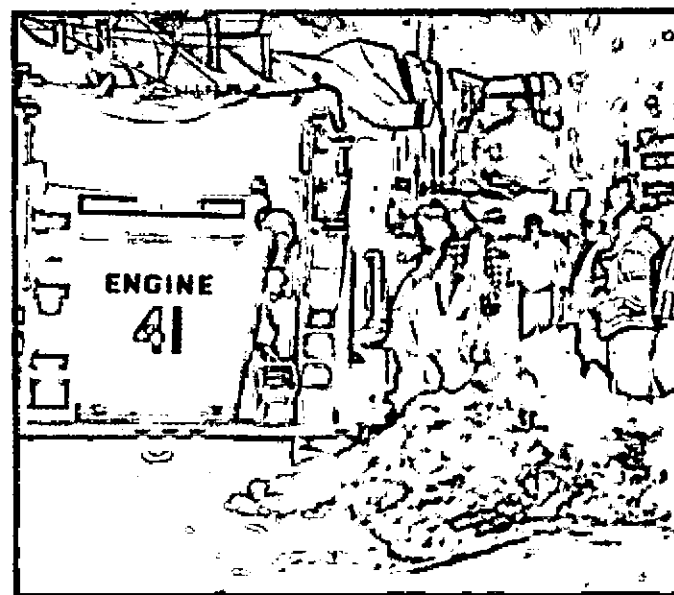
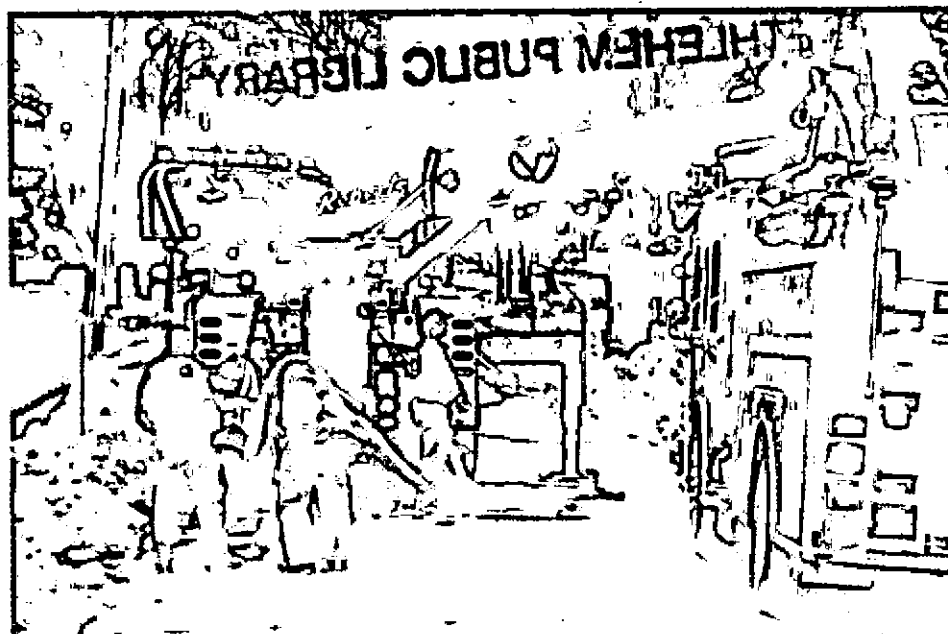
threw Zink against the wall and stated, "You need to leave my girl alone and stop mistreating her," according to police. The man lifted his shirt to show a handgun in the waistband of his pants, police said.

The man then stated, "If you tell anyone about this I will come back to McDonald's with 20 of my dudes and shoot the place up like Swiss cheese," according to police.

Zink said he walked out of the

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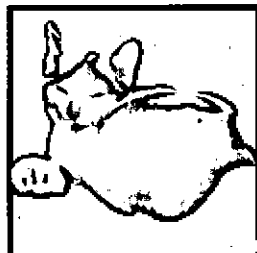
Mired truck



On Friday afternoon, Feb. 26, Selkirk Fire Department engine No. 41 fell into a sink hole on Thatcher Street in Selkirk. The engine was returning from a call and moved to the shoulder of the road to let a school bus pass in the opposite direction, when the sink hole opened up. Roberts Towing sent two large tow trucks to the scene to remove the fire truck. There were no injuries reported.

Tom Heffernan Sr./Spot-

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Thursday, February 25, 2010 from 4:00pm to 6:30pm

Watervliet Elementary School, 2557 10th Avenue, Watervliet

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

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online at www.albanycounty.com/health or by phone at (518) 447-4505

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**Remember: Children 9 years and younger require two doses of the H1N1 vaccine, administered at least 28 days apart, to be fully protected against the H1N1 virus.*



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Three roofs collapse under snow

Four cows killed as Hilltown structures hit hard by storm

The heavy snow during the night of Thursday, Feb. 25, caused the collapse of the roofs of two barns, one in the Town of Knox on Bozenkill Road, and the other in the Town of Berne on Rock Road. The snow also caused a collapse of the roof of a home on Hunt Road in the Town of Westerlo.

"Fortunately, there were no human injuries," said Undersheriff Craig Apple, of the Albany County Sheriff's Office.

The woman who owns the house on Hunt Road left the residence before the roof collapsed, according to police.

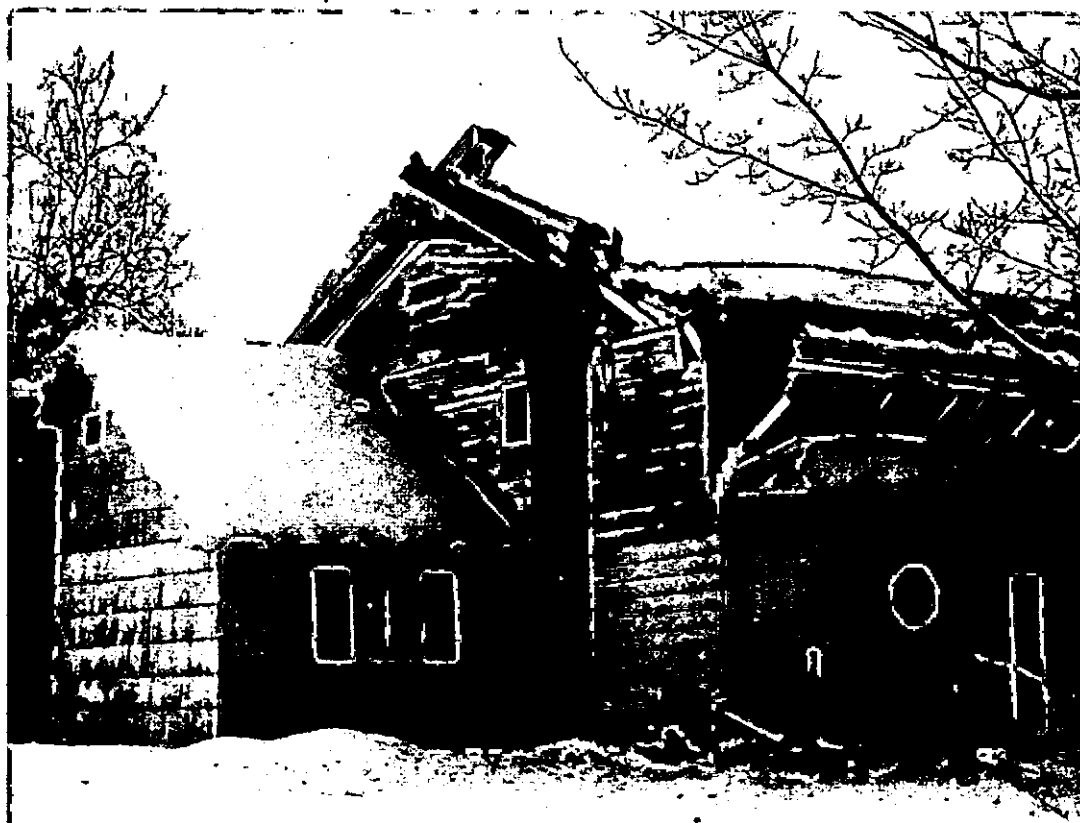
Although their were no human injuries as a result of the collapse, two cows in each of the barns were killed as a result of the cave-ins, according to information from the Albany County Sheriff's Office.

"Each barn has a number of heads of cattle lost. ... It wasn't as bad as it could have been," said Apple.

According to Apple, one of the barns housed approximately 80 heads of cattle.

He also said local volunteer fire departments have been a great help in responding to the incidents.

— Ryan Munks



ABOVE and LEFT: Snowfall on the night of Thursday Feb. 25 caused the roof to collapse on this home on Hunt Road in the Town of Westerlo.

Submitted photos

BC snow day bank runs dry

Students who normally watch the weather report with rapt attention in hopes of having a day off of school may want to rethink their prayers.

The Bethlehem Central School District used up its second and final budgeted snow day on Wednesday, Feb. 24, when it joined districts across the area in canceling classes after a snowstorm dumped roughly a foot of heavy, wet snow on the area.

Superintendent Michael Tebbano made the call to cancel school at about 4 a.m., he said. After getting a late start to the school year because of a later Labor Day, the district decided to schedule just two snow days into the calendar.

"We gambled, and unfortunately the gamble worked against us," Tebbano said.

The district also cancelled school on Dec. 9. Last year, three snow days were scheduled into the calendar.

If another snow day were called, the district would likely be able to have teaching staff report April 9 on a two-hour delay schedule for a day of professional development. This would allow the district to fulfill the mandated number of school days while avoiding having students return from spring break early, said a district representative.

April 8 and 9 are built into the calendar as make-up days for any additional snow days.

Tebano said the empty snow day bank would not influence the decision to close or delay school.

"We're not going to compromise safety just to keep the spring break alive for people," he said.

— Charles Wiff

Rainy summer impacts use of rec resources in 2009

Usage still strong despite a wet season

By CHARLES WIFF
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Despite having had an uncharacteristically rainy summer, recreational facilities in the Town of Bethlehem were still successful when they were open, according to the recently released 2009 Parks and Recreation Department Annual Report.

The report shows usage

dropping slightly at some of the town's six parks, as well as at the Colonial Acres Golf Course, where the high volume months of June, July and August saw heavy rains.

Nearly 1,200 fewer rounds of golf were played in 2009 versus 2008.

Still the 9-hole course turned a profit, largely because not having facilities in use saves on the expenditures side.

"We try to not have the golf course open if the weather's inclement, we try to control overtime," Parks and Recreation Director Nan Lanahan said.

That does not include work done on a \$40,000 maintenance garage at the course, which is coming out of the Parkland Set Aside Fund. Thus far,

"If we'd had a better summer last year weather wise I think we would have seen bigger numbers."

— Parks and Recreation Director Nan Lanahan

a concrete foundation has been poured and a frame erected. Lanahan hopes the garage can be completed by early summer.

"I think we've made significant progress because we've had a fairly mild winter," she said.

There was a similar story at the town pool complex at the Elm Avenue Park, where revenues of \$179,000 were \$20,000 above expenditures. That's a slight decrease from the previous year's revenues, but also a drop

in expenditures, said Lanahan.

A week of the pool's operation was trimmed from the end of the season as a cost saving measure. That time has typically been the least busy time for the pool. No decision on whether to keep the same schedule this summer has been made.

Pool attendance in 2009 was over 47,000.

One area that saw a slight increase in both use and revenue was pavilion and warming area reservations. The town's six facilities brought in over \$21,000 in 2009, as families took to the parks for some low-cost recreation.

"People are staying

around and having their picnics around home," Lanahan said. "If we'd had a better summer last year weather wise I think we would have seen bigger numbers."

She added that while the Elm Avenue Park remains the best known in town, the Henry Hudson Park has been seeing more use and interest.

"We still have people who don't know Henry Hudson Park exists," Lanahan said. "But once people have been down to Henry Hudson Park and seen it, they want to have their next event there."

The Parks and Recreation Department is also responsible for employing a large number of area youth, especially in summer. Two-hundred and nineteen jobs were filled through the youth employment services branch of the department. Local groups also donated 2,700 volunteer hours.

Besides finishing up the golf course garage, the Parks and Rec Department has work on the Henry Hudson Park's shoreline stabilization study, the completion of an upgrade to the pool's filtration system and the start of improvements to the Moh-He-Con-Nuck Nature Preserve to look forward to next year.

At Mo-He-Con-Nuck, access from River Road must be built and a parking area installed before the first trail cuts can be made into the 53-acre site. The master plan for the land calls for an extensive trail network that will be added to in phases, along with some passive elements like picnic tables. The project presents a new challenge for rec department staff, Lanahan said.

"It's kind of a different project for us considering it's a nature preserve and not an active recreation area," she said.

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Raking and aching and shoveling, oh my

By ROBIN SHRAGER SUITOR
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A few days after the mid-February snowstorm, I looked out the window and saw Frozen Gerbil leaning to the side.

Don't worry, no gerbils came to harm for the writing of this column. Frozen Gerbil was not a gerbil. He was a miniature snowman, with a baby carrot for a nose.

Frozen Gerbil was named in honor of what was suspected to be an actual frozen gerbil that my daughter's friend had spotted in her own yard. That creature (the alleged frozen gerbil, not the friend) turned out to be a small bird. (Don't worry, no small birds came to harm for the writing of this column.) The small bird was not a gerbil. It also was not frozen. It flew off shortly after being misidentified.

Like the bird that flew away, Frozen Gerbil did not last long in our yard. Built late in the afternoon, the snowman was leaning by early the next afternoon. By the following day, the carrot nose had fallen out and shortly thereafter only the snowman's bottom remained. Its head and middle were gone.

In between the demise of Frozen Gerbil and the following week's snowstorm, our "grass" was exposed, including a fair amount of dried leaves and other lawn debris that had not been

Commentary:
From
Robin's Nest



cleared away last fall. And so already I am thinking about raking.

I learned last fall that raking is unbelievably difficult work. It's not fun.

What's fun is spending a few minutes raking leaves into a pile so that your child can jump in the leaves and squeal with joy. What's even more fun is having your husband rake the leaves into a pile so that your child can jump in them. What's most fun is being the child who jumps in the leaves.

When our daughter Rachel was little, I'd go outside and take photos of her jumping in the leaves. She used to "help" with the raking using her plastic yellow toy rake. After her dad raked the backyard leaves onto a tarp, she'd jump on and go for the ride as he pulled the tarp out to the front curb. Occasionally I'd "help" with a grown-up size rake, but I would soon get cold or tired or bored or all three and then I'd go inside.

Most years when Jeff says he's going to rake the yard I say, "Oh, OK, see ya later."

But last fall, right after the trees

dropped most of their leaves, my husband was recovering from some minor surgery. He was not supposed to exercise or lift objects over five pounds for three weeks. A week went by and I was leaving town to attend a work conference. Before I left I pointed out the window and warned Jeff: "I want those leaves to stay exactly where they are."

On the last day of the conference I called to say I was heading home. My daughter answered the phone. "Where's Daddy?" I asked her. "He's outside raking," she said. "RAKING? He's not supposed to be raking!" "He's fine," she said, "He only made a small pile."

When I got home I saw a few LARGE piles of leaves. I decided to be calm and mature about my discovery. I pointed out the window and asked, "Hey honey, who did you hire to rake the leaves?" He answered, "I didn't hire anyone. I was out there." To which I maturely replied, "Duh, Rachel told me." "I only spent about 10 minutes," I said, "Yeah, right, you are NOT supposed to rake at all."

I was content to just ignore the leaves, but came to realize it was important to Jeff that the yard be properly maintained.

I layered an old sweatshirt under my denim jacket and headed outside. I went straight to the piles Jeff had made. I raked them onto a tarp and dragged the

tarp to the front curb. Two trips to the curb later I was already growing tired, but I rallied on and continued working.

Jeff came out to watch. "Some leaves fly under the tarp," I told him. He said, "Stand with one foot holding down the edge of the tarp." I tried, but ended up smacking my leg with the rake.

I learned that raking is easier for tall people with long arms. I also learned that I could make the grass dance like crazy using our hand-held leaf blower, but it was much harder to herd the leaves into a pile. My progress was slow.

I noticed many "leaf bits" that remained in the grass even after I'd worked on an area. "How much of this do you rake up?" I asked my husband. "All of it," he said.

I selected an area 2 feet long and the width of the rake. I counted how many pulls of the rake I executed before only grass remained in my sample area. Then I looked around and did a quick estimate of how long it would take me to do this for the entire yard. Answer: The rest of my life.

I continued working until about a half hour past sunset. With Rachel's help I was able to clear most of the lawn. There were many leaves still trapped under the shrubbery, but I could no longer see them. It was just as well, because I was exhausted.

Fast-forward three months:

It's late February. Giant clumps of wet snow fall from the sky. Frozen Gerbil's remnants, and our driveway, are no longer visible. My husband uses our gas-powered snow blower to clear half the driveway so I can get to work.

Midday, my father calls me from Florida. He'd been watching The Weather Channel. "I called your house and spoke to Rachel," he said. "She told me Jeff's out working on the snow blower." "The snow blower is broken?" I asked. "I didn't say that," said my dad. "Well did Rachel say he was working on the driveway or working on the snow blower? If it's the latter, it must be broken." Dad said, "Don't be such a nervous Nellie. You're always reading into things."

When I got home I saw that half the driveway was still covered with snow. The snow blower had quit working.

I learned this winter that shoveling snow is even less fun than raking leaves. Actually, I already knew that. But in contrast to previous winters, I went outside and shoveled alongside my spouse (well, for safety reasons we worked at opposite ends of the driveway.) Whereas I used to "help" by making hot chocolate, I'm now contributing sweat equity. It's not fun, but there is a sense of accomplishment.

And when spring arrives, I'll gladly trade my shovel for a rake.



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WEEKLY WEATHER

Chief Meteorologist Mike Bono

Albany Almanac

Record high/low/year

AVERAGE HIGH 41°	AVERAGE LOW 22°	
Day	High/Year	Low/Year
Wednesday, March 3	64°/2002	-10°/1950
Thursday, March 4	59°/1919	-20°/1950
Friday, March 5	71°/1964	-12°/1948
Saturday, March 6	63°/1974	-21°/1948
Sunday, March 7	62°/1974	-6°/1950
Monday, March 8	66°/2000	-2°/1989
Tuesday, March 9	68°/2000	-14°/1943

SEASONAL SNOWFALL TO DATE
40.5 inches as of Friday, February 26th
7.5 inches below average

This week in weather

March 8th 1989 - While arctic cold gripped the northeastern U.S., unseasonably warm weather prevailed across the southwestern states. Albany reported a record low of 2 degrees below zero. Tucson, AZ reported a record high of 90 degrees.

