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To her mother, grandmother and those around her, Gracie Green is a champion, and now that title has been made official, since she's the Heart Champion for the 27th Capital Region Heart Ball.

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The Siena College Saints know who they're facing and where they're playing in this year's NCAA men's basketball tournament. All they need to do now is figure out how to avoid the first half blues.

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Size cap law defeated

Vote fails to get supermajority of New Scotland Town Board

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New Scotland's size cap law was defeated at a Thursday, March 11, special meeting of the Town Board at Voorheesville High School. Due to a protest petition signed by at least half of the businesses in the commercial zone, the 3-to-2 vote in favor of the law was not sufficient to pass the measure, which now requires a supermajority.

"We are going to live with what we got and hope no large retail development tries to locate here," said Supervisor Tom Dolin following the vote, adding that he would be meeting with those opposed to the size cap to see if they could find some "common ground."

The Town Board introduced the size cap law, which was officially called Local Law B of 2010, at its Wednesday, Jan. 27, meeting. The vote to introduce the law and pass it on to the Planning Board passed 4-to-1, with Councilman Rich Reilly representing the only dissenting vote. That vote seemed to indicate the passage of a size cap law was near, following nearly three years of vocal debate in the wake of Sphere Development LLC's announcement that it intended to build a shopping center with a possible anchor of Target on the site of the former Bender Melon farm.



Despite sign-toting supporters and a 3 to 2 vote in favor of a size-cap law, the New Scotland Town Board fell short of the supermajority required due to a protest petition being filed by landowners in the commercial zone.

Ryan Munks/Spotlight

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Students at Glenmont Elementary School line up to make deposits during their weekly school banking day. Students can build their own First Niagara account, which educators say teaches a valuable life skill.

Charles Wiff/Spotlight

Making sense through saving cents

BC's school banking program builds savers early on

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Kids learn early on that five and five make ten, but when do they learn that two nickels make a dime?

Bethlehem Central School District's school banking program aims to have that realization come sooner rather than later. Elementary students have the opportunity to open a First Niagara

bank account and, during a specified time weekly, make deposits during school hours. Letting students manage their own account takes math principles out of the classroom and into the real world, said Glenmont Elementary Principal Laura Heffernan.

"We're teaching our children the value of saving their money," she said. "Those are life skills that they'll need."

All six BC elementary schools participate in the program. Parent volunteers use computer software provided by the bank to take donations, and give students

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Breslin delivers State of the County

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In Albany County Executive Michael Breslin's State of the County address, he laid out a number of fiscal challenges faced by the county and estimated next year's budget deficit to be about \$35 million.

Breslin's address, which took place Monday, March 8, at the Albany County Office Building, focused on the county's economic challenges, much like Gov. David Paterson's State of the State address focused on the state's

economic challenges. Breslin said the county's unemployment rate has reached its highest on record - 8 percent, and the price of homes has declined by 6.5 percent.

Another economic hit taken by the county as a result of the recession has been a decrease in sales tax revenues.

"Our 2009 sales tax receipts were the lowest we have seen since 2005, dropping more than \$11 million just last year," said Breslin.

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Porco verdict upheld

A state appellate court has upheld Christopher Porco's 2006 murder conviction.

Porco will continue serving his two consecutive sentences of 25 years to life in prison for killing his father and attacking his mother with an axe in their Delmar home in 2004.

Lawyers for Porco had argued that an affirmative nod by mother Joan Porco when asked after the attack if her son had attacked her should be treated as an "excited utterance" and deemed inadmissible in court.

The Appellate Division Second Department court unanimously upheld the lower court's ruling that the nod was the result of direct questioning.

"...The affirmative nod was

not made spontaneously, but in response to probing, direct questions by the detective and, as such, constituted testimonial hearsay subject to exclusion from evidence..." the decision reads in part.

Police questioned Joan Porco following the attack because they believe she could die of her injuries. She later said she had no recollection of the attack.

The court also upheld other elements of the prosecution's case that were challenged on appeal. The defense will have the opportunity to continue the appeal process in the state Supreme Court.

The trial and appeal was held in the New York City court because father Peter Porco was a clerk in the local Appellate Division Third Department.



Police Blotter

Two charged with selling heroin out of Bethlehem home

The Albany County Sheriff's Office Drug Interdiction Unit, along with the assistance of the Tri-County SWAT Team and the North Greenbush Police Department, arrested two men on drug charges Friday, March 5.

Police said Ronald A. Davis, 38, and his cousin Torrin Matthews, 26, both of 246 North Greenbush Road, Troy, dealt heroin from their home, and had previously done the same in Bethlehem. An early-morning SWAT team raid at their East Greenbush home discovered a heroin mill used to process and distribute heroin, according to police.

Inspector John Burke of the Sheriff's Office Drug Interdiction Unit said police had been aware for about the past month the two were running an operation at 40 Hanover Drive in Bethlehem and had the location under observation, but the pair moved due to "rent problems" before police could execute a search warrant.

"We had been watching the house for a while," he said.

Police arrested the two in East Greenbush shortly after they relocated.

Customers would travel from as far as Warren County to purchase the

drug, which was sold in varying amounts and branded by way of a label on the packaging, according to police. Burke said he did not know of any connection to a large Bethlehem heroin bust that occurred about a year ago.

Davis was charged with criminal sale of a controlled substance in the third degree, a felony, and Matthews was charged with criminal facilitation in the fourth degree, a misdemeanor.

Both were arraigned before Bethlehem Town Judge Paul Dwyer and remanded to the Albany County jail.

- Charles Wiff



Police said two men allegedly dealt heroin out an apartment in this Bethlehem building before moving their operation to East Greenbush, where they were recently arrested. Police had the house on Hanover Drive under surveillance for a month.

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Teen charged with booze theft

Guilderland police arrested Joshua K. Geier, 19, of 103 Serif Lane, Schenectady, on Tuesday, March 9, and charged him with burglary in the second and third degrees, both felonies, and petite larceny, a misdemeanor.

According to police, Geier allegedly entered a garage on Depot Road in Altamont and took a bottle of Jack Daniels. Police said Geier then allegedly entered the residence on the property with the intent to commit another larceny. He was arrested, and arraigned later that day in Guilderland Town Court.

Other arrests

• Guilderland police arrested Edward Overton Ware, 55, of Richmond Va., on Thursday, March 4, and charged him with DWI and leaving the scene of a accident.

Police responded to a motor vehicle accident around Western and Arcadia avenues, in which witnesses said a gray minivan struck a sign, a small retaining wall,

and continued to head down Western Avenue before turning right on Elmwood Avenue. Police responding to the call eventually found Wade at 1465 Western Ave., in a gray minivan with extensive damage on the passenger side.

According to police, there was a strong odor of alcohol emanating from the vehicle. Ware failed subsequent field sobriety tests and was arrested. A Breathalyzer test showed Ware with a BAC of 0.16. Ware was arraigned at Guilderland Town Court on Thursday, March 11.

• Guilderland police arrested Eric W. Kurpiel, 27, of 1420 Western Ave., Albany, on Saturday, Feb. 27, and charged him with DWI. According to police, Kurpiel was pulled over on Western Avenue in the area of Parkwood Drive for having a headlight that was not working. Police also observed that the vehicle has extensive front and rear end damage, and that the driver's side airbag had been deployed.

Police observed a strong odor of alcohol

emanating from the vehicle. According to police, Kurpiel said he was involved in an accident on the Northway on his way home that evening. Kurpiel failed subsequent sobriety tests and was charged with DWI. He will be arraigned in Guilderland Town Court on Thursday, March 18.

• The Bethlehem Police Department on Friday, March 5, charged Robert H. Neal, 40, of 1813 Curry Road, Schenectady, with DWI and felony aggravated unlicensed operation following a traffic stop.

Police allegedly observed Neal's vehicle crossing the yellow line several times while traveling southbound on Rivinger Road in Selkirk. It took Neal 800 to 900 yards before stopping once police activated emergency lights to pull him over, according to arrest reports.

Police noticed the odor of alcohol on Neal, and he exhibited sluggish responses and glassy, bloodshot eyes, according to arrest reports. When asked to produce his

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Hotel holds benefit for workers facing tough times

Brunch event to raise money for employees with family members battling cancer

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The employees of the Best Western on Western Avenue are holding a benefit for two employees whose family members

are battling cancer.

The benefit will take place on Sunday, March 21, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the hotel's 1228 Grill Restaurant. It will be in the form of a brunch, complete with pancakes, sausage, eggs, potatoes, muffins, scones, cereal, oatmeal, coffee, teas and juices, and it will be open to anyone who is

willing to make a donation to the families.

Flow Fruehwirth, a bartender at the hotel, has been supporting her husband during his battle with Hodgkin's lymphoma, a cancer that originates in the white blood cells.

Ariana Ramos, a server at the hotel, has taken a leave of absence in order to care for her

infant daughter who was recently diagnosed with a rhabdoid tumor, a rare, highly malignant tumor that occurs in children.

"Both families are dealing with hospital issues. Flow's husband is actually back in the hospital for the third week in a row now," said Carol Robinson, an employee at the hotel.

Robinson said Ramos had to take a leave of absence to be with her daughter, who is being treated at The Children's Hospital in Buffalo.

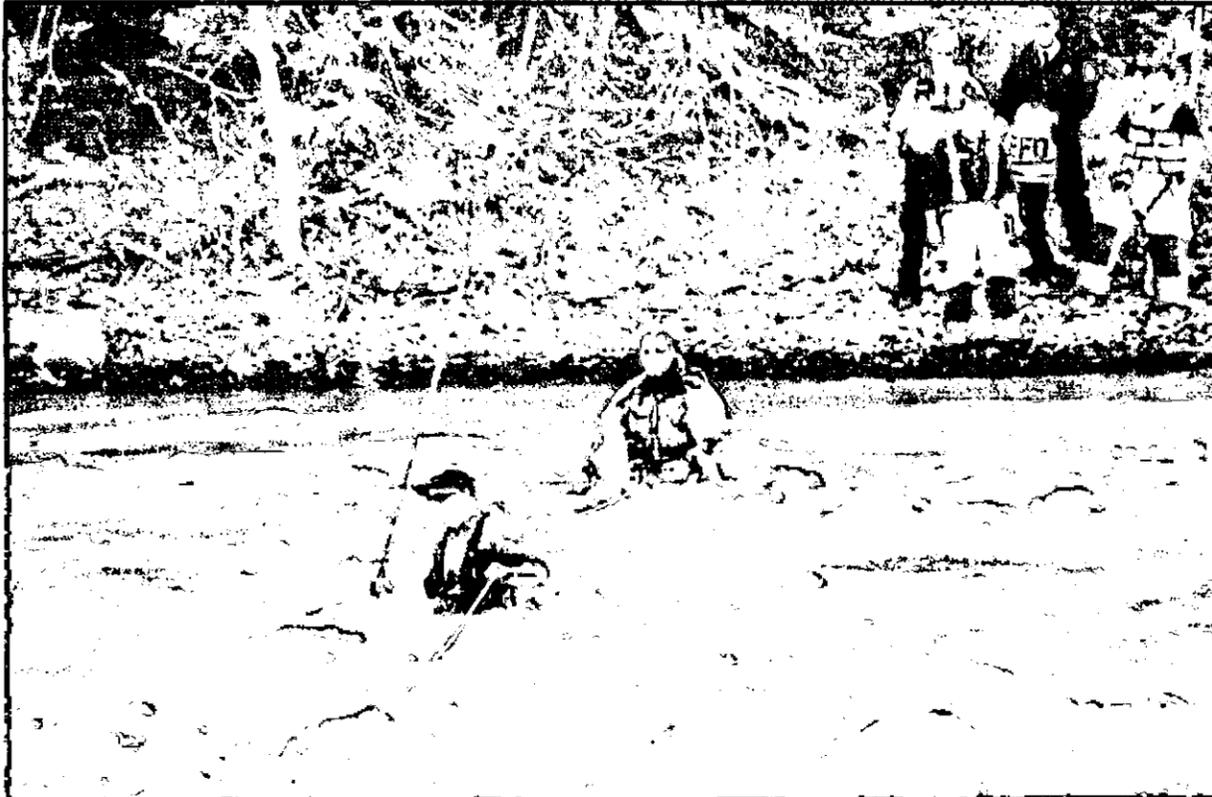
Marshal Morgan, the hotel's restaurant supervisor, and the organizer of the event, said that he was motivated to help the two families because of his own family's

struggle with the disease.

"When I was younger, my sister was diagnosed with cancer," said Morgan. "We had a close friend throw a benefit - kind of like what we are doing here - for my family."

Morgan said it was not only the money from

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A fisherman trying out a new fly-fishing reel became stranded in the fast-moving current and had to be pulled from the Normanskill.



Photos by Tom Heffernan Sr./Spotlight

Emergency workers rescue fisherman

Man became trapped in fast-moving current of Normanskill

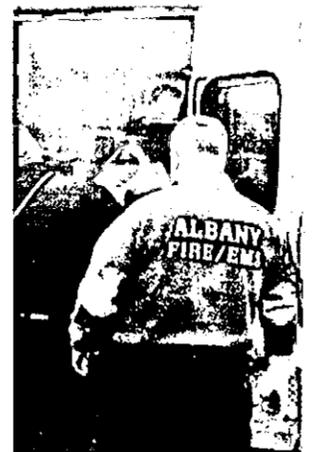
Emergency workers on Wednesday, March 10, plunged into the Normanskill to retrieve a fly fisherman who had become stranded in the middle of the river.

Members of the Albany Fire Department, assisted by Albany County, City of Albany and Town of Bethlehem emergency personnel, waded out in wetsuits to help David Kelley, of Albany, safely to shore. He was transported by Delmar EMS to Albany Medical Center.

Lt. Thomas Heffernan of the Bethlehem Police Department said Kelley had been trying out a new fly fishing reel when he found himself immobilized in the fast moving current.

"He basically became trapped and he wasn't able to move," Heffernan said.

Kelley was able to signal a woman at a small park near the bank of the river, who called 911 at about



Emergency workers pulled a fisherman from the Normanskill Wednesday, March 10.

2:15 p.m. Emergency vehicles quickly arrived on the scene and rescuers attempted to throw ropes to Kelley, but in the end had to wade out to him. He was eventually pulled out onto the Bethlehem side of the river.

Just under an hour elapsed from the emergency call to the all clear.

"It's a quick response and a quick rescue, which obviously benefits him," Heffernan said.

- Charles Wiff

Grassroots group plans two-day rally for Thacher Park

Assemblyman sounds off on state's proposal

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The grassroots movement to keep Thacher Park open will be continuing its efforts by hosting a two-day rally called "Thacher Day Out"

on Saturday, March 27, and Sunday, March 28, at the park.

"It's being organized through the Facebook group '2000 to Save Thacher Park,' which is actually at 36,000," said Chris Bonham, one of the event's organizers. The 2000 to Save Thacher Park group is the same one that organized the Wednesday, March 3, protest that took place outside the Capitol building following the governor's announcement that budget cuts could result in the closing of the popular park.

The event drew dozens of protesters, and Assemblyman Steve

"We didn't even have a chance to discuss the matter with the state government."

- Chris Bonham, event organizer

Englebright, D-Setauket, chairman of the New York State Assembly's Committee on Tourism, and John McEneny D-Albany, were speakers.

According to Bonham, the Thacher Day Out rally will include a picnic, a band, and additional speakers advocating to keep the park open.

"This rally is to show awareness and gain support to save not only

Thacher Park, but all state parks and historical sites," said Bonham.

The rally is being held in response to the Friday, Feb. 19, announcement by Gov. David Paterson and the Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historical Preservation that 41 of its 178 parks, including Thacher, and 14 of its 38 historic sites will be closed as a result cuts made to the department in the executive budget.

"We didn't even have a chance to discuss the matter with the state government. The state just

came out and said this is what we are going to do," said Bonham.

Bonham said that is particularly troubling with Thacher Park, because, ultimately, John Boyd Thacher gave the park to the people of the state, not the state government.

While the grassroots movement started on social networking sites, Albany legislators have taken notice.

"They are doing an excellent job," said McEneny of the organizers.

He specifically mentioned the group placing signs along the parade route during the Saturday, March 13, St. Patrick's Day parade in downtown Albany.

