

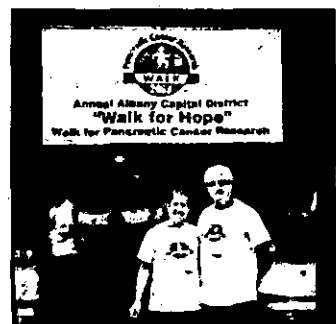
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Walk hits close to home

After losing four close family members to pancreatic cancer, Neil and Shari Piper decided to do something about it.

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Soccer club alters format

Move will make 'Youth Academy' less expensive for players

By CHARLES WIFF
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The long-running Bethlehem Soccer Club is instituting a new format for its competitive teams that club officials say will keep costs to players down and open up the program to more users.

The "Youth Academy at BSC" will replace the Premiere and Travel programs for competitive players 13 and older. Players will still have professional, United States Soccer Federation-licensed coaches, and still compete against other area teams. But starting this year, they'll all be paying the same price.

Before, every team had a different cost associated with it because the team expenses were split between the players. Players on small teams shouldered a larger bill, and were thus unlikely to grow. By tying the teams together, the club has been able to find cost savings, said club representative Bill Yates.

"What had been a very disparate cost structure is now leveled

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ABOVE: The Bethlehem Soccer Club is introducing a structure for its competitive teams this year that will standardize the fee every player pays at \$900. Before the "Youth Academy," players on smaller teams would have to shoulder larger fees to pay coaches and cover other expenses.

BELOW: Bethlehem Soccer Club officials say plans are moving forward to build an indoor facility at the soccerplex off Wemple Road.

Submitted photos

Water issue to make waves

Proposal on table to deliver Clapper Road water to residential customers

By CHARLES WIFF
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Bethlehem's 2011 budget is shaping up to effect major changes across town operations, but one component that could make a seven-figure splash is still up in the air: the town's water system.

Included in the tentative draft of the town's budget, which has several weeks of scrutiny ahead of it, is a provision to wed output from the town's Clapper Road and New Salem water treatment plants into a unified water system.

It's a measure that came up about 15 years ago, when the Clapper Road plant was first constructed, and has been something of a hot potato issue since. Public concerns at the time

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Outdoor art

Heading into its 59th year, the Stockade Villager's Outdoor Art show in Schenectady offers streets filled with art — and nothing else. It's Saturday, Sept. 11, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

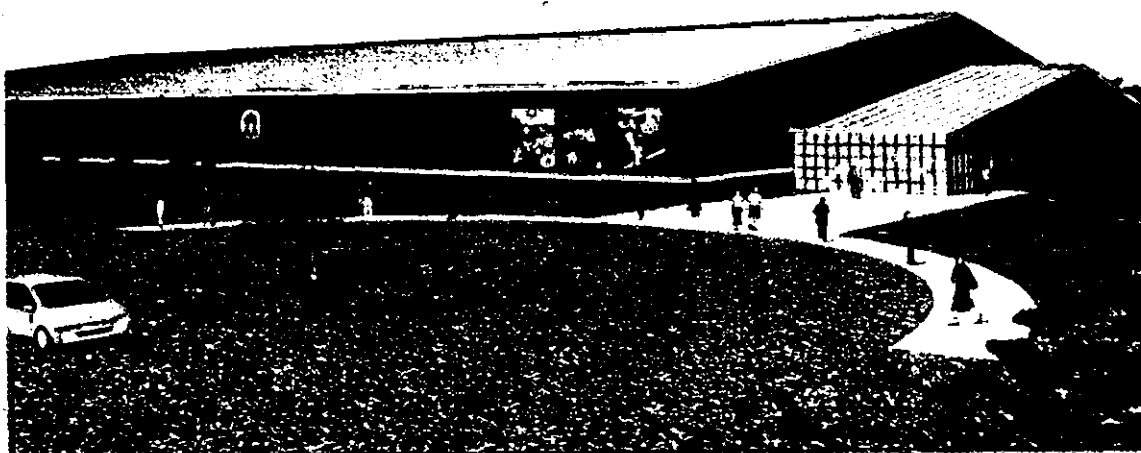
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Eagles, Dutch face challengers

The list of challengers among Suburban Council boys soccer teams is getting longer. Besides usual suspects such as Shenendehowa and Bethlehem, there are several teams that could contend for first place in both divisions.

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RCS uses reserve to lower levy

Residents in the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk School District will be a bit better off than expected when they receive their tax bills in coming days.

The district's school board ended up approving a tax levy 1.3 percent lower than the one included in a \$42.2 million contingency budget adopted after voters in May voted down a budget.

The board decided to use \$300,000 of the district's fund reserve to offset the tax levy.

Those fund reserves were built up over the course of the 2010-11 school year, from under \$500,000 to nearly a million. Without those savings, it would have been unlikely the balance could have remained

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BHA to host presentation on World Trade Center Memorial

On Thursday, Sept. 16, the Bethlehem Historical Association will hear an illustrated presentation by Cornelia Frisbee-Houde, Curator at the New York State Museum. She will speak on "The World Trade Center Memorial Exhibit," which is now a permanent and emotive part of that museum. Preparation for this exhibition

began just days after 9/11. It is rare that museums collect artifacts while the history is still being made.

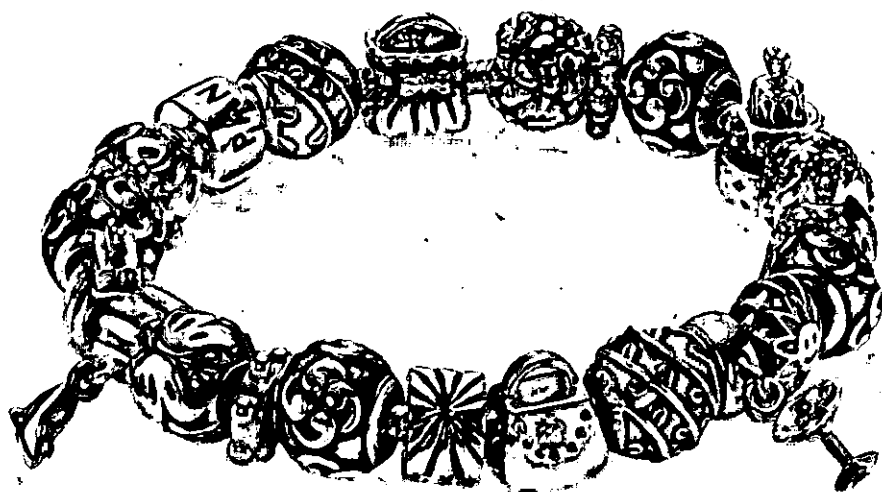
Ms Frisbee-Houde will discuss the philosophy of collecting for museums, the unusual method used for this exhibition, how the exhibit was designed, and the public reaction to the exhibit

over the eight years it has been in place. She will also discuss the allied collection of sympathy items from the memorial at Union Square in New York City. She has been readying such material for digitalization so that this collection can go online.