Sun & Moon

Day	Sunrise	Sunset
Wednesday	6:28am	5:47pm
Thursday	6:26am	5:48pm
Friday	6:24am	5:50pm
Saturday	6:23am	5:51pm
Sunday	6:21am	5:52pm
Monday	6:19am	5:53pm
Tuesday	6:18am	5:54pm

Moon Phases

March 7th Last
March 15th New



Planets	When	Where
Mars	Evening	High E/SE
Saturn	Evening	Climbing E/SE
Venus	Dusk	V Low WSW



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Ski Report

Area Ski Conditions

Resort	Base Depth	Lifts	Trails	Resort	Base Depth	Lifts	Trails
Gore Mtn.	21" - 42"	10	74	Stratton	36" - 54"	6	91
Whiteface	28" - 41"	9	80	Sugarbush	26" - 42"	12	109
Bromley	33" - 48"	2	21	Hunter Mtn.	50" - 90"	6	48
Mt. Snow	24" - 48"	10	55	Jay Peak	20" - 36"	7	71
Okemo	42" - 54"	13	119	Jiminy Peak	52" - 64"	5	40
Belleayre	38" - 62"	6	50	Windham	24" - 60"	6	46
Stowe	36" - 60"	10	113	Smugglers'	24" - 64"	6	78
Killington	42" - 54"	16	137	Willard Mtn.	36" - 48"	5	14

Factoid

The two major winter storms of February 23rd to 25th dumped as much as 40 inches of snow in elevations west and south of the Capital Region. The second storm fell as heavy rain from Albany eastward.

Tides at Albany

Day	High	Low
Wednesday	6:48am, 7:03pm	12:57am, 1:25pm
Thursday	7:36am, 7:52pm	1:44am, 2:17pm
Friday	8:26am, 8:42pm	2:33am, 3:10pm
Saturday	9:18am, 9:36pm	3:24am, 4:05pm
Sunday	10:12am, 10:34pm	4:17am, 5:00pm
Monday	11:09am, 11:33pm	5:13am, 5:56pm
Tuesday	12:06pm	6:09am, 6:52pm

BC gets grim budget outlook

Maintaining programs would result in 7% tax levy increase

By CHARLES WIFF
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Last year, officials in the Bethlehem Central School District spent weeks cutting \$2.5 million out of the 2009-2010 school budget, identifying the areas that would deal the least impact to programming. This year, they'll probably have to dig deeper.

The 2010-2011 budget process officially kicked off Wednesday, Feb. 24, as district administrators passed the reins to the Board of Education, which is tasked with preparing a budget proposal by April 1.

Facing a \$2.5 million state aid reduction being proposed by Gov. David Paterson, as well as inflation and a continuing economic crisis, offering the same programs the district is running this year would be nearly \$3 million more costly at \$90.5 million.

Projected revenues fall about \$4 million short of that amount.

Raising that difference through the tax levy — an option Chief Business and Financial Officer Judith Kehoe was adamant administrators were not proposing — would result in a 7.3 percent increase in the levy, translating

Budget workshop schedule

Wednesday, March 3: Operations and Maintenance, Transportation, Bus Replacement Plan, Fringes, Insurance, Debt Services

Wednesday, March 10: Special Education, Technology, Annual Meeting ad, Revenue

Wednesday, March 17: K-12 Instructional Program, Instructional Staffing, Athletics, BOCES

Wednesday, March 24: Further decisions, Possible budget adoption

Wednesday, March 31: Budget meeting/adoption (if necessary)

Wednesday, May 5: Public hearing on the budget

Tuesday, May 18: Budget vote

All meetings will be at 7 p.m. at the district offices, 90 Adams Place, Delmar.

to another \$278 for the owner of a house valued at \$200,000.

"That's a lot of gap to be closing, and it's a significant impact," Kehoe said.

The increase in the district's expenditures can be attributed to soaring personnel expenses; in fact, expenses in other areas of the budget were reduced. Officials predicted total salary costs will rise \$1.4 million and benefit costs will rise \$2.6 million. These areas already represent the lion's share of the total budget.

The school district must make up the losses to the retirement system incurred by a poor year in the stock market, said Kehoe, which contributes to the jump in fringe benefit costs.

"That's a huge piece of the impact," she said. "Even though we were expecting it, it's a painful impact."

To reach a 2 percent increase in the tax levy, which is what was included in the 2009-2010 budget, the Board of Education would have to make \$2.87 million in cuts to the budget.

"If the board isn't interested in supporting a 7 percent tax levy, we need to look at program reductions," Superintendent Michael Tebbano said.

Tebbano put forward the Tier 3 reduction plan, a leftover from cuts made last year that is made up of the most painful reductions that were avoided. About 14 teachers would be laid off under the plan, as well

as 15 support staff and an administrator. Monday and Friday late buses would stop running, some athletics teams would be eliminated and the middle school pool would be closed.

Still, the Tier 3 cuts only amount to less than \$2.2 million in savings.

Tebbano made it clear that if the board wishes to reduce the tax levy, it would be impossible to do so through stopgap measures.

"If our goal is to cut the program and bring our costs in line, we're going to have to make some difficult decisions," Tebbano said.

The public will vote on the school budget May 18. If it is defeated, the district can either put the same budget or a new version to a second vote, or go straight to a contingency budget.

A contingency budget is generally a slight increase from the previous year's to allow for inflation while holding the line on programming. This year, however, because the consumer price index is so low, a contingency budget would likely be more than \$1 million less than the 2009-2010 budget, not factoring in state aid cuts.

The Board of Education will be examining different areas of the budget in depth in coming weeks (see sidebar for details).

Census forms to be mailed in March

Local leaders stress the importance of filling out document

By RYAN MUNKS
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In the month of March, the residents of the Capital District will open their mailboxes to find the 2010 Census form. The 10-question form, scheduled to be mailed on March 15, will determine the representation in Congress and amount of funding the community receives.

"This time around, the census is much shorter and simpler than the previous census," said Albany Census Bureau Director David Mance. "We're trying to get the word out that it is much simpler, and easier to complete," he said.

He also said the Census Bureau is trying to stress the confidentiality of survey.

"The Census has the highest level of confidentiality, employees actually have to take an oath for life," he said.

He also said that the fact the survey is still in paper form stresses

confidentiality because the Internet does not currently meet security standards.

However, he did say that as the Internet becomes more secure, people will most likely be given the opportunity to complete the form online.

Mance said that the census does not only have an impact on Congressional districts, but it also helps determine the allocation of federal funds that come back to the community. He specifically mentioned funding for fire districts, schools and hospitals.

"If people are not counted, those funds are lost," he said.

Town of Guilderland Supervisor Ken Runion said that this Census will be particularly important to Guilderland.

"All of the distribution of sales tax is based on population," he said. "The sales tax funds about 80 percent of our general fund."

The Town of Guilderland currently receives \$10 million of its \$12 million budget from sales taxes. It receives between \$760 and \$770 thousand in

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Matters of Opinion *in the* Spotlight

Resignation or redemption?

Next November we will have our fourth governor in just over four years, the last governor having not been elected and the last two governors having served less than full terms that were marred with scandal and abuse of power.

But what we have right now is a governor unfettered from political recourse, one who shouldn't be worried about his questionable legacy.

Editorial

But here's the problem:

It's obvious David Paterson didn't get the memo that his run hasn't been all that great. At the Friday announcement that he's ceasing his run for a full term, he touted a few minor accomplishments and chalked up the failure of his short-lived election bid to a series of "distractions" — the most recent "distraction" being, of course, the allegation that he and the state police unduly influenced a woman who was accusing a top gubernatorial aide, David Johnson, of domestic abuse. Johnson has since been suspended.

"It hasn't been the latest distraction," said Paterson. "It has been an accumulation of obstacles that have obfuscated me from getting my message out to the public."

But the thing is, Paterson did get a message out to the public. It was that he is an ineffectual leader whose personal and political lives are rife with controversy, some admitted to, others merely speculated but not really dismissed by the governor himself.

David Paterson is a dead man walking as far as his political career goes, and he should embrace it. If the governor can bring himself to realize that he has no viable legacy to speak of, he can turn himself around for the remainder of his term.

He is finally free to adhere to the axiom that most politicians only give lip service too, and that is the notion that if you put good governance first, the elections will take care of themselves. With no election to even worry about, Paterson can get to the good governance part.

So, when other legislators are calling for Lt. Gov. Richard Ravitch to take over budget talks, Paterson should ratchet up his calls for fiscal responsibility — probably the only action that ever gave his polling numbers an up-tick.

When other legislators are complaining that Paterson will not work with them, the governor can worry about how he will work for the people.

When many are calling for his resignation, Paterson should be heralding his redemption. Only one of the two will benefit the people of New York, and having another "accidental governor" in Richard Ravitch isn't it.

Plant a seed, watch it grow

By SUE PEZZOLA
Cornell Cooperative Extension
Albany County

A recent article in *The New York Times* titled "Packets Full of Miracles" (Jan. 21) polled gardeners as to their favorite seed choices.

It is a fun read for a gardener, certainly but it also caught my attention from a different perspective: *The New York Times* was publishing an article on starting plants from seeds and so this must be main stream.

Seed starting has been elevated to a new status!

Until a few years ago, most gardeners preferred to buy transplants for their gardens. Seeds were used for those things a gardener wanted to grow that were not available as transplants such as carrots, corn or beans. That is definitely not the case today! Gardeners have become much more interested in starting their plants from seed either indoors or by direct sowing when the weather allows.

Economics is one reason for the shift as *The Times* article suggests, a packet of 20 seeds is often only a few dollars whereas the same amount of transplants might be twenty dollars. But I suspect that there are other reasons for the change.

There is definitely more interest in vegetable gardening and gardeners that I talk with are more concerned about where their food has come from and what has been applied to it. They want fresh and to grow your own is as fresh as you can get. There also seems to be a renewed interest in nature (alleluia!) as well as the interconnectedness of all the eco-systems.

I also notice that many gardeners are interested in growing more unusual vegetables and flowers and those often have to be grown from seed. And then there is the hunt for the seed and the journey may be a big part of



While planting time is months away, now is the time to plan your garden and gather the seeds.

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the fun! While planting time is months away, now is the time to plan your garden and gather the seeds.

Don't wait too long as mail order sources will sell out quickly. Garden centers have set up seed racks and while there is a lot of choice to be found there, mail order and the internet hold more options if you are after diversity.

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BC renegotiates contract with principals' union

Raises in administrator contracts also changed

By CHARLES WIFF
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This story first appeared on
www.spotlightnews.com Tuesday,
March 23, at 12:50 p.m.

The Bethlehem Central School District has renegotiated the contract with its principals union to cut the current annual salary rate increase in half.

The Board of Education unanimously adopted the two-year contract on Wednesday, Feb. 24, along with several new contracts for top administration staff that also lowered contractual salary increases.

The new contract with the Bethlehem Principals Association will go into effect July 1 and calls for a 2.5 percent annual salary increase for the unit's 14 members, down from 5 percent. Along with other changes in the contract, the measure is expected to save the district approximately \$30,000 in the coming year.

The contract reflects an acknowledgement on the part of the district and the BPA of the economic difficulties facing BC and the community as a whole, said Superintendent Michael Tebbano. "It's a good contract," he said. "It's a signal to the community of our desire to get salary increases under

control from what they used to be."

Both Tebbano and Dorothy McDonald, president of the BPA and Clarksville Elementary principal, said the negotiations were civil and constructive.

"We felt that the negotiations were fair, that they were very respectful," McDonald said. "We think that it is a contract that is fair to our members and to the district."

The contract also includes a retirement incentive. BPA members who retire in their first year of eligibility would receive \$7,500, and those retiring in their second year of eligibility would receive \$6,000.

McDonald declined to say if any of her union's members would be taking advantage of the incentive, but said it was nice to have the option available.

In addition, doctor's office visit co-pays will be increased from \$15 to \$25, and the annual \$750 stipend awarded to principals for professional development will be eliminated, but a one-time \$500 payment will be included in principals' 2010-2011 salary.

Members of the BPA will also have a \$500 longevity stipend added to their base salary every five years.

The district last year renegotiated its contract with the BC Teachers Association to include deferrals and reductions of cost of living increases that officials estimated would save the district \$600,000. Tebbano said while the agreement with the BPA will not have as large of a fiscal impact given the size of the union, it shows the community the district is working to contain costs.

"The work our Board of Education has done to try to get salaries under control for our teachers and principals has been admirable," he said.

He added administrator and teacher salaries at BC are in line with other schools in the suburban council.

"I think it's advantageous to have a work force that enjoys being in our school community," Tebbano said. "If we're going to have the best and most talented people, we have to offer a premium salary range."

Board of Education President James Dering complimented the district's principals on the job they do before voting. He said the varied role of a principal is vital to the operation of each of BC's eight schools.

"It's phenomenal, when you think about it," he said.

The BPA contract will be revisited in two years, less than the four-year contract that is expiring.

"I think that it makes sense to think about a two-year contract at this time," given the economic conditions, McDonald said. "There is a lot of uncertainty, and none of us has a crystal ball."

The district has also reached a consensus with top administrators, who have individual contracts with BC.

Contracts next year with Assistant Superintendent Jody Monroe, Chief Business and Financial Officer Judith Kehoe and Pupil Personnel Services Director Rita Levay will call for 1 percent salary increases, and also the eliminations of a \$750 annual stipend. Their contracts have ranged from having 3 to 4 percent salary increases.

As in previous years, Tebbano's contract will not include a salary increase.

Administrators will also adopt a \$25 co-pay and drop their annual stipends.

The administrative contracts were not up for renegotiation, but staff approached the district with the concessions, Tebbano said.

The contracts will be posted on the district's Web site.

IN BRIEF

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Bethlehem aims to create consolidated water district

The Town of Bethlehem is aiming to incorporate all municipal water customers in town into one district, a move town officials say should save those being added some money on their water bill.

A public hearing on the extension is scheduled for March 24 at 6 p.m. The proposal calls for 548 properties already receiving water from the town to be incorporated into Water District No. 1.

The separate South Albany Water District is included in the proposal. There are more than 11,000 water customers in the Town of Bethlehem.

Commissioner of Public Works Josh Cansler said in the past there have been moratoriums on district expansions, such as in time of drought, that have precluded the town from adding customers into the district.

"This will put everyone in the town receiving

"This will put everyone in the town receiving water on the same sheet of music."

Commissioner of Public Works Josh Cansler

water on the same sheet of music," he said. "These people are receiving the same water as everyone in the district, they just happen to be outside the district."

Those who buy public water but are not in the district do not pay a property tax to the water budget, but must pay double the standard rate for the water they use. Paying twice as much in fees generally ends up being more than paying the tax, and in some developments there can be small pockets of homes not in the district.

"There are quite a few people who call on a regular basis and ask, 'Why is my water rate double my neighbor's?'" Cansler said. "The customers will be better off."

Cansler estimated that the change would have a \$150,000 impact on the department's revenue, less than 1 percent of the budget. Cuts elsewhere in the department will make up the difference, he said.

Members of the Town Board — who on Wednesday, Feb. 24, unanimously approved the scheduling of the public hearing and issued a negative declaration of environmental impact—suggested that fliers be sent out with the next water bill to those affected by the change, if it is approved.

Information on the properties involved in the consolidation is on file at the Town Clerk's office.

— Charles Wiff



From left, Scott Wright, Sue Kidder, Councilwoman Deborah Baron, Norma Walley, Supervisor Tom Dolin, Liz Kormos, Councilman Douglas LaGrange and Larry Walley stand in front of the town's new van.

Ryan Munks/Spotlight

Town's senior fleet grows

New van will accommodate those in wheelchairs

By RYAN MUNKS
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The Town of New Scotland accepted delivery of its new senior services van on Thursday, Feb. 25. The van increases the senior services fleet to two and gives the town the ability to accommodate seniors that are wheelchair bound.

The \$46,232 van was purchased through a grant awarded by the state's Department of Transportation. According to Town Supervisor Tom Dolin, the state paid 76 percent, or \$35,232 toward the cost of the van, while the town paid 24 percent, or \$11,000 toward the van's cost. The grant proposal was written by Liz Kormos, chairwoman of the town's Senior Services Committee.

"It's an important addition because it expands our ability to service wheelchair-bound people, which we haven't been able to service in the past," said Dolin. "It's the principle reason we applied for the grant."

According to Dolin, the old senior services van was purchased about a year ago from the Town of Bethlehem for \$5,500.

It included space for 14 passengers, however, it does not have the capacity or equipment necessary to accommodate those in wheelchairs.

According to Kormos, it usually takes a number of attempts for a town to receive such a grant from the state, however, the Town of New Scotland was able to receive the grant from the state due to its prior commitment to senior services.

"We got it [the grant] the first try because of the yellow bus program," said Kormos.

The yellow bus program was the predecessor to the town's current senior transportation service. According to Councilwoman Deborah Baron, the Town Board's liaison to the Senior Services Committee, the program was created following a survey given to seniors about 10 years ago in which many indicated the lack of transportation as their No. 1 concern.

In response to that survey, the town formed the senior services committee and about five years ago formed the senior transportation program.

Originally, the town rented out yellow school buses to help meet the transportation needs of seniors, however, last year, the town decided

to dedicate a vehicle full time to the program by purchasing the van from the Town of Bethlehem.

Like the school buses, the van was also painted yellow.

"That's why we call it the yellow bus program," said Baron.

The new van, like the old one, will help the town provide seniors with transportation to essential and recreational activities.

"We have a priority list. One of our priorities is dialysis," said Sue Kidder, the town's senior services liaison.

According to Kidder, a number of seniors in the town require dialysis about three times each week, and the yellow bus program is the only means by which they can make those appointments.

According to Kidder, the bus service also provides seniors shopping to grocery stores, adult daycare, and medical and dental appointments. She said the van also transports people to recreational excursions, including meals, plays, and concerts.

Kormos said the program is always looking for volunteer drivers. Volunteers do not need a special driver's license to operate the van. Anyone interested can contact Kidder at 439-9038.

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property taxes, and the remainder from other sources.

He said that there are other efforts to determine the town's population,

such as data provided by the Capital District Regional Planning Commission, however, he said, "none of them are really accurate until you get the Census."

According to Mance, the Census Bureau has taken a number of steps

to get the word out about the importance of the Census, and to make sure everyone is counted. The bureau has been working with schools, churches, businesses and community leaders to encourage all households to complete the form.