McEneny and Englebright met with Carol Ash, commissioner

of the Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historical Preservation, on Monday, March 15, to make their case to keep parks open.

"I'd be disappointed in myself if I can't get Thacher Park open," said McEneny.

McEneny said that depending on whether the state decides to use money from the environmental protection fund, keeping the parks open would cost between \$6 million and \$12 million, an amount that it would easily make up for through tourist dollars.

He also called the state's proposal "terribly shortsighted." He said prohibiting law-abiding citizens from using the park will invite undesirable activity in the park, such as graffiti on the Helderberg Escarpment.

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My siblings may have wanted a new TV

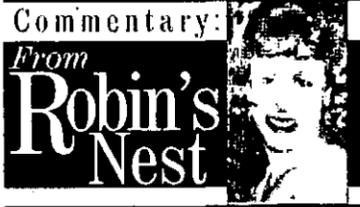
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My parents decided to start a "second family" when my siblings were about 8 and 11. The goal was to have two more children, but health issues caused a revision in the plan, and I ended up the third and final child. Due to the age gap, in many ways I was an "only" child, albeit one with siblings.

By the time I came along, my mom and dad had a fair amount of parental experience. They were more mature, better off financially and calmer when it came to discipline methods (in other words, I never got spanked).

I went off to elementary school and my brother and sister became "those people who sent me letters from college." Having these older siblings was like having a second, cooler set of parents. When they were home they would take me places and teach me things and give me advice about dealing with our actual less-than parents.

I was well into my 20s before I figured out that my older siblings hadn't been "grown ups" for as long as my child-self had believed. By the time I was nine, they were both in college, but even in their teen years they seemed quite knowledgeable and adult-like



to me.

My brother Steven would play in the yard with me and try to teach me to run football plays like "fake seven." Then he'd yell, "You run like a girl!"

One time I prayed for a snowstorm hoping he wouldn't be able to return to college at the end of his winter break. Much to my delight, my wish was granted and he had to stay home one more day!

When my sister Barbara finished graduate school, she took a job in Saratoga. A few times I went and spent the weekend at her apartment. I was about 11 years old. She'd treat me to McDonald's and we would also make and eat an entire chocolate cream pie.

Before long they both got married, making me a bridesmaid twice before I even turned 16. The gown I wore to my brother's wedding later served as a prom dress. I still have the matching dyed-purple, high-heeled strappy shoes.

Once they gained spouses it was almost like I had three sets of parents, with the

whole entourage coming to school plays and graduation ceremonies.

When I was 16, my brother took me out for my first driving lesson. Mom was so anxious. She told him, "She can't go driving. She's never driven before!" Hence, the point of a lesson, my brother explained to her. He was very brave.

My brother's car was some sort of sedan. I don't remember if it had two doors or four, but I know for sure that it had a bench seat.

I got into the passenger side of the car and he drove us to a small parking lot just a couple miles away. Then we switched places and I got into the driver's seat and he gave me some driving pointers. Soon we decided that it would be better to practice in a larger lot. "I'll drive us up to the high school," he said.

I remember clearly how we switched places again. My brother got out of the passenger side of the car and walked around to return to the driver's seat. I simply slid over from the driver's seat into the passenger seat ... without first putting the car in "park." Oops.

Is this why mom was worried?

Nothing terrible happened, meaning the car didn't hit my

brother as he made his way to the driver's seat. But I'm pretty sure it started to move as he was climbing in. I felt pretty stupid, but he didn't even yell at me. When I got my license he gave me a key chain engraved with my initials.

When I returned home after graduating from college, I remember calling my sister to ask if she'd noticed a change in our parents. "They look the same," I told her, "But it's like aliens have invaded their minds. They act weird." She said, "Nope, this is how they've always been. You're just seeing them through more grown-up eyes." Well, she'd known them longer, so I figured she was right.

There wasn't really any rivalry between my siblings and me, although I often was jealous of the years as a unit: Jealous before I came along, of the time they spent with grandparents and other memories of living in Brooklyn, of the silly stories and private jokes they had amassed as children.

My father and sister that my brother and sister were on board with the idea of having a new sibling. "When your mother was pregnant," he tells me, "they both put in writing that they would baby sit." My sister said she'd work for free; my brother negotiated a penny an hour. They definitely had a role in raising me. There's

even a photograph of the two of them giving me a bath. Now that all three of us are middle-aged, that seems kind of weird.

I think it must have been a big change to add a baby to the family after so many years.

My father told me, "Your siblings were outgrowing the hugging stage and your mother decided she wanted more children. We were also thinking about buying a TV."

"So you were deciding between a baby and a new TV?" I asked him.

He continued, "My boss at the time had young teens. He said all his wife did was chauffeur them around all the time. He understood what your mom was feeling. He said we should have the baby, and that we could eventually buy a TV too. He pointed out that we'd be in debt either way."

I have reaped many benefits from being both an "only" child and having two older siblings. When I've needed advice about driving, college, job interviews, marriage, buying a home, or raising a child, there has always been a sibling with relevant experience. When I've needed money, there has always been a parent to provide. And even though I was clearly spoiled, my brother and sister managed to love me anyway.

I'm sure glad they did have a chance to vote for the TV.

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WEEKLY WEATHER

Chief Meteorologist Mike Bono



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Record high/low/year?		
AVERAGE HIGH	46°	
AVERAGE LOW	27°	
Day	High/Year	Low/Year
Wednesday, March 17	75°/1990	-1°/1916
Thursday, March 18	65°/1966	-8°/1900
Friday, March 19	75°/1894	-10°/1967
Saturday, March 20	74°/1903	2°/1967
Sunday, March 21	78°/1921	-1°/1956
Monday, March 22	80°/1938	2°/1875
Tuesday, March 23	80°/1938	-4°/1875

SEASONAL SNOWFALL TO DATE
45.2 inches as of Friday, March 12th
8.4 inches below average

This week in weather

March 20th 1990 On the first day of spring, the Northeast was in the midst of a snowstorm. Up to 15 inches of snow was reported in the Catskills and Adirondacks. The storm resulted in one death and forty-nine injuries. There was more rain than snow in Albany.

Sun & Moon

Day	Sunrise	Sunset
Wednesday	7:04am	7:04pm
Thursday	7:02am	7:05pm
Friday	7:00am	7:06pm
Saturday	6:59am	7:07pm
Sunday	6:57am	7:09pm
Monday	6:55am	7:10pm
Tuesday	6:53am	7:11pm

Moon Phases



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

Area Ski Conditions

Resort	Base Depth	Lifts	Trails
Gore Mtn.	31" - 54"	9	72
Whiteface	27" - 38"	9	80
Bromley	33" - 48"	5	45
Mt. Snow	36" - 50"	10	79
Okemo	40" - 48"	12	119
Belleayre	48" - 94"	6	50
Stowe	36" - 60"	10	113
Killington	42" - 54"	16	140

Factoid

Legend has it that on the day of the spring equinox, you can balance an egg on its end. However, one can balance an egg on its end any day of the year...if one has enough patience.

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Day	High	Low
Wednesday	6:51am, 7:04pm	1:11am, 1:39pm
Thursday	7:27am, 7:39pm	1:50am, 2:23pm
Friday	8:04am, 8:15pm	2:29am, 3:08pm
Saturday	8:45am, 8:57pm	3:09am, 3:57pm
Sunday	9:32am, 9:47pm	3:55am, 4:49pm
Monday	10:26am, 10:48pm	4:47am, 5:44pm
Tuesday	11:28am, 11:57pm	5:46am, 6:42pm

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BC continues to find ways to cut

Next workshop to feature instruction, athletics

By CHARLES WIFF
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The Bethlehem Central School District Board of Education continued paring down the 2010-11 school budget Wednesday, March 10, tentatively approving approximately \$364,000 in cuts to the special education and technology portions of the budget.

The board will review the reductions again before formally adopting a budget later in March.

Last year, the technology portion of the budget was spared from cuts, and there was some discussion as to whether this was one area of the budget too important to cut.

"It would be a huge setback with where we want to go," said Assistant Superintendent Jody Monroe.

A \$125,000 cut to the technology replacement fund would likely mean neither the middle or high schools would see wireless Internet next year and, if the cut is maintained longer, the 6-year replacement schedule for computers could be pushed back. Board Vice President Lisa Allendorph dissented in the tentative vote.

Allendorph and Board Member Charmaine Wijeyesinghe dissented on a tentative vote to cut two technology aides (of five), which would substantially increase repair service times for computers and other equipment district wide.

In the area of special education, the board

tentatively approved \$236,000 in cuts, which Pupil Personnel Services Director Rita Levay said are least harmful to the program.

"We have spent a lot of time looking at every student that we serve," she said. "It has been challenging, but I believe we can do that."

The cuts include a teacher (of 49, to be removed by attrition), two certified occupational therapist assistants and a staff aide.

In addition to the personnel reductions, the special education program would stop providing speech and motor improvement for students not falling under state mandate.

There was some discussion as to whether cutting the COTAs was a wise decision, as there are only six occupational therapists and assistants in the department. These workers generally help struggling students one-on-one in the classroom and are viewed as a way to keep kids from having to formally enter a special education program.

"I've seen firsthand the services that have been provided in my classroom," said Slingerlands Elementary teacher Colleen Sieme. "We all know early intervention

"We have spent a lot of time looking at every student that we serve. It has been challenging, but I believe we can do that."

Pupil Personnel Services Director Rita Levay

is important.

Levay said this work will still be done, and because of certification issues COTAs did have to be supervised, creating staffing issues.

"It's not the perfect solution, but it's the solution I think we've come up with," Levay said.

The district is making the tentative budget cuts in hopes of lessening the impact of the year-to-year budget gap. If the district were to maintain the same program as offered this year, the increase in expenses and decrease in revenues (including a proposed \$2.5 million reduction in state aid to the district) would present officials with a gap of almost \$4 million. Taxpayers would face a 7 percent tax levy hike if the 2010-11 budget were not cut back.

Officials spoke Wednesday of the difficulty of approving such cuts.

"None of this is easy, from the administration's standpoint or the school

board's standpoint," Board of Education President James Dering said. "We're trying to find the best that we can do with the money we're going to have."

Other items

The district is continuing to examine facility usage fees, and took a look at a tentative fee schedule that would see slight fee increases across the board for facility use by community groups.

At the previous week's budget workshop, the board had examined a proposal to close the Middle School pool to save on maintenance and energy use. Several members of the Delmar Dolphin Swim Team said they'd rather pay higher fees than no longer have the pool available for use.

The tentative fee schedule has the pool rental fees jumping from \$15 to \$50 per hour, the largest increase out of all

facilities. The board will revisit the fee structure on Wednesday, March 24.

The next board meeting will be Wednesday, March 17, when the K-12 instructional program and athletics will be among the items of discussion. 14 teaching positions are among the cuts administrators will put forward. That meeting will be held at the high school in anticipation of high attendance.

The Board of Education is scheduled to adopt a budget the following week, on March 24, or on March 31 if they cannot reach a consensus at that meeting. The public votes on the budget May 18.

The public will also vote on a separate \$1.4 million bus replacement referendum, the cost of which is not included in the budget. If approved, the cost would be bonded over five years.

The referendum, approved Wednesday night, includes 15 vehicles—11 large buses, four medium ones, and

would equate to zero growth in the Transportation Department's fleet.

The referendum is \$200,000 higher than last year's, even though fewer vehicles are included. The cost of steel and new EPA emission standards are driving up the price of vehicles, said district CFO Judith Kehoe, who added deferring the purchase of new buses can result in hidden maintenance costs.

"The newer buses are easier to maintain," she said.

It is possible the Board of Education will also put to vote a referendum to increase the walking distance from the high and middle schools from one half mile to a greater distance. They will be receiving more information on the impact and potential cost savings from the Transportation Department at their next budget workshop.

There is no walking distance for elementary schools; all students are offered bus service.

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Matters of Opinion *Spotlight* in the

Top 10 things we'd like to see on the Bender Melon Farm

New Scotland's size cap law has languished for more than a few years, and its most recent iteration was defeated last week at a special meeting of the Town Board, after a protest petition signed by at least half of the businesses in the commercial zone forced a supermajority vote on the matter.

The vote wound up being 3-to-2 in favor of the law, with Council members Richard Reilly and Debra Baron against, but it was not sufficient to pass the measure.

So much of the debate has centered on what people don't want on the Bender Melon Farm that we at The Spotlight have decided to list our top 10 suggestions for what should be on the farm:

10. A melon farm. Think about it, you wouldn't even have to change the name.
9. A 750,000 square-foot inflatable bounce house shaped like a Target. You know, for the kids.
8. District 9. One word: Prawns. And you thought the pictures at www.peopleofwalmart.com were gross.
7. A big camp for people who like big-box stores. (That way we can better keep an eye on 'em.)
6. Bethlehem Town Hall, because apparently development on the farm would ruin two towns.
5. Residential development. Spot-zoning is cool if it works out in your favor.
4. NS4SED headquarters, complete with helipad and "secret melon entrance."
3. A money tree that voters in New Scotland get to decide whether or not the farm's owners can use.
2. A gigantic sign for the newly formed New Scotland Chamber of Commerce that reads "Welcome (some) businesses."
1. Just what the voters want: Absolutely nothing.

By the way, New Scotland, you will be sued if you don't handle this a little more effectively than you have over the past few years. If that happens, every New Scotland taxpayer, whether they're for or against big-box development, will foot the bill. Get it straightened out.

If you'd like to take a somewhat more serious stab at what should happen with the Bender Melon Farm, log on to www.spotlightnews.com, scroll down to our Web poll and cast your vote.

Editorial

St. Pat's a celebration of Irish heritage

By SEAN AHERN
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It's true that on St. Patrick's Day, everyone is Irish. The hard part for everyone else is being a Brady, Sullivan, Quinn, or Ahern the other 364 days of the year.

March 17 is, of course, St. Patrick's Day, the day every year that people gather from all walks of life to celebrate the driving of snakes (read: pagans) from Ireland by Saint Patrick(s), who is of course the patron saint of Guinness, peat, Jameson and disdain for the English.

Many Irish-Americans use this holiday as a way of celebrating their Irish heritage, but for the overarching masses in the county it's another reason to get three sheets to the wind on green beer, eat over salted meat products and sing out of tune renditions of "Danny Boy" late into the night.

All of which "get my Irish up," as my mother would say.

I have always worn my 99.9 percent third-generation Irish heritage like a badge of honor, even going as far as to tell an English Social Studies teacher I once had that she was wrong in her description of the Bloody Sunday riots in the 1970s. Because of the work of my grandfather, I can trace my family lineage back to the house where my great grandmother grew up in County Kerry, Ireland, know that I had family running guns for the IRA during the Irish Revolution as a part of the Sinn Finn and that my great grandmother's head was shaved by the Black and Tans, mercenaries employed by the British in Ireland as police, for speaking out against the King of England at the time.

In my own research, I have found that my family's Latin motto is "Per Ardua Surgo," meaning "I rise through difficulties" - an apt motto for a modern Irish family that came to this country at the turn of the last century and has worked to find out where it came from since.

Point of View

In 1910, my great-grandfather immigrated to New York City, my great-grandmother would emigrate later in 1925. In a city of millions, two people from the same small area in southern Ireland re-acquainted themselves and were married in 1927.

My grandfather, Patrick, and his brother, John, soon followed. My Uncle John would go on to be a Roman Catholic priest, running a homeless shelter in SoHo to this day. My grandparents somehow managed to raise my father, his four brothers and three sisters. From 1927 to 2009, the Ahern family has grown into a large, comical and boisterous group. Sometimes we have disagreements, but nothing that can't be settled by a few off-color jokes and "merriment."

Since my first family tree assignment in fifth grade, I have found myself interested in my own family heritage. While other kids were bored to death to hear that they were some sort of German, Mexican, French-Canadian conglomerate, I was able to proudly speak of my near flawless heritage and connection to "Eire" that writers such as William Yeats and James Joyce spoke so fondly of. My grandfather was nice enough to lend, and later let me keep, the badge worn by my great Aunt Mae Ahern as a member of the Cumann Na mBán during the Irish Revolutionary War. She was presented with the medal in 1971 for her contributions to the fight for freedom. Both items hold a lot of significance for me, giving me a direct connection to "The Troubles" in Ireland after the Easter Rebellion and directly before the revolutionary war that would leave the country split between English and Irish rule.