The meeting is held at the Cedar Hill School at the corner of River and Clapper Roads and starts at 7:30 p.m. The meeting is free and the public is cordially invited.

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Police blotter

Police arrest Delmar man for possession of forged instrument

The Bethlehem Police Department on Sunday, Aug. 29, arrested Henry Y. Carranza-Vasquez, 26, of 84 Delaware Ave. Apt. 6, Delmar, and charged him with criminal possession of a forged instrument in the second degree, a felony, and crossing an intersection diagonally, an infraction.

Police allegedly saw Carranza and another individual crossing the street at Delaware Avenue and Mason Road at about 9:05 p.m. The other subject—later identified as Guadalupe Sanchez-Mendoza, who was charged with crossing an intersection diagonally—stopped in the roadway and caused police to slow their vehicle greatly to avoid hitting him, according to arrest reports.

Police stopped both persons and asked for identification. Sanchez produced a Mexican voter registration card. Carranza allegedly had in his possession a fraudulent Texas identification card and

a genuine Honduran birth certificate. While communicating with Carranza in Spanish, police say he admitted he knew the card to be counterfeit.

A check with Immigration and Naturalization Services allegedly revealed that Carranza was in the U.S. as an undocumented illegal immigrant and Sanchez was in the U.S. illegally and subject to removal after having been apprehend and removed in February of this year. Immigrations and Customs said they would follow up with Carranza based on the charges and ordered Sanchez be held for possible deportation.

Both were arraigned in Bethlehem Town Court and remanded to Albany County jail without bail. Carranza was given a preliminary hearing date of Thursday, Sept. 2, and a return date of Tuesday, Sept. 21. Sanchez was given a return date of Tuesday, Sept. 28.

IN BRIEF

Blue Star Mothers to host Freedom Walk

The Blue Star Mothers Capital Region NY2 will again host the 9/11 Freedom Walk Memorial Event. The event will be held at The Crossings in Colony. It will take place on Saturday, Sept. 11 beginning at 4p.m.

This event is open to

the public. There is no cost to participants and no registration required.* There will be guest speakers, music, a slide presentation. This will be followed by a 1.4-mile walk and wreath laying. Refreshments will be served.

Conifer program offered at Five Rivers

A field study of the natural history of evergreen trees will be conducted at the NYS DEC Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, 56 Game Farm Road, Delmar on Saturday, Sept. 11 at 2 p.m.

This outdoor foray over gentle terrain will visit a variety of conifer stands. Participants will learn about the ecological and economic importance of common evergreens such as pine, spruce and cedar. Participants will learn basic tree identification tips. The impact of invasive forest pest species will be discussed.



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Synchronized skaters attend festival



Albany Figure Skating Club Achilles Edge Synchronized Skating Team members and coaches attended the United States Figure Skating Synchronized Skating Training Festival and National Coaches College, held July 29 to Aug. 1 at the University of Delaware in Newark, Del. Pictured are team members Grace DiRisio, Alyssa Hopsicker, Isabelle Lombardi, Stephanie Lombardi, Taylor Kennedy, Aislyn DiRisio, Emma Brieand, and Christina Lombardi. Also pictured are Tea Motollese and Cara DePan from the Hudson Mohawk Figure Skating Club and Paula Wagener from Artistry in Motion. The skaters, along with Achilles Edge coaches Wayne Hussey and Stephanie Hunter, had the opportunity to work with nationally-ranked coaches, trainers, and choreographers and to skate with athletes from all over the country. For information about Achilles Edge Synchronized Skating, visit the Albany FSC website at www.albanyfsc.org.

Submitted photo

Latham Wal-Mart hearing planned

Public will be invited to comment on proposed Route 9 Supercenter

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A Colonie Planning Board hearing regarding a proposed Wal-Mart Supercenter off Route 9 in Latham is set for Tuesday, Sept. 14, and town officials expect plenty of discussion on what effect the store would have on small businesses and traffic in the area.

"Historically people have seen Wal-Mart as coming into small townships and hurting small businesses," said Colonie Planning Department Director Joseph LaCivita. "There's a large population to support small businesses, so it wouldn't hurt them."

He said the Wal-Mart Supercenter up the road in Clifton Park has not affected the nearby businesses.

"There are more stores coming into the Crossings in Clifton Park," LaCivita said.

Town Supervisor Paula Mahan said competition is "the American way" and said that there has already been a Wal-Mart in the Latham Farms shopping center for years. If the new Wal-Mart were to open at the Route 9 location, the one in Latham Farms

would close.

"I hope the competition is healthy," she said. "It's not for me to like or dislike."

The main concern for both Mahan and LaCivita is the impact such a store would have on traffic patterns in the area.

"The struggle to find ways to mitigate traffic," Mahan said. "Those are what I look at."

LaCivita said all aspects of the project need to be addressed, including possible additions of crosswalks, stop signs, traffic lights and through lanes. All of those components must be looked at before the project is presented before the Planning Board, he said, and added that it will be taken into consideration in the 2010 Comprehensive Plan review process.

The New York State Department of Transportation will be handling that issue of traffic, according to LaCivita.

"You have to look at all the mitigating factors," he said. "From the Planning Board's perspective, you have to be cognizant of hearing any comments, whether they are negative or positive."

The public hearing will be held at 7 p.m. Sept. 14 at the Public Operations Center on 347 Old Niskayuna Road.

No simple solutions in Bethlehem budget discussion

Officials say 2011 planning process most difficult in years

By CHARLES WIFF
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After several weeks of deliberations on the 2011 budget, the one thing that's clear in the Town of Bethlehem is that there are no easy decisions to be made in the coming weeks.

Town leaders have been meeting several times a week with department heads to go over projections for next year, and that work has resulted in a tentative 2011 budget that was discussed

at a Thursday, Sept. 2, workshop. Supervisor Sam Messina will present the final version of his budget to the Town Board in a few weeks.

He was quick to acknowledge the difficult times ahead.

"I don't think Bethlehem has ever faced such a challenging year, and I'm trying to deal with a really difficult revenue reduction, and in some cases uncontrollable expenditure increases," he said in a recent interview.

Those increases are chiefly in pension contribution and health insurance costs. For 2011, the town's contribution to the state retirement system is slated to rise 28 percent to nearly \$1.9 million, and health-care costs are expected to rise more than 10 percent. This is on the heels of similar jumps in this year.

Additionally, the contract with the police union calls for a 2 percent raise for police officers

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— Councilman Mark Hennessey

(they received none last year). That contract is up in 2012.

These factors, combined with an economy that shows few signs of revival, as well as disarray in state government, makes for a perfect storm of sorts, said Councilman Kyle Kotary.

"It's probably the most dire financial situation the town's been in in 30 years or more, certainly in recent memory," he said.