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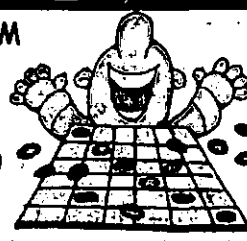
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Redlich looks to ride tea-party wave

G'land councilman to make his case to Libertarians in campaign for governor

By RYAN MUNKS
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Guilderland Town Board member Warren Redlich recently detailed his strategy for his gubernatorial campaign.

In interviews last week, he said his goal is to garner support among "tea party" voters to gain a spot on the ballot as a Libertarian Party candidate and also to receive enough signatures to force a primary with Republican candidate Rick Lazio.

"Biggest thing for me is reaching out to the tea-party groups," said Redlich. "I really believe I am the only candidate for [them]."

Redlich will speak at an upcoming tea-party event in Buffalo on Monday, April 12, and has a tentative commitment to speak at another event in Albany on Saturday, April 17.

The tea party is a decentralized movement protesting tax raises, spending increases and increased government intervention in the lives of citizens. The movement has no clear leadership, or even a clear date on which it began.

According to Redlich, the movement was born out of a response to the government bail-out of banks and has continued due to the public's continued frustration regarding government spending. Evoking the sentiment of Colonists who unloaded ships full of tea into Boston harbor in 1773 as a protest of British tax policies, in what would become known as the Boston Tea Party, tea-party protesters have sent teabags to the offices of their local legislators as a protest of their tax policies.

"We will be using the tea parties as a springboard to get signatures," said Redlich. "I believe we will have no problem getting 15,000 signatures."

He will need those 15,000 signatures to get on the ballot as a Libertarian candidate and to force a primary with Lazio.

Although still decentralized, tea party voters have become a viable constituency in the few years since the movement began.

"A lot of people attribute that to the success of Scott Brown in Massachusetts," said Eric Sundwall, Redlich's campaign manager.

Brown was elected to the United States Senate to replace the late Ted Kennedy in a

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Warren Redlich

special election held on Friday, Jan. 19. Brown, a Republican, began his campaign as long shot; however, in the final weeks of the campaign was able to overcome his democratic rival.

The tea-party movement has also managed to draw the attention of former candidate for vice president Sarah Palin, who delivered the keynote address at the National Tea Party Convention on Saturday, Feb. 6, in Nashville, Tenn.

Sundwall said that April will be a key month for Redlich's campaign. In addition to the tea party protests, the Libertarian Party of New York State will be holding its convention in April.

There are two other people vying for the Liberation nomination: Sam Sloan, another active member of the Libertarian Party, and Kristin Davis, who is also known as the "Manhattan Madam" for her involvement in a lucrative New York City

prostitution ring.

"I have a history with the Libertarian Party going back several years. ... The people know I will stick with them," said Redlich. "I think it is likely I will have the Libertarian nomination."

The convention will take place 10 days after the Albany tea-party event, on Saturday, April 24. If he receives the Libertarian nomination, Redlich's next hurdle will be to collect 15,000 signatures in July to earn a place on the ballot.

As he ramps up his own campaign, Redlich called Gov. David Paterson's Friday, Feb. 26, decision to withdraw from the governor's race "a symptom of the Albany bubble."

"Gov. Paterson's withdrawal is an important first step in cleaning up Albany. The next step is electing someone who isn't a product of the 'Albany bubble,'" he said. "My candidacy alone stands for a new way of doing business that will truly cut

spending."

Since he announced that he would be running on the Libertarian and Republican lines, his campaign motto has been "Stop wasting money." He has called for the elimination of a number of state departments and the capping of public employee pay at \$100,000.

"The job of the governor should not be about rewarding insiders, it is about doing the right thing for the people of New York state," said Redlich. "The lesson from Paterson, Spitzer and Hevesi is that self-indulgent leaders harm New York. We have to focus on policies that help regular people rather than rewarding and protecting insiders."

Redlich said he did, however, approve of Paterson's decision to withdraw.

"He looked responsible. ... I think he did it well," he said.

He also said he sympathizes with Paterson's concerns with the personal attacks people made against him in recent weeks. Redlich said people should instead focus on the issues and what is important to the people of the state.

IN BRIEF

Council plans driving classes

The Safety and Health Council has announced its schedule of Defensive Driving Courses for the month of March.

The course consists of six hours of classroom instruction, and participants may choose to take the program in a full-day session, or over two evenings in three hour segments. The one-day course will be held Saturday, March 13 or March 27, from 9 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. The two-part course will be held on Mondays, March 8 and 15 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. A pre-payment fee of \$40 is required.

To register, call the Safety and Health Council at 438-2365.

B'nai Sholom to hold film series

B'nai Sholom Congregation on Whitehall Road in Albany will host a free Sunday afternoon film series.

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For information, call 484-5283 or visit www.bnaisholom.albany.ny.us.

Transportation Committee meets

The Capital District Transportation Committee will meet on Thursday March 4 at 3 p.m. at the Capital District Transportation Committee Offices to discuss several agenda items. These items include approval of the Unified Planning Work Program and release of the 2010-15 Transportation Improvement program. The public is encouraged to attend.

For information, call 458-2161.

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Westmere makes case for new firehouse

Fire official says building from ground up is cheaper than updating facility

By RYAN MUNKS
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On Thursday, Feb. 25, the Westmere Fire District held a public information session on its proposed new firehouse, where representatives from the department, and CT Male Engineers discussed the need, costs of, and construction process for the new building.

The meeting began with Westmere Fire Commissioner John Keimer describing the process that led to the decision to build the new firehouse. He said in 2005 the district formed a building committee that was tasked with making a list of what was needed in the current firehouse.

"Rank on top, by far, was this building being too close to Route 20," said Keimer.

He said some other concerns were the small size of bay doors for the fire trucks,



A number of community residents attended the Thursday, Feb. 25, public information session to find out how a new firehouse will affect them. Here, Chief Charles Cahill hears the concerns of neighbors who worry about the effect construction will have on their quality of life.

Ryan Munks/Spotlight

asbestos abatement, and inadequate bathrooms to accommodate both male and female firefighters.

In the summer of 2006, the district hired the engineering firm CT Male to look at the building, and determine what needed to be done to bring the building up to date.

"They went through this place tooth and nail," said Keimer.

Keimer said that they found that the electrical

panel is too close to diesel fuel and the truck bays, the communication booth is located in the back of the bay, whereas it should be in the front, there were inadequate water treatment and heating and cooling systems, as well as water in the basement.

The firm also said that the roof would need to be replaced by 2013.

According to Keimer making all the necessary repairs without changing

the roofing structure would cost \$2 million, and making another addition to the building would cost \$5.1 million and take 18 months, however, completely replacing the structure would cost \$4.9 million, and take 12 months.

"We believe this is the best option and the best value for our community," he said.

Keimer was followed by Richard A. Campagnola, principle architect from CT Male. Campagnola said that when the current firehouse was built, there was no building code.

He said the current building suffers "a tremendous amount of heat loss," and that through a partner ship

with NYSEDA, the new firehouse will be 25-35 percent more energy efficient.

The truck bay doors will also be expanded to 14 feet so that they will be able to accommodate larger fire trucks.

"Typically, now, we are designing firehouses with 14-foot-by-14-foot doors," said Campagnola.

One of the concerns raised by the public at the meeting was that the planned cost for the project as presented at the meeting was about \$6.6 million. However, the brochure released by the department in January places the total at \$5.74 million.

"The original brochure was basically phase two of the project," said Fire Commissioner Tom Remmert.

The brochure did not include the costs associated with the first phase—the deconstruction of the current building and the construction of a building to house two of the fire trucks to keep the district operational.

"The bond resolution requires all expenses to be included," said Remmert.

He also said that the amount to be bonded is still \$5.27 million, and that number represents the maximum amount that could be bonded.

"It wouldn't surprise

me at all if we came in under budget on these numbers," he said.

Another concern brought up at the meeting was whether it would be prudent for the district to consider consolidation as a cost-cutting measure.

Chief Charles Cahill said that consolidation would make the firefighters have to travel further to reach these destinations.

"Response time here at the Westmere Fire District is very good ... running further is going to lower that rating," he said.

Remmert said that considering the amount of property in Guilderland, the district is already servicing more than its share of property. Within the district are about 2,700 homes, 600 businesses, eight apartment complexes, and Crossgates Mall.

"One-third of the town's taxable property is in the Westmere Fire District," he said. "For us here, we are already consolidated," said Remmert.

Finally, a concern was raised by the neighbors on Westmere Terrace of how the construction of the new firehouse would affect their quality of life.

"We are going to be living with two years of construction. How is this going to affect us as neighbors?" asked Virginia Zuspahn.

Campagnola said he intends for a construction fence to be put up when work on the project begins.

"We intend for all construction activities to be kept up front," he said.

He did say the neighbors will feel some of the effects of the construction.

"Part of what we will be doing is the compaction of fill," he said.

The neighbors will feel the vibrations of the compaction; however, Campagnola said that the contractors will break down the compaction to smaller scales, and that they will not have to go very deep into the ground due to the fact that the new firehouse will not have a basement.

Keimer said comments can still be sent to Building@westmerefd.org, and that the public is invited to speak at the Board of Commissioners meeting taking place on Monday, March 8.

With the approval of the town and county planning board's and the town's zoning board, the only step the district needs to complete is voter approval at the bond referendum on Tuesday, March 23. To find out if you live within the Westmere Fire District e-mail vote@westmerefd.org.

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Massive snow leaves region in the dark

Outages in Saratoga County top 14,000

By DAN SABBATINO
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The Capital District experienced a roller coaster of power outages and an increased number of traffic incidences, as a massive winter storm caused power to go out in thousands of homes in Albany, Saratoga and Schenectady Counties. National Grid reported more than 14,000 power outages in Albany, Schenectady and Saratoga as of the morning of Wednesday, Feb. 24.

While the numbers fluctuated through the day, Saratoga County made its first big jump between 11:00 a.m. and noon, essentially doubling from 7,000 to 14,000. In that same period Albany County and Schenectady County saw slight decreases in the number of customers affected.

Paul Lent, director of Saratoga County Emergency Services, said unfortunately due to Saratoga's geographic location, these sorts of storms are not uncommon.

"We monitored the situation and were ready to help whatever municipalities needed it," he said. "I hate to say, but we're used to it."

All but a handful of customers were without power in Albany and Saratoga by Thursday afternoon, and Schenectady was completely restored.

Albany has 135,861 customers, to Saratoga's 89,503 and Schenectady's 69,170, according to National Grid. The New York State Electric and Gas Corporation issued a warning to be careful of downed power lines and to report them immediately.

The Mechanicville Division, that includes parts of Columbia, Rensselaer, Saratoga and Washington counties reported as many as

1,200 additional customers without power during the storm.

Snow began falling Tuesday night accumulating in the morning and wreaking havoc in Wednesday's commute. Many schools were closed on Wednesday, but were back in session Thursday. Subsequent storms tapered off Upstate but hit Westchester and New York City with snow and rain. According to information from National Grid, crews worked to restore power using its "priority system," where transmission lines and substations are first on the list. Critical customers such as hospitals and public safety facilities are also a priority. "Crews then target secondary lines that serve local neighborhoods. Lines and transformers within neighborhoods and the wires that connect them to homes and businesses come next—starting with areas that involve the most customers," according to National Grid. In addition to the power outages created by the storm, public works and police departments throughout the Capital District had their hands full.

Joe Ryan, Schenectady County director of public works, said the storm kept

plow-crews working to clean the streets, but the wet snow and rain did not make things easy.

"Yesterday was fairly predictable, with snow that was relatively normal to manage," he said on Thursday, Feb. 25.

However, Ryan said the storm was one of the worst he has seen since 2001, namely due to the mix of snow and rain throughout parts of the county and the heavy, wet snow is often more difficult to handle.

He said due to slight temperature differences on Thursday between the eastern and western portions of the county, 33 degrees and 31 degrees respectively, the eastern half experienced a large degree of rain while the western portions got snow accumulation.

The snow was falling so fast at times that after the 2 hour and 30 minute plow-tour was finished operators needed to get right back out, to do start over.

Colonie Police Department Lt. Robert Winn said Thursday brought a change from snow to rain, but police still had to deal with additional traffic calls as a result.

He said, though, Wednesday's poor weather kept a lot of people in their homes, which helped keep traffic incidences to

less than what might be expected.

"Most people seemed to stay in, stay safe," he said.

Joe Ritchey, commissioner of public works for Saratoga County said, roads were plowed continuously from 2 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 23 to Wednesday at 4 p.m., and said it was the heaviest, longest storm of the year. He said Saratoga County was under budget for snow removal prior to the storm, due to a relatively mild winter, but the weeks bad weather filled out the remainder of the budget.

Mike Franchini, who was recently promoted from commissioner of the department of public works to director of county operations, said the snow storm brought nearly five feet of snow in the Hilltowns, causing him to have to redirect plows from lower elevation areas.

"We actually sent trucks from Colonie to the Hilltowns," he said.

Beginning Tuesday, plows were on the streets continuously, even through the weekend in Berne, Knox, Westerlo and Rensselaerville, he said.

Town Board approves Beverwyck expansion

The Eddy Village at Beverwyck's plan to add 24 beds of "greenhouse-style" nursing home care to its North Bethlehem facility was granted unanimous approval by the Bethlehem Town Board Wednesday, Feb. 24.

The plan replaces a Planned Development District approved in 2006 that called for a larger facility. It was never built, though, and changes in the local market and advancements in the nursing care industry compelled Beverwyck to pursue a different approach.

Greenhouse-style care calls for private rooms, communal dining with meals that are prepared in the building and generally a more residential and less clinical environment.

Beverwyck Executive

Director Douglas Miller said with approval in hand, the construction process would be under way quickly.

"We hope to go out to bid very soon, and we hope to break ground in April," he said.

His timeline has the expansion being completed in December and residents moving in shortly thereafter.

Miller said he was pleased with how quickly the amendment moved through the town; Bethlehem was first approached in November.

"We've had great cooperation from staff here at the town," he said.

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

-Charles Wiff

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Call 439-4955, ext. 1176, to make a reservation and to arrange transportation if needed. Senior transportation will leave the Town Hall at 10:30 am. Home pick-up is available on a pre-arranged basis (suggested van donation: \$3).

Senior Action



Town of Bethlehem

Program highlights

Monday, March 8

- Shopping Center Trip to Walmart in Glenmont
- Food Stamp and Medicaid Assistance offered by the Albany County Dept. of Social Services and the Legal Aid Society from 10:00 am - noon. Call 439-4955, ext 1176 to make an appointment.

Tuesday, March 9

- Seniors in Motion

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

• Lunch and Concert at the Italian Community Center. See above for details.

• A.A.R.P. Income Tax Assistance Program, Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave. Delmar, 9 am - 3pm. 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 10

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

Thursday, March 11

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

• Senior Legal Services staffed by the Legal Aid Society between 10:30 am and noon. Call 439-4955, ext 1176 to make an appointment.

• 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. Bring a sandwich and join others for lunch if you wish. Call 439-4955 #1176 for more information.

Friday, March 12

• Health and Wellness Program "Fun at your Age? You bet!!" Donna Champion from the LENS Program will present a talk on the importance of using humor in your everyday life to benefit every aspect of your health. It is held in Room 101 of the Bethlehem Town Hall at 1:00pm - 2:00pm. "Lunch Out", cost on your own, is available at the Windowbox Café

in Slingerlands before the program. Call Bethlehem Senior Services at 439-4955, ext. 1176 to make a reservation for lunch and/or if you require transportation.

• 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

'Citizen legislator' donates salary

Assemblyman Bob Reilly gives his earnings to help others get a head start

By DAN SABBATINO
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An older businessman once told Assemblyman Bob Reilly, D-Newtonville, that elected politicians are only in it for themselves.

In 1983, when Reilly was going door-to-door in his first bid for a seat on 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."

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.

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. As a general rule, he donates to organizations that directly impact those areas he was

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Talk to focus on driver fitness

Ed Neary, Executive Director of Colonie Senior Service Centers, will give a speech about a new Driver Fitness Center at Guilderland Town Hall on Tuesday, March 23, from 11 a.m. to noon. The goal of the Center is to empower and educate older adults with information, tools, and resources to drive safer, longer, and help maintain their independence and self-sufficiency. Seniors are welcome to attend and no registration is necessary. Anyone who would like to stay for lunch may order a meal by calling 356-1980, ext. 1094, by March 19.

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Monday, March 8
Scheduled Shopping
9:00 Aerobics
10:30 Strong Bones +
10:30 Sr. Fitness

1:30 Strong Bones +

Tuesday, March 9

9:00 Strong Bones +
12:00 Cluster II Luncheon @ Italian American Community Center

Wednesday, March 10

Scheduled Shopping
9:00 Line Dancing
10:30 Strong Bones +
10:30 Bridge
11:45 Sr. Fitness
1:00 Needlecraft
1:30 Strong Bones +

Thursday, March 11

Scheduled Shopping
9:00 Strong Bones
1:00 Pinochle/Mahjongg

Friday, March 12

Scheduled Shopping
10:00 Painting
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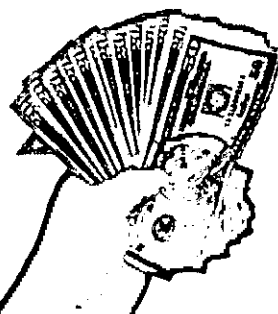
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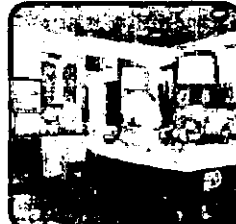
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Ms. Baez is a chorister with the Glimmerglass opera company, and will sing in their production of Puccini's Tosca this summer. She sang in the fully-staged premiere of Wagner's Das Liebesverbot at Glimmerglass in 2008, and in Jonathan Miller's production of La Traviata in 2009.

She is also a frequent recitalist in the Capital District, and serves as choir member and soloist at Emmanuel Baptist Church. She studies voice with noted singing coach and accompanist Michael Clement, who will accompany her in this program.

Mr. Clement is well known in the Capital District as a pianist and teacher. A former assistant conductor of the Long Beach Opera in California and director of the Opera Workshop at CSU Long Beach, he is now on the Lake George Opera staff and works with emerging opera companies in the Capital District. He is frequently heard in recitals and maintains a teaching studio in Niskayuna.

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Bienvenida Baez

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Petitions must contain at least 73 signatures of voters residing in Central School District No. 6 of the Towns of Bethlehem and New Scotland. Petitions must be filed with the District Clerk, 90 Adams Place, Delmar by 5 p.m. on April 19.