Fun Fact: When I visited Ireland in the fall of 2007, students I encountered in the Republic of Ireland said that they didn't want Northern Ireland because of its lack

of economic stability. I've recently heard that since the major economic downturn in 2009, the Republic of Ireland's unemployment rate now doubles our own percentages nationally. Nothing's holding you back now, folks.

My family motto and knowing that I am only four generations away from someone who helped to change the course of Irish history helps me remember what St. Patrick's Day is all about.

As I look at the history of Ireland, difficulties have long been a part of its past. Famine, repression, depression, rebellion, religion and acts of "policing" and "terrorism" have made the shoreline run red with blood and sent many of the island's children abroad to Canada, the United States and Australia. But through it all, Ireland still prospers culturally and as a member of a global community. The Irish Army sends peacekeeping troops across the globe as parts of United Nation task forces, and the nation's people have made key contributions to the literary and art worlds. The country gave us Liam Neeson, whom I believe to be a long-lost uncle (call me).

Looking at my own large and extended family I see that, we too, have overcome many difficulties as a family and have become stronger because of it. Be it aunt, uncle, sister or cousin - I am amazed by the things my family members are able to achieve in reaching for their goals. While other families, with their cool coats of arms with lions and gryphon's emblazoned on them, talk about their mottos of "Strongest in God's Eye," or "Glory and Honor," my family can actually live up to its century-old name.

St. Patrick's Day is a day of celebration and joy for my family and the Irish-Catholic and all of Ireland. This St. Patrick's Day, remember to be safe, happy and with loved ones. And if you can't do that, at least find someone who has an "O" in front of their name.

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Last week's poll results:

Question: What should be the first thing cut in school budgets?

- Sports. We shouldn't keep athletics at the expense of education.: 15%
- Arts. Theater and music should go before anything else.: 9%
- Teachers and administrators. They're all overpaid, anyway.: 15%
- A sensible reduction in most or all services is needed to balance school budgets in this financial crisis.: 59%

This week's question:

"What would you like to see on the Bender Melon Farm in New Scotland?"

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Your Opinion in The Spotlight

Community contributes to hockey team's success

Editor, *The Spotlight*:

Author and educator William A. Ward once said, "Adversity causes some men to break, others to break records." The 2009-10 Bethlehem Varsity Hockey team is living proof of this maxim. The team started the season not only with a new coaching staff, but also with the additional burden of having to raise approximately \$21,000 to pay for practice and game ice because of budget cuts. The team, however, kept their collective heads up and ended the season with an impressive 15-4-2 record. Moreover, this team was the first team in Bethlehem history in first place and to play in the divisional finals. In acknowledgment of these achievements, the Capital District High School Hockey League recognized seven players in its All-Star selections.

Of course, the players and coaches could not have done this without an overwhelming support network. The Bethlehem community showed up in full force at every home game and supported the various fund raisers throughout the season. The

parents of the players were tireless in volunteering to work at the games and fund raising. My fellow Booster board members worked year round to plan for the season and imaginatively come up with ideas for raising the needed money. The training provided by the Bethlehem Youth Hockey program over the years has helped produce the high-quality players for the Varsity team.

The Bethlehem School District worked with us every step of the way to ensure that we could have a successful season. Their staff members who worked at the games were cheerful and ardent supporters throughout the season. The staff of the Bethlehem YMCA helped us through the many hurdles during the season and worked tirelessly to provide quality ice throughout the season. Additionally, the YMCA gave us the latitude to run additional fund raisers in the rink.

Many businesses in the community bought ads and provided support, but a few deserve special recognition. Five Guys in Glenmont provided T-shirts

and gift cards for us to raffle and to toss to the crowd after every home goal. Five Guys also provided free hot dogs to our hungry players after every home game. Romo's Pizza in Glenmont kept our busy concession stand stocked with hot and delicious pizza. Main Square in Delmar and Hewitt's in Glenmont graciously allowed us to use their parking lots for team car washes that provided crucial early funding. And Gregory's Barbershop in Delmar opened on a Monday when it is typically closed to host a Cut-a-Thon that benefited the team.

Lastly, I'd like to thank Coach Andre Rodrigue and Assistant Coach Jason Wood for their tireless devotion to not only teaching our players about hockey but, more importantly, providing an example for them on and off the ice. They, and the Boosters, want to thank the entire Bethlehem community for helping us to be a success.

Michael Cooper
President
Bethlehem Varsity
Hockey Boosters

No one wants an empty big-box store

Editor, *The Spotlight*:

I am a resident of New Scotland and own a successful business of 35 years at Stuyvesant Plaza. I have a colorful history of dealing with developers throughout the Northeast.

Rich Reilly and Debbie Baron, do you really trust these developers? Read the Wall Street Journal and look around the Capital Region and you will see big box retail rethinking their business model and their expansion plans. The public is spending less — even in Walmart — and retailers are all cutting back on inventory.

New Scotland's low population base will not generate sales numbers to support the square footage minimums required to turn on the lights. And the shopping habits of the Capital District are well-entrenched — you will not get customers from across town and you surely will have alienated everyone locally from ever setting foot in one.

Take a look at Wolf Road, both the Barnes and Noble and Borders have abandoned their big boxes for smaller spaces in the malls and they still are not doing well. Office supplies, bed

and bath, hardware etc all the same saturation scenario played out over and over again across the country. Retailers are clearly not afraid to close down a big box when the numbers don't pan out.

Are you planning for this and how much will it cost New Scotland taxpayers to watch the weeds spring up in an abandoned parking lot? Would you then be willing to convert the big box into a retirement home for these same feckless developers? Only the naive or grossly misinformed would believe their inflated claims.

The owners of the big boxes are not afraid to say no to a developer, especially in this economy when dot.com sales are growing geometrically. Small is beautiful again. Communities are demanding it and the smart retailers, local or national chain, listen to their communities. The last thing either Walmart or Target wants is to lose a customer forever for a gamble on a field in New Scotland.

Empty big box stores! Really, who wants them?

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Your Opinion in The Spotlight

Economy bleak, but education cuts would be worse

Editor, *The Spotlight*:

Ten years ago, PS 32 in the Fordham section of the Bronx was a school in danger of state closure. Test scores were low, parental involvement was lacking and so was teamwork among school staff.

It was bleak. And with every passing day, PS 32 inched closer toward its own demise. Yet, rather than accept such fate, the school's staff and administration rallied. A strategic plan was implemented that included new professional development programs for teachers. More emphasis was placed on science

curriculum, additional teachers were hired and community workshops on math and technology were held, drawing crowds of parents.

Test scores soon climbed, with students showing substantial progress in English and math. And by 2009, the school received an "A" on the city's annual Department of Education's Progress report. Today, PS 32 — the school that once faced shutdown — ranks in the top 10 percent of all New York City elementary schools.

As a teacher at PS 32 for 20 years, I was fortunate to witness, firsthand, what's

possible when teachers, staff, administrators, parents and students work together for a greater good. Yet, what happened at PS 32 is hardly unique. Similar success stories can be found throughout the state.

Yes, these impressive turnarounds can be attributed to the hard work and commitment of teachers, administrators, parents and students. But critical, too, was the availability of resources necessary to add new teachers and essential programs. If Gov. David Paterson's proposal to slash \$1.4 billion in education aid stands,

however, replicating the type of achievement seen in the Bronx, Poughkeepsie and Elmira will become far more unlikely.

Paterson's cuts would cause lasting harm to students, school and taxpayers statewide. They would force schools to slash teachers and staff, lead to the elimination of important academic programs, and result in double-digit property tax hikes. Consider: In the Albany City School District, officials say the governor's proposed education cuts would result in the elimination of more than 100 positions, and likely mean program cuts and

a possible school closure. Meanwhile, in the low-income Wyandanch school district on Long Island — which would lose almost \$1 million under the governor's proposal — teacher layoffs, as well as the elimination of Advanced Placement courses, summer school, sports teams and bus rides are on the chopping block.

And the Williamsville School District near Buffalo, which is facing the loss of \$3 million in aid, may be forced to impose the biggest tax increase that homeowners have seen in years. Similar stories are playing out daily in districts throughout the state.

But as this state works to establish a high-tech, knowledge economy, we cannot afford to dismantle our children's education. And as we struggle for economic recovery, we cannot afford to send more people to the unemployment line and impose measures that make the burden heavier on already overwhelmed taxpayers.

Unless lawmakers reject the governor's education cuts, however, this will be our reality. And success stories like those in the Bronx, Poughkeepsie and Elmira will be few and far between.

Andrew Pallotta
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Officer cleared of second set of charges

Bethlehem police officer Christopher Hughes receiving full pay under disability law

By CHARLES WIFF
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A Public Employee Relations Board arbitrator has found Bethlehem Police Officer Christopher Hughes not guilty of disciplinary charges leveled against him by the department in June of 2009.

Hughes was charged with absence without leave, improper use of sick time, filing a false report and insubordination, stemming from an early-April incident.

Hughes said the decision supports his long held stance the department made baseless accusations in order to intimidate him.

"This is what I've been dealing with for two years. In my opinion it's just nonstop harassment," he said. "You don't have to be a rocket scientist to, in my opinion, realize it wasn't going to fly."

Hughes was the officer who, after being brought up on the charges in question, went to then-Supervisor Jack Cunningham and the media with information about a recording of Chief Louis Corsi uttering a racial slur during a telephone call in his office. Hughes was later charged with another disciplinary action, which was dropped by way of arbitration in December.

"I don't think they really knew what to do with me,"

Hughes said. "It was pretty clear cut."

In short, Hughes, having been denied a request for a day off on Friday, April 3, to attend a fishing trip, called in sick that day and the two subsequent days, according to the arbitrator's decision.

Hughes saw a physician and submitted a doctor's note indicating he missed work as the result of illness. A strep culture came back negative. The department ruled the doctor's note insufficient evidence to justify the absence.

The insubordination charge resulted from a verbal dispute between Hughes and Lt. Thomas Heffernan over the requested personal leave and the scheduling of a conference with an assistance district attorney. The town was seeking a 30-day suspension.

PERB Arbitrator Adam Kaufman found in his decision, rendered Feb. 25, the town had not sufficiently proven Hughes had used sick time to "game the system."

"...the Town offered no evidence on the record, other than supposition based on Officer Hughes' interaction with Lieutenant Heffernan, to support its contention that the use of sick leave was a device and canard to avoid reporting for duty," Kaufman wrote.

The interaction with Heffernan was found to not be insubordinate because Hughes did not disobey an order.

"...there is no question... Officer Hughes acted in a

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Shoe Depot shuttered

Owner to focus on Saratoga Springs location after nearly 30 years in business

By CHARLES WIFF
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The Saratoga Shoe Depot on Delaware Avenue in Delmar has sold its last soles.

After nearly 30 years in Delmar, owner Frank Panza made the decision to close the branch Saturday, Feb. 27, and transfer the store's

remaining inventory to his larger store on Broadway Avenue in Saratoga Springs, which will remain open.

"We were very happy with the community and they supported us in what we did there," Panza said. "We ran into a situation where funding became very difficult for us and we had to make a call to either limp along with two locations that were way over inventoried, or let one go."

Panza said the decision was unrelated to his company's Chapter 11

proceedings, which were initiated in last August of last year.

"It was really a funding issue, and nothing more than that," Panza said. "In the past, we had always been known for very, very aggressive inventory levels," and it became impossible to maintain those levels in Delmar.

Panza said he'd soon be submitting a business plan in hopes of exiting Chapter 11.

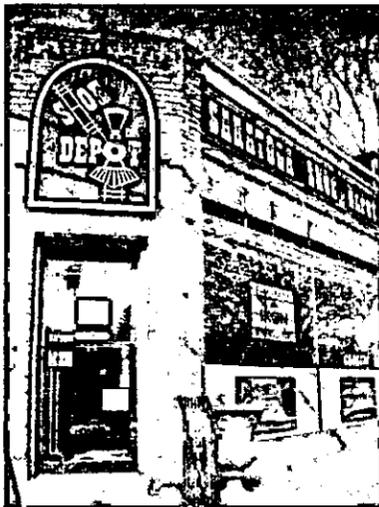
The Shoe Depot purchased the building on the corner of Delaware Avenue and Groesbeck Place in 1986, though he

had done business there for several years prior. The property is up for sale, and is listed for \$1.5 million through Sotheby's realty and is also available for lease through Ikon Realty Group. Panza doesn't expect the location to remain vacant long.

"We have had quite a bit of interest in it," he said.

He said he and his wife, Jennifer, would shift their focus to keeping their Saratoga Springs location open and profitable.

"Our goal is to become fundable through another lender and to keep Saratoga open," he said.



The Saratoga Shoe Depot on Delaware Avenue in Delmar closed its doors recently after nearly 30 years of business. The owner consolidated the inventory to the larger branch in Saratoga Springs, and plans to sell or lease the building to another tenant.
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G'land discusses special-needs initiative

School board hears how three-tiered system can help students with learning difficulties

By RYAN MUNKS
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Demian Singleton, assistant superintendent for instruction at the Guilderland Central School District, told the School Board at its Tuesday, March 9, meeting about the district's implementation of the Response to Intervention program. The goal of the program is to identify children with learning difficulties as early as possible, with the goal of addressing the child's needs before it's too late.

Singleton said RTI is a "schoolwide integrated and systemic program whose goal is to achieve for all students with emphasis on the prevention and early identification of students who may potentially have learning difficulties and ultimately disabilities."

"RTI is not a program. It is not one approach. It is essentially a process, a process that would incorporate essential elements of many programs," said Singleton. "It is not a static model"

The program combines elements of special education and general education. According to Singleton, the two types of

education are normally run parallel to each other, however, RTI attempts to bring them together.

"The shift will require us to essentially exhaust all possible general education interventions before identifying a student as having a learning disability," he said.

The combination of special education and general education is reflected in the first essential component of RTI - a multi-tiered delivery system of educational services.

The first of the three tiers in the system, which contains 80 percent of all students, is the least intensive. At this level, general education classroom teachers respond to the needs of a student, in the classroom setting.

"If a child is not responsive to tier one, they are recommended to tier two. As you progress, the intensity and duration of intervention will increase," said Singleton.

Tier two, which encompasses 10 to 15 percent of students, is a more intensive intervention in which students are put into smaller groups with instruction targeted to meet their needs. In tier two, the student's progress is regularly monitored in the areas in which he or she is deficient.

"Tier three is designed for students who have exhibited little to no response to tier one or tier two interventions," said Singleton.

The third tier, which includes 5 percent of all students, includes individualized support for students.

"A successfully implemented RTI model is expected to reduce special needs identification significantly, to approximately 5 percent of the student population, currently we hover around 13 to 15 percent," said Singleton.

He said 13 to 15 percent is commonplace for school district in the area.

The second essential component of RTI includes problem solving and decision making in which educators are tasked with identifying a student's deficiency, finding the cause, determining a response, implementing the response, and evaluating its effect.

Developing an integrated data and assessment system is the third component of the RTI model. This component will help educators more efficiently track the progress of a student throughout their educational career.

Singleton said that when a student makes a transition

from elementary school to middle school, the middle school teacher can have trouble tracking the progress made by the student before he or she arrived at the new school, and a integrated data system will help address that need.

The need to track student progress throughout their career has been recognized by the federal government.

"We've been very fortunate to offset this expense through the use of stimulus funds, this was one of the primary categories for accepted use of stimulus funds," said Singleton.

His presentation was generally well received by the board; however, some members did have concerns about the feasibility of the program.

"It sounds amazing that we could potentially reduce IEP's from around 14 percent to 5 percent," said Catherine Barber, vice-president of the School Board. Barber asked whether or not the RTI model has worked in other areas.

"Districts that really went full force into the RTI model, prior to the mandate, have reduced their rates of identification from around 13 to 14 percent, down to 7 or 8 percent, some as low as 6 percent," said Singleton.

Board Member Gloria Towle-Hilt commented on how RTI

shifts a great deal of responsibility, and said it would be especially difficult considering elimination of teacher leader positions in the current budget proposal.

Singleton said Towle-Hilt's concern was a "shared concern," however the district hired literacy and math specialists earlier in the year to help facilitate the implementation of RTI.

Board member Julie Cuneo expressed her concerns about the effect of implementing the model could have on instruction.