The tentative budget calls for an increase in spending of about \$2.2 million, a tax hike of 2 percent, a 1 percent "cost of living adjustment" for town employees and the "step" pay increases normally offered for years on the job.

Also included are a bevy of cuts, like a 10 percent pay cut for town, planning and zoning board members and Supervisor Messina; the closing of the landfill and compost facilities on Monday; a huge reduction in highway beautification (like the installation of many of the summer hanging flower baskets); and a 2 percent increase in the employee share of health-care costs.

Additional revenue items would include increased dog licensing fees, higher recreation department usage fees and the institution of a false alarm fee for the police department (estimated revenue there: \$27,500).

Comptroller Suzanne Traylor said she generally kept sales tax, mortgage tax and other variable revenues flat at 2009 levels in figuring the estimates.

It's important to note

no decision has been made as a result of any of the deliberations so far, and much of the budget process remains ahead.

Even with hundreds of thousands in cuts and new revenues, all four funds would dip into reserves to the tune of about \$2.1 million to make for a balanced budget. They would still leave above the 15 percent of the total budget, which is what leaders maintain is vital for a healthy town, but every year the budget crisis continues, coffers are taxed further.

Kotary said he hopes Messina changes the budget numbers in the next few weeks.

"His approach appears to be unaffordable and irresponsible and not based in reality," he said after the meeting. "The board was shocked, we were surprised, we were even blindsided by his budget proposal, which looks at this point nothing like we all had discussed."

Councilman Mark Hennessey echoed those thoughts.

"It's borrowing from the future, stealing from the past, to pay for a

budget that's hundreds of thousands, if not millions, out of balance," he said.

Messina said the budget proposal is a fairly austere one given the conditions.

"I feel that this budget is absolutely balanced in the way that it needed to be," he said. "We've demonstrated the willingness to make some cuts that we had to make and I really appreciate the department heads working with me and once again tightening their belts."

Adding to the issues surrounding the budget process is the uncertainty of the current year's finances. Due to projections that sales tax receipts will be less than anticipated, the town is looking at a roughly \$500,000 budget gap, even factoring in efficiencies found during the year that are bringing expenditures in under budget. The gap could run up to \$1.5 million in worst-case scenarios.

Messina said the numbers are an incomplete picture and he'll be looking toward concrete numbers that will come in later before taking drastic action.

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When homebodies step out, it's nonstop excitement

By WILLIAM R. DEVOE
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Sometimes, one of the greatest things you can do with your kids is let them stay at your parents' house for the night.

My wife, Jess, and I had a kid-free night recently, which we used to celebrate her recent promotion at work. Now, when I say "celebrate" you have to understand our version of the term. You would think that a free-wheelin', gregarious chap like myself would tear the Capital District's social scene to shreds — and I have in the past, so much so that Perry Como once wrote a song about my exploits — but that's not the case.

I'm a homebody. Jess is a homebody. We're homebodies.

For all of our extravagant planning of what we're going to do when we're without kids, we usually wind up only going out to dinner. That's right — we can't even satisfy the second half of the obligatory "dinner and a movie" date.

So, on this particular night, we planned on going to this new steakhouse, then on to some celebratory shopping and finally to a movie — something in IMAX 3D so we could really live it up.

We made it through dinner, anyway. Dinner conversation on our date-nights usually includes

Commentary:

Pop Culture



the following exchange:

"So, what movie do you want to see?"

"I don't know. What's out?"

"Not sure. Is [movie of the moment] out?"

"I think so. What time do you think it starts?"

"I don't know. How long do you think it is? It's already, like, 8 o'clock now."

"Maybe we should just go home and see what's on television."

See? Lame. And then we go home, where we figure out we would, in fact, like to see a movie, and we turn to the movie-on-demand function of our wonderful cable provider.

Jess and I make the on-demand movie experience into the complete opposite of what we enjoy about the movie-theater experience. Let me explain: When we go to the theater, we lament the fact that there are two hours of commercials and previews preceding an 84-minute film. When we watch on-demand at home, we spend at least an hour watching the

free previews before we decide what we want to watch.

When we go to the theater, we scoff at the idea of spending \$27 for a bag of popcorn at the concession stand, but if I know that we're going to watch a movie at home — especially with Kevin and Nathan, our kids — I'll stop at the store and get two gallons of ice cream, some Twizzlers (always black licorice, that way no one else wants them), granola bars, a bucket of chicken and three liters of root beer.

"We're going to eat all that during 'Alvin and the Chipmunks?'" Jess will ask me.

"It's the squeakquel, it may be a long movie."

But, seeing as how we'd stuffed our faces at some fancy joint on our latest date night, I was not inclined to hoard food like some Dharma Initiative refugee.

Picking out a movie-on-demand is a difficult process because Jess and I couldn't have more different tastes. I like sci-fi, she likes chick flicks. I like horror, she likes chick flicks. I like old war movies, she likes chick flicks. I like chick flicks... just messin' with you.

When Jess convinces me to watch something other than zombie soldiers in outer space, I invariably choose Kenneth Branagh's film adaptation of

"Hamlet."

Wow, you're thinking, DeVoe's one cultured cat. No. No, I'm not.

"Hamlet" is four hours and two minutes long and costs \$1.99 on-demand.

That's less than 50 cents an hour! That's a steal! So what if I can't understand half of the dialogue, I'll read the comic book I heard it's based on.

But we've seen "Hamlet" five times in the past year, so this night we got "Falling Down" with Michael Douglas. For those not familiar with the 1993 movie, it's about a laid-off Department of Defense employee who snaps one day and, on his quest to simply walk home, goes around righting the wrongs he sees in society in misguided and usually unintentionally violent ways.

It's got enough action for me, enough drama for Jess and enough dark humor for the both of us.

At one point in the movie, two gang members accost Michael Douglas' character while he's walking home. Douglas at this point has acquired a baseball bat after ransacking a convenient store because the sodas were overpriced — stick with me here. The gang members try to mug Douglas, but he defends himself and winds up beating the two of them with the bat. So I'm watching a considerably younger and pre-Catherine Zeta Jones Michael Douglas savagely beat gangsters on our television when my wife turns to me and says:

"I miss the kids."

I did a double take. "What?!"

"I miss the kids. I wonder what they're doing right now."

"What could there possibly be about Michael Douglas beating up two gangsters that could make you think about the kids?" I ask.

"I just miss them," she said. "And the little gangster looks like Nathan."

A number of years back, we came home a day early from a trip to New York City because we missed the kids. The trip

was going so well until we started getting "kid-sick" — we went shopping, ate out at fancy hot-dog stands and attended a taping of "The Late Show with David Letterman." We had tickets to go see a taping of "The Daily Show" with Jon Stewart, too, but we missed the kids so much we hopped on the next train to Albany.