Elections will be held

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Friends to honor volunteers

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The Friends of the Library want to thank you for the work you've done this year working at the Booksale, baking for programs and the FOL Bakesale, helping out at the Friends Festival, and donating so generously during the annual membership campaign.

The reception will serve as our Annual Meeting. President Michele Reilly will give a brief update about what we did in 2009 and what our plans are for 2010. Elections will be held for the 2010 board. Seeking reelection are: President Michele Reilly, Vice President Ashley Taheri, Secretary Jennifer Hampston.



Treasurer Margery Zucker, Fundraiser Betsy Bates, Hospitality Darcy Morrison and Membership Chair Laura Smith. The Friends are currently looking for someone to serve as Volunteer Coordinator. Any FOL member is welcome to submit their name for the ballot.

If you are a Friend (or if you want to be one), come and say hello, meet the board, and enjoy great refreshments.

Other programs

• Around the world after school specials for kids in kindergarten through 3rd grade meet on March 8, 15, 22 and 29 from 4-5:15 p.m. Sign-up is necessary.

• Teen Book Club meets March 11 from 2:30-3:25 p.m. in the high school library to discuss "The Year of Secret Assignments" by Jaclyn Moriarty. TEEN Writers meet March 4 and 18 at 2:30 p.m. in Mrs.

Podgorski's room.
• Parent/child workshops are meeting on Wednesdays in March. Call for information.

Philosophers meet this week on Thursday, March 4 at 7 p.m. Anyone welcome.

Babygarten meets Thursdays, March 4 & 18 at 10:15 a.m.

Adult non-fiction meets on Monday, March 8 at 7 p.m.

Grades 2 and 3 meet on Friday, March 19, at 7:00 p.m. to talk about Welcome to the Bed and Biscuit by Joan Carris. Sign up at the reference desk and pick up a copy of the book. Parents are welcome. The library will be closed, except for the program.

Barbara Vink
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Salary Beginners invited to computer classes

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elected to represent, he said.

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

Reilly was a teacher and worked in the state education department. He and his wife live off 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 community action agency that has been around 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.

Novice computer users are invited to develop their computing skills during two daytime courses at the library.

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search and delete files in numerous computer programs. In addition, email file basics and fundamental file security will be explored.

Registration is required and class size is limited, so call the library (756-2053) to register today.

Build Your Future rewards

RCS Community Library and Pieter B Coeymans School partnered over February School Vacation in the Build Your Future program. Students from Peter B. Coeymans

Elementary School who signed up for a library card, attended a program, or checked out books at the Library recorded their visits.

By the end of the week, Mr. Powers' fourth grade class had the most students visit the library. Each member of the class received a coupon for a free game of bowling, courtesy of The Strike Zone, in reward for their efforts. Each student who participated received a certificate signed by Principal Hakim Jones.

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Nominating petitions

At the May 18 referendum, three seats on the Library Board of Trustees will be open. Two seats are five-year terms and one seat is a two-year term. Interested? You can get a petition at the front desk, or we can email a petition to you.

Nominating petitions, which require signatures of

twenty-five residents who are registered voters, are available now. Completed and notarized petitions must be returned to the Library by Wednesday, April 17, 2009.

What do Library Trustees do? The seven-member Board develops policy, oversees financial affairs, and sets the course for library development. Trustees are active on two or three working committees. The Board meets on the second Monday evening of each month.

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/.

Library asks, Who do you think you are?

Take this quick quiz: Name your grandparents. Good. Now name your great-grandparents. That's where a lot of us get stuck and lose the thread. If you are a fan of the PBS's "Faces of America," or NBC's "Who Do You Think You Are?" and you've seen the surprises the profiled people have found in their ancestry, you probably have a heightened interest in learning more about your own.

The Guilderland Public Library has a number of online resources that can help you do just that right now. Go to the Genealogy & Local History link on www.guilpl.org and find a range of national, regional, and local resources that will aid you in your quest. Many you can use from home, some, like Ancestry.com, can be accessed only at the Library, but all give you a

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window into your past.

Ancestry.com includes U.S. Federal Census images and indexes from 1790 to 1930, historical maps, the American Genealogical Biographical Index, Daughters of the American Revolution Lineage, Social Security Death Index, WWI Draft Registration Cards, Federal Slave Narratives, a strong Civil War collection, and more. Just browsing through this database is almost assured to give you information you never had before.

While you're at the library, also take advantage of our Footnote collection, which features documents relating to the Revolutionary War, Civil War, WWI, WWII, the

Vietnam War, historical newspapers, naturalization documents and other original source material.

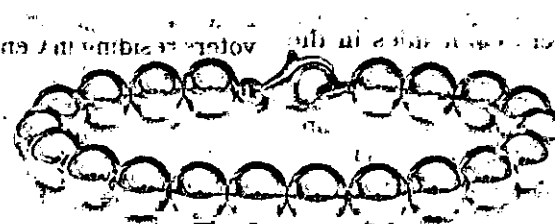
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If your roots are in Guilderland, go to the

Library website's Local History Page where you'll access a collection of Guilderland Historical Society material as well as fully searchable electronic copies of The Knowersville Enterprise from July 1884 to July 1888, and The Altamont Enterprise from


1888 to 2008.

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Site

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its list of Class 2 Superfund sites. A Class 2 site is one that "presents a significant threat to public health and/or the environment," according to the DEC.

The site is the former location of Roxy Cleaners and is now occupied by Best Cleaners. The DEC said elevated levels of tetrachloroethene, trichloroethene, dichloroethene and vinyl chloride were detected at the site, chemicals that are associated with the dry cleaning process. There will be further investigation in coming months to determine the extent of the contamination.

DEC spokeswoman Maureen Wren said Roxy is being treated as the originator of the contamination.

"Based on the investigation thus far, that's likely," she said.

Best Cleaners owner Tim McCann said his business does not use any of the chemicals mentioned in the determination.

"We've never used in our history any chlorinated solvent in any location," he said. "It's not the kind of thing that you take lightly."

His business took over the Delmar store from Roxy in 2005, and McCann said the previous occupant did not use the chemicals

at that time. He noted it was possible they had been used in the past, though, given the former popularity of such chemicals in the dry cleaning industry.

Mark Williams of H2H Associates in Troy said his company has been gathering information at 156 Delaware for some time as the result of an unrelated spillage incident, and that information was reported to the DEC. DEC records indicate a 2006 spill report at the address has not been closed.

"The owner of this property is not the one who did this spilling, nor is the current occupant... it is the past tenant of the current ownership," Williams said. "Our client is just trying to do the right thing."

The property is owned by "A Lot in Delmar, Inc." A phone number listed for the company was not in service.

The DEC's Environmental Site Remediation Database indicates the highest levels of chemicals — including tetrachloroethene, or PERC, as it is commonly known — were found in the groundwater at the site. PERC was found at maximum concentrations of 140,000 parts per billion, as compared to the state standard of five parts.

"The presence of the contamination in the groundwater ... is what brought it to the level of a Superfund designation,"

said Wren.

The area in question is serviced by public water, but PERC can enter indoor air from groundwater contamination. PERC was also detected in indoor air, though at levels well below state Department of Health safety guidelines.

Long-term exposure to high levels of airborne PERC can result in damage to the central nervous system and may increase the risk of some cancers. Short-term exposure can cause temporary dizziness or disorientation, though only at levels well in excess of those discovered at the superfund site.

The DEC said a sub-slab depressurization system might be considered, which would prevent vapor intrusion from the soil to indoors.

DEC Project Manager Bradley Brown said the next step in the process would be gathering further information through a remedial investigation, which will determine the full extent of the contamination. Then plans to clean it up can be drafted.

What party will pay for the cleanup procedures has yet to be determined.

"Everything's very preliminary at this point as far as who's going to be doing what," Brown said. "We're looking, at minimum, a year-and-a-half down the road."

Law

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commercial zone viable. He also said he that due to poor soil conditions in the commercial zone, residential development in the zone would be difficult.

Planning Board member Bob Smith voiced similar concerns. In his recommendation, he said, "I feel that 50,000 and 100,000 square feet is too small. I believe 80,000 and 250,000 square feet would be more appropriate." Smith said that even if the cap were increased to 250,000 square feet, only 4 percent of the 7 million square feet of the Bender Farm would be developed. He also said that recent trends do not support the belief that businesses are downsizing. Instead, a trend among local retailers has been to create a one-stop shop environment for customers.

Both Smith and Stapf have also pointed out that there are a number of businesses in New Scotland that service a super-regional pool of consumers, and have no impact on the quality of life of the residents of New Scotland. They specifically mentioned Spaulding Inc., Dunston's Auto Salvage, Long Lumber, Olson Garden Center, Saber, Capital Upholstery, Heldeburg Roof Consultants, and a number of others.

Planning Board member Cynthia Elliot said parts two and three of the definition of "Individual Retail/Wholesale Trade" should be removed. She said that the definition will

affect not only "big box" stores, but other businesses in the town as well. "It smacks of a statement that I have made at board meetings: 'You can be successful in New Scotland, but we will punish you if you are too successful.' I believe that this is the most harmful part of this law to the landowners," said Elliot.

"The report from the town Planning Board is contrary to [the report from] the Albany County Planning Board, which voted unanimously in favor of the law," said Supervisor Tom Dolin.

The Albany County Planning Board approved the law, with an advisory, on Wednesday, Feb. 17. In their decision, the county board wrote, "The town is urged to continue to evaluate the build out scenarios on properties within the commercial zone under this local law in order to ensure compatibility with the Town Comprehensive Plan, due to the size of the total acreage in the zone, the opportunities for other uses by subdivision, and PUD requests."

Dolin shrugged off Stapf's objections as "pro-big box."

"Mr. Stapf has been pro-big box since the day this controversy started, and he is still pro-big box," said Dolin.

Dolin said that Stapf's views are in direct opposition to the views of the people of the town, as indicated by last year's elections. He also said that the Planning Board's report is advisory, and as of yet, no changes to the law are being considered.

"I think the law, as pre-

sented, will accomplish the goals of the town," he said.

Town Board member Daniel Mackay, who was elected largely due to his pro-size-cap stance, said, "I appreciate that the Planning Board made a significant effort to comment on Local Law B."

He said that he would consider some of the more minor comments made by the Planning Board.

"I want to be very clear that any changes or objections to 50,000 square feet per store, and 100,000 square feet per development are off the table for discussion," said Mackay.

"The election clearly shows the town wants to move in a direction and the Planning Board needs to catch up," he said. "In my mind the town should move forward with 50,000/100,000."

Mackay also said that the size-cap law will provide the changes to town's zoning law that will foster the development of the town's commercial zone. He said the changes will bring long-sought development that is in keeping with the character and scale of the town.

The Town Board will be holding a public hearing on the law at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 11, at Voorheesville High School. The board will also hold a special session of the Town Board to consider the adoption of the law immediately after the public hearing. For information on Local Law B, including the complete comments of the Planning Board visit the town's Web site at townof-newscotland.com.

Fire

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Cooley nominated her as a Hometown Hero.

"She's a super person," Cooley said of Sanchez. "[The award ceremony] was a big lift for her, the whole family."

Michelle Sanchez declined comment for this report.

Sanchez received a year's worth of free coffee with the "Hometown Hero" award, which was presented Sunday, Feb. 28, at the Times Union Center on Siena Athletics "Firefighter Night." The award is a joint initiative between Siena Athletics and Dunkin' Donuts.

Finalists Matthew Hunt of the Athens Fire Department and Danny McCoy of the Albany Fire Department received Dunkin' Donuts gift cards.

Sunday's award was the final installment of the "Hometown Heroes" program, according to Siena Athletics spokesman Mike Demos. The two previous awards recognized teachers and police

officers.

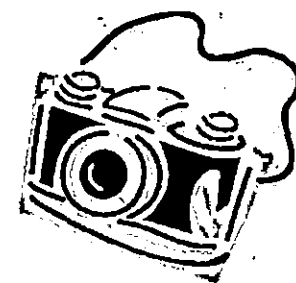
"One of the things we try and do is recognize hometown heroes who help their communities and go above and beyond," he said.

Bethlehem police said an investigation in conjunction with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms of the explosions and subsequent fire is ongoing, and lab tests on materials removed from the site have come back.

"They do have the results from that, but are not going to release what the results are at this point," Heffernan said.

Investigators believe chemicals were involved in the explosion, which originated in the basement, and were doing tests to find out what chemicals were involved.

The Spotlight reported on Feb. 17 that Michelle Sanchez had refused to allow investigators access to her son for an interview. Officials had been waiting for the health of the 15-year-old Bethlehem High School student to improve.



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Local businesses express optimism about economy

Survey shows most expect employment to stay stable

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In the Capital District, 89.7 percent of the businesses see a bright future ahead for the area's economy, according to a study released by SUNY Albany School of Business and Marvin and Company, an accounting and consulting firm.

According to the study, almost 90 percent of local businesses either expect to increase or keep the same number of workers in the coming year.

The Annual Business Climate Survey, now in its 24 year, was developed to respond to local business chambers and clients looking to see an overall assessment of the regional business marketplace and how it will affect their expansion.

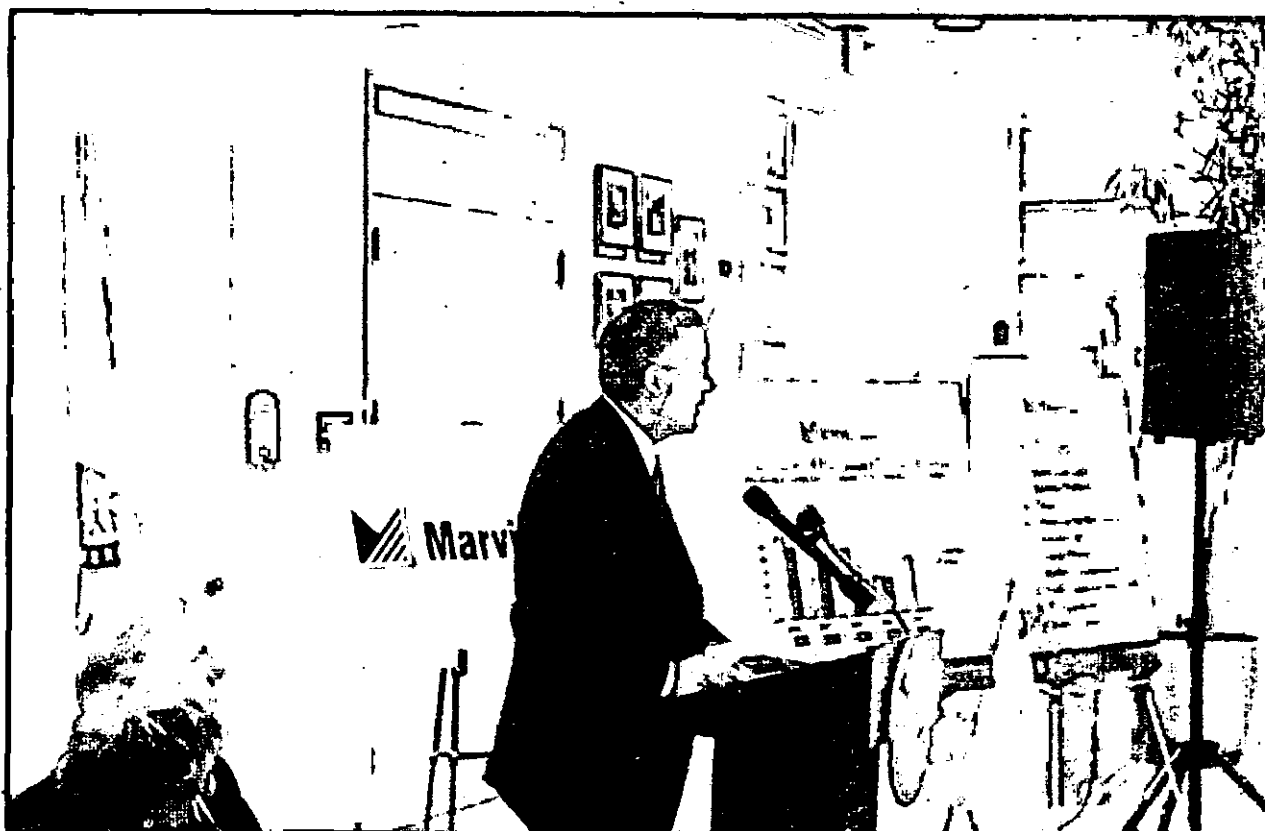
Local chambers, including the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce, the Chamber of Schenectady County, the Guilderland Chamber of Commerce, the Chamber of Southern Saratoga County, the Saratoga County Chamber, Colonie Chamber of Commerce and the Albany-Colonie Chamber of Commerce members responded to a questionnaire asking business owners their feelings about the economic climate in a multiple choice survey. Questions included the estimation of gross sales in 2010, ranking major concerns in order of importance, the optimism of the economy since the 2009 holiday season and characterizing the Capital District's economy overall.

The news that area businesses hope to see stability in employment is a welcome sign of optimism during a period stagnant movement in the economy, said Peter Aust, of the Southern Saratoga Chamber.

He said his chamber members are confident that employment will stay stable in the coming year.

"It's a good sign that there is some optimism in our region," said Aust.

Aust also said that companies in the construction and service industry have already seen an impact



Schenectady Chamber of Commerce President Chuck Steiner speaks during the presentation of the 24th Annual Business Climate Survey at SUNY Albany on Tuesday, Feb. 23, at 11 a.m. Steiner said the major concerns of businesses in Schenectady County are taxes, followed by the national economy and health-care costs.

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from the construction and work on the future GlobalFoundries site in Malta.

"We feel very confident that our unemployment will decrease as the year progresses and we go into 2011," said Aust.

The study also showed that the major concerns for area businesses for 2010 include health-care costs, the national economy and taxes. For the 14th time in 15 years, the cost of health care was the most important issue facing businesses in the region. Last year, the national economy topped the list of issues that businesses ranked in importance going into 2009, with 73.6 percent of firms citing the decrease in the stock market as having a negative effect on business. This year, 44.2 percent of firms have indicated the stock market changes as having a significant impact on their business going into 2010.

Schenectady County Chamber of Commerce President Chuck Steiner thanked SUNY Albany and Marvin and Company for the survey and talked about the major concerns for businesses in Schenectady County, including taxes, the state of the national economy and health-care costs.

"If we can lower the taxes, improve our

business climate in New York state, encourage the entrepreneur to take the risk and see opportunity and, honestly, get government out of the pockets of business and allow them to do what they do best, which is expand their particular business," said Steiner.