"I'm wondering about the burden on the teachers as far as documentation," said Cuneo. "It seems like after each step you document and then retest."

According to Singleton, the documentation "won't be so much at the classroom level." He said teachers would have to document progress about three times per year at the classroom. However, as a student progresses through tiers two and three, the need to assess and document will be ongoing.

Singleton's ended his presentation after fielding questions from the board. At the meeting; he said the school is currently laying the foundation for RTI, however, the actual implementation of the process will not begin until next school year.

Clear
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contemptuous, impertinent and insolent manner during his

interchange with Lieutenant Heffernan on April 2. The conduct was inappropriate and objectionable... There has been no showing that an order was given to

Officer Hughes and that his conduct was in defiance of contravention of such an order," the decision read in part.

Supervisor Sam Messina declined comment, citing the case as a personnel matter, except to say the following:

"The Police Department believed it was in a strong position to pursue disciplinary action and is disappointed in the outcome. It is recognized that there is no appeal process from a hearing officer's decision."

Hughes had been on medical leave from the

department and, this past December, was placed on 207-c leave, a state law provision that allows paid leave for police officers and firefighters who have been found to have on the job related disability or disease.

Hughes said he saw a doctor of the town's choosing, who made the recommendation, but he declined to go into the details of the recommendation.

"He made a recommendation that I could never return to duty [in any department]," Hughes said.

Hughes will receive full

pay while under 207-c; possibly until he reaches retirement age. His annual salary is \$65,206.

Messina said town officials couldn't discuss the matter.

"Mr. Hughes is on leave under general municipal law section 207-c, and I am not permitted to discuss the nature of this leave because of health and personal privacy issues," he said.

Arbitration is continuing on the town's taking of Hughes' badge and gun. A decision will likely be several months in coming.

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Fair Trade initiative in Delmar moving forward

By CHARLES WIFF
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A grant made to TransFair USA has local fair trade advocates hoping their movement will be picking up steam in other communities.

Anna McMahon of Fair Trade Delmar said her group is well into the process of having Bethlehem declared an official Fair Trade Town, and she hopes a \$925,000 grant from Green Mountain Coffee Roasters Foundation to the national fair trade certifier will trickle down to raise awareness of the movement.

"I hope it'll mean the ability to publicize what we're doing and to encourage other towns to set up their own Fair Trade Town groups," she said.

According to McMahon, Delmar is one of only 30 communities nationwide with an active FTT movement, though national organizers have hopes of accrediting hundreds of towns by 2013. Only 13 municipalities are accredited as Fair Trade Towns nationwide.

The Village of Ballston Spa completed the process to become the first Fair Trade Town in the state in December 2008. Fair Trade Delmar will meet with other fair trade advocates there for a conference April 24.

Additionally, Fair Trade Delmar will be holding a fair trade chocolate event on May 2 at the Delmar Reformed Church.

Fair trade products cut out middlemen in order to return more of a profit to the producers, who are usually indigenous third-world peoples and often living in extreme poverty. Items are always handmade

using traditional methods and materials, and fair trade foods and coffees are produced through non-industrial means.

TransFair USA lends certification to these products so consumers can more easily find and purchase fair trade goods.

To be designated a Fair Trade Town, municipalities must meet several criteria. A steering committee must lead the efforts, fair trade items must be available in proportion to the citizenry, fair trade items must be used by a number of local organizations, the media must take notice and the town's governing body must pass a resolution supporting fair trade and the local campaign.

Once a resolution is passed, Bethlehem should meet all those criteria, said McMahon, a goal Fair Trade Delmar is hoping to meet in coming weeks.

"I've been discussing things with the supervisor, and I need to get back and have another meeting with him," McMahon said. "We'd very much like to have this done by May 8, which is World Fair Trade Day."



Showing Irish pride

The Guilderland and McKownville Fire Departments participated in a countywide celebration of St. Patrick's Day that featured marching bands, cultural organizations and festive foods. The parade took place on Saturday, March 13.

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Grant funds special needs program

The library's Youth Services department has received a grant from the Upper Hudson Library System to support a new library initiative: reaching out to children with special needs and their families, teachers and caregivers in the Bethlehem Central School District.

According to the district's 2009-2011 Special Education Plan, 656 of the more than 6,000 enrolled students had a disability in 2008—50 preschoolers and 606 school-aged students. The library saw an opportunity to help.

The project will set up a series of storytimes, playtimes, outreach and parenting programs. Family storytimes called "The Children's Circle" will provide interactive



activities for children with different learning abilities. Each storytime will be followed by a free-play session that will encourage children and caregivers to socialize with their peers.

"The Children's Circle" will not be restricted to special-needs families; but placing emphasis on special-needs children means that their caregivers can expect a welcoming, accepting atmosphere.

Education is another important component of this initiative. An upcoming workshop for library staff and teachers in the region will introduce the

challenges of interaction with special-needs children and offer programming suggestions.

In terms of resources, the library's parent-teacher collection will be augmented to include special-needs-specific print materials. Youth services staff will also develop a resource page on our wWb site with links to local and national organizations involved with special needs practices, research, education and advocacy.

Youth Services librarian Jennifer Hanley, who developed the project, is looking forward to seeing it unfold.

"This is an exciting opportunity. This project will begin a sustainable tradition of service to the special needs population

in our community," she said. "The Capital District Child Care Council has been a tremendous asset, and has offered to help as we go forward."

Circle of Friends, a local preschool for special-needs children, has also agreed to be a grant partner, and will host some of the outreach programs.

Our newsletter, Web site and in-house materials will keep you informed of upcoming programs.

Louise Grieco

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Library screens 'Coraline'

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RCS School District kids are off from school on March 26 for Superintendents Day. What's a middle school student to do? The library will be showing the movie "Coraline" with our new, multi-purpose projector. "Coraline" is a stop-motion animation film based on the novel by Neil Gaiman, who also wrote "The Graveyard Book" (movie to be released next year).

At a special Time 4 Teens program that day, we'll discuss the book, eat lunch, and watch the movie. Admission is by ticket only. The program will run from noon to 2:30 p.m. Interested kids should contact the library to request the book and to receive a ticket to this event. The deadline for registering is March 20.

Daisycutter performs

Join Daisycutter, featuring Sara Milonovich, Greg Anderson and Brian Melick, for an evening of Celtic, bluegrass and Appalachian music on Saturday, March 27, at 7:30 p.m. at the First Reformed Church of Bethlehem.

Tickets for the three-concert series are \$15 for adults and \$9 for age 65 and up and age 12 and under. Single event tickets are \$8 for adults and \$5 for senior citizens and children. Come in to the Library or call to reserve tickets at 756-2053. They also will be sold at the door.

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Sibling sanctuary

Club helps brothers and sisters of special needs kids cope

By RYAN MUNKS
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Having a child with special needs is tough on a family. It is particularly hard on the siblings of the child who, at times, must cope with the disproportionate amount of attention a parent must give to care for their sibling.

The Bus Stop Club, a Guilderland-based not-for-profit organization, hopes to provide siblings of children with special needs an environment in which they can express themselves and interact with peers that understand where they are coming from.

Dr. Brian Sheridan, a pediatrician in the Town of Guilderland, began the Bus Stop Club as an advocacy project four years ago when he was a resident at Albany Medical Center.

"We really got these kids together to express their feelings," said Sheridan. "They could listen to other kids so they didn't have to feel all alone."

He said the club meets monthly at the Guilderland YMCA and the East Greenbush YMCA. The program has eight volunteers, five of

whom are professionals, including social workers and doctors, who can help the children cope with their situation.

"The kids will come in, eat pizza, do arts and crafts, and just talk," said Sheridan.

He said afterward, the children usually take advantage of the YMCA's facilities and play basketball or go swimming.

Sheridan said it is often the case that siblings of wheelchair-bound children do not have the same opportunities as other children.

"For a lot of these kids, it's a chance to get out and do something, something they normally don't get to do," he said.

The Bus Stop Club serves 25 families, and in addition to the monthly meetings at the two YMCAs, the group attends Siena and SUNY Albany basketball games, visits Six Flags in the summer, and, according to Sheridan, the club is planning a camp for the kids this summer.

"We became a not-for-profit about one year ago," said Sheridan. "Since then we raised about \$14,000."

Most recently, the club received a \$5,000 donation from the New York Life insurance company, which was presented during halftime at a Tuesday, Dec. 29, Siena Saints



Board members of the Bus Stop Club pose, along with the children they serve, at a Dec. 29 Siena Saints basketball game at the Times Union Center. A half time, the club received a \$5,000 donation from New York Life. From left to right, board members, Joseph F. DiBella, Joseph L. DiBella, Jennifer Callahan, and Dr. Brian Sheridan.

Submitted photo

basketball game.

Dena Ackerman, whose 13-year-old daughter, Courtney, attends the Bus Stop Club, said the club has provided a way for her daughter to cope with the disproportionate amount of attention given to her younger brother, Kyle, who was diagnosed with Type One diabetes.

"It gives her a chance to just have an outlet and opportunity to talk to people in the same boat as she is," said Ackerman.

"The main focus is to have her voice the stresses she feels. With Kyle's disease a lot of times the focus is on him," said Ackerman. "She definitely comes home and sees she is not the only one with the experiences she has in every day life."

Dena said that Courtney gains perspective by talking with the other children in the club.

"In some ways it makes her appreciate that she doesn't have it as bad as

others," she said.

Sheridan said he hopes to expand the club into the City of Albany and Clifton Park in the coming year.

"In the Capital District, there are about 25,000 children listed as mentally or physically disabled," he said.

According to Sheridan, that means there are from 25,000 to 50,000 siblings that could benefit from the Bus Stop Club.

Parks and Rec to host first 'Eggstravaganza'

On Saturday, March 27, from 10 a.m. to noon, the Town of Bethlehem Parks and Recreation Department will host its first "Eggstravaganza" at the Elm Avenue Park Large Pavilion.

Join them for some fun at the park with clown/comedic entertainment, a jelly bean guessing contest, egg hunt and more.

Recommended ages for participation are ages 2 through grade 5. Children will be broken up into three age groups for the egg hunt. Please bring your own basket.

In case of rain or poor field conditions, this event will be held in the Town Hall Auditorium.

Search for woodcock at Fiver Rivers

An outdoor search for the American woodcock will be conducted on Thursday, April 22, at 7 p.m. at the NYSDEC Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, 56 Game Farm Road, Delmar.

The program, sponsored by the Hudson Mohawk Bird Club, is open to the public free of charge.

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He said that represents a \$465 million drop in sales in the county throughout the year, and that trend is continuing into the current year.

Breslin said that over

the past two years, the county has experienced an increase in the need for services, combined with the decline in revenues.

"The precipitous drops in sales and cuts in state reimbursements and the increase in demand for all public assistance services are placing an extraordinary strain on

our operations," said Breslin.

He specifically mentioned a 50 percent increase in food stamps, a 20 percent increase in temporary assistance, as well as a 21 percent increase in emergency assistance to families.

"If we don't take action, that burden will be passed on to county property taxpayers," said Breslin.

He announced the formation of a budget oversight committee, a special meeting with legislators later in the month to discuss the county's fiscal challenges, and a review of the county's capital plan.

For 2011, Breslin expects a budget deficit

of \$35 million, an amount that if made up in real property tax revenues would call for a 50 percent increase in the county's real property tax.

The deficit stems from a \$4 million increase in the cost of both employee health and retirement benefits, a \$1.5 million increase in the cost of Medicaid, the loss of federal nursing home and stimulus aid and expected reductions in the amount of state aid in the 2010-2011 state budget.

"The stimulus funds have provided much-needed relief for us," said Breslin. "While I am hopeful that some additional federal funds will be secured, rest assured any federal

funding will not be at last year's levels."

Although mostly highlighting the fiscal challenges of the county, Breslin took a positive tone when talking about job creation through the county's Empire Zone program, and through the county's AI Tech Loan Fund, a program he said has provided more than 1,200 jobs since it was created in 1994.

Looking forward, Breslin said, the county expects to consolidate its ten 911 call centers, expand its solid waste management capabilities, reduce greenhouse gas emissions and design the Albany County Rail Trail.

Albany County Legislature Chairman Daniel McCoy, D-Albany, and Majority Leader Frank Comisso, D-Albany, said they are going to have to take a closer look at the \$35 million deficit figure mentioned by Breslin, a number they previously put at \$20 million.

McCoy also said he would have liked to see Breslin take a more upbeat tone in his speech to provide some reassurance to residents and businesses within Albany County.

Comisso said that the legislature will "take

a look at the challenging period that we face, and try to do our best to get our arms around it."

"There has been a special committee that's been formed to review the numbers thrown around. When you hear 35 million at the county level, it's shocking," he said.

"You have to talk about economic development, how to keep businesses here, and how we are going to create jobs," said McCoy.

McCoy said Albany County is an attractive place to live, with its government and educational opportunities, however, he said a number of businesses have chosen to leave the county and relocate out of state, or even across the river in Rensselaer County.

"That's taking the tax base and jobs out of the county," said McCoy. "How can we run things better, and more efficiently? People want to hear that, and that's the message you should send out there."

As for the following year, Comisso said it will be another year characterized by fiscal challenges.

"While we're here in Albany County we have tightened our belts, we have to tighten more, we are not out of it yet," he said.

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Longtime Senior Services Director retires

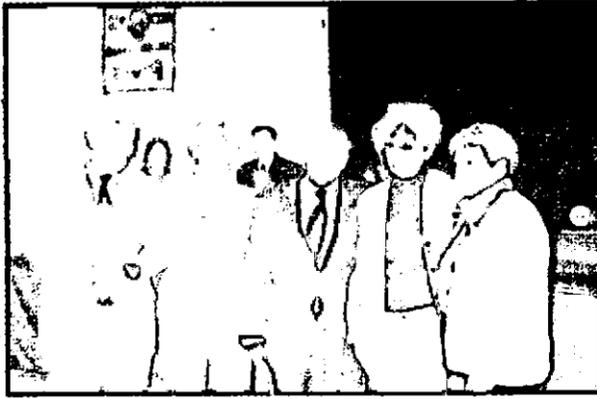
Pellettier key in building unique town department

By CHARLES WIFF
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Longtime town employee and the veritable founder of the Town of Bethlehem Senior Services Department Karen Pellettier bid Town Hall adieu last week and entered retirement with 32 years of service under her belt.

Pellettier got her start in town government working as a volunteer liaison between seniors and the Parks and Recreation Department, and was quickly hired to expand the breadth of senior support offered by the town.

By 1980, several volunteers were assisting Pellettier in what became the Senior Services Department, which today offers transportation, social outings, caregiver services and legal assistance to the town's seniors. Senior Services also operates the town's food bank program and has seven full time and



Bethlehem Senior Services Director Karen Pellettier was honored for 32 years of service at the most recent Town Board meeting, just prior to her retirement. From left to right: Former Supervisors Jack Cunningham, Theresa Egan, Supervisor Sam Messina, Pellettier, Former Supervisor Sheila Fuller.

several part time employees and over 200 volunteers.

Many services are provided in conjunction with the not-for-profit Bethlehem Senior Projects, Inc. Other communities have adopted this innovative partnership, said Town Board member Kyle Kotary.

"Karen deserves credit for what is looked at as a model... for public private partnerships

in local government," he said. "Throughout Karen's career in the town, she has not only developed a reputation as someone who works hard and has a huge heart, but who also thinks outside of the box."

"She's done a tremendous job for the town," said Assistant Senior Services Director Joyce Becker. "She's made a tremendous

commitment for the older people in this town."

The town will be selecting a replacement in the coming weeks.

Pellettier was honored at a Wednesday, March 10, Bethlehem Town Board meeting, during which former supervisors Jack Cunningham, Theresa Egan and Sheila Fuller joined Supervisor Sam Messina in presenting her with an official resolution. Former supervisor Ken Ringer, the only other living town supervisor, could not be present due to a prior engagement.

Messina read the official proclamation and gave a short speech recognizing Pellettier's impact on the town.

"Out of all the public servants I know—and I know a lot of them—you are the one we should all emulate," he said.

Pellettier and her husband, John, have three grown children and are awaiting the arrival of their fifth grandchild. She will be spending more time with her family in retirement.

Cents

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receipts that they'll later use to keep track of their account in a ledger. Withdrawals can be made from a First Niagara branch along with a parent's consent.