Now, just because we're homebodies doesn't mean we're socially inept. When we got home I fashioned a four-page letter to Mr. Stewart explaining why we were unable to attend the taping of his show and apologizing profusely if we had let him down in any way or otherwise adversely affected the program. I explained to him that we dearly missed our children and, if we could have, would have had them come to see him as well, but given the choice between the two it's family every time, you see. I did say we would try to come again to a taping — maybe after our youngest was out of diapers. At the bottom of page four, I once again gave Jon Stewart our sincerest apologies and wished him luck on "The Daily Show," even though television is such a tough racket to be in.

Well, Mr. Stewart must have been more upset than I thought, because about a week later we got a letter from some lawyer in New York City saying we weren't allowed within 100 feet of him.

Oh well. Some people just hold a grudge, I guess.

The day after date night we headed over to my folks to pick up the kids. They were miserable, as they often are when they see me. I asked Kevin, our 7-year-old, what was the matter.

"You and Mommy got to have fun last night and we had to stay here," he whined.

"Come on, Kev, it couldn't have been that bad. Did you guys have fun?"

"No," he said. "All Grandma and Papa let us do was go out to eat, go shopping and see a movie."

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Wednesday, September 8	93°/1945	34°/1978	
Thursday, September 9	94°/1959	36°/1938	
Friday, September 10	96°/1931	34°/1978	
Saturday, September 11	98°/1931	36°/1917	
Sunday, September 12	94°/1947	36°/1875	
Monday, September 13	92°/1948	37°/1964	
Tuesday, September 14	93°/1931	32°/1963	

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20.82 inches as of September 3rd
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This week in weather

September 13, 1987 Showers and thunderstorms produced heavy rain in the Northeast. Significant flooding was reported. A dike along a creek at Prattburg, NY gave way and a two million dollar onion crop left on the ground to dry was washed away.

Rivers & Recreation

Sun & Moon

Day	Sunrise	Sunset
Wednesday	6:27am	7:17pm
Thursday	6:28am	7:16pm
Friday	6:30am	7:14pm
Saturday	6:31am	7:12pm
Sunday	6:32am	7:10pm
Monday	6:33am	7:09pm
Tuesday	6:34am	7:07pm

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Planets

Planets	When	Where
Venus	Dusk	Vy Low W
Mars	Dusk	Rt of Venus
Jupiter	Evening	Bright ESE

River Levels

Hudson River				Mohawk River			
North Creek	Hadley	Fort Edward	Troy	Little Falls	Tribes Hills	Schenectady	Cohoes
10	14	26	24	15	280	281	223
3.0	2.6	21.7	16.2	6.1	213	8.0	20

Levels as of September 3, 2010

STAGE LEVEL
FLOOD STAGE

Water temp.

Lake George	75°
Bolton Landing	74°
Sacandaga Lake	74°
Saratoga Lake	75°
Jersey Shore	74°
Cape Cod	70°

Tides at Albany

Day	High	Low
Wednesday	5:12am, 5:44pm	11:57am, —
Thursday	6:01am, 6:33pm	12:17am, 12:44pm
Friday	6:50am, 7:21pm	1:09am, 1:31pm
Saturday	7:38am, 8:10pm	2:00am, 2:19pm
Sunday	8:27am, 9:01pm	2:52am, 3:08pm
Monday	9:19am, 9:53pm	3:46am, 4:00pm
Tuesday	10:14am, 10:48pm	4:41am, 4:54pm

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Ambrosio, Donovan face off in primary for Bethlehem town justice

There are two candidates in the running for one of two Bethlehem town justice positions, Democrat pick Ryan Donovan—who is running for his second term—and Republican choice Ralph Ambrosio. Justices serve four-year terms. Both candidates are seeking the Independence and Conservative lines, and will primary for them Tuesday, Sept. 14. You can only vote in the primary for the party you are registered to vote in. Both will appear on the general ballot in November on other lines. Check spotlightnews.com for results the evening of the race.

By Charles Wiff, wiffc@spotlightnews.com

Ralph Ambrosio

Age: 59

Web site: <http://ambrosio4justice.com/>

Current occupation: I've been a practicing attorney for over 25 years and have recently retired (5/26/2010) from the New York State Police as an Assistant Division Counsel.

Present or past elected offices held: I have never held elected office other than being elected President of the Bethlehem High School Football Booster Club every year from 1997-2008.

Bio: Born and raised in Chatham, New York, graduated high school in 1968, received varsity letters in football and track, and was voted an All Conference Linebacker. I played football in college before enlisting in the Navy Reserve in 1970.

After earning an honorable discharge from the Navy, I attended Hudson Valley Community College and graduated with high honors in 1974. I accepted a scholarship to Clarkson University, where I was a Presidential Scholar, graduating with honors in 1976. I became a New York State Trooper in 1977, attaining the permanent rank of Sergeant in 1986.

After becoming an attorney in 1985, I was appointed as an NYSP Assistant Counsel and have since held the positions of felony prosecutor, public defender and assistant attorney general. I was also a founding partner at Lobb & Ambrosio, Esqs.

I have resided in Delmar with my wife, Kate, and our four sons since 1985.

What makes you the best choice for the office of town justice?

My life experience makes me the best choice—navy veteran, husband, parent of four children and an attorney who, over 33 years, has served as a NYS Assistant Attorney General, prosecutor, public defender, NYSP Assistant Counsel and state trooper. I know the legal system and I know my community.

What do you feel the role of a judge is?

The role of judge is to ensure that the application of the law to the facts in the



Ralph Ambrosio

court room is fair and just. The viability of our government depends on our faith that our grievances, presented in open court, will be fairly considered by an impartial experienced judicial officer.

Justices are chosen by election, but are also expected to be impartial in their job. How would you keep politics and other influence clear of the bench?

I'm responsible for studying and following ethics rules for judicial conduct. Judicial action should never be based in whole or in part on political concerns. Everyone appearing before me will receive justice regardless of their political beliefs. Unethical politics will have no place in my candidacy or in my courtroom.

Additional comments: The Court will be my only job. I will not practice privately nor join a law firm during my tenure as Town Justice. Having successfully litigated in federal district courts and every level of state court, I'm ready and able to protect the rights of all who come before me.

Ryan T. Donovan

Age: 34

Web site: <http://www.judgedonovan.com/>

Current occupation: Bethlehem Town Justice/ Partner in law firm of Harris Conway & Donovan, PLLC

Present or past elected offices held: Bethlehem Town Justice since 2006.

Bio: I was born and raised in Bethlehem and I am honored to serve as Town Justice. While in college, I interned in the White House and the House of Commons in London. After law school I became an active member of the Albany Law School National Alumni Association and I currently serve as the president.

Since 2006, I have served as Bethlehem Town Justice, and handle arraignments, preside over jury and bench trials, small claims proceedings and oversee the adjudication of traffic tickets. I also instruct newly appointed judges on courtroom procedure. Prior to becoming judge, I represented clients in all levels of the court system and spent two years volunteering for the Albany County Public Defenders Office.

My wife, Brooke, and I are raising our three children here and we are both involved in the community.