Dean of the SUNY Albany School of Business Donald Siegel said in a release that the positive outlook in the survey is a sign that the area is ready for recovery.

"The Capital Region appears to be poised for recovery. Our bright employment outlook is likely to improve, as

companies such as Global Foundries and M.W. Zander expand in the region. This will stimulate more opportunities for local entrepreneurs," said Siegel. "Our results also strongly suggest that the business climate in the Capital Region is much

better than in other parts of the state and county."

The survey included work by Professor Jakov Crnkovic and graduate student Zhi Ying Lu.

Lu said that the work done with Crnkovic and Marvin and company

has allowed her real-life experience with cases and companies in her first year of graduate school.

Gina Bulman, head of membership development of the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce, said that the organization was happy to see the small gains and positive business attitude presented in the survey. More than 75 percent of businesses believed that the Capital District's economy would either experience little growth or prosper in the coming years, according to the results of the survey.

"We were happy to see the small gains and positive business attitude reflected in the survey," said Bulman. "We're feeling optimistic and happy with the results in Bethlehem."

According to the survey, a majority of businesses that replied across the region characterize the Capital District's economy as either stagnant or recovering after 2009, with most businesses across the board expecting estimated gross sales under \$1 million dollars, with 45.7 businesses expecting an increase in business over the next year.

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Entertainment in the Spotlight

Band pipes up

The Scotia-Glenville Pipe Band is the only competitive junior pipe band in the Northeast. The band draws musicians from the Capital District as well as from neighboring states.



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Junior bagpipers schedule Celtic Jam '10

One of the reasons Maureen Connor moved to the Capital District was that the area was rich with pipe bands.

Connor, who has a self-described "broad background in pipe bands," was excited to teach bagpiping to others. Today, Connor is director of the Scotia-Glenville Pipe Band, which is unique among local pipe bands. When it started in 1989, the band was open to young and old alike in the Scotia-Glenville area. But as older pipe and drum players retired, the band started bringing in more kids, from all over the region and even as far away as Vermont and Massachusetts. In 2000, the band officially became a junior band.

"The next nearest junior pipe band is down in Maryland," Connor said.

While much about the band has changed over the years, it's tied to its Schenectady County roots in more than name alone. The band practices on Wednesday nights at Scotia-Glenville Middle School, and its annual concert, Celtic Jam '10, will be held at the middle school on Friday, March 5, at 7 p.m.

Admission to the show is free, but donations are appreciated. Proceeds benefit the band's teaching programs as well as uniform and equipment purchases.

One of the highlights of the concert is a performance of "Highland Cathedral," in which many of the students will trade their bagpipes for more traditional instruments they play, such as flute, trombone and clarinet.

"I wanted a chance to showcase their versatility," Connor said.

Whatever their musical backgrounds, Connor said

she's found students are usually drawn to the band for a couple of reasons.

"Drummers will drum to anything," she said. "The demand of pipe band drumming is as demanding as competitive drum corps."

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Bagpipers, meanwhile, are often hooked after seeing someone perform on the instrument.

"You hear pipes and you just say to yourself, 'That's so cool,'" she said, noting some kids also take up bagpipes as a nod to their Scottish or Irish heritage.

Ryker Bodo, 14, of Guilderland, was in elementary school when the bagpipes caught his interest. When a flyer about the pipe band went around, he thought, "Why not give it a try?" he said.

He's been in the band ever since and calls the bagpipes "a really great hobby."

"It's something that makes me different from everyone else," he said.

Like Bodo, Misha Murdoch was exposed to the bagpipes at a young age.

"When I was a baby, my parents used to take me to the Scottish Games all the time," he said.

He was intrigued by the drums, but eventually decided

to try the bagpipes because of their complexity.

"I like it. It's a challenge," said Murdoch, 9, who travels from Amsterdam to practice with the band.

Considering the band's geographic reach, Connor said it's not possible for all of the musicians to attend the weekly practices. So the band also holds a weekend practice once a month. Despite the recent snow, students gathered Saturday, Feb. 27, at the Celtic Hall on New Karner Road in Colonie to get ready for the concert. Parents lined the tables inside the hall, watching and laughing as Connor directed the group with an easy rapport. When a student was talking while she was, Connor warned with a smile, "I'm watching you, buddy."

Just as Connor was drawn to this area because of its pipe bands, Andrew Douglas brought his love of bagpipes here after college. A member of the Oran Mor Pipe Band, Douglas inherited his love of the instrument from his father and shares it as a bagpipe instructor with the Scotia-Glenville band.

"It's just good to see youth get involved," he said.

Connor is excited by not just the quantity of students involved, but the quality. In 2007, the band took part in the World Pipeband Championships, placing third in the novice juvenile division. The band traveled to Glasgow, Scotland, for the 2009 competition, again earning third, but this time in the more advanced juvenile category.

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Left: Members of the Scotia-Glenville Pipe Band, including director Maureen Connor, left, rehearse "Highland Cathedral." Below: Bagpipes lie on a table at the Celtic Hall in Colonie as the Scotia-Glenville Pipe Band practices "Highland Cathedral" recently. The song gives several students in the band a chance to perform on other instruments they play.

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Harper Lee's classic American story, presented by Capital Repertory Theatre, 111 N. Pearl St., Albany, through March 28, performances Tuesdays through Sundays, call for ticket prices. Information, 445-7469.

Music

JOHN HIATT AND THE COMBO

Veteran singer-songwriter, with opening act Holly Williams, March 4, 7:30 p.m., The Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany, \$34.50. Information, 473-1845.

THE WILLINGDONE MUSEYROOM

Traditional folk and blues, March 5, 7 p.m., Emack and Bolio's, 366 Delaware Ave., Albany, free. Information, 512-5100.

DYER SWITCH

Hard driving original bluegrass, March 5, 7 p.m., Emack and Bolio's Uptown, Town Center Plaza, 1704 Western Ave., Guilderland, free. Information, 250-4196.

CHIP TAYLOR

Critically acclaimed singer-songwriter performing songs from his new album, "Yonkers NY," March 5, 8 p.m., WAMC Performing Arts Studio, 339 Central Ave., Albany, \$17. Information, 465-5233, ext. 4.

RED MOLLY

All-female Americana/bluegrass trio from New York City, March 5, 8 p.m., Caffé Lena, 47 Phila St., Saratoga Springs, advance tickets \$16, door price \$18. Information, 583-0022.

THE JAZZ CONNECTION

Local jazz trio, March 6, 7 p.m., Emack and Bolio's, 366 Delaware Ave., Albany, free. Information, 512-5100.

EMERALD DAWN

Celtic trio, March 6, 7 p.m., Emack and Bolio's Uptown, Town Center Plaza, 1704

Western Ave., Guilderland, free. Information, 250-4196.

STACY PHILLIPS AND PAUL HOWARD

Playing a variety of music from around the world, March 6, 8 p.m., Caffé Lena, 47 Phila St., Saratoga Springs, advance tickets \$15, door price \$17. Information, 583-0022.

MICHAEL ECK

Celebrating the release of his new album, "In My Shoes," March 7, 7 p.m., Caffé Lena, 47 Phila St., Saratoga Springs, advance tickets \$14, door price \$16. Information, 583-0022.

DEAR COMPANION TOUR

Featuring Sub Pop artists Ben Sollee and Daniel Martin Moore, March 9, 8 p.m., WAMC Performing Arts Studio, 339 Central Ave., Albany, \$16. Information, 465-5233, ext. 4.

Visual Arts

NEW YORK STATE MUSEUM

"Birds of New York and the Paintings of Louis Agassiz," through Sept. 6; "Stonewall of New York," through summer 2010; "This Great Nation will Endure," through March 14; plus "Beneath the City: An Archaeological Perspective of Albany," permanent collections on the 9/11 recovery effort, New York state history and geography, Empire State Plaza, Madison Avenue. Information, 474-5877.

ALBANY INSTITUTE OF ART

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

ALBANY AIRPORT GALLERY

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

ALBANY CENTER GALLERY

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

AFRICAN REFLECTIONS GALLERY

Grand opening featuring wild life photographs by artists from Tanzania and the Seychelles, Feb. 26, 165 South Pearl St., second floor, Albany. Information, 339-7085 or 788-8282.

BROOKSIDE MUSEUM

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

CLEMENT ART GALLERY

"Here and Now," new paintings of Washington County by Harry Orlyk, through Feb. 28, 201 Broadway, Troy. Information, 272-6811.

LOCAL COLOR ART GALLERY

"Tropical," a collection of works by Colonie Art League members, through Feb. 28, 1138 Troy Schenectady Road, Latham. Information, 786-6557.

NATIONAL MUSEUM OF DANCE

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

SARATOGA AUTOMOBILE MUSEUM

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

SCHENECTADY MUSEUM

"All Aboard! The Power of Locomotives," through April 11, Nott Terrace Heights, Schenectady. Information, 382-7890.

TANG TEACHING MUSEUM AND GALLERY

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

CLARK ART INSTITUTE

"Material Witnesses: Photographs of Things," through April 11; "Giovanni Boldini in Impressionist Paris," through April 25; "Constable and After: Sir Edwin Manton and the British Landscape," through June 23; 225 South St., Williamstown, Mass. Information, (413) 458-9545.

THE HYDE COLLECTION

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

ARKELL MUSEUM

Canajoharie School District Student Exhibition, through March 28; plus "Arkell's Inspiration: the Marketing of Beech-Nut

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

Call for Artists

HILLTOWN PLAYERS

Holding auditions for Community Caregivers benefit talent show, March 4, 7:30 p.m., Berne-Knox-Westerlo High School, Route 443, Berne, acts must provide own accompaniment and must be easy to set up and take down. Information, 872-9455.

THE HYDE COLLECTION

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

SCHENECTADY CIVIC PLAYERS

Holding auditions for Kaufman & Hart's "You Can't Take It With You," March 9 and 11, 7:30 p.m., Schenectady Civic Playhouse, 12 South Church St., Schenectady, seeking seven women age 20-55 and 12 men age 20-75. Information, 382-2081.

CAPITAL COMMUNITY VOICES

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

ETUDE CLUB

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

SARATOGA ARTS

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

CLIFTON PARK COMMUNITY CHORUS

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

CAPITLAND CHORUS

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

TANGO FUSION DANCE COMPANY

Auditioning professional dancers by appointment at Arthur Murray Dance

Studio, 75 Woodlawn Ave., Saratoga Springs. Information, 306-4173.

ADIRONDACK PASTEL SOCIETY

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

DELMAR COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA

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

COLONIE TOWN BAND

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

COLONIE CENTENNIAL BRASS CHOIR

Openings for brass players, rehearsals on first Thursday and third Tuesday of the month, at 7:15 p.m., town hall,

SUBURBAN SOUNDS COMMUNITY CHORUS

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

FRIENDSHIP SINGERS

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

A CAPPELLA

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

SIENA CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

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

Spotlight on poetry

This month's column is sponsored by **The Spotlight Newspapers** and the **Hudson Valley Writers Guild**. For information, visit www.spotlightnews.com or www.hvwg.org.

Salamander

by Pam Clements

A winter of cold birds.
The creek at the corner
winds
underground, twists off
towards Hudson
away from my affections.
Bluff-torn, battered, we
stand
stamping,
looking into cold water,
hands in our pockets.

In this cold season
you will never know
what might be moving small
and slow
beneath the ice, what strange
creature
hibernates under frostbound
rock,
what trilobite or
salamander
lumpers ever after you.

If you live in Upstate New York, March is winter, not spring. Our poet this month, Pam Clements, has written a poem capturing the mood of March without using the usual clichés of wind, sudden storms, etc. There's something deeply personal about this poem, something intangible, mysterious.

Pam Clements lives in North Albany and teaches medieval English literature at Siena College. She has published poems and essays in a number of journals, including *The Palo Alto Review* and *The Baltimore Review*.

Weekly Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Boutonniere location
- 6 Author of "Les Misérables"
- 10 Prepare for an exam
- 14 Become hardened to
- 15 Novelist Bagnold
- 16 Honolulu site
- 17 Frank Gerber
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- 21 Plant of the lily family
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- 25 Tibetan snowman
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- 29 Henry Heinz
- 34 Standard
- 35 Varnish ingredients
- 36 Ski lift
- 38 Wear
- 40 Lair
- 41 Blackbird
- 42 German fascist
- 43 Paternally related
- 45 Prayer
- 46 William Underwood

48 A Beatty

- 49 Musical symbol
- 50 Tier
- 52 Holy: prefix
- 54 Mount, in Jordan
- 57 Verdi opera
- 61 Milton Hershey
- 64 Dashed
- 65 Cupid
- 66 Work assignment
- 67 Ago: Scots
- 68 Took off
- 69 Former Washington hostess

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- 1 Fewer
- 2 Cost
- 3 Unadulterated
- 4 Expunge
- 5 16 Across
- 6 Command to Fido
- 7 Take apart
- 8 Make a donation
- 9 Poetic form
- 10 Mull over
- 11 Charles Post
- 12 Egyptian month
- 13 Disarrange
- 18 Birth-related
- 19 Merriment

24 Bonnet contents?

- 25 Annual sch. publications
- 26 Frank
- 27 Electrical unit
- 28 Clarence Birdseye
- 30 Small anchor
- 31 Correct
- 32 Song hit of the 1930s
- 33 Soothing ointment
- 37 Wind instrument
- 39 "The Gay _____": 1934 film
- 41 Reminder
- 43 Ginger follower
- 44 Old card game
- 47 Langston Hughes title
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- 53 Nautical call
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Your Community in The Spotlight

Town to host Basketball classic

The 2010 Bethlehem Basketball Classic, featuring BCMS teachers versus BC elementary teachers will be held on Friday, March 5 at 7 p.m. in the High School Lower Gym.

Admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for students and children under five get in free. Pizza and snacks will be sold at the event.

All proceeds from the game benefit Bethlehem Opportunities Unlimited (BOU) which provides funding for programs to help youth in Bethlehem avoid substance abuse and other risky behaviors.

For further information about BOU and a list of recently awarded grants visit: http://bcsd.k12.ny.us/Parents_Community/Bethlehem_Opportunities_Unlimited.html#grantrecipients

BC graduate performs at Ithaca

Alex Canovas, son of Delmar residents Janet and Bernardo Canovas, performed the role of the Vain Man in the recent Ithaca College Theatre production of "The Little Prince." Canovas is a sophomore at Ithaca and majors in voice performance.

5 Rivers to hold birdseed sale

Friends of Five Rivers, the non-profit citizens' support organization, to Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, will be holding their 1st Cash &

Carry Birdseed Sale on March 6 and 13 from 10 am to 2 pm at the Goose Lodge at the Center. High quality seed will be available, and cash or checks are accepted. For information, call 475-0295.

Q.U.I.L.T. to meet at Delmar Church

On Friday, March 12 at Delmar Reformed Church on Delaware Ave, Q.U.I.L.T. Inc. will meet at 9:45 to begin the annual service project workday and birthday celebration. Participants are asked to bring their lunches and stay into the afternoon to help with the service project. For information, call 439-1194, or check the Web site at www.quiltinc.org.

Museum to host presentation

Work by Dr. Ed Landing, State Paleontologist with the Museum, will be presented on Wednesday March 10, at 7

BC's Stage 700 Presents 'Once on this Island'

A cast of 40 student actors and actresses, backed by a full pit orchestra, will perform the Tony Award nominated Broadway musical "Once on this Island" Thursday through Sunday, March 25 - 27, at 7 p.m. and a matinee on Sunday, March 28, at 2 p.m. in Bethlehem Central High School Auditorium in Delmar.

The musical, based on the novel "My Love, My Love" by Rosa Guy, is a retelling of Hans Christian Andersen's "The Little Mermaid" with elements of "Romeo and Juliet" set in the French Antilles in the Caribbean Sea with music by Stephen Flaherty and lyrics by Lynn Ahrens. "Once on this Island" premiered at off-Broadway's Playwrights Horizons in 1990, followed by the Broadway production which opened later the same year and ran continuously until the show closed in 1991 after 469 performances and 19 previews. "Once on this Island" has received multiple Tony Award nominations for Best Musical, Best Book of a Musical, Best Original Score, Best Costume Design, and Best Choreography.

"Once on this Island" makes for a wonderful evening of inspiration, enjoyment and laughter for the whole family, and is certain to carry on the long tradition of outstanding musical theater productions at Bethlehem Central High School. As in years past, the trio of Director James Yeara, Music Director Jason Dashew, and Choreographer Lindsay Packard produced this year's show.

Tickets may be purchased in advance via the website at www.stage700.org or by calling 439-4087. All tickets are reserved seating: \$10 for adults and \$6 for seniors, students and military. Tickets can also be purchased at the door.

For more information, photos, and an in-depth look behind the scenes at this year's production, visit the Stage 700 Web site.

Part of the proceeds from Stage 700's OOTI will be donated to Haitian earthquake relief.

p.m. in the Huxley Theater at the New York State Museum. The presentation, entitled "The Origin of Animals with Skeletons" shows that all of the major groups of advanced marine animals appeared in a relatively short interval in the early part of the Cambrian geological period. Call 474-877 for information.

Bake sale to benefit child

A bake sale will be held on March 6 in conjunction with an indoor yard sale at Pine Ridge Estates, in Selkirk from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. All proceeds from the bake sale will benefit the family of Wayne Lawson Jr., a three-year-old who is suffering from Leukemia and is undergoing treatment at Albany Medical Center. He is the son of Wayne Sr. and Christine Lawson of Menands. His grandparents Richard and Pat Taber reside at Pine Ridge Estates where the benefit will be held. The family is in need of financial help, so donations are appreciated.

For information, call Bonnie 719-1666.

AFSC 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 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 Web site at www.albanyfsc.org.

Celtic band from Germany to hold concert

The Celtic band Cara, consisting of German musicians, will hold a concert presented by Old Songs on March 5 at 37 South Main Street in Voorheesville.

Cara has toured worldwide, and 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 Web site at www.oldsongs.com.

Voorheesville HS to host garage sale

Clayton A. Bouton High School student organization, United for Peace and Justice, will host their 2nd Annual "Everything but the Kitchen Sink Sale" at Clayton A. Bouton High School in Voorheesville on Saturday, March 13, from 9 a.m.

to 2 p.m. The event is free and open to the public.

All proceeds from this indoor garage sale will go toward Haiti relief efforts. Community members can rent a table for \$10 (round) or \$20 (long) and keep their profits. Tables must be reserved and paid for by Friday March 5. For information or a table reservation, contact Marie Triller at 765-3314 ext. 350 or mariepix@aol.com.