Glenmont's program sees approximately 30 participants every week out of a student body of about 400. Some students bank every week.

"We've really had tremendous success," said Glenmont PTA President Dawn McMahon.

Any elementary student can take part in the program, and First Niagara's Suzanne Kilcher said the program has merit for even the kindergartners.

"The product is really geared toward this young student," she said. "We know children learn by doing."

Even young students will recognize the reward of small prizes for every seventh deposit they make.

That also enters them into a drawing for a \$50 deposit into their accounts.

The program is offered in 220 schools across the state, from very affluent districts to the inner city. It's successful partly because account can be opened without any initial deposit, just parental consent, and from that point on deposits as small as 25-cents can be made.

First Niagara rewards the student with \$1 upon their first deposit of any amount.

Kilcher said she sees people mismanaging their finances all the time, which is why banks offer services like overdraft protection. She hopes that instilling the value of saving and keeping track of one's money early on will make better bank customers in the future.

"We don't teach in our education system how to manage money," she said. "This is a start."

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The measure, however, ran into resistance when it was considered by the Planning Board, which voted 6-to-1 against it at its Tuesday, Feb. 2 meeting, and submitted recommendations to the Town Board on Monday, Feb. 22. Charles Voss, the chairman of the Planning Board, was the only member to vote in favor of the law.

The Planning Board's primary concerns were the future viability of the commercial zone and the effect the law will have on existing businesses in the commercial zone.

"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 Planning Board Member

Cynthia Elliot, in her recommendation.

Dolin said at the time that the Planning Board's recommendation is completely contrary to the Albany County Planning Board's recommendation in favor of the law.

The public hearing began with Town of Bethlehem Supervisor Sam Messina voicing his support for the law. "The principles of balance, sustainability and quality of life are apparent [in the law]. ... It advances the balance that should be and is the cornerstone of the town's comprehensive plan," said Messina. Messina said he supported the size cap because of the traffic issues a large development would bring to the area, as well as the burden a big-box store would put on the Town of Bethlehem's water supply, and the inability of trucks to fit under the Delaware Hudson railroad bridge, forcing delivery vehicles to travel closer to Town of Bethlehem residents. For the next two hours, residents spoke

about the size-cap law. "People of this town have spoken. I think the Town Board should pass this law. Why destroy a scenic area like this," said Louis Brown, a New Scotland resident. Bob Prentiss, former assemblyman and NS4 member called for an end to the contention brought about by the law. He said "mud thrown is ground lost."

"This is the final moment we have all been waiting for," said Prentiss. Roz Robinson, a member of the town's now disbanded Commercial Zoning Advisory Committee, which was formed specifically to deal with zoning issues in the commercial zone, said that the law could have serious ramifications on businesses in the commercial zone. "Notonecommercialowner that I spoke to thought it was a good law," she said. Nick Stanton, whose family owns Our Family's Harvest in Slingerlands said, "Right now I am scared for the future for

our farm and business."

He said it's not the law's intention to stop big-box development that concerned him but "all of the little stuff that comes behind it."

Peter Baltis, who owns one of the largest parcels of land in the commercial zone, said, "the proposed law, if you have 10 attorneys, and they read it, you get 10 different opinions." He said, "the way I read this law, the way some attorneys read this law, doesn't even allow you to develop piecemeal."

He said he could not afford to develop his entire parcel of land all at once, as would be required by the new law.

After two hours of hearing comments from the public, most fearing the effect a big-box store would have on New Scotland's sense of community, Dolin made a motion to close the hearing amid shouts of "Vote!" emanating from the crowd. At that time, Maura Mottolose, the attorney for the owners of the

Bender Melon Farm, submitted a protest petition signed by at least 50 percent of owners from the commercial district. Town Attorney Michael Mackey said, "The protest petition was filed; it does appear it's a valid protest petition, which would trigger the supermajority requirements." After the petition was submitted, the board voted on the measure, Councilmen Douglas LaGrange and Daniel Mackay, and Supervisor Dolin voted "Yes" without explanation. Reilly explained his vote before eventually voting "No." He said he is not a proponent of big-box, but he is voting against the law because it would hurt existing businesses.

"All of us are committed to this community, and I am committed to existing businesses," he said. With the vote being 3-to-1, Councilwoman Deborah Baron cast the final, deciding vote, and without explanation said "No." After the meeting, Dolin spoke about the future of

the size-cap law.

"I am going to meet with the town attorney, the planning board attorney, Baron and Reilly to see if some of their objections could be satisfied," said Dolin. "I think it is going to take a little more time to come up with an alternative and come up with some common ground." Dolin said it is unlikely that the town will enact another moratorium on large scale retail development in the commercial zone.

"I doubt if it would be legally feasible. I am going to ask the Town Attorney to give it thought," he said.

According to Dolin, the courts would find that the year and a half of moratoriums already enacted allotted the town a sufficient amount of time to address its zoning issues.

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Finance in the Spotlight

Homeownership and you: It's not all about tax credits...but they help

By Anthony Lanzillo
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Nancy Reagan once said: "Homes really are no more than the people who live in them."

Of course, Nancy Reagan is right. Homes are where we raise our families and build our memories. They are a part of our life story and a realization of the most American of dreams—the opportunity

to take a place of shelter and, with love and life, transform it into something more meaningful than four walls and a roof.

However, it is easy to say home is no more than the people who live in them if you actually live in one. For many, the opportunity to build a home of love and dreams begins by first moving into a house made of walls and beams. And thanks to the extension and expansion of the Homebuyer Tax Credit program and the current real estate market more people are going to have the opportunity to do just that.

Understanding the Homebuyer Tax Credit

Originally enacted as part of the 2009 Stimulus package, the homebuyer tax credit was implemented to provide a boost to the slumping housing market by providing an \$8,000 tax credit for first-time homebuyers. It proved to be effective. In October 2009, sales of existing homes jumped 10 percent. In November, housing sales improved by another seven percent, as first-time homebuyers rushed to beat the November 30 deadline. In fact, in November, first-time buyers accounted for more than half of all homes purchased. Overall, sales increased more than 44 percent over the year.

Having identified the housing market as a critical ingredient in economic recovery, Congress passed and President Obama signed into law The Worker, Homeownership, and Business Assistance Act of 2009. The act extended the deadline for the tax credit and expanded it to include repeat homebuyers. Here are the key details:

- Qualifying first-time buyers are eligible for a credit of up to \$8,000.

- Families who have lived in their home for at least five years and move to a new home are eligible for a smaller credit of up to \$6,500.

- Buyers must enter into a binding contract to buy a principal residence by April 30, 2010, and close on the home by June 30, 2010.

The credit is received in the form of a tax refund when homebuyers file their federal income tax return. Provided buyers live in their homes for at least three years, the credit does not need to be repaid.

Assessing the housing market

In 2009, the housing market experienced its first median price decline since the Great Depression. The reason: excess inventory—more houses on the market than buyers. If you're looking to buy a home, here is what this means to you:

1. Houses are more affordable. Sellers are competing for your attention, and the only bargaining chip they have on the table is to give you more bang for your buck than the house down the street.

2. You have more inventory to choose from. Gone are the days of feeling pressured to put an offer in on the spot because the property would be sold the next day.

3. The Homebuyer Tax Credit will expire April 30. As documented above, it provides a discount on any property you purchase provided you reside there for at least three years.

4. Mortgage rates remain low. Many analysts predict that rates will remain fairly steady throughout 2010, averaging about 5.25 to 5.5 percent for the first two quarters.

5. Developers are willing to deal. While the sales of existing homes increased in 2009, new home sales struggled. As a result, builders are offering incentives ranging from kitchen upgrades to closing costs...even, as reported by the Wall Street Journal, mortgage rates below market average and insurance for job loss.

Making the house your home

First and foremost, you should not treat your home as a short-term investment. Yes, property

tends to increase in value over time, but ultimately your home is where you hang your heart. And while that may be sentimental, it is true—unless you allow your house to override your life. So make smart decisions to prevent that from happening. Know what you can comfortably afford; you know that better than a bank. Also understand the condition of the house and any additional work it may require before you buy it. Unforeseen costs can bust your budget in a heartbeat. Make sure you get a home inspection.

Also, don't be afraid of uncertainty. Lack of a sizeable down payment or a weak credit history won't necessarily keep you out of a house. Talk to your banker, or go to homebuyer education programs in your community. They can help you understand your options and show you that homeownership may be more affordable than you realize. Still, the best path to homeownership remains

the most traditional. Have good credit, a sizable down payment and document your income.

Remember what Nancy Reagan said: "Homes really are no more than the people who live in them."

With the Homebuyer Tax Credit program and the state of the housing market, now is a great time to put her words to the test. With planning, you'll likely find that she is right.

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Anthony Lanzillo

How to determine if you're ready for homeownership

Just because it is a good time for you to buy a home doesn't mean you are ready to buy a home...or can even afford a home. Here are three questions you need to ask yourself:

1. How much debt do I carry? Generally speaking, lenders do not want your total monthly debt to exceed 40 percent of your income.

2. What is my credit history? A shaky credit history may not prevent you from securing a mortgage, but it will affect the interest rate of your

mortgage. Just know that the higher your rate, the more of your payment is going toward interest as opposed to principal. Over the life of your loan, this can cost you tens of thousands of dollars.

3. How much house can I afford? This answer starts with knowing how much money you can put toward a down payment. Your mortgage payment, private mortgage insurance (PMI), homeowners insurance and taxes should not exceed 28 percent of your income. You also need to

factor in that closing costs can be as much as five percent of the total value of the home. And don't forget to leave money for emergency repairs.

The important thing to remember is that homeownership is a large responsibility. So be honest with yourself, consult with your lender and think long-term. If everything is not favorable, don't be afraid to wait. It may be the best decision you ever make. It may even land you in the house of your dreams.

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Entertainment in the Spotlight



The Capital Region Heart Ball, put on for the past 27 years by the American Heart Association, will be Saturday, March 20, from 6 p.m. to midnight at the Hall of Springs in Saratoga Springs. Gracie Green, 7, is this year's Heart Champion and will have her story told as inspiration to other struggling with heart-related issues. Tickets are \$350 or \$3,500 for a table of 10.

An event with heart

By ALYSSA JUNG
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Capital Region Heart Ball honors young girl who has overcome heart disease

To her mother, grandmother and those around her, Gracie Green is a champion, and now that title

has been made official, since she's the Heart Champion for the 27th Capital Region Heart Ball

Green, 7, has already had heart surgery and may have a pulmonary valve replacement after she turns 10, but she is able to live a normal life, and that's why her story will be told to inspire others with heart-related diseases on Saturday, March 20, from 6 p.m. to midnight at the Hall of Springs in Saratoga Springs.

Green's mom, Jaime Lafferty, described her daughter's condition in simple terms: She has a hole in her heart and a valve that doesn't work properly. The medical name for the common congenital heart defect is Tetralogy of Fallot, which is diagnosed at birth and can sometimes make affected children turn blue.

"That was a scary feeling because after my mother and I found out, she looked blue to us all the time," said Lafferty.

Green did have a "blue spell" at 6 months old, and after surgery to patch the hole, she became an active 7-year-old with essentially no restrictions. She plays soccer in the fall and basketball in the winter, plays piano, has done ballet, tap dance and hip-hop dance since she was 3 years old. She also takes an active role in community groups like 4H and

Girl Scouts. Green has even done her part to help other girls by donating her hair twice to Locks of Love, an organization that provides wigs to those who have lost their hair due to cancer or other diseases.

"She's able to do all these activities and do some of her favorite things, like going on roller coasters at amusement parks," said Lafferty. "It would break my heart to have to tell her she couldn't go on or do some of those things."

Green gets her heart checked once a year and Lafferty said she handles her disease pretty well, even sharing her story with her friends. When she once asked about the scar on her chest, Lafferty said she told her her heart was once broken and doctors fixed it. Lafferty, though, said she takes things one day at a time, leaning on her own mother for support.

"It was very scary at first finding out my baby had a problem and understanding what exactly she had — understanding the medical terms," said Lafferty. "[My mother] has come to every appointment Gracie has had since birth. She's there if I miss something the doctor said or I don't understand. We can, between the two of us, figure it out."

Lafferty said she has been active in the American Heart Association, which sponsors the Heart Ball, since her daughter was born. For eight years, they have participated in the Heart Walk as "Gracie Green's Gang," raising money and spreading awareness in honor of Green's friend, Owen, who was also born with a heart condition.

Patty Fusco, president of Fusco Personnel and CEO of TCE Search Group is the volunteer chairwoman for this year's Heart Ball and played a big role in giving Green the big night she's so excited about. Working with the American Heart Association is more than just about supporting a good cause for her.

"Heart disease runs in my family so it's more personal for me. It's definitely something I felt strongly about and I thought I could make a difference," said Fusco.

Fusco said by working to make the Heart Ball a success, she hopes to help prevent heart disease in others.

"Heart Ball is important because we definitely need to build awareness about heart disease—it's the No. 1 killer in America—and to help raise money to continue to do research," said Fusco. "It's a really fun vent, a great time. It's very well attended and there are some wonderful people that will spread the word."

The Heart Ball will feature a cocktail hour, silent auction, live auction, dinner and dancing to Good for the Soul. John Gray of FOX 23 is the host and Legrande Serras of The Reel Seafood Company will act as auctioneer.



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"Color and Energy: Wren Panzella & Chris Murray," through March 25, 201 Broadway, Troy. Information, 272-6811.

LOCAL COLOR ART GALLERY

"Zoology," a collection of works by Colony Art League members, through March 31, 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; 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

THE HYDE COLLECTION

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

CAPITAL COMMUNITY VOICES

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

THE CHORALERS

Musical group looking for singers of all abilities, performs concerts at Christmas and in the spring, pieces are familiar and fun to sing, no auditions are necessary, practices are 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays at Saint Clares' Chapel, McClellan Street, Schenectady.

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 aflux@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 Orlanoso 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, 783-4173.

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

SUBURBAN SOUNDS COMMUNITY CHORUS

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

FRIENDSHIP SINGERS

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

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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, 763-2325.

SIENA COMMUNITY CHORALE

Rehearsals Mondays at 6 p.m., Siena College, Route 9, Loudonville. Information, 763-2325.

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Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

Weekly Crossword

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ACROSS

- 1 Pitcher handle
- 5 Gem State capital
- 10 Wire measurement
- 13 Ms. Caron's role, and namesakes
- 15 Exhausted
- 16 Mountain in Turkey
- 17 Christmas fare
- 19 Sparks or Rorem
- 20 Legalese term
- 21 Pouch
- 22 Tea type
- 23 Nods
- 25 Obvuse
- 27 Vowel sequence
- 28 Computer need
- 31 Fitting
- 34 "Desire Under the ____"
- 37 WWI soldier
- 38 Classroom adjunct
- 41 Initials of a U.S. poet
- 42 Dutch painter Jan
- 43 Person
- 44 Kind of gin
- 46 NNW's opposite
- 47 Lead-in to physics or turf
- 48 Dairy offerings: L.
- 50 Not leased

DOWN

- 53 Sells
- 58 Diana, of films
- 60 Louis XV, for one
- 62 Pertaining to 60 Across
- 63 Diving seabird
- 64 Accompaniment to 17 Across
- 66 Certain cap
- 67 Child star McDowell
- 68 Beat
- 69 Retiring
- 70 Fiery crime
- 71 Cape

- 18 Detach
- 22 Argumentative words
- 24 What a cobbler does
- 26 Puppy bites
- 29 Small endings
- 30 Put a piano right
- 31 ____ Khan
- 32 Good grade
- 33 Christmas fare
- 35 "Honi soit qui ____ y pense"
- 36 Fox's scent
- 39 Owl and dance
- 40 Organic compound
- 45 "God bless us ____ one!"
- 49 Man, Project result
- 51 Slip
- 52 Future Prince Charmings?
- 54 Bis
- 55 Habituate
- 56 Oxford features
- 57 Pungs
- 58 Podium
- 59 Hurt reaction
- 61 Some Europeans: abbr.
- 64 Part of a swimsuit
- 65 Prefix for power

Bethlehem Town Hall to host Medicare Basics

Are you turning 65 this year? Come to Medicare Basics on Thursday, March 25, 10:00 am to noon. Learn about Medicare and EPIC, New York State's prescription plan for the elderly. Find out about signing up for Medicare, what is covered, and Medicare Part D. The program is presented by Janet Kiffney, Albany County Health Insurance Counselor, and Candy Rivera-Whitehead, EPIC representative. It takes place at the Town Hall, Room 101. Call 439-4955, ext. 1176 for reservations.