What makes you the best choice for the office of town justice?

Judicial experience, there is no substitute. I have presided over our court for four years, adjudicating thousands of cases including traffic, small claims and criminal cases. I have also served as an Acting City Court Judge in Albany and assist in training newly appointed Judges from across the state.

What do you feel the role of a judge is?

My role is to be an independent, fair, reasonable, knowledgeable, decisive and consistent arbiter of the law. I believe it is also important to reach out to young people to educate them about our legal system and the importance of making the



Ryan T. Donovan

right decisions as they mature.

Justices are chosen by election, but are also expected to be impartial in their job. How would you keep politics and other influence clear of the bench?

Justice is blind for good reason. Political affiliation and politics have no place in court and have not played a role in the decisions I have rendered as Town Justice for the past four years. Politics has had no influence in the court nor will it.

Additional comments: Working as Judge in my hometown allows me to help people on a daily basis and make a difference in their lives, which has been the most rewarding experience of my professional career. It is an honor to serve the town which has provided so much for my family.

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Matters of Opinion in The Spotlight

Vote

Marie Ruoff Byrum and Thomas Mundy Peterson want you to vote.

So do we at *The Spotlight*, but we'll get to that in a moment.

On March 31, 1870, Thomas Mundy Peterson of Perth Amboy, N.J., cast his first ever vote in an election. You could say that the 46-year-old school custodian got a late start in his voting career, but he was politically active most of his life. He wanted to vote, but couldn't. You see, Peterson, whose middle name is taken from the Mundy family — the family who owned his parents as slaves — was the first African-American to vote in an election under the just-enacted provisions of the 15th Amendment to the Constitution.

Marie Ruoff Byrum, has a similar story. The daughter-in-law of Missouri Democratic Committeeman Lacy Byrum, she was politically active, much like Mr. Peterson.

In August, 1920, Hannibal, Mo., held a special election to fill the seat of an alderman who had resigned. Five days earlier, the 19th, or Suffrage, Amendment to the Constitution was passed. The morning of the special election, Mrs. Byrum braved a downpour to be the first person to cast a ballot when the polls opened at 7 a.m. She became the first woman to vote in the state of Missouri and the first woman to vote in the United States under Suffrage.

We at *The Spotlight* remind you of these historic figures because voter turnout in local elections has been on the decline for some time and is worse in non-national, or off-election, years.

In this week's *Spotlight* newspapers, you'll see rather extensive voters guides for races in the municipalities we cover. The guides are supplemental to our ongoing local political coverage, and are designed to present our candidates' views and platforms in as clear and concise a way as politics lends itself to.

To this end, we've tried to do our jobs as journalists as diligently as possible by providing our readers with the information they need to make informed decisions.

Editorial

Feathering the empty nest

By KATHERINE MCCARTHY

The writer is senior regional director of communications for the American Heart Association and former author of the Spotlight column "Mom's the Word."

The night before Cormac started kindergarten, I tied knot after knot in the string attaching his manila name tag to his backpack. The school district had sent that name tag with his name and his teacher's name already on it, and all those knots linked me to a classroom he'd get to without my help.

Instead of tying knots, I asked question after question as he got ready to go off to college this August. Finally, the hand I feel like I'd been looking at for two years made its regular "cease and desist" motion.

"Mom, stop," Cormac said. "I've got it."

So I went silently behind him, checking boxes, peering into his suitcase and worrying. Chris went behind me, affixing a piece of duct tape to each package, writing the dorm room number on them.

The only items I really needed for drop-off day were sunglasses and tissues. The first tear came when we got into the line of cars waiting in the parking lot to head up to Muhlenberg College's Prosser Hall. All those mini-vans, SUVs and compact cars held parents, a child, and enough bedding to comfortably sleep Patton's Third Army. We were all spending our final moments with the young adults who'd first come into our homes as tiny, wrinkled infants.

A cheering group of students greeted us as we pulled up to the door of the dorm, and descended upon our minivan to unload Cormac's goods. More tears as boxes labeled with his room number made their way to the place he'd call home for a year.

After a student came by our table at the farewell lunch to remind us that we had 15

Point of View

minutes till we had to send Cormac off on the first huge adventure of his life (OK, she probably only said "till the program starts"), I watched a mother hug her son — and remain completely dry-eyed. I dropped my sunglasses over my eyes and got choked up for her.

"Really, I'm excited for you," I told Cormac through tears when we said goodbye and he let me hold him more tightly than I know was comfortable for him.

"OK, honey," Chris said, patting my back as I buried my face in his shoulder as Cormac walked away and didn't even turn back. "You know he'll be fine. You did this once before."

"But that was our other child," I said.

I envied again people with more than two children, who get to keep on being hands-on parents. We now face the redefinition of being empty nesters.

"What will you do?" one friend asked on Facebook.

Well, I know what I won't do. I won't do as much laundry, I won't spend as much on groceries, and I won't trip over huge shoes abandoned on the kitchen floor.

The first thing I will do in this next phase of life is continue the time-honored tradition of forgetting. It seems that to make sure that future generations continue to increase, parents forget the harder stuff. It starts with forgetting the pain of childbirth, and culminates with forgetting the toe-to-toe square-offs that accompany adolescence. Really, it's preservation of the species, remembering the moment when

the weight of a cuddly 4-month-old turns so heavy you know that those translucent eyelids have closed for the night, instead of the moment that your 16-year-old shouts at you for the enormous transgression of asking what he has for homework that evening.

The next thing Chris and I will do is sleep a whole night without interruption. Although it's been a long time since those nights of waking to a child sleeping in our bed, creating that uncomfortable letter H formation out of all three of us, with the acquisition of drivers' licenses and our older son's summer college breaks, sleep has become a restless thing, as part of us always listens with one ear for the return of a young adult. Cormac's nocturnal habits also left us tossing and turning as there sometimes was way too much movement in the house at a time I thought better suited to the stillness of sleep.

"I never know what I'm going to find," one of the best moms I know said of these years of being parents to almost-adults. "There could be nobody in the house and I could be left without a car, there could be a whole bunch of people in the house and a driveway full of cars."

Our empty nest routine so far looks pretty quiet. Chris had a couple of days all alone when a business trip took me away for the first two empty nest nights — the sudden noise of our refrigerator's ice maker made him jump.

I'm loving the thought of this quiet, a great contrast to our lives before our children were born, my starting point for what we will do now. When we were "DINKs," — double-income, no kids — we'd lived in New York City, and had worked hard and played hard, surrounded by childless friends from high school, college, law school and work.

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Weekly poll

Students are heading back to school this week and supply lists still adorn the entrances to most retail outlets.

So, this week's question is:

Will you spend more or less on back-to-school items this year?

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Last week's poll results:

Question: "Are you more or less likely to give to charity now?"