Fish & Game Club to host dinner

The Onesquesthaw Fish & Game Club, Inc. will host a Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, March 13 at 2032 Tarrytown Road, Clarksville from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Take-out dinners are available from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. The cost will be \$8 for adults, \$7 for seniors, \$6 for ages 5-15, and children under 5 are free.

For reservations or information, call Carol at 768-2320. The proceeds will benefit sending a child to summer camp and purchasing educational equipment.

Church group to host breakfast

The Men's Association at St Matthew's Church on Mountainview Street in Voorheesville is sponsoring a breakfast Sunday, March 7, from 7:30 a.m. until noon. Menu items include pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, home fries, toast, juice, coffee, tea and hot chocolate. Take-out is also available. Proceeds will benefit the Association and its many activities around the Parish. Cost is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children. For information, call Daniel Schryver at 765-4630.

Endowment Fund to offer scholarships

The Bethlehem Central Endowment Fund (BCEF) Scholarship Committee, along with The Community Foundation for the Greater Capital Region (CFGCR), is pleased to announce that several awards will be available to Class of 2010 seniors from Bethlehem Central High School. Information about these scholarships is available on the Bethlehem School District's Web site, www.bcsd.k12.ny.us, or at the Community Foundation for the Greater Capital Region Web site, www.cfgcr.org.

Political program scheduled

A program entitled "History of American Political Campaign Material" presented by Thomas Keefe, Albany City Court Judge, is scheduled for Sunday, March 7, at 2 p.m. and hosted by the New Scotland Historical Association at the Wyman Osterhout Community Center in New Salem. The program is free and open to the public. Mr. Keefe has been collecting political campaign material since 1964. He will present a variety of material produced for American Political Campaigns from 1800 to the present. For information about the program or the Historical Association, please call 768-2933.

Senior Center to host "Senior Idol"

On Wednesday, March 3, the Louise Corning Senior Center will host the Senior Idol Rewind Dinner Theater. The event begins with happy hour at 3:30 p.m., followed by dinner and the show at 5 p.m. The cost is \$10.

The stars of the show include cabaret singer Diane Russo and local star Stan Simpkins. Acappella group The Flipsydz will present a guest performance.

Call 465-3322 to make a reservation.

Albany Academies to hold festival

The Albany Academies will hold the 2010 International Taste of the World Festival on March 27 from 3 to 6 p.m. The free event will feature food tasting from different countries represented by Academies families, international song and dance demonstrations, and other international activities. The event is open to all families in the Capital Region. The Festival will be held in the Silipigno Athletic Facility on the AAG campus at 140 Academy Road in Albany. For more information, visit www.albanyacademies.org.

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Milestones



Joleen Gnoinski and Adam Patonai

Gnoinski, Patonai to exchange vows

Christina and Dennis Gnoinski of Glenville, NY are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Joleen, to Adam Patonai, son of Pamela and Michael Patonai of Las Vegas, NV.

The future bride is a graduate of Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake High School, SUNY Plattsburgh with a BS in food and nutrition and MS in education from the College of Saint Rose.

She is a middle school health and math teacher in Nevada Clark County School system. The future groom is a graduate of Green Valley High School and University of Las Vegas Nevada with a BSBA in Management Information Systems. He is a database analyst for United Healthcare in Las Vegas, NV.

A June 2010 wedding is planned in Hawaii.



Nicholas and Elizabeth Vivio

Marvin, Vivio wed

Elizabeth Marvin, daughter of Benjamin and Rebecca Marvin of Delmar, and Nicholas Vivio, son of Frank and Patricia Vivio of Naperville, Illinois celebrated their marriage on April 25, 2009 at Hollin Hall in Alexandria, Virginia. Johanna Marvin, sister of the bride, Christopher Vivio, twin brother of the groom, and Frank Vivio, brother of the groom, served as honor attendants.

The bride, a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, completed her Bachelor's degree in Mass Communication at Illinois State University where she was named a Presidential Scholar. As a Fellow of the University of Maryland

she completed a Master's degree in Political Communication. She is employed by the US Agency for International Development in the Office of Development, Outreach and Communication for Economic Growth.

The groom received his Bachelor's degree in Economics and Political Science from Illinois State University and his Master's degree in Science, Technology and Public Policy from George Washington University. He is a Program Officer in the Office of Program and Project Development of the US Agency for International Development.

The couple is currently posted in Kabul, Afghanistan.

Sotile, Peter G.

NISKAYUNA Peter G. Sotile, 77, after a long illness, died at Ellis Hospital on Saturday, February 13, 2010.

Peter was born in Schenectady, N.Y. His early years were spent in Scotia, N.Y. He graduated from Scotia High School where he played football in the early 1950s. Peter served two years in the Army and was honorably discharged in 1956 from the Signal Corps with a rank of 1st lieutenant. After the service, Mr. Sotile worked for the General Electric Company. During his training in the manufacturing training department, he was assigned to Pittsfield, Mass., Fort Wayne, Ind. and Jonesboro, Ark. After graduating, he accepted an assignment in Decatur, Ind. where he worked for eight years. He then moved to Schenectady where he retired from KAPL in 1980. Mr. Sotile then became active in Sotile Builders Inc. which his father founded in 1969. He was vice president of Schenectady Home Builders Association in 1981 and president in 1982.

Mr. Sotile was predeceased by his father, Peter Sotile, and his mother, Elizabeth Pareene Sotile, of Glenville, N.Y. He is survived by his wife Bj Sotile, and their six children: Susan Sotile of Niskayuna and her two children Laura and Michael Schrom, Peter Sotile III and son Peter IV of Palm Bay, Fla., Michael Sotile of Minn. and his two children, Michael and Michelle of Niskayuna, Karen Sotile and her three children Jacqueline, Erica and Tim Wade of Concord, N.H., Kathleen Brooks and her husband Ash and their daughter Rachel of Denver, N.C. and John Sotile and his wife Karen and their two sons John Chase and Lucas Harry of Rexford, N.Y.

Funeral services will begin at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, February 17 at the Glenville Funeral Home, 9 Glenridge Rd., East Glenville and be followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 10 a.m. from St. Joseph's Church, First Street, Scotia. Interment will follow in Most Holy Redeemer Cemetery, Troy-Schenectady Rd., Niskayuna. Relatives and friends are invited to attend, calling hours from 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home on Tuesday, February 16. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Peter's name are requested to be made to a charity of one's choice.

FISH FRY DINNER

Elsmere Firehouse
Friday, March 5th
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Milestones

Pauline P. Cole, 98, of Auburn, NY and formerly of Albany, NY, passed away February 21, 2010, in the Mercy Health & Rehabilitation Center. Pauline was born March 6, 1911, in Dryden, New York, the daughter of the late Ernest H. and Adeline C. Terwilliger Coon.

She is survived by: One Son: Thomas A. Cole and his wife Dale, of Mendon, NY; Four Grandchildren: Patricia J. Rogers Nolan, of Aurora, NY, Michele A. Rogers, of Islip, NY, Kathleen Cramer and her husband Patrick, of Penfield, NY, Michael Cole, of Maryville, TN; Three Great Grandchildren: Jack Cramer, Danny Cramer, and Molly Cramer, all of Penfield, NY.

Pauline is predeceased by her husband Clyde E. "Whitey" Cole on June 15,

2004, one daughter Patricia A. Rogers on August 29, 2009, five brothers, Ernest Sr., Fred, Francis, Robert, and Wesley Coon, and two sisters, Alice McGraw and Jessie Swizey.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Friday, February 26, 2010 in Holy Family Church, 85 North St., Auburn, NY. Friends were invited to call on Thursday, February 25, 2010, at the Brew Funeral Home, 48 South St., Auburn, NY.

Interment took place in the spring at Willow Glen Cemetery, in Dryden, NY.

Expressions of sympathy may be made to Mercy Health & Rehabilitation Center, 3 St. Anthony St., Auburn, NY 13021 in memory of Pauline P. Cole.

Meet the 'Victorian Lady'

Johnstown woman hosts tea parties at Brookside Museum

By ALYSSA JUNG
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Sue McLane is "The Victorian Lady." A buyer and collector of antique clothing since the '80s, she's touched outfits that were hundreds of years old and become immersed in the stories of countless Victorian era couples and high profile players.

Now, for the past several years, she's been hosting Victorian tea parties for children during the February break from school at Brookside Museum in Ballston Spa. She dresses in antique outfits from her own collection and takes them through what a day in Victorian America would have been like and ends the two hour program with a traditional tea party.

"She explains how the clothing was different; women had to wear long skirts, heavy petticoats and gloves. She goes into things like cars, furnaces and other things kids can relate to. The kids make their own fans they can take home and help prepare the food and beverage for the tea," said Linda Gorham, education director at the museum. "It gives them an appreciation, in some respects, for what they have today; in terms of the ease of life that we have, they can compare what it was like to live in another period of time and look at hardships people had."

Tea preparation is a big hit, said Gorham. They wear aprons and prepare triangular shaped tea sandwiches with the crust cut off and frost their own sugar cookies. They drink blueberry tea and take full

advantage of the sugar cubes.

"Most like the tea, some don't care for it and won't drink it, but I always see them piling sugar cubes in. It's funny," said Gorham.

McLane has been the Victorian Lady since 1991 and only became intrigued with the era and history itself during what she considers her second career: independent scholar. After spending seven years as a registered nurse in medical, surgical, cardiac and critical care units, she said she's gained an appreciation for the Victorian era's simpler way of life and applies it to her own.

"This career is a lot more fun! I'm an avid reader; when I moved into my house I had 48 boxes of books and my library is now filled with 19th century primary sources," said McLane. "I live like they did back then. Every morning when the sun comes up I open my drapes and let it stream in so it can light and warm the house. Then I close those two layers of drapes at night and the heat is retained. I don't have a television and I only recently bought a laptop."

McLane said she feels like life during Victorian times was more real and less artificial.

"I like to think my life is actually my own reality show and I don't need to sit down in front of a television and watch other people have their reality. My reality is that I don't have a TV. I live in a house that was built in 1870 and I have beautiful architectural elements that I can always admire like bay windows and a tin ceiling," said McLane. "I think there's value in history and if we make history more relevant, more people would see that value and enjoy it as well."

Making history relevant is exactly what she tries to do with her tea parties and other programs, like



Sue McLane calls herself "The Victorian Lady" and hosts tea parties for children on their school breaks. The last one was at Brookside Museum in Ballston Spa on Wednesday, Feb. 17. Children ages five to 12 learned about the Victorian era, proper table manners and enjoyed a traditional tea.

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talks about Victorian underpinnings and many discussions about the woman's role during that time. She'll be speaking at the Women's Symposium at the Hamilton Montgomery Boces Center Saturday, March 20, as part of the Elizabeth Cady Stanton Hometown Association.

McLane said she discovered her passion in a backwards way—her love of antique clothing introduced her to her fascination with history. Each outfit, she said, tells a story and looking at the details explains the time and energy it took to create that.

"Every time I see something new, I pull that thread to see how it leads me to another level of history," said McLane.

She restores outfits and displays them at antique shows. These shows are what led about 25 of her pieces to appear in the movie, "Titanic."

"I have quite a lot of clothing in different movies and theatre performance, most notably 'Titanic' and 'Out of Africa,' which was really one of the first films to use real, authentic clothing," said McLane. "Now more and more people from filmmakers to museums to independent collectors demand antique clothing. I like to think of it

as there's now more places for [these outfits] to be saved."

McLane said she lets each article of clothing to share with her its story. She remembers a huge hat she came across from 1910; fur, bleached white with curled edges and a large purple ostrich plume all the way around it. The woman gave her a photo of her grandma, who had worn it, which let her feel a special connection. She also has a wedding dress from the 1890s, which came with charcoal drawings of the couple who wore it, from Schenectady. She said she's discovered clothing from many well-known people but can't say who they are because in the antique business, she said, you quickly learn to be discreet.

Her programs and services are mainly spread through word-of-mouth; although with her new laptop and internet access, she's hoping to put together some type of Web site. The tea party at Brookside was so popular that it was stretched over two days this February and will be repeated over April break for children age five to 12.

More information is available on the Web site, www.brooksidemuseum.org.

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Notice of Formation of a Limited Liability Company (LLC). Name: Reynolds Consulting Group, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with NY Secretary of State, January 26, 2010. Purpose: to engage in any lawful act or activity. Office: Albany County. Secretary of State is agent for process against LLC and shall mail copy to 24 Cheshire Way, Loudonville, New York 12211. LD-22199 (March 3, 2010)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC) The name of the LLC is Saban Painting, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on 1/8/2010. The purpose of the LLC is to own, operate and manage an automotive business, and also to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the LLC is to be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against the LLC may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is 1645 New Scotland Road, Slingerlands, NY 12159. LD-22090 (March 3, 2010)

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Notice of Formation of ELOGISTICS INTERNATIONAL LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 1/14/10. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. LD-22092 (March 3, 2010)

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Notice of Formation of A TO Z CONSULTING, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 1/15/10. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. LD-22093 (March 3, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

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 (March 3, 2010)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). Name: BBL GREENBUSH MANAGEMENT, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with NY Secretary of State, January 15, 2010. Purpose: to engage in any lawful act or activity. Office: in Albany County. Secretary of State is agent for process against LLC and shall mail copy to 302 Washington Avenue Ext., Albany, NY 12203. LD-22095 (March 3, 2010)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). Name: BBL RESTAURANT MANAGEMENT, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with NY Secretary of State, January 15, 2010. Purpose: to engage in any lawful act or activity. Office: in Albany County. Secretary of State is agent for process against LLC and shall mail copy to 302 Washington Avenue Ext., Albany, NY 12203. LD-22096 (March 3, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

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 (March 3, 2010)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF 244 South Allen Street LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 01/14/10. Office location: Albany County. Principal business location is: 41 Columbine Drive, Glenmont, NY 12077. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served. The Post Office address to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him or her is: the LLC, c/o R. L. Michela, 41 Columbine Drive, Glenmont, NY 12077. Purpose: Any lawful business. LD-22105 (March 3, 2010)

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Notice of Formation of Leila Mae LLC. Arts Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/18/09. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Allstate Corp. Svcs., 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Registered Agent upon whom process may be served: Allstate Corp. Svcs., 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-22106 (March 3, 2010)

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Notice of Formation of APSE Property Services, LLC. Arts Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/29/09. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Allstate Corp. Svcs., 99 Washington 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 (March 3, 2010)

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Notice of Formation of DeCastro LLC. Arts Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 09/14/09. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served.

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SSNY shall mail process to: Avishai Decastro, 58 Monmouth St., Brookline, MA 02446. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-22108 (March 3, 2010)

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Notice of Formation of 4909, LLC. Arts Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/16/09. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Allstate Corp. Svcs., 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Registered Agent upon whom process may be served: Allstate Corp. Svcs., 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-22109 (March 3, 2010)

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Notice of Formation of M & M Furniture Gallery LLC. Arts Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/25/09. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Allstate Corp. Svcs., 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Registered Agent upon whom process may be served: Allstate Corp. Svcs., 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-22110 (March 3, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 303 East 51st Street Investors L.P. Cert of LP filed with Secy of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/30/09. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Allstate Corp. Svcs., 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Registered Agent upon whom process may be served: Allstate Corp. Svcs., 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. The name & address of each general partner is available from SSNY. Latest date to dissolve: 12/31/2059. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-22111 (March 3, 2010)

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Notice of Formation of Hinds Brokerage LLC. Arts Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/15/09. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Allstate Corp. Svcs., 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Registered Agent upon whom process may be served: Allstate Corp. Svcs., 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-22112 (March 3, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Finning Builders, LLC. Arts Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/16/09. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 1 Stoneridge Dr., Loudonville, NY 12211. Registered Agent upon whom process may be served: David Macphee, 1 Stoneridge Dr., Loudonville, NY 12211. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-22113 (March 3, 2010)

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Notice of Formation of Crescent Moon Games LLC. Arts Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 01/06/10. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Allstate Corp. Svcs., 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Registered Agent upon whom process may be served: Allstate Corp. Svcs., 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-22114 (March 3, 2010)

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Notice of Formation of Yu's Group LLC. Arts Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 01/06/10. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Allstate Corp. Svcs., 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Registered Agent upon whom process may be served: Allstate Corp. Svcs., 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-22115 (March 3, 2010)

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Notice of Formation of Hallie Design Group LLC. Arts Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/15/09. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Allstate Corp. Svcs., 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Registered Agent upon whom process may be served: Allstate Corp. Svcs., 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-22116 (March 3, 2010)

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Notice of Formation of Over-night City LLC. Arts Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/10/09. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Allstate Corp. Svcs., 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Registered Agent upon whom process may be served: Allstate Corp. Svcs., 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-22117 (March 3, 2010)

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Notice of Formation of Love Is In The Hair 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 (March 3, 2010)

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Notice of Formation of Hudson Capital Fund LLC. Arts Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 01/11/10. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Allstate Corp. Svcs., 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008,

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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 (March 3, 2010)

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Notice of Formation of Kothari Law Group PLLC. Arts Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 01/14/10. Office location: 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 (March 3, 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 (March 3, 2010)

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Notice of Formation of EMPIRE REAL ESTATE HOLDINGS LLC Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 1/14/2010 Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC 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 (March 3, 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 (March 3, 2010)

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Notice of Formation of IERA ODOS LLC Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 1/7/2010 Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC 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 (March 3, 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 (March 3, 2010)

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Notice of Formation of CHRYSANTHEMUM PRODUCTIONS LLC Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 1/7/2010 Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC

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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 (March 3, 2010)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY CEMS, LLC WEBDIRECT CEMS, LLC Articles of Organization were filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 10-29-09. Office location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC c/o 2123 Western Avenue, Guilford, NY 12084. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. LD-22131 (March 3, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Harwich Enterprises, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/4/10. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 6/19/09. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o National Registered Agents, Inc., 875 Avenue of the Americas, Ste. 501, NY, NY 10001. Address to be maintained in DE: c/o National Registered Agents, Inc., 160 Greentree Dr., Ste. 101, Dover, DE 19904. Arts of Org. filed with DE Secy. Of State, 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-22132 (March 3, 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 St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-22133 (March 3, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

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

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). Name: SPA HOTEL MANAGEMENT, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with NY Secretary of State, December 23, 2010. Purpose: to engage in any lawful act or activity. Office: in Albany County. Secretary of State is agent for process against LLC and shall mail copy to 302 Washington Avenue Ext., Albany, NY 12205. LD-22136 (March 3, 2010)

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Notice of Formation of Kastor Properties, LLC, Art. of Org. filed Secy 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 Efsthios Giannoutsos, 21-61 46th St., Astoria, NY 11105. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-22140 (March 3, 2010)

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Notice of Formation of Maggard Information Associates, LLC, Art. of Org. filed Secy 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 (March 3, 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 (March 3, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of BROOK PROPERTY GROUP LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 1/26/10. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC 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 (March 3, 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 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 (March 3, 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 (March 3, 2010)

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Notice of Formation of IN-WOOD 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 (March 3, 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 (March 3, 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 (March 3, 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 (March 3, 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 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 (March 3, 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 (March 3, 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.