Join us for lunch and music, "Music and More", at the First Reformed Church of Bethlehem, 38 Church Rd. in Selkirk on Wednesday March 24, from 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm. The suggested meal

contribution is \$2.50 for seniors and \$5.00 for those under age 60. Voluntary contributions for the music are welcome. Call Elizabeth at 439-4955, ext 1176 for reservations and to arrange transportation. Suggested van donation is \$3.00. Home pick up is available on a pre-arranged basis.

Program Highlights

Tuesday, March 23

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

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



Town of Bethlehem

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 24

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

- Alzheimer's Disease Support Group for those caring for a loved one who has been diagnosed

with dementia. Join us to share successes, concerns, frustrations with others who will understand. Jane Sanders, LMSW, facilitates the discussion. Transportation can be arranged by calling 439-4955, ext. 1176.

- Music and More at the First Reformed Church in Selkirk. See above for details.

Thursday, March 25

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

-Bethlehem Senior Citizens Club meets for an enjoyable social afternoon of games, entertainment, and dessert at the Bethlehem Town Hall auditorium, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar at noon. All seniors are

welcome. Bring a sandwich and join others for lunch if you wish. As noted above, this week's meeting will feature a concert by the Bethlehem Senior Chorus and a trash and treasure sale. Call 439-4955 #1176 for more information.

- Medicare Basics See above for details

Friday, March 26

- Health and Wellness Program, "Foot Health" This workshop, presented by Jennifer Hutton, DPM, of Community Care Physicians, will include a discussion on common foot disorders with explanations of conservative and surgical treatment options. Topics will include hammertoes, bunions, neuromas, nail disorders, heel pain, and diabetic foot care. 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

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Presentation slated 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.- 12 p.m.

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.

RSVP program

The Capital District Retired Senior Volunteer Program has a mission to link all adults 55+ to rewarding and meaningful volunteer opportunities in their local communities.

Please learn more by attending a program on Thursday, April 8, from 10:30-12:30 at Guilderland Town Hall.

No registration is necessary.

MOW Delivery Person Needed

We need a volunteer to help deliver meals to homebound residents in Guilderland on Tuesday mornings, from approx. 10-11:30 a.m. Please the Senior Office at 356-1980 ext 1048 for more details.

Mammography Screening

A Mobile Mammography screening, co-sponsored by the Town of Guilderland and

Bethlehem GOP to host open forum

The Bethlehem Republican Committee will host an open forum to encourage conversation and discussion of current events on Monday, March 22, at 7 p.m. at the Bethlehem Grange in Selkirk.

The forum is for anyone who is interested in discussing solutions for local, state and national

Town of Guilderland SENIOR CALENDAR

Bellevue Hospital, will take place on Thursday, May 6, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at the Town Hall.

Please call Mary Ann at 356-1980, ext. 1095, to schedule an appointment. Transportation service is available upon request.

Monday March 22
Scheduled Shopping
9:00 Aerobics
10:30 Strong Bones +
10:30 Sr. Fitness
1:30 Strong Bones +

Tuesday March 23
9:00 Strong Bones +
11:30 Luncheon: Swiss Steak or Cold Plate
12:30 Bingo/Games/Billiards

Wednesday March 24
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 25
Scheduled Shopping
9:00 Strong Bones
10:30 Movie: "Amelia" (call ahead to sign-up)
1:00 Pinochle/Mahjongg

Friday March 26
Scheduled Shopping
10:00 Painting
1:00 Quilting



The band Molasses Creek, above, will play a benefit concert for To Life! on Sunday, March 21.

To Life! hosts breast cancer benefit concert

Molasses Creek will perform a Benefit Concert for To Life!, a local community based non-profit, on Sunday, March 21, from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., Delmar.

Band member Marcy Brenner will inspire everyone with her breast cancer story, while Molasses Creek will get the audience up and moving with their high-energy music, elegant harmonies and quirky sense of humor.

Events at the benefit include "About Breast Cancer" at 3 p.m. Hear about To Life! services, view a 10-minute piece from Marcy Brenner's documentary on her experience with breast cancer, and listen to some live songs written, recorded and published for the documentary. There will be an opportunity for Q&A.

At 3:45, there will be an intermission. Stretch your legs and enjoy some refreshments. The Perfect Blend will be on hand to offer specialty coffee, tea and pastries. A percentage of the proceeds

from food and beverage sales will be donated to To Life! Win a raffle and enter to win a door prize.

At 4 p.m., celebrate with the music of Molasses Creek. Put on your dancing shoes or sit and tap your feet to this high-energy acoustic group.

All attendees will receive a coupon (good through April 21) to Swifty's Restaurant & Pub in Delmar where 10 percent of your food bill will be donated to To Life!

Tickets will be sold at the door: Adults \$15; Seniors \$10; Children 13 and under \$10.

To Life! is the Capital District's personal source for breast cancer education and support. Their offices are located at 410 Kenwood Ave., Delmar and 110 Spring Street, Saratoga Springs.

For more information, Contact Judi at 439-5975 jstento@tolife.org or visit www.tolife.org

VPL has board vacancy

Petitions are now available at the Voorheesville Public Library for any school district resident over the age of 18 who is interested in running for the office of trustee for a term of five years terminating in June, 2015, to fill the vacancy caused by the expiration of the term of Rita Stein.

Candidates are required to obtain signatures from 25 qualified voters and return the notarized petition to the library by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, April 19, 2010.

The election will be held on May 18 at the Voorheesville High

School.

Hall of Fame seeks inductees

The Bethlehem Central Hall of Fame Committee has posted an online nomination form on the district's Web site to allow alumni and community members a way to submit candidates for possible induction in the Hall's Class of 2010.

The online nomination form is available on the district's Web site, bcsd.k12.ny.us/alumni/.

The induction will take place at this year's BCHS commencement ceremonies on June 25.

Preschool hosts community open house

On Saturday, March 20 from 10-11 a.m. the Creative Play Preschool of the First Reformed Church of Bethlehem will host a Community Open House for all interested in registering their children for the 2010-2011 school year.

The event will be held at the preschool, located at 38 Church Road in Selkirk. Creative Play Preschool offers a cooperative preschool program for children ages three and four.

The event is open to the public. Registration forms will be available. For information, call 767-2243.

Reception to honor Kathleen Newkirk

On Thursday, March 18, from 5:30 p.m to 8:00 p.m., the Bethlehem Republican Committee will host a cocktail reception at the Normanside Country Club, located at 150 Salisbury Road in Delmar.

The 50th Anniversary event will honor Kathleen A. Newkirk and her more than 30 years of service to our community

For more information or directions to Normanside Country Club, please visit the Bethlehem Republican Committee website at www.bethlehemrepublicans.org or call (518) 366-6642.

Women's Network offering scholarship

The Capital region Women's Network is offering the Cornelia A. Bregman Scholarship for Women Returning to Education. The \$2,000 is available to women ages 25 or older, who permanently reside in Albany, Schenectady, Rensselaer, Saratoga, Schoharie, Greene or Washington County. The deadline is April 15, and a personal interview is required of all finalists. To obtain a copy of the application form, visit www.capitalregionwomen.com.

Storytelling at the Beverwyck

A collection of stories, entitled "Fables by jambbal," will be told by storyteller Nancy Marie Payne at the Terrace at Beverwyck at 41 Beverwyck Lane in Slingerlands on Friday, March 19, from 2-3 p.m.

It is a family event for children 8 years and older, and admission is free. Books will be available for purchase, and the author, Norman G. Cohen a.k.a. jambbal, and be available to sign the books.

For information, call 459-4062.

Guilderland FD to host game night

Guilderland Fire Department will host a ham and game night on March 27 at 7 p.m. Attendees will eat ham, play games, and have chances to win prizes.



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Arrests

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license, Neal allegedly said, "I don't have any license, man," and when asked if he had been drinking, allegedly said, "You got me, I had probably eight beers, seven or eight beers."

When asked to perform sobriety tests, Neal allegedly exited the vehicle but said, "Nah, I'm not doin' any tests, you got me, I'm drunk." Police convinced him to take one test, which he failed, but then he refused to take others.

A chemical test at the station showed Neal's BAC to be 0.17 percent. He was remanded to Albany County jail in lieu of \$7,500 bail.

Officers from the

Coeymans Police Department assisted.

•The Bethlehem Police Department on Saturday, March 6, charged Marcus D. Kaplan, 24, of 45 Bobwhite Drive, Glenmont, with DWI, unlawful possession of marijuana and several traffic violations following a traffic stop in Glenmont.

Police allegedly observed Kaplan's vehicle failing to use the designated lane while traveling westbound on Route 32, then failing to signal while turning right onto Kenwood Avenue. Kaplan allegedly failed sobriety tests and exhibited poor balance and coordination, and was taken into custody. A vehicle inventory allegedly recovered a glass pipe containing marijuana

residue. A chemical test at the station showed Kaplan's BAC to be 0.11 percent. He was released on tickets and scheduled to appear in court on Tuesday, March 16.

• Bethlehem police on Saturday, March 6, arrested Christine E. Grady, 25, of 611 Rowe Road, Fuera Bush, and charged her with felony aggravated DWI for DWI with passengers under the age of 15 in the vehicle.

Police were dispatched to Delaware Avenue in Delmar following reports of an erratic driver in the area, and located Grady's Mitsubishi convertible.

When asked to produce her license, Grady did not initially respond, according to police. When she did respond, police observed her exhibiting

watery, bloodshot eyes and impaired speech, according to reports.

Grady said she was coming from Wings Over Albany and had consumed a couple glasses of wine at her residence, according to police. She said she then picked up her passengers and drove them to get food.

Grady allegedly failed sobriety tests and police took her into custody. A chemical test at the station showed her BAC to be .24 percent, three times the legal limit. She was arraigned in Bethlehem Town Court and remanded to Albany County jail in lieu of \$2,500 cash or \$5,000 bail bond, and was scheduled to appear in court on Tuesday, April 6. Grady's license was seized by Judge Paul Swey pending prosecution.

Benefit

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the benefit that made a difference.

"It's not just the financial help but the support of physically having people there to support you," he said.

He said that by organizing the benefit he is taking the kindness people extended to his family, and "paying it forward."

The staff of the hotel is doing its part to help Morgan pay it forward.

"All of the kitchen staff, and all of the servers will be volunteering their time for the event," said Morgan.

According to Morgan, another goal of the benefit will be to raise awareness about cancer, and the

staff will provide cancer awareness materials to people who attend.

"The management of the property is humbled and inspired by the selflessness of the employees and how they look out for each other," said Monsoor Mustafa, the general manager of the hotel.

So far, the event has about 50 confirmed guests; however, Morgan said he also expects other supporters to show up as well.

Those who would like to donate, but cannot attend the event, can send donations to the Best Western Sovereign Hotel, 1228 Western Ave., Albany, NY 12203.

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 NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY NAME: CORRIGAN FAMILY PROPERTIES, LLC
 DATE OF FILING: 02/12/2010
 OFFICE LOCATION: Albany County AGENT FOR SERVICE: Corrigan Family Properties, LLC 413 Wellington Road Delmar, New York 12054
 PURPOSE: To engage in any lawful act or activity for which United Liability Companies may be organized under the New York LLC.
 60384
 (March 17, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

LEGAL NOTICE
 NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY NAME: Errands-R-Us, LLC. Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State (SSNY) on 2/10/10. 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, 470 Feura Bush Road, Glenmont, NY 12077. Purpose: For any lawful purpose.
 60385
 (March 17, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

LEGAL NOTICE
 NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION OF BARRE STRENGTH, LLC
 On March 5, 2010, Barre Strength, LLC (the "LLC") filed Articles of Organization with the New York State Department of State. The principal business location of the LLC is 48 Howard Street, 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 c/o Crane & Parente, 48 Howard Street, Albany, New York 12207. The LLC is organized for the purpose of the operation of a barre workout facility and any other lawful business.
 60512
 (March 17, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

LEGAL NOTICE
 Notice of Qualification of Brenford Environmental Systems, L.P. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 3/11/10. Office location: Albany County. LP formed in Texas (TX) on 7/14/09. SSNY designated as agent of LP upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Registered Agent Solutions, Inc., 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. TX address of LP: 8411 Industrial Dr., Pearland, TX 77584, also the address of the principal office. Name/address of genl. ptr. available from SSNY. Cert. of LP filed with DE Secy. of State, Federal & Duke of York Sts., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activities.
 60514
 (March 17, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

LEGAL NOTICE
 Notice of Qualification of Autumn Post LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 3/4/10. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 12/8/09. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Brandon Rosser, c/o 54 Thompson St., 4th Fl., NY, NY 10012, also the address of the principal office. Address to be maintained in DE: 32 W. Lockerman St., Ste. 201, Dover, DE 19904. Arts of Org. filed with DE Secy. Of State, 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activities.

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60515
 (March 17, 2010)
LEGAL NOTICE
 NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). Name: COLUMBIA 16 NS II LLC. Articles of Organization filed with NY Secretary of State, March 8, 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.
 60517
 (March 17, 2010)

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 BETHLEHEM CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NOTICE TO BIDDERS
 This Board of Education of the Bethlehem Central School District hereby invites the submission of sealed bids for the following:
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 Board of Education
 JUDITH E. KEHOE
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 Date: 03/17/10
 (March 17, 2010)

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LEGAL NOTICE
 Notice of formation of LJCF HOLDINGS LLC a NYS LLC Formation filed with SSNY on 03/08/10. Off. Loc.: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agt. of LLC, upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: The LLC, 36-36 33rd St, Ste 306, Long Island, NY 11106. Purpose: Any Lawful purposes.
 60523
 (March 17, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

LEGAL NOTICE
 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.
 LCD-22199
 (March 17, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

LEGAL NOTICE
 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.,

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Esq., 16 Sage Estate, #208, Menands, New York 12204. For any lawful purpose.
 LD-22159
 (March 17, 2010)

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LEGAL NOTICE
 Notice of Formation of INWOOD BRONX LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 1/26/10. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of 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 17, 2010)

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LEGAL NOTICE
 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 17, 2010)

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LEGAL NOTICE
 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 17, 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 17, 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.
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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.
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 (March 17, 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 17, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

LEGAL NOTICE
 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 17, 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 17, 2010)

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LEGAL NOTICE
 Notice of Qualification of PromiseCare Pharmacy, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/28/10. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Tennessee (TN) on 8/22/08. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 605 Bakertown Rd., Antioch, TN 37013, the address of the principal office, and the address to be maintained in TN. Arts of Org. filed with TN Secy. Of State, 312 Rosa L. Parks Ave., Snodgrass Tower, 6th Fl., Nashville, TN 37243. Purpose: any lawful activities.
 LD-22175
 (March 17, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

LEGAL NOTICE
 NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY NAME: Prendo Forensics, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on January 15, 2010. Office Location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC: P.O. Box 93, Guilderland, New York 12084-0098. Purpose: For any lawful purpose.
 LD-22176
 (March 17, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

LEGAL NOTICE
 Publication Notice of Organization of Limited Liability Company
 FIRST: The name of the Limited Liability Company is FOCUSED TECHNOLOGIES IMAGING SERVICES, LLC. (hereinafter referred to as the "Company").
 SECOND: The Articles of Organization of the Company were filed with the New York Secretary of State on January 6, 2010.
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 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.
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 (March 17, 2010)

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LEGAL NOTICE
 Publication Notice of Conversion of Focused Technologies
 FIRST: The name of the Limited Liability Company is FOCUSED TECHNOLOGIES IMAGING SERVICES, LLC. (hereinafter referred to as the "Company").
 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 17, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

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 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 17, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

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.
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 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.
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 (March 17, 2010)

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LEGAL NOTICE
 Notice of Formation of LOVE & WAR ASSOCIATES, LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with

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 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.
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 (March 17, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

LEGAL NOTICE
 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 17, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

LEGAL NOTICE
 Notice of Qualification of Ritter Insurance Marketing, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/20/10. Fictitious name in NY State: Ritter Insurance Services/Marketing, LLC. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Pennsylvania (PA) on 12/11/01. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o National Registered Agents, Inc., 875 Ave. of the Americas, Ste. 501, NY, NY 10001. PA address of LLC: 4800 Linglestown Road, Ste. 300, Harrisburg, PA 17112. Arts. of Org. filed with PA Secy. of State, 401 North St., Rm. 206, Harrisburg, PA 17105. Purpose: any lawful activity.
 LD-22187
 (March 17, 2010)

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LEGAL NOTICE
 Notice of Qualification of Quintana Energy Partners II, L.P. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/26/10. Office location: Albany County. LP formed in Cayman Islands (CI) on 11/12/08. SSNY designated as agent of LP upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Capitol Services, Inc., 1218 Central Ave., Ste. 100, Albany, NY 12205. Principal office of LP: 601 Jefferson, Ste. 3600, Houston, TX 77002. Name/address of each genl. ptr. available from SSNY. Cert. of LP filed with M&C Corporate Services Ltd., PO Box 309GT, Ugland House, South Church St., George Town, Grand Cayman, CI. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.
 LD-22188
 (March 17, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

LEGAL NOTICE
 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 genl. ptr. available from SSNY. Cert. of LP filed with M&C Corporate Services Ltd., PO Box 309GT, Ugland House, South Church St., George Town, Grand Cayman, CI. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.
 LD-22191
 (March 17, 2010)

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LEGAL NOTICE
 Notice of Formation of Integrative Productions LLC.