- Yes. Now is the time people need it the most: 17%
- No. My own finances are too tight right now: 76%
- The economy doesn't affect my charity: 5%

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Your Opinion in The Spotlight

Let them rest in peace

Editor, *The Spotlight*:

I am a direct ancestor of Wilhelmus and Mary Decker Osterhout. Mary Decker Osterhout is buried in the Clapper/Lasher/Osterhout Cemetery, off Hague Blvd. in Dowerskill Village, Bethlehem. I understand that a builder would like to put new apartments on the original land of my ancestors.

I have been researching my family trees for years, but have to travel from Connecticut to New York for the research. I was born and raised in Albany and I love to find the old farms and barns, where they once lived and worked. It means a lot to find the family farmhouse, if it is still standing, but it is really a thrill to find the family graveyard on their land. The gravestones tell you their names and birth and death dates and their relationship to one another. The information is priceless and not available elsewhere. Most old cemeteries do not have written records, or if they did, they were lost, burned or thrown away. Reading a gravestone is the only way to still get information from your loved ones. Mary Decker Osterhout died on Nov. 1 1809. You can clearly read her gravestone in this cemetery.

Her son, Henry Osterhout, his wife and family are buried with her, along with Henry's son, Elias Osterhout and his family. Mary's husband, Wilhelmus Osterhout, was in the American Revolution as were their sons, Henry and John Osterhout. Wilhelmus Osterhout is my 6th great grandfather and his grandson, Nicholas Osterhout was in the War of 1812. Nicholas Osterhout was my 4th great grandfather. Many Osterhout men, of these families, fought for the freedom we enjoy today.

People were and still are able to be buried on their property. Burial grounds are scared land and should not be disturbed. Over time, some gravestones have sunk and other vandalized. I personally have paid to repair some of my ancestor's graves. If an apartment complex is built right next to and possible on some of the graves, what do you think will happen to this private cemetery? I hope that my ancestor's cemetery can be saved and they can continue to rest in peace, undisturbed.

Karen K. Brown
Bethlehem

Assisted living plays valuable role

Editor, *The Spotlight*:

With the onset of National Assisted Living Week Sept. 12 to 18, I think it is important to remind the public of the importance Assisted Living plays as an affordable long-term care option. Without question, every senior should have the right to remain in their home as long as they are able.

However, there are situations when, despite the best intentions, remaining at home does not reflect the best quality of life. In many of those situations, assisted living offers a viable alternative.

In assisted living seniors are given the chance to live independently to the best of their abilities while a safety net of staff and services are in place to provide support as needed. Many of the skills of daily living, such as meals, housekeeping, laundry and activities, along with personal care assistance, such as medication management, help with dressing and/or bathing, are provided offering the individual a healthy balance between independence, personal success and

social satisfaction. This balance leads to a quality of life founded on a sense of friendship and family fostered within the community setting.

I have the good fortune to be immersed in this community life as an employee at Delmar Place. I see on a daily basis the success stories of residents who come to us from their homes and thrive with assistance and a more vibrant social setting. They bring with them their own unique stories and histories which add so richly to the community as a whole.

During this National Assisted Living Week, I ask that we not only celebrate the seniors who make community life so special but also the compassionate caregivers who foster an environment of dignity and respect for the elders who live in the residences where they work. To learn more about assisted living contact a community near you.

Kristin Vivian

Director of
Community Outreach,
Delmar Place Assisted
Living Residence

Budget

(From Page 3)

"What we will have to see is what happens in terms of projected revenue versus actual revenues in the end of September and end of December," he said.

But others on the Town Board have been stressing a plan for this year's finances needs to be implemented now, so the town isn't left taking all of the difference out of reserves.

"We're not going to wake up Dec. 30 and say, we got to find \$500,000 under the cushions," said Hennessey.

And whenever the size of the budget comes up, the size of the town's workforce is inevitably a subtopic. A reduction in seasonal personnel and part-time hours has been included in workshop figures, but it remains to be seen if further cuts are ahead.

Town leaders were adamant that with all the cutbacks of recent year, the budget is already a lean one.

"Moving forward, the truth of the matter is we cannot cut or shrink the

size of the workforce through attrition without experiencing cuts or declines in services," Kotary said.

"I think people are going to notice some changes. But I hope they realize that there are bigger issues at hand," said Councilwoman Joann Dawson.

But at least for the next few weeks, the task of making these hard decisions sits with Messina, who is to present his budget to the Town Board and the public at a Sept. 22 meeting (town law stipulates it must be on file with the town clerk no later than Sept. 30).

"My approach in budgeting ... was to be looking in detail at things, to look at the edges where we can make reasonable savings while continuing the quality of programs," Messina said. "People are going to have to understand that we can't do everything. ... To the best I can, I will avoid impacting people through layoffs."

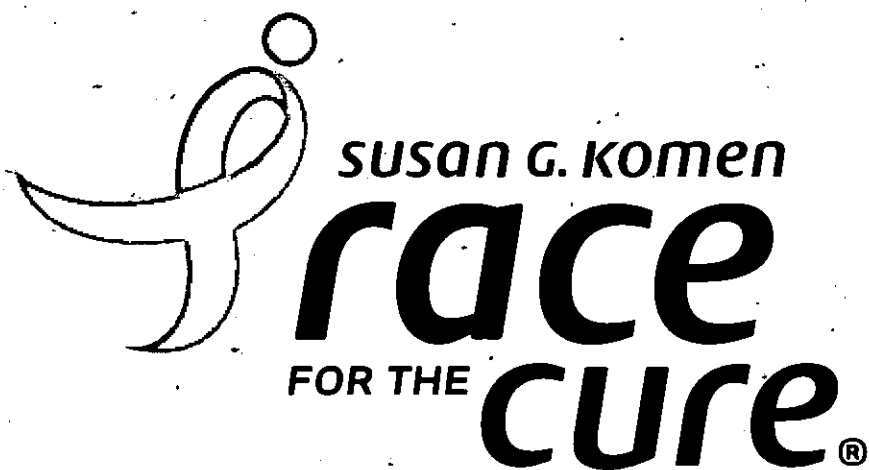
It's likely an Oct. 27 public hearing will be held on the budget, with a vote on the final budget slated for the Nov. 10 board meeting.

A budget must be in adopted before Nov. 20 under town law.