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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 (March 3, 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 (March 3, 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 (March 3, 2010)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION of Xenios USA LLC. Art. of Org. filed w/Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/22/10. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent for service of process. SSNY shall mail process to: 99 Washington Ave., #805-A, Albany, NY 12210. Purpose: Any lawful activity. LD-22173 (March 3, 2010)

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Notice of Qualification of PromiseCare Pharmacy, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/28/10. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Tennessee (TN) on 8/22/08. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 605 Bakertown Rd., Antioch, TN 37013, the address of the principal office, and the address to be maintained in TN. Arts. of Org. filed with TN Secy. of State, 312 Rosa L. Parks Ave., Snodgrass Tower, 6th Fl., Nashville, TN 37243. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-22175 (March 3, 2010)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: Pendo 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, Guilderland, New York 12084-0093. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. LD-22176 (March 3, 2010)

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Publication Notice of Organization of Limited Liability Company

LEGAL NOTICE

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 (March 3, 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 (March 3, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

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 Company were filed with the New York Secretary of State on January 25, 2010. THIRD: The County within New York State in which the office of the Company is to be located is ALBANY. FOURTH: The Secretary of State has been designated as agent upon whom process against the Company may be served. The post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail process is 111 State Street Albany, New York 12207. FIFTH: The purposes of the business of the Company is 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 (March 3, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of LOVE & WAR ASSOCIATES, LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 2/1/10. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC 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-22185 (March 3, 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 (March 3, 2010)

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Notice of Qualification of Ritter Insurance Marketing, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/20/10. Fictitious name in NY State: Ritter Insurance Services/Marketing, LLC. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Pennsylvania (PA) on 12/11/01. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process 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 Lingletown Road, Ste. 300, Harrisburg, PA 17112. Arts. of Org. filed with PA Secy. of State, 401 North St., Rm. 206, Harrisburg, PA 17105. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-22187 (March 3, 2010)

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Notice of Qualification of Quintana Energy Partners II, L.P. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/26/10. Office location: Albany County. LP formed in Cayman Islands (CI) on 11/12/08. SSNY designated as agent of LP upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Capitol Services, Inc., 1218 Central Ave., Ste. 100, Albany, NY 12205. Principal office of LP: 601 Jefferson, Ste. 3600, Houston, TX 77002. Name/address of each gen. 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-22188 (March 3, 2010)

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Notice of Qualification of Quintana Energy Partners II - TE, L.P. Authority filed with Secy. 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 gen. 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 (March 3, 2010)

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Notice of Formation of Integrative Productions LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. 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.

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served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 145 East 35th St., Apt. 4FW, NY, NY 10016. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-22195 (March 3, 2010)

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Notice of Formation of Energetex Worldwide Trading, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. 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 (March 3, 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 (March 3, 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 (March 3, 2010)

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Notice of Formation of The Serby Group LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. 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 (March 3, 2010)

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Notice of Formation of Julie World Realty, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. 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 (March 3, 2010)

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Notice of Formation of That Sushi Spot LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. 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:

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Allstate Corp. Svcs., 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-22207 (March 3, 2010)

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Notice of Formation of Lavenderia Express VIII, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. 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 (March 3, 2010)

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Notice of Formation of Launch Collective Partners LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. 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 (March 3, 2010)

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Notice of Formation of Middleberg Nutrition, PLLC. 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: Profession of Dietetics-Nutrition. LD-22210 (March 3, 2010)

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Notice of Formation of Jacqueline S. Castro, 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: 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 (March 3, 2010)

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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 upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. LD-22212 (March 3, 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

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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 (March 3, 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 upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. LD-22214 (March 3, 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 upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. LD-22215 (March 3, 2010)

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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 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 (March 3, 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 (March 3, 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 (March 3, 2010)

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ANTLIA INTERNATIONAL HOLDING LLC was filed with the SSNY on 10/23/09. Office: Albany County. SSNY

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bathroom with the man without further incident, then the man left the building along with the female he had referred to as his girl.

White was arrested in connection with the case later in the evening. It was not apparent from police reports if he was the suspect in the earlier incident. He was arraigned, released on his own recognizance and scheduled to appear in Bethlehem Town Court on May 16.

Other arrests

• The Guilderland Police Department arrested Garrett F. Spring, 20, of 157 Bozenkill Road, Altamont, on Thursday, Feb. 18 for criminal contempt in the first degree, and burglary in the 3rd degree, both felonies, and misdemeanor charges of criminal possession of a weapon, and menacing in the second degree. According to police, Spring unlawfully entered a residence in violation of a order of protection issued against him.

Police said that a

woman in the residence was able to get Spring to leave, however, while outside Spring allegedly pushed and spit in the woman's face, and also allegedly displayed a knife in a threatening manner.

Spring left before police were able to get to the scene; however, he was arrested later that day when police spotted him on Fuller Road. Later that day Spring was arraigned in Guilderland Town Court and remanded to Albany County Jail.

• Eric M. Curtis, 24, of 2050 Guilderland Ave., Schenectady, was arrested by Guilderland police on Saturday, Feb. 20 for felony DWI. According to police, Curtis was pulled over for driving erratically while traveling west on Route 20. Police said there was a strong odor of alcohol coming from Curtis, and that he had bloodshot eyes, and a dazed look on his face. Curtis failed subsequent sobriety tests and was arrested. A chemical test would reveal that Curtis had a BAC of 0.16. Due to a previous DWAI conviction, the DWI charges were upgraded to a felony. Curtis was arraigned at Guilderland Town Court on Thursday, Feb. 25.

A life on canvas

Nonagenarian artist puts her heart into her paintings

By ALYSSA JUNG
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Grace Gilbert is an artist. She has seen the pyramids of Egypt on a runaway camel, ate oatmeal for what she believed to be her last meal when a WWII destroyer turned cruise ship hit rough waters, toured China and Russia before tourism was even allowed, dragged her cousin all over Europe to admire the work of legendary artists and has shown and sold her own art all over the state.

Now, at age 91, Gilbert said she plans to paint until the day she dies and has her latest showing, *Homage to Monet*, at Sorelle Gallery on Broadway in Saratoga Springs until March 6.

"I come from a family with good genes; my mom lived until she was 95. I can't imagine my life without painting. My hand is very steady and I don't have any physical problems so why should I stop painting now?" said Gilbert, who lives in Amsterdam.

She said she paints in nearly every style and puts into images what she sees and feels, so her work mimics her life.

"When something

special happens in my life, I do a painting about it. I painted my mother at age 16, middle age and when she was old. When my husband passed away I painted him walking into the light," said Gilbert. "Whenever I see something beautiful I take a photograph of it and paint it. I carry a sketchpad around with me and am always sketching in pencil."

She said it wasn't easy to break away from her family's tradition of pursuing music instead of art. For years, her mother made her take piano lesson until she realized she wasn't learning anything because she didn't want to be doing it. Instead, Gilbert said she would rather be sketching her cousins.

She spent 64 years teaching in the public school system and continues to teach every Monday in a rented room at an old Catholic School. Gilbert teaches acrylics, oil paint and particularly loves children's art.

Gilbert said she considers art to be an expression of herself and will always be a part of her, so much so that she goes beyond putting her creativity on a canvas or paper and puts it on the walls of her house.

"I started a style about 40 years ago that I wish I'd put some sort of signature on. I started putting fabric on the walls with liquid starch and



Grace Gilbert's exhibit is a tribute to one of her favorite artists and style of painting, Monet and the Impressionist era.

Submitted photos

now that's done a great deal but I started it and decorated my house like that, it's quite unique and I've also painted on my walls," said Gilbert. "I bought an old window with four panes and in each I have a painting from the different seasons, displayed in my downstairs bathroom. My house is a reflection of my personality."

Gilbert said she goes through phases with her painting, always trying something different. She tried out a self portrait, favors French Impressionist styles and then just as quickly can veer off into something more modern or convert to realism.

This versatility paired with her distinct personality is what made her so attractive to Sandy Pelletier from the Sorelle Gallery.

"She can paint in any way she wants and that's the sign of a true artist; she can paint in any medium. She paints the mood that she feels. One day she was kind of depressed because it was raining and she was sick of it. I was joking around with her and told

her to do something to lift her spirits, so she painted a beautiful painting called the *Umbrella Parade*," said Pelletier, who said she has shown Gilbert's paintings before and they always do well. In the current show there's about 12 paintings on display and two have already sold.

Pelletier said Gilbert is the only nonagenarian artist the gallery's ever had and that her feistiness is what makes her special beyond the art she creates.

"I find her so utterly interesting, we're always kidding around with each other. One day I said, 'I'm going to write a letter to Oprah and tell her about you,' and she said if I did that, she'd live another 20 years to tell that story," said Pelletier. "She is a firecracker. She is busy, busy, busy, the dust just doesn't settle under her feet and I'm sure that's part of her secret."

Sorelle Gallery is at 385 Broadway in Saratoga Springs. For questions about Gilbert's exhibit and paintings, call 584-0600.

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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 (March 3, 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 (March 3, 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

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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 (March 3, 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 (March 3, 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, at LLC, c/o Vincent L. Valenza, McNamee, Lochner, Titus & Williams, P.C., 677 Broadway, Albany, New

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York 12207. The street address of the principal business location is 5 Clinton 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 (March 3, 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 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 (March 3, 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 (March 3, 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 (March 3, 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. LD-22248 (March 3, 2010)

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Notice of formation of a limited liability company ("LLC"). Name of LLC: One Guilderland Ave., LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York ("SSNY") on February

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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 (March 3, 2010)

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Notice of Formation of HAAN PROJECTS LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 2/17/10. 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-22254 (March 3, 2010)

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem hereby invites sealed bids for the replacement of existing 10'x40' truck scale at the Rupert Road Transfer Station. Bids will be received up to 2:00 p.m. on the 17th day of March, 2010 at which time such bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York. Bids shall be addressed to Mr. Samuel E. Messina, Supervisor, Town of Bethlehem, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York 12054. LD-22257 (March 3, 2010)

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hem, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York 12054. Bids shall be in sealed envelopes which shall bear, on the face thereof, the name and address of the bidder and the subject of the bid. ORIGINAL and ONE COPY of each shall be submitted. Bid documents may be obtained at the Bethlehem Town Clerk's Office, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, NY 12054. Bid documents may also be available for download from the Capital Region Purchasing Group through the Town of Bethlehem Website at www.townofbethlehem.org. Purchasing Division. The Town Board reserves the right to waive any informalities in and/or to reject any or all bids.

BY ORDER OF THE
TOWN BOARD OF THE
TOWN OF BETHLEHEM
NANCY MOQUIN
TOWN CLERK
Dated: February 25, 2010
LD-22257
(March 3, 2010)

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Notice of Qualification of Retail Data, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/12/10. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Virginia (VA) on 12/10/04. 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. VA address of LLC: 2235 Staples Mill Rd., Richmond, VA 23230. Arts. of Org. filed with VA Secy. of State, 1300 East Main St., 1st Fl., Richmond, VA

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Notice of Formation of NATUREL AMSTERDAM 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: 40 Rector St., Ste. 1502, NY, NY 10006. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-22261 (March 3, 2010)

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Notice of Qualification of Orchard Brands Insurance Agency LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/28/10. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 11/10/09. 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. Principal office address: 220 Hickory St., Warren, PA, 16365. Address to be maintained in DE: 1209 Orange St., Wilmington, DE 19801. Arts of Org. filed with DE Secy. Of State, 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-22262 (March 3, 2010)

Sports *in the* Spotlight

Crusaders end Eagles' season

Free throws spark 19-8 fourth quarter for Catholic Central

The Bethlehem girls basketball team couldn't keep Catholic Central's offense in check all night.

The Crusaders outscored the Eagles 19-8 in the fourth quarter to defeat Bethlehem 49-34 in Saturday's Section II Class AA quarterfinal game in Troy.

The game started well for Bethlehem (11-9). The Eagles forced several Catholic Central turnovers in the first half as they forged a 17-17 tie going into halftime.

Catholic Central (14-5) got going in the second half, though. The Crusaders used a 13-point third quarter to take the lead, and then they hit several free throws in the fourth quarter to put Bethlehem away.

Maria Foglia scored a game-high 20 points for Catholic Central, the Big 10 regular season champions. Foglia hit two of her team's three three-pointers, and she made all eight of her foul shots.

Taliah Pounds contributed 11 points for the Crusaders, who meet Suburban Council North Division champion Shenendehowa in Wednesday's Class AA semifinals.

Emily Kirby scored 14 points, and Jaci Oskam added nine points for Bethlehem, which saw its bid for a second consecutive Sectional title come to an end.

The Eagles opened the playoffs last Thursday with a 73-52 victory over Schenectady.

The Eagles took command in the middle half of the game, outscoring the Patriots (6-13) 41-22 in the second and third quarters.

Oskam netted 20 points to lead four Bethlehem players in double figures. Bridget Murphy contributed 13 points; while Kirby chipped in 11 points. Tracey Koch added 10 points.

Maria Lafond had 16 points for Schenectady, which led 16-15 after the first quarter.

In other girls basketball Sectional action, Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk threw the Class B bracket into chaos by upending No. 4 Hudson 46-33 last Friday in an opening round game.

The 13th-seeded Indians (6-13) jumped out to a 15-8 lead after the first quarter and then used a 16-8 run in the third quarter to put the game out of the Blue Hawks' reach.

Jaquilla Ponder had 17 points, and Kayla Hotaling added 14 points for R-C-S, which meets the winner of Monday's Cohoes-Greenville game.

In Class CC, Voorheesville saw its season end with a 45-42 loss to Schenectady Christian last Friday.

The fifth-seeded Falcons (14-5) built a 29-21 halftime lead against the No. 4 Blackbirds (9-10). Voorheesville rallied in the second half, but Schenectady Christian held on for the three-point win.

Monica Compton scored 18 points for Schenectady Christian, while Emily Norris' 10 points paced Voorheesville.



Bethlehem's Jaci Oskam shoots between two Catholic Central defenders during Saturday's Section II Class AA quarterfinal game in Troy.
Rob Jonas/Spotlight

Lyman takes third place

Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk's Andy Lyman placed at the New York State High School Wrestling Championships for the second year in a row.

Lyman defeated Eric Munk 9-6 in the consolation bracket finals to finish third in the Division II (small school) 130-pound division at last weekend's state tournament at Albany's Times Union Center.

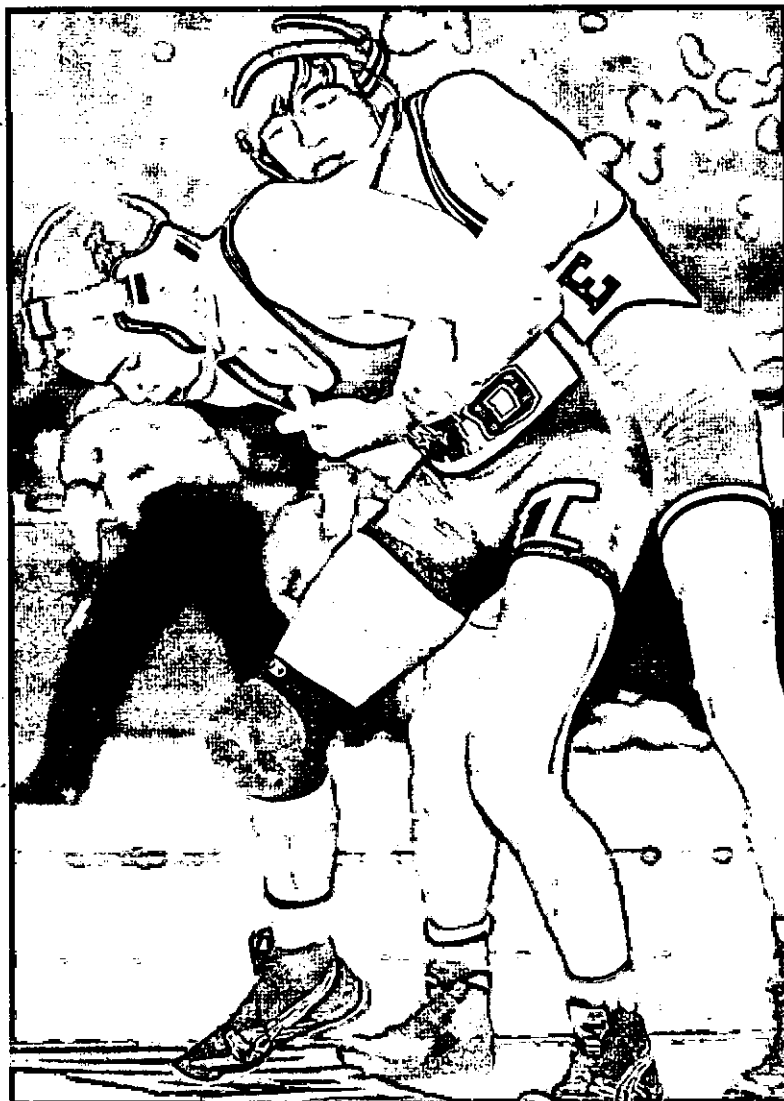
Lyman, who finished sixth at 125 pounds last year, reached the semifinal round at this year's tournament before losing to Attica's Lance Compton 5-2. Compton scored two takedowns in the opening period and only allowed Lyman a pair of escapes.

Lyman bounced back in the consolation bracket, though. The junior edged North Rose Wolcott's Greg Shovel 7-6 in the consolation semifinal before beating Munk in the finals.

Lyman was one of only seven Section II wrestlers in both divisions to reach the championship bracket semifinals at states. He began the tournament by pinning Clifton-Fine's Evan Popham in the first period, and he scored an 8-4 victory over Munk in the quarterfinals.

Voorheesville's Taylor Treadgold had a rough go of it in the 125-pound division. Paired against top-seeded Quinton Murphy of Holley, Treadgold lost a 5-1 decision in the opening round. He then suffered a 2-1 overtime loss to Attica's Vinnie Napierski in a consolation bracket bout.

The Section II team placed fifth in the Division II standings with 135.5 points. Section V (Rochester) won the team title with 282.5 points, with Palmyra-Macedon leading the way with 86 points.