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LEGAL NOTICE
 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. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 145 East 35th St., Apt. 4FW, NY, NY 10016. Purpose: any lawful activities.
 LD-22195
 (March 17, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

LEGAL NOTICE
 Notice of Formation of Energex 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 17, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

LEGAL NOTICE
 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 17, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

LEGAL NOTICE
 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 17, 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 17, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

LEGAL NOTICE
 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 17, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

LEGAL NOTICE
 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.

LEGAL NOTICE

SSNY shall mail process to: Allstate Corp. Svcs., 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Registered Agent upon whom process may be served: Allstate Corp. Svcs., 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-22207 (March 17, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

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 17, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

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 17, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Mid-dieberg 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 Di-etetics-Nutrition. LD-22210 (March 17, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

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 17, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of ARM PARTNERS LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 2/5/10. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC 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 17, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of

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SAFE & VAULT TECHNOLOGY, LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 2/4/10. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. LD-22213 (March 17, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

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 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 17, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

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 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 17, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION OF CPD REALTY PARTNERS, LLC On January 29, 2010, CPD Realty Partners, LLC (the "LLC") filed Articles of Organization with the New York State Department of State. The principal business location of the LLC is Albany County, New York. The New York Secretary of State is designated as the agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. The 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 17, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

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 17, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

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 17, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

ANTLIA INTERNATIONAL HOLDING LLC was filed with the SSNY on 10/23/09. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon 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 Fouk Rd., Suite 201, Wilmington, DE 19803. Purpose: any lawful purpose. LD-22221 (March 17, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

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 Kehwood Avenue Delmar NY 12054. The purpose of this LLC is to engage in any lawful activity. LD-22222 (March 17, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC) Name: The Fresh Perspective, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York on 12/16/09. The principal office of the LLC is in ALBANY County. Secretary of State of New York is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it shall be served. Secretary of State of New York shall be mailed a copy of any process against the LLC to 51 Gardner Terrace Delmar NY 12054. The purpose of this LLC is to engage in any lawful activity. LD-22223 (March 17, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

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 17, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

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 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 17, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY

LEGAL NOTICE

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 17, 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 upon whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. LD-22246 (March 17, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

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 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-22247 (March 17, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

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 17, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

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 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 17, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

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 upon whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. LD-22254 (March 17, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

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 23219. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. LD-22260 (March 17, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of NATURELAMSTERDAM 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 17, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

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 17, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC) Name: NEIGHBORHOOD PET SITTING, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on February 22, 2010. Office location, ALBANY COUNTY. SSNY is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC to 69 Orchard Street, Delmar, New York 12054. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. LD-22268 (March 17, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of formation of UPTOWN COMMUNICATIONS NY LLC a NYS LLC Formation filed with SSNY on 01/07/10. Off. Loc.: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agt. of LLC, upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: The LLC, 36-36 33 St., Ste. 306, Long Island, NY 11106. Purpose: Any Lawful purposes. LD-22272 (March 17, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of formation of 312 BRIGHTON BEACH AVE, LLC a NYS LLC Formation filed with SSNY on 02/03/10. Off. Loc.: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agt. of LLC, upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: The LLC, 312 Brighton Beach Ave., Brooklyn, NY 11235. Purpose: Any Lawful purposes. LD-22273 (March 17, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of formation of FIS SERVICE, LLC a NYS LLC Formation filed with SSNY on 02/03/10. Off. Loc.: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agt. of LLC, upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: The LLC, 634 Van Dam St., North Woodmere, NY 11581. Purpose: Any Lawful purposes. LD-22274 (March 17, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of formation of NATIONAL E PAYMENT NY LLC a NYS LLC Formation filed with SSNY on 02/09/10. Off. Loc.: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agt. of LLC, upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: The LLC, 36-36 33rd Street, Suite 306, Long Island, NY 11106. Purpose: Any Lawful purposes. LD-22275 (March 17, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of formation of NOTED ENTERTAINMENT, LLC a NYS LLC Formation filed with SSNY on 11/17/09. Off. Loc.: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agt. of LLC, upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: The LLC, 220 Everit Ave., Hewlett Harbor, NY 11557. Purpose: Any Lawful purposes. LD-22276 (March 17, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of formation of BARTER IDEA LLC a NYS LLC Formation filed with SSNY on 11/17/09. Off. Loc.: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agt. of LLC, upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: The LLC, 41 State St., Ste M104, Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: Any Lawful purposes. LD-22277 (March 17, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of formation of AFFINITY CHILD CARE LLC a NYS LLC Formation filed with SSNY on 11/12/09. Off. Loc.: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agt. of LLC, upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: The LLC, 779 East 99th St., Brooklyn, NY 11203. Purpose: Any Lawful purposes. LD-22278 (March 17, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FILING OF THE ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF 69 NPS OPERATING, LLC UNDER LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY LAW SECTION 206 The name of the limited liability company (LLC) is: 69 NPS OPERATING, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed on July 15, 2009 with the Secretary of State (SS). The office of the LLC is in Albany County, NY. The LLC shall dissolve on December 31, 2059. The SS of NY is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The address to which the SS shall mail a copy of any process against it served upon him or her is the LLC, 109 Ontario Street, Albany, New York 12206. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be formed, both within and without NY state. LD-22281 (March 17, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FILING OF THE ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF 69 NPS REALTY, LLC UNDER LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY LAW SECTION 206 The name of the limited liability company (LLC) is: 69 NPS REALTY, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed on July 16, 2009 with the Secretary of State (SS). The office of the LLC is in Albany County, NY. The LLC shall dissolve on December 31, 2059. The SS of NY is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The address to which the SS shall mail a copy of any process against it served upon him or her is the LLC, 109 Ontario Street, Albany, New York 12206. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be formed, both within and without NY state. LD-22281 (March 17, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

The name of the limited liability company (LLC) is: 69 NPS REALTY, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed on July 16, 2009 with the Secretary of State (SS). The office of the LLC is in Albany County, NY. The LLC shall dissolve on December 31, 2059. The SS of NY is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The address to which the SS shall mail a copy of any process against it served upon him or her is the LLC, 109 Ontario Street, Albany, New York 12206. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be formed, both within and without NY state. LD-22281 (March 17, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation ADAN REAL ESTATE, LLC Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 2/17/2010 Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 545-547 Central Avenue, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: any lawful purpose. Latest date to dissolve 12/31/2095. LD-22283 (March 17, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Ironbridge Insurance Agency, LLC LLC was filed with the SSNY on 2-17-2010. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against may be served. The P.O. address which SSNY shall mail any process against the LLC served upon him: Marvin J. Kline, Manager Member 1405 Panther Road Wyncote, PA 02864 Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose LD-22284 (March 17, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Addison & Grace Holdings LLC. Arts Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 01/22/10. 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-22285 (March 17, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Bronx Podiatry Associates, LLC. Arts Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 01/22/10. 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-22286 (March 17, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of GCST 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. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-22286 (March 17, 2010)

Milestones

Berezansky, Webster to wed



Joshua and Meagan Aileen Webster and Joshua Wade Berezansky have announced their engagement. Meagan is the daughter of Deborah Webster of Lansingburgh, N.Y., and the late F. Daniel Webster. Joshua is the son of Bohdan and Roxanne Berezansky of Melrose, N.Y., and Joyce and Michael Harrold of Mentor, Ohio. The future bride is a 2003 graduate of Catholic Central High School, and earned her bachelor's degree in psychology in 2007 from Siena College. She will receive her MA and CAS in school psychology from SUNY Plattsburgh this May. Her fiancé is a 2003 graduate of Catholic Central High School, and earned his bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering in 2006 from Clarkson University. He is now a mechanical engineer for Georgia Pacific in Plattsburgh. The couple is planning a June 26, 2010 wedding.

Edward J. Engleman

Applebee Funeral Home, 403 Kenwood Avenue, Delmar, NY 12054



(518) 439-2715 / (518) 475-0657 (fax)
Obituary of Edward J. Engleman
BALTIMORE, MD - Edward Joseph Engleman, 51, son of the late James and Lorraine Engleman of Delmar, New York, passed away on March 5, 2010 surrounded by loved ones after a long struggle with a heart condition. Born in Troy, New York and raised in Delmar, New York, he made

his home in Chatham, New Jersey for 25 years while he was employed as an Administrative Contracting Officer for the U.S. Defense Contract Management Agency. During his final months he resided with his sister Donna Platner in Maryland.

Ed was an intelligent, generous man with a one-of-a-kind sense of humor that endeared everyone to him. His depth of character and understanding of young people made him a wonderful uncle and mentor. He had a passionate love of basketball and coaching. Ed had a quiet wisdom that invited and engaged the trust and admiration of both family and friends. He improved people's lives simply by being present. He will be missed dearly by every member of his family, young and old.

He is survived by his two twin sisters, Donna (Jim) Platner of Severna Park, MD and Diane (George)

Medford of Tequesta, FL; and two brothers James (Linda) Engleman of Buffalo, NY and Robert (Nancy) Engleman of Richmond, VA. Ed had an enduring relationship with all of his nieces and nephews that included Jim and Sara Platner; Jim and Katie Medford; Thomas, Jonathon and Jake Engleman; and Eric and Kirsten Engeman.

He is also survived by his uncle William (Mary) Engleman, and cousin Bill Engleman, all of Clifton Park, New York. Services were held from the Applebee Funeral Home, 403 Kenwood Ave., Delmar and at the Parish of Mater Christi (formerly St. Catherine of Siena), Albany where a Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated. Burial was in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Troy. In lieu of flowers, charitable contributions may be made to Camp Thatcher Opportunities of the Boys and Girls Club of Albany (www.bgcaldany.com).

Frances Anne Coccozza

DELMAR, NY: Frances Anne (Kattar) Coccozza, 65, lost her battle with cancer



Tuesday, February 23, 2010, at the Hospice Inn at St. Peter's Hospital, Albany. A resident of Bethlehem for 35 years, "Fran" was born and raised in Lawrence, Massachusetts. She attended Sacred Heart High School there, and Northern Essex Community College, in Haverhill, MA. She married Joseph J. Coccozza in 1966, in Lawrence. They relocated to Cleveland, Ohio for six years, finally moving to Bethlehem in 1974.

Fran had two great passions: The first was her family: her husband, her four children, and six grandchildren. The second was her passion for dance. She began as a girl, studied under a prima ballerina as a young woman, and

went on to teach dance throughout her life, including her beloved job of choreography of musical theater productions at both the middle and high schools in Bethlehem.

Over the years, she held a number of positions. She ended her career as the Secretary to the Principal at Bethlehem Central High School, retiring just last month.

Fran is survived by her loving husband of 43 years, Joe, her four children: Keith J. Coccozza, 42 and his wife Paula of Fairfield, CT, Melissa J. (Coccozza) Faiola, 40, and her husband Lou Faiola of East Haddam, CT, Peter A. Coccozza, 38, and his wife, Ruth of Greenwich, CT and Daniel J. Coccozza, 27 of New York, NY and her six cherished grandchildren.

Survivors also include her two sisters, Donna Kattar and Christine Kattar both of Lawrence, MA, and her brother, Thomas Kattar and his wife, Deborah, of Dubai, UAE, her two nephews, Gavin Kattar and his wife Kate of London, England, and Nicholas Kattar of New York, NY. She is also survived by her mother-in-law, Betty Coccozza of Lawrence, MA and two sisters-in-law; Camille

Coccozza of Bensalem, PA and Patricia Coccozza of Feeding Hills, MA.

The family would like to extend their gratitude to Dr. Thomas Morrissey, Lisa, Barbara and Anne and the staff at St. Peter's Hospital Cancer Center. And special thanks to the staff on 6 McAuley, at St. Peter's Hospital.

Calling hours were held at the Applebee Funeral Home, 403 Kenwood Avenue, Delmar, on Thursday, February 25th, from 4pm to 8pm. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Friday, February 26th at 11 am at St. Thomas Catholic Church, 35 Adams Place, Delmar. She went home to Massachusetts for services and burial on Saturday, February 27th, 11am, at St. Anthony's Cemetery in Methuen.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in her memory to the Fran Coccozza Memorial Scholarship, being established to honor her lifelong love of dance and theater. Checks should be made payable to Bethlehem Central Endowment Fund, c/o J. Davies, 31 Morningstar Lane, Feura Bush, NY, 12067-9799.

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12260. Purpose: any lawful activity.
LD-22287
(March 17, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE
Notice of Formation of 1116 Avenue H Realty LLC. Arts of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 01/08/10. 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-22288
(March 17, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE
Notice of Formation of 7901 Myrtle Ave LLC. Arts of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 01/04/10. 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-22289
(March 17, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE
Notice of Formation of BLUE DOLPHIN GROUP LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 12/1/09. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as

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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-22291
(March 17, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE
Notice of Formation of LAFFEY REAL ESTATE NYC, LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 2/22/10. 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-22292
(March 17, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE
Notice of Formation of DON GILMORE CONSTRUCTION LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 2/25/10. 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-22293
(March 17, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE
Notice of Qualification of CROSSMARK Home Improvement Services, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 2/22/10. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Texas (TX) on 2/20/07.

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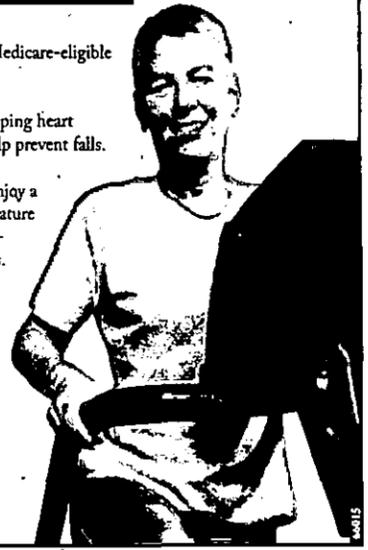
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girls basketball teams for winning their regional playoff games last weekend and giving me the opportunity to earn some frequent driving miles as I shuttle between Troy and Glens Falls for this weekend's state playoffs.

However, the most impressive performance I saw was Section III champion Jamesville-DeWitt's dominance over Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake in the third quarter of last Saturday's Class A boys basketball regional. Between 6-foot, 8-inch tall sophomore center Dajuan Coleman shrugging off Spartan defenders like flies and Lamar Kears hitting shot after shot, the Red Rams went on a 30-8 run to turn a reasonably-close game into a 67-32 rout. There was just nothing that BH-BL could have done.

The Spartans were also responsible for the least impressive performance by an area basketball team last weekend. They hit only 2 of their 24 shots in the first half of last Friday's Class A regional semifinal against Section X champion Massena. The crazy thing was that they made 9 out of their 17 shots in the second half to rally for a 39-31 victory. Unbelievable.

• Congratulations

are also in order for the Saratoga Springs and Queensbury hockey teams for representing Section II well at last weekend's state tournament in Utica. Even though they both lost in the state finals, they still showed that the sport is alive and well in the Capital District.