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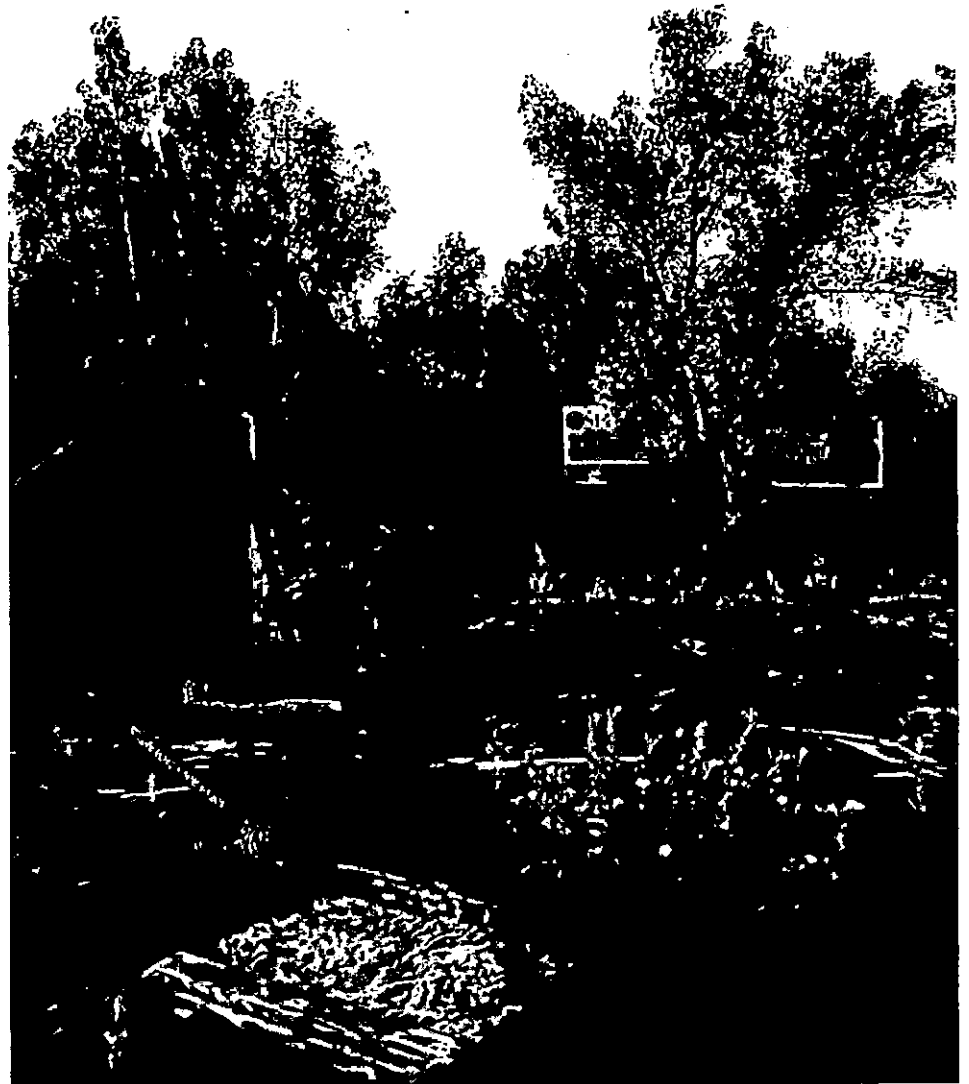
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Trail upgrade



For his Eagle Scout Leadership Service Project, Michael Turi of Feura Bush, a member of Boy Scout Troop 75 of Delmar, led about 40 of his fellow scouts, family and friends in an extensive trail building and improvement project at the Bethlehem YMCA on Saturday, Aug. 21. Nearly a half mile of trails were cleared with improvements made such as wood chips in wet and rough areas and a natural culvert to make for easier walking. Additionally, log benches were built and placed in eight scenic locations along the trails. A nest of ground bees also added to the challenge. Blueggers and the Slingerlands Price Chopper contributed toward bagels and pizza for the workers. The Town of Bethlehem provided and delivered the wood chips for the project.

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The remains of Saratoga Winners after it burned to the ground April 30, 2009.

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Property owner guilty of insurance fraud

Abraham faces 15 years in prison in connection with Saratoga Winners blaze

The owner of Saratoga Winners in Colonie, Akiva Daniel Abraham, 43, of Rexford, was found guilty Wednesday, Aug. 25, on one count of insurance fraud in the second degree in connection with the blaze that destroyed the Route 9 concert venue two weeks after Abraham purchased it.

Investigators ruled the April 30, 2009, blaze an arson.

After the fire, Abraham filed a "Property Loss Notice" in order to obtain insurance proceeds in excess of \$380,000.

An investigation into the fire showed Abraham had purchased three gallons of tiki torch fuel and three boxes of Duraflame fire logs three days before the blaze, according to Assistant District Attorney Chris Baynes.

"A dog of the K-9 unit found a spot in the debris that was consistent with the tiki torch fuel," he said, adding that it couldn't be proven Abraham set the fire, and he was not convicted of arson. "What the jury is saying is that he was involved in the fire but can't say he was the one who lit the fire."

Abraham faces up to 15 years in prison, and will be sentenced Oct. 15.

— Andrew Beam

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WWII veteran receives a past-due Purple Heart

Memories of Banzai Charge still fresh for 92-year-old

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Staff Sgt. John Sidur was carrying a comrade who had his arm blown off, along with another injured soldier, when he was confronted by two Japanese soldiers with their guns pointed straight at them.

He was confident they weren't going to shoot, so he took the two soldiers he was carrying and dropped them off with other wounded soldiers. To avoid the rest of the madness surrounding him, which was a suicide attack known as the Banzai Charge, he quickly dove into a trench where he was met by another Japanese soldier with his gun drawn.

"This Jap jumped up - he must have been lying there - he jumped up on the top and he was pointing at me and then the other guy. Back and forth," he said. "I swear, they must have wanted to give up. Why they didn't shoot? They must have wanted to surrender."

The Japanese soldier was then shot by the soldier by Sidur's fellow infantryman.

"If he wanted to have killed us he could have killed us right away," he said. "They must have wanted to give up, but we didn't know."

The situation Cohoes resident Sidur, 92, and his fellow soldiers had found themselves in was a suicide mission by 4,000 Japanese soldiers carrying rifles, bayonets and grenades on July 7, 1944 during World War II. There were 406 American soldiers who

were killed during the battle, along with 52 who were wounded, according to Sidur's nephew Bob Greene.

He said Sidur's unit had been in heavy combat three weeks prior to the Banzai Charge. The Japanese realized that they were not going to be able to defeat the large number of American forces during the battle after they had sent all their ships to fight in the Philippine Seas, said Greene. This left them with no reinforcement.

On a rainy afternoon on Aug. 22, Sidur was joined by fellow soldiers from the Army National Guard's 105th infantry, including John Goot, and Don Trudeau, a member of the 165th infantry who was awarded a Purple Heart. The weather didn't seem to bother the three men as they traded war stories.

While Goot said with three different people giving their account, they may not all agree on what exactly happened, but Sidur said he was learning so much from just talking things out with the other two.

On Aug. 15, Sidur was awarded the Purple Heart, for an injury sustained during fighting in Okinawa, Japan, that resulted in a bullet lodged in his right hand on April 21, 1945.

That was not the first time he had been injured during battle, though.

During the Banzai Charge in Saipan, Sidur was shot in the same hand, as well as along his entire arm. There was no medical record of his treatment by a corpsman with the 2nd Marine Division, which was the reason he did not receive a Purple Heart for that injury.

Sidur and Goot were

rifleman in the infantry, while Trudeau was a part of the anti-tank company where he fired motors to take out tanks and armored cars.

When the battle had turned sour for the Japanese, Emperor Hirohito promised soldiers, as well as the civilians in Saipan, eternal rewards in the afterlife if they were able to kill at least seven American soldiers before they died, according to Greene.

The two infantrymen were alerted of the charge by a Japanese scout the night before. When the next day came, a large gap stood between the 105th and the 165th, a gap the Marines were supposed to close, as well as one the Japanese soldiers took advantage of around 5 a.m.

"When the flares went up in the morning and I could see the Japanese, I said, 'Oh, Christ almighty,'" said Goot. "They were by the hundreds. It was a turkey shoot."

He said that since the Marines were not there to close the gap, it allowed the Japanese to run right through.

Trudeau said the civilians were coming at them with whatever supplies they could find, such as pitchforks and clubs.

"They sent them through first," he said. "The soldiers took charge after them. If they [the civilians] didn't make that charge, they pushed them off the cliffs."

The men remembered this day in Saipan more vividly than any of the other battles they were involved in during World War II. It is so badly burned into Sidur's memory that it is the reason for the 65-year delay in him receiving a Purple Heart.

Greene wanted to make sure his uncle got the recognition he deserved, since he knew he had been shot during the war. He went and requested Sidur's entire medical records in the archives. The only documentation they were able to find was for when he was injured in Okinawa.

"I said, 'What's this about? I've got nothing on Saipan but it says April 21, 1945, says you got shot,'" said Greene. "And he thinks about it, and he goes, 'Oh that must have been when I got shot on Okinawa.'"

Greene said the memory of Saipan was so ingrained in Sidur's head that the fact he had been shot on Okinawa had never even crossed his mind.

Sidur was elated to receive the award after all of these years, even if the Marine corpsman had forgotten to file the paperwork.

"I felt great after waiting all that time," said Sidur.



Staff Sgt. John Sidur served in World War II.

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Breslin, Martland face off in Democratic primary for 46th Senate District

Breslin touts successes

Tries to separate himself from wave of anti-incumbency fervor

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What many are referring to as the dysfunction of New York state politics has brought about an anti-incumbency attitude that many state legislators are trying to shake off, including Senator Neil Breslin, who is doing his best to separate himself from the mess.

After a year where the state saw a four-month-late budget, a governor mired in scandals and the controversy surrounding Senate Majority Leader Pedro Espada Jr., D-Bronx, whom Breslin has insisted be removed from the senate, has brought about signs that are popping up all over the Capital Region with the words "Vote them all out."

In an interview with *The Spotlight*, Breslin, D-Delmar, said he isn't worried much at all about this feeling to get rid of all incumbents, but said that it might not be the same in all of the primaries.

"I think in some primaries it might," he said of whether the incumbency outrage will affect his primary. "I don't think in mine it will. I think the people in my district know me, I've been very visible for 14 years."

He went on to add that his record should speak for itself, and that it should be taken into consideration when people use the phrase, "throw them all out."

"If someone deserves to be thrown out, I would advocate they be thrown out," he said. "I'm advocating we do the

same thing in my own conference and I get in trouble."

Breslin has gone as far as contributing to Espada's opponent in his upcoming primary, Gustavo Rivera, in hopes of getting Espada voted out of office. If that won't do it, Breslin is hoping Attorney General and gubernatorial candidate Andrew Cuomo's civil suit against him will, he said.

"I hope he gets beaten in the primary," Breslin said. "If he doesn't, I hope at least the law will take care of him shortly after."

It does bother Breslin, though, when he is lumped into the category of people such as Espada and ousted Senator Hiram Monserrate, because he is confident that he is not the same as them. He said the best that he can do is push for the public to vote in better people such as democratic candidate for the 44th senatorial district, Schenectady County Legislature Chairwoman Susan Savage.

With nearly 30 pieces of legislation Breslin has had passed this year, he described the many insurance bills he has helped go through that he said



Neil Breslin

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Martland: 'I'm a fighter'

Challenger for the 46th District senate seat said he's willing to stand up for what he believes is right

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Luke Martland is giving everything he has to defeat incumbent Sen. Neil Breslin in the Sept. 14 Democratic primary for the 46th District Senate seat, including dipping into his retirement savings.

He did this, he said, because he believes that he can win against Breslin, D-Delmar, and that resolve has strengthened after he has walked door-to-door in every area of the district.

"It's been all very positive," Martland said. "I don't know what the result will be because I always said it would be really tight. Everything that I could ask to happen has happened."

In a recent interview with *The Spotlight*, Martland laid out his platform as a reformer trying to fix the dysfunction in New York state government, and he identified Breslin as part of the problem in Albany. Although he said it isn't necessarily a good thing that the situation in the state has become so dire, he said he believes it has awakened people to the issues.

"For so long, people didn't care; people didn't think it mattered and they voted for the guy who's there because he was a nominee, because he was a nice guy or whatever, and they didn't think it mattered," he said. "Now they realize it matters; when they've been

threatened with a furlough, the budget is four months late, teachers are being laid off or they're working construction and the jobs get shut down. Whatever it is, they're realizing it matters."

The conversation centered on ethics reform, as well as introducing legislation that would create 12 to 14-year term limits for Senate and Assembly members. Martland said he would impose a 10-year term limit on himself, and said that even if he can't get that legislation passed, he would stand by his word.

When asked whether he thought 14 years would allow for enough time to learn the ways of the state Legislature well enough to run effectively, he said it would be more than enough.

"There's plenty of time to learn the ropes, do your job, and by the time you're burning out, you're gone," he said. "In 10 years I'm sure I could learn the job, have an impact, fight for the things I want to fight for and hopefully achieve some of them."

He said voter sentiment for this type of legislation is there, but it would be a struggle to pass it on the state level.



Luke Martland

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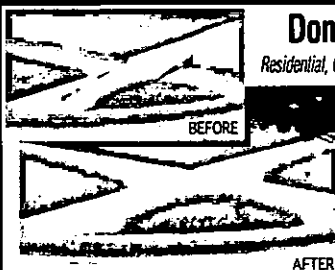
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Money matters in the race for the 46th IN BRIEF

Breslin's well-oiled fundraising greatly outpaces Martland's

By CHARLES WIFF
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While the Democratic candidate for the 46th state Senate District seat won't be known until Tuesday, Sept. 14, when it comes to the battle of dollars and cents, a winner in this primary race is easy to declare.

With more than \$420,000, as of the last publicly available figures, incumbent Sen. Neil Breslin's campaign has about 10 times the balance of challenger Luke Martland's. Another mandatory disclosure report was released shortly after The Spotlight went to print.

Breslin is running for his seventh term in office and has a war chest commensurate with his years in the political game, as he