R-C-S's Andy Lyman tries to get out of Lance Compton's grasp during their 130-pound semifinal bout.
Rob Jonas/Spotlight

Classic game won't help hockey

First, a clarification from last week's column. When I mocked Canada for its "Own the Podium" campaign, I believed it wanted to own the entire Olympic podium. As it turned out, it just wanted to own the top of the podium, which it accomplished with 14 gold medals. As Canadians are fond of saying, sorry about that. OK, moving on...

I think that Sunday's Olympic gold medal classic between the United States and Canada was one of the best hockey games in recent memory. Lots of back-and-forth action, plenty of big saves by both goaltenders and Sidney Crosby scoring the winning goal in overtime to send Canada into a maple leaf frenzy. You couldn't ask for more, unless you wanted the U.S. to win.

What I don't think is that this game will turn America into a nation of hockey fans. It was fun to watch this country's best professional players play evenly with the more highly regarded Canadians, but for most Americans, hockey is only interesting when the Olympics are involved. Once the NHL season gets back in full swing and all those top-notch players disperse to their various organizations, Americans will go back to ignoring them.

Of course, I'll still be watching them because I'm addicted to hockey. But the average American sports fan will be watching Spring Training games and the NFL Draft. That's just how it is.

Much like the Canadian Olympic hockey team, the Siena men's basketball team faces the prospect of becoming a huge disappointment if it doesn't come through with a MAAC Tournament title.

Saints fans believed from the beginning that Siena would

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Brothers jump out to big lead in rout of Eagles

The Brothers grabbed a double-digit lead in the first quarter, and they never looked back in beating the Eagles 79-48 in last Thursday's Section II Class AA opening round game in Colonie.

Kameron Ritter scored 20 points to lead the top-seeded Brothers. Max Weaver contributed 13 points, and Galal Cainer added 11 points.

Corey Dente netted 10 points for Bethlehem.

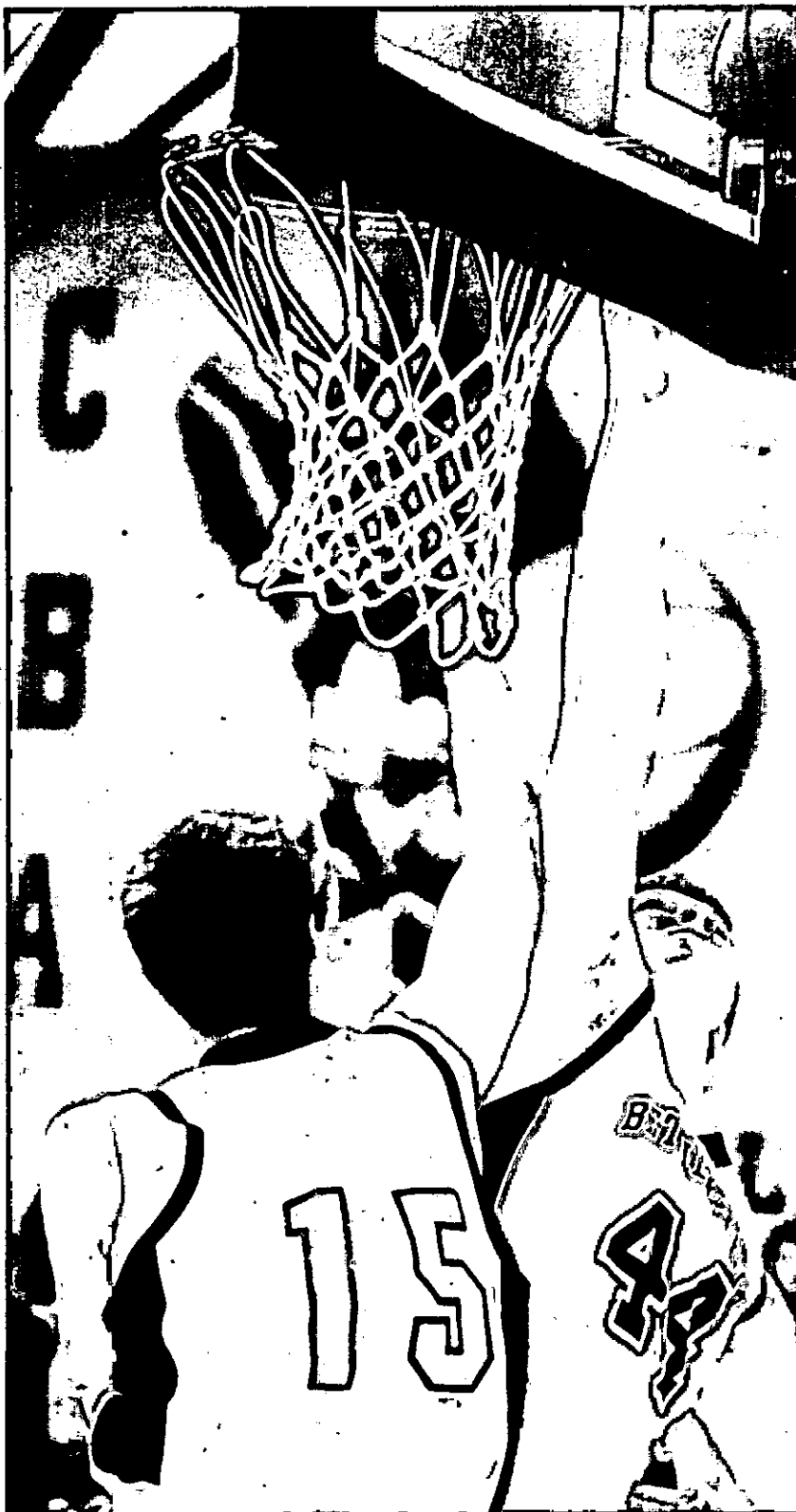
Guilderland's season also came to an end in the Class AA opening round, as Schenectady used a big third quarter to rally for a 57-49 victory over the Dutchmen last Thursday.

Guilderland (8-11) had a 28-24 halftime lead, but that soon vanished as Schenectady went on a 17-3 run in the third quarter to take command.

• **Reece Jackson** had 19 points, and **Joshua Williams** contributed 10 points for Schenectady. **Anthony Gallo's** 22 points paced Guilderland.

In Class C, last week's snowstorms didn't hurt Voorheesville as it defeated Greenwich 58-42 and Canajoharie 57-53 in a 24-hour time span last weekend.

The third-seeded Blackbirds (16-4) received 17 points from Ethan Mackey in last Friday's 16-point victory over Greenwich. Then, Mackey scored 26 points to lead Voorheesville past Canajoharie Saturday and into Wednesday's semifinal against Hoosick Falls.



Bethlehem's Ryan Stempsey (44) puts a shot off the backboard during last Thursday's Section II Class AA game at CBA. *Robert Good/Schoolphoto*

be headed to a third straight NCAA Tournament, but that can now only happen if the Saints win the league tournament first. If Siena loses any time between now and next Monday's title game, the Saints are headed to the NIT – three letters that used to be considered a nice consolation prize around here, but no longer following two consecutive appearances in March Madness.

Fortunately, Siena seems poised for a good run in the league tournament after blowing away Rider and Marist last weekend. But the Saints will need to continue playing at that level if they want to see their name on the NCAA Tournament bracket.

• On the opposite side of the local college basketball scene, the University at Albany men's team finished last in America East. I know that the Great Danes are going with a young lineup and they've had some close losses, but there comes a point where you have to admit that this is not a good team. Right now, UAlbany is not a good team.

• I'm not surprised that the Suburban Council flamed out in the quarterfinals of the Class AA boys basketball playoffs. After Shenendehowa, the overall level of talent dropped off significantly this season. Sad, but true.

At least the Suburban Council's dominance over the Big 10 in girls basketball remains intact with Colonie, Shaker and Shen all winning their quarterfinal games. Wednesday's semifinals should be interesting with Colonie and Shaker taking their crosstown rivalry to another level, while Shen battles Big 10 champion Catholic Central. As long as Shen plays like it did in throttling Amsterdam 56-32 last Saturday to get to the semis, it should be an all-Suburban Council final.

- Another non-surprise?

Section II's performance at last weekend's state wrestling tournament. While experienced wrestlers such as Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake's Zeal McGrew, Schalmont's Vince Gallo, Loudonville Christian's Brian Walsh and Shen's John Belanger all placed, many more area grapplers making their state tournament debuts struggled mightily.

Still, those struggles could make young wrestlers such as Shen's Nick Kelley, Shaker's Blake Retell and Niskayuna's Alex Espina better grapplers when next year's state tournament comes around. They can take the lessons they learned this year and work on their technique so they can go farther in 2011.

• Let's take a moment to honor one of the best senior classes of boys swimmers this region has ever produced – Shen's Jacob Johnson, Troy Nichols and Shayne Buckley; Shaker's Frankie Dyer; and Mohonasen-Schalmont's Michael Dugan. They all got to go out on top with either individual or relay titles at last weekend's state meet, and three of them – Johnson, Dyer and Dugan – will be swimming for NCAA Division I programs next year. That doesn't happen very often in these parts.

Of course, with so much talent leaving the region this year, it will be hard for Section II to replicate the success it had at the state swim meet (five first-place finishes and 13 top-eight performances). But we can worry about that next year.

• Finally, if I hear the word “snowstōrm” in a local fōrēcast between now and Dec. 21, I may lose it. Seriously, we don’t need any more snow – especially in the hilltowns. (And to think, we were in a snow drought before last week.)

That's it for this week, folks: But as always, I want to know what you're thinking. So go to your computers and e-mail me at jonasr@spotlightnews.com.






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Sports briefs

Eagles fall to defending champs

The Bethlehem hockey team's bid for its first Section II title came up one win short.

Defending Sectional champion Queensbury jumped out to a 2-0 lead and held on for a 4-2 win against the Eagles in Saturday's Division II final at the Glens Falls Civic Center.

Anthony Langevin and Brian Frederick scored midway through the first period to put the Spartans (15-7-1) in control. Stephen

Russo tallied early in the second period for the top-seeded Eagles (15-5-1) before Queensbury tacked on a pair of goals.

Division II Player of the Year Alex Cooper did what he could to keep Bethlehem in the game. The senior goaltender stopped 45 of the 49 shots he faced.

Queensbury goaltender Dylan Hafner made 18 saves to send the Spartans to their fourth straight Sectional title.

Buehler qualifies for state track meet

Bethlehem's Paul Buehler continued his strong indoor track and field season by winning the triple jump at Saturday's state qualifier meet at the University at Albany.

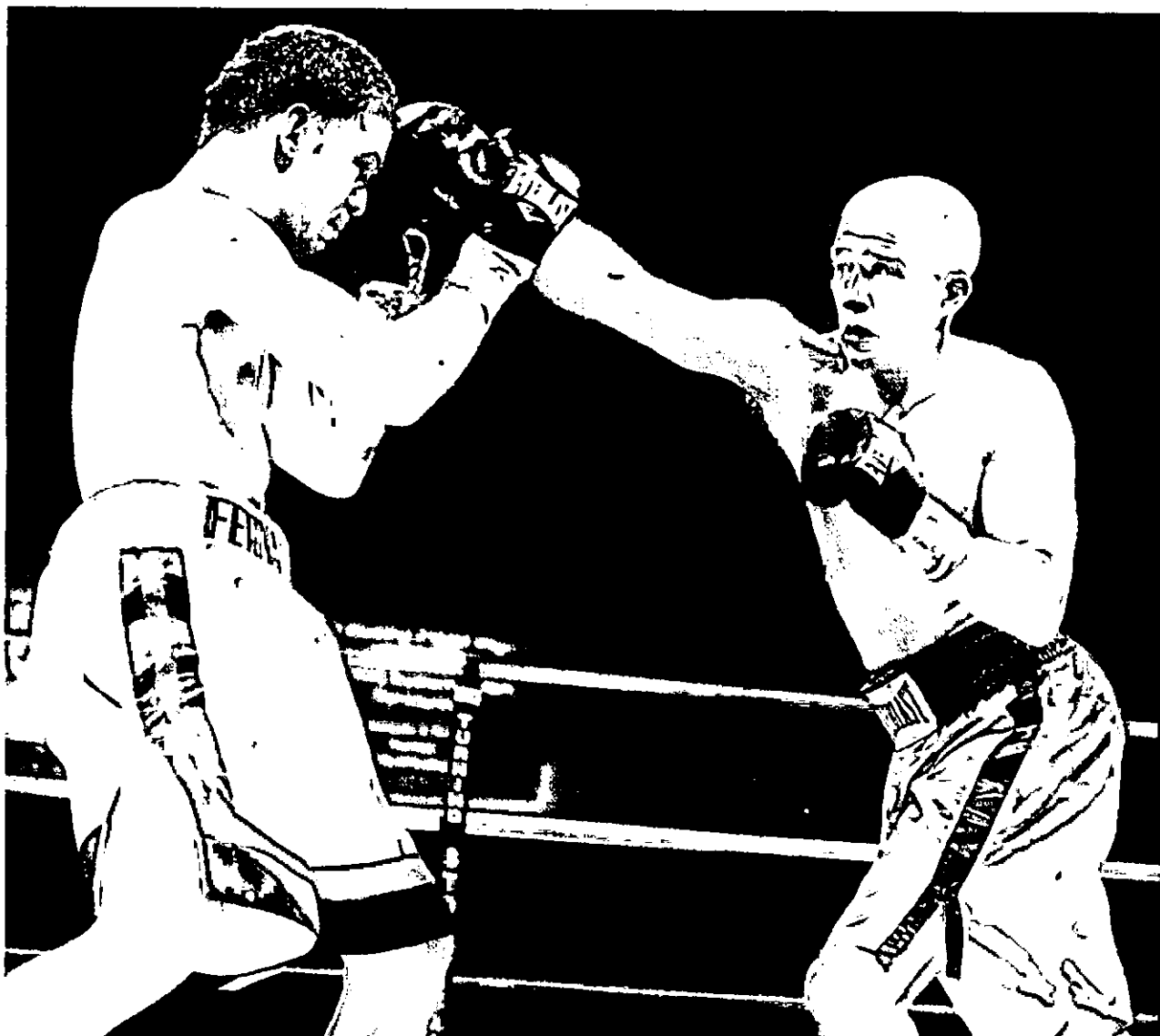
Buehler's best distance of 44 feet, 5 inches was nearly one foot better than his nearest competition as he secured a berth at this weekend's state meet.

Buehler was denied a

second individual title by Albany's Kareem Morris, though. Morris won the long jump with a leap of 22 feet, 7.75 inches, while Buehler placed second with a distance of 22 feet, 4.5 inches.

The Bethlehem boys 800-meter relay team also finished second at the state qualifier. Albany edged the Eagles at the finish line to win with a time of 1:36.9.

A connection is made



Guilderland's Michael Faragon, right, lands a shot on Fernando Basora's head during their light welterweight bout last Friday at Turning Stone Casino and Resort in Verona. Faragon recorded a technical knockout to raise his professional boxing record to 10-0.

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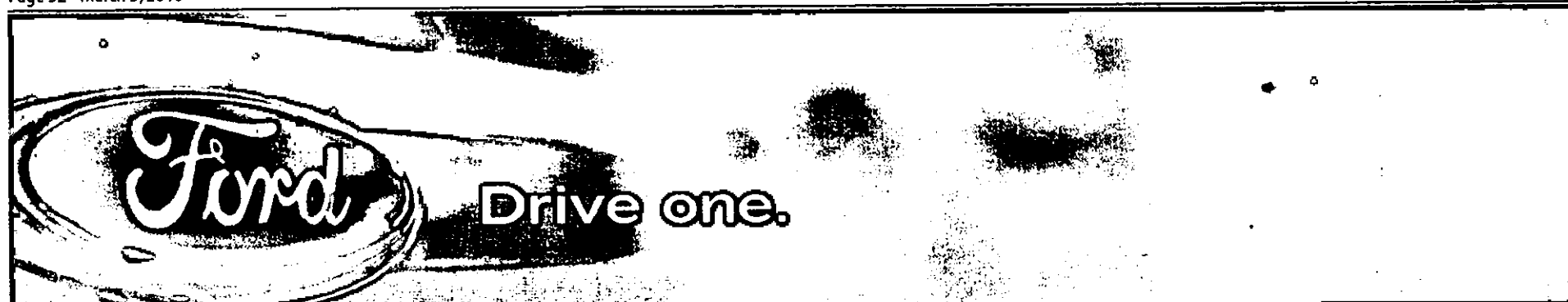
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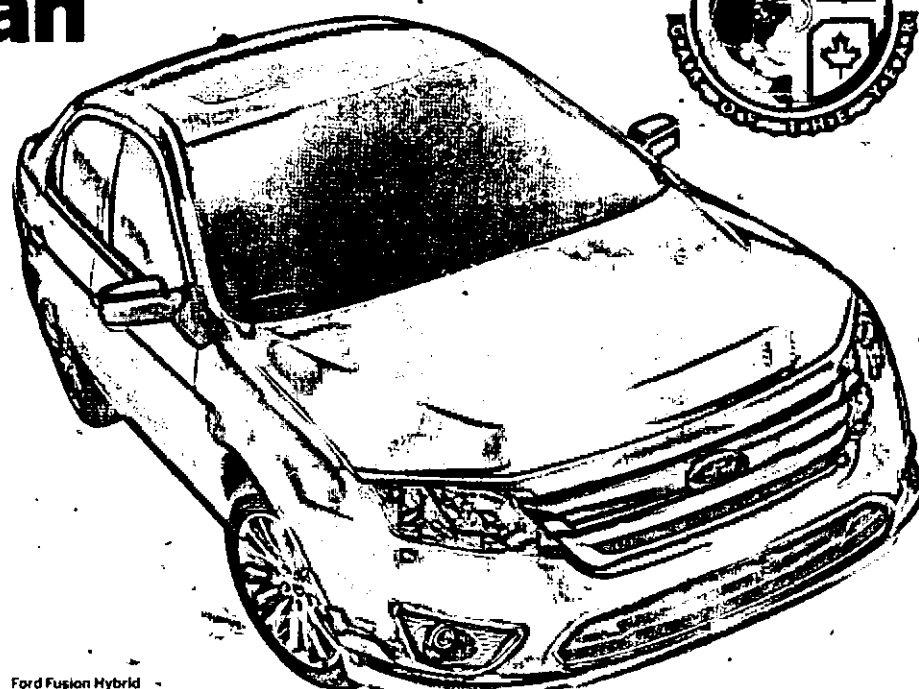
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