• Can there be a true national champion in high school indoor track and field when there are two national championship meets taking place on the same day? No, but at least there are athletes who can say they are national champions. So, congratulations to the following area athletes who can claim that honor (all from the Nike Indoor Nationals in Boston): Kyle Plante (Colonie) in the girls 200-meter dash, Saratoga's girls 4x1 mile and distance medley relay teams and Shaker's boys 3,200-meter relay team.

• Finally, a word of advice for those of you who are planning to watch every NCAA Tournament game Thursday and Friday: don't do it. You have a life to lead, so lead it. You'll catch the highlights on TV, anyway. That said, be sure to watch Siena play Purdue Friday. Then, you can go back to your lives.

That's it for this week, folks. Remember to send some comments my way at jonasr@spotlightnews.com.

Saints
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some national fame at last year's NCAA Tournament with two three-pointers in overtime to lift the Saints past Ohio State 74-72. "I like to take big shots in big games."

Fairfield tied the game with less than one minute in regulation, but Siena opened the five-minute overtime period by scoring the first four points and the Stags never recovered.

Franklin contributed 22 points for the Saints, who are going to their sixth NCAA Tournament in their Division I history.

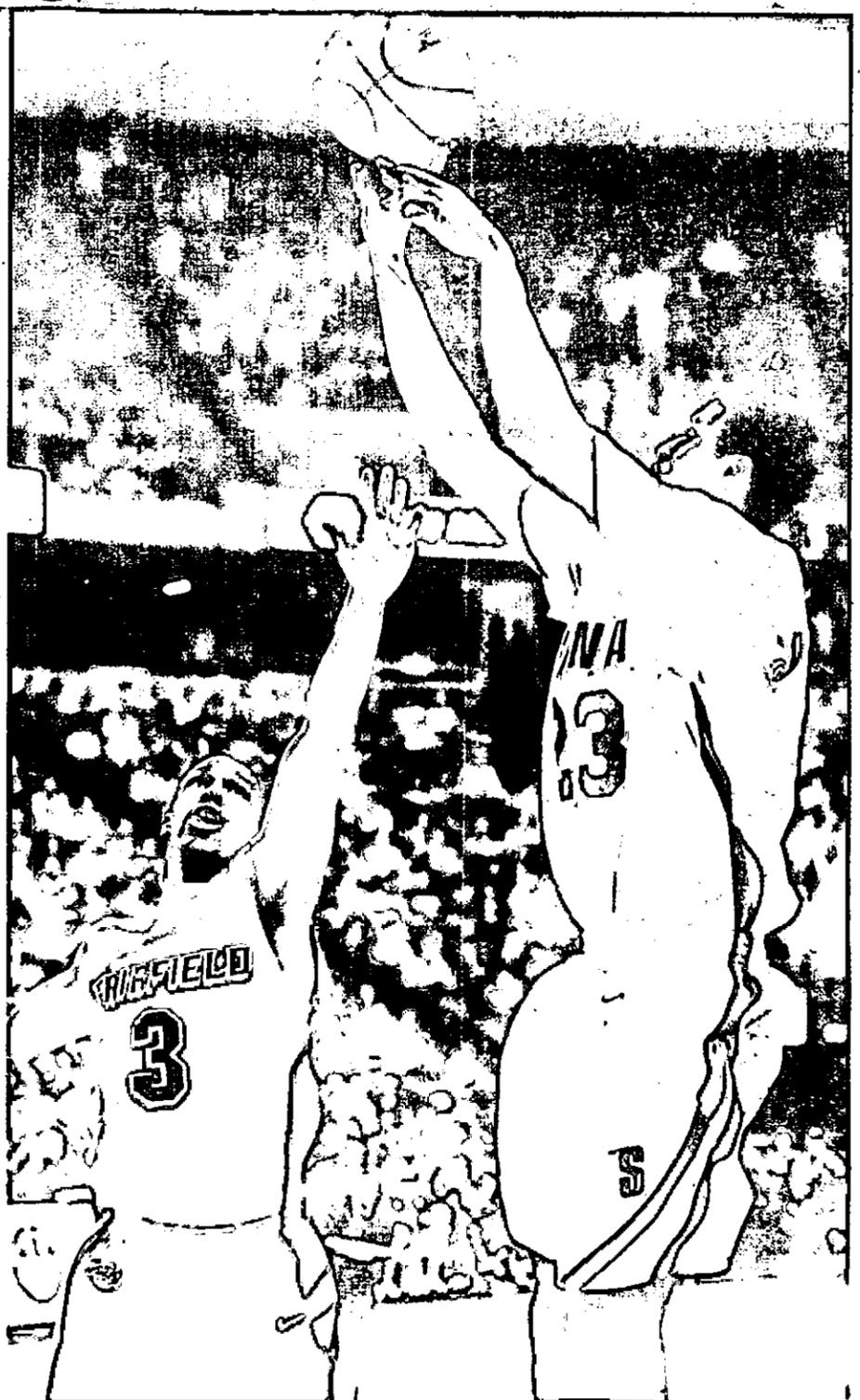
"I'm just glad that it's over with and looking forward to being the underdog," said Franklin.

Siena may not be the underdog in Friday's game against Purdue, though. Despite being the higher seed, the Boilermakers are being viewed around the country as being vulnerable following a 27-point loss to Minnesota in last weekend's Big 10 Tournament. Purdue played that game without its second-leading scorer, Robbie Hummel, who suffered a season-ending knee injury in the final month of the regular season.

Those factors, plus Siena's success in the opening round of the NCAA Tournament the past two years, have many national columnists predicting a victory for the Saints. But the players said they would have been confident going in, no matter who they were matched up with.

"That just comes from our experience of playing teams from around the country [over the last three years]," said Franklin. "We think we can play with anybody."

The one thing Siena may not be able to afford to do is fall behind in the first half.



Siena's Edwin Ubiles shoots over a Fairfield defender during last Monday's MAAC Tournament championship game at the Times Union Center. Robert Goo/Spotlight

"We can't afford to have slow starts in the tournament," said Moore. "With so many great teams, being behind can

hurt us." The winner of Friday's Siena-Purdue game plays in Sunday's second round against either No. 5 Texas

A&M or No. 12 Utah State. Whoever wins Sunday goes to Houston the following weekend for the South Regional semifinal.

Burns swims to title

Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk High School graduate Kevin Burns won the 400-yard individual medley title at the National Junior College Athletic Association men's swimming and diving championships March 3-6 in Fort Pierce, Fla.

Burns, representing Monroe Community College of Rochester, swam a time of 4:05.34 in the 400 IM to earn his first national title.

Burns also placed in the top eight in the 200 IM and the 200 backstroke at nationals. He was third in the 200 back with a time of 1:52.71, and he placed seventh in the 200 IM with a time of 1:56.51.

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Sports *in the* Spotlight

Saints march to Spokane

Siena draws Purdue in opening round of NCAA TournamentBy ROB JONAS
jonasr@spotlightnews.com

The Siena College Saints know who they're facing and where they're playing in this year's NCAA men's basketball tournament.

All they need to do now is figure out how to avoid the first-half doldrums.

The Saints drew Big 10 co-champion Purdue in Friday's opening round of the tournament in Spokane, Wash. Siena enters as the No. 13 seed – the same seed it had two years ago when it defeated Vanderbilt in the opening round – while Purdue enters as the No. 4 seed.

Getting to the NCAA Tournament for a third consecutive year wasn't easy for Siena. The Saints had to rally from halftime deficits in all three of their Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference Tournament games one week earlier in Albany to clinch the automatic berth.

"It's definitely a relief to accomplish the goals we set for ourselves at the beginning of the year," said senior forward Alex Franklin.

Last Monday's MAAC championship game against Fairfield was especially nerve wracking for Siena and its fans. The Saints fell behind by as many as 15 points in the first half and had to go to overtime before defeating the Stags 72-65 in front of a partisan Siena crowd of more than 10,000.

"It's not something that we're doing deliberately," Siena coach Fran McCaffery said of his team's first half woes. "Maybe it's nerves, but we're playing teams that also give out scholarships. So they have some talent, too."

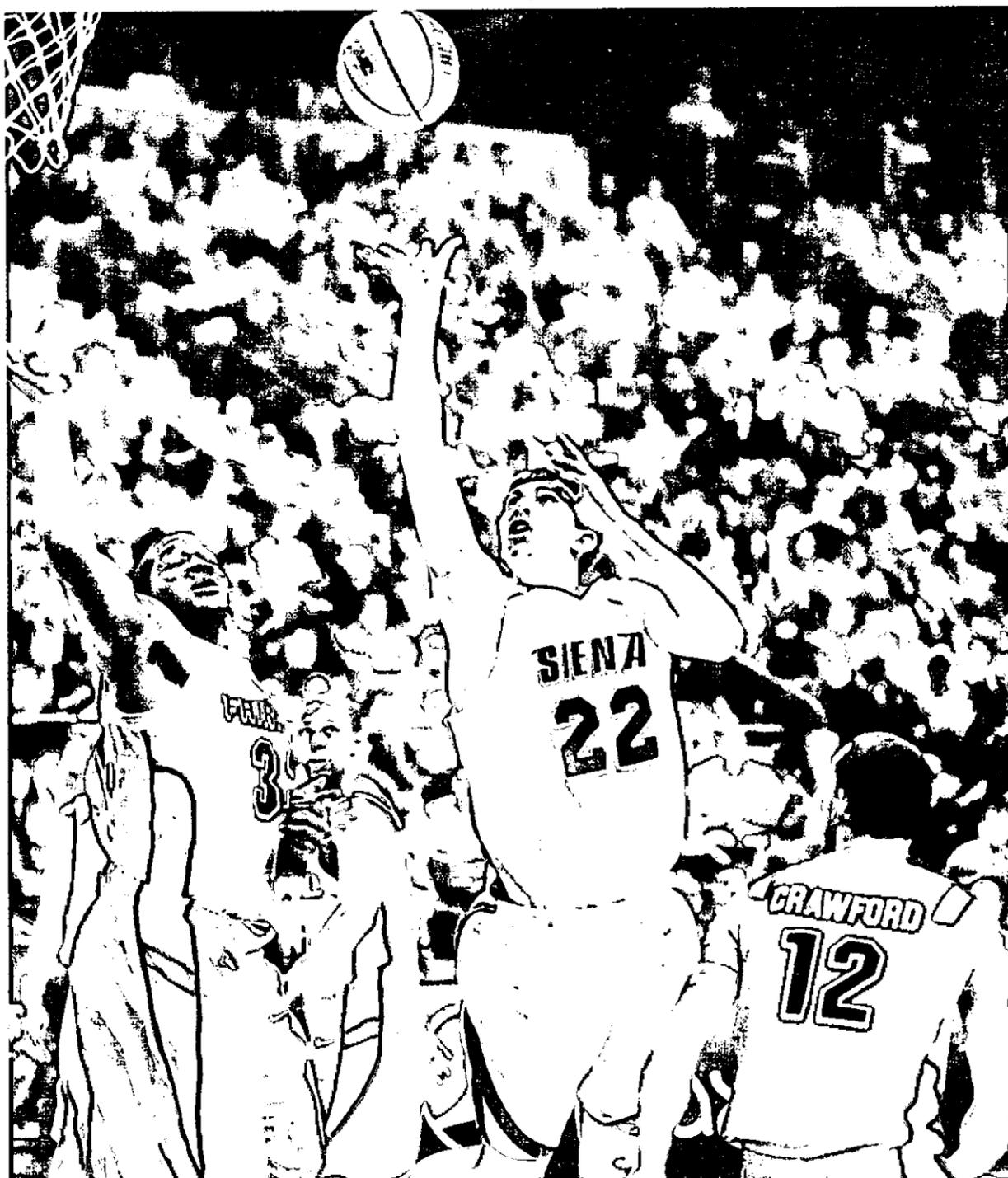
Siena's comeback was keyed by a full-court press that forced several Fairfield turnovers in the second half. One such turnover led to a spectacular 360-degree dunk by senior Edwin Ubiles that brought the crowd to its feet.

"He's always been someone who gets people energized, but more than anything he's someone who plays energized," McCaffery said of Ubiles, who scored a team-high 27 points in the victory.

Senior guard Ronald Moore completed Siena's second-half surge with a three-pointer that put the Saints ahead 60-58 with 2:07 left.

"It's just a confidence thing," said Moore, who gained

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Siena's Ryan Rossiter drives through the Fairfield defense for a layup during last Monday's MAAC Tournament championship game at the Times Union Center. The Saints defeated the Stags 72-65 in overtime to earn their third consecutive trip to the NCAA Tournament.

Robert Goo/Spotlight

Lots of good news (unless you're a Browns fan)

I've got two words for Jake DelHomme as he settles into his new role as the Cleveland Browns quarterback: Jeff Garcia. That's who you are right now – a veteran quarterback who may not have much left in his tank, but is expected to take the Browns to the top of the AFC North. Good luck with that.

Why am I a Browns fan again? Then again, why am I a New York Mets fan? I must like losing. OK, moving on...

• Siena basketball fans bummed out that their Saints have to go all the way to Spokane, Wash., for Friday's opening round game against Purdue should be comforted by the fact that the Saints are playing Purdue.

I don't know a lot about the fourth-seeded Boilermakers other than that they shared the Big 10 regular season title with Ohio State and Michigan State, and they lost their second-leading scorer, Robbie Hummel, to a season-ending knee injury. Oh, and they got the snot knocked out of them by Minnesota in the Big 10 Tournament semifinals.

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Those last two facts are what should encourage Siena fans, though. It seems that Purdue has lost its way a bit without Hummel helping out in the low post. Forward JaJuan Johnson can be a lot to handle near the basket (15.1 points per game, 7.2 rebounds per game), but the Saints have three healthy forwards who can slow him down. Guard E'Twaun Moore (17 points per game) will get his points, but without a third bonafide scorer, Purdue is going to have to rely on its defense to pull this one out.

But, who is Purdue going to try to stop? Alex Franklin? Edwin Ubiles? Ryan Rossiter? (I'd insert Clarence Jackson in here, but he may not play because of an ankle injury.) If the Boilermakers focus on any one Saint, the others are likely to pick up the slack.

Normally I wouldn't go out on a limb with Siena as a No. 13 seed, but I like this match-up – which, knowing my luck, probably means the Saints will lose. Still, I think Siena will find a way to advance to Sunday's second round against either

Texas A&M or Utah State.

• I'll admit I laughed out loud when I saw that top-seeded Syracuse earned a first-round game against No. 16 Vermont. Perhaps it's because I remember what happened in 2005 and thought of all the Orange fans who probably also had their memories jarred back to that fateful first-round day in Worcester when the Catamounts prevailed 60-57 in overtime.

I doubt Syracuse will lose to UVM a second time, but it would be kind of funny if it happened again. Except to Syracuse fans, who would probably boycott all things Vermont for a year. (That would be quite a blow to Ben & Jerry's and the maple syrup industry.)

• Thank goodness the Union hockey team recovered from that five-overtime loss to Quinnipiac and won games two and three of last weekend's best-of-three ECAC quarterfinal series. If the Dutchmen hadn't made it to the Times Union Center for the league's Final-Four tournament, downtown Albany would have been a lot less interesting – not to mention a lot quieter, too.

Last Friday's five-overtime marathon

was eerily reminiscent of two years ago when the Albany River Rats fell to the (then) Philadelphia Phantoms 3-2 in five overtimes during the Calder Cup playoffs. Only this time, Union lost despite out-shooting Quinnipiac 75-55 – far more frustrating than when the Phantoms peppered River Rat goaltender Michael Leighton with 101 shots and won. And that Albany-Philly game came two years after Union lost a five OT home playoff game to Yale.

Luckily, the Dutchmen can now erase the memory of last Friday's setback and concentrate on winning their first ECAC Tournament title, which is probably the only way they will make the NCAA Tournament field. With stronger leagues like Hockey East, the CCHA and the WCHA probably getting multiple bids and ECAC regular season champion Yale falling last weekend, Union will need the automatic bid because the NCAA committee probably won't invite more than two teams from ECAC. (Too many abbreviations? Better that than writing out the league names in full.)

• Shifting gears, congratulations to the CBA boys and Shenendehowa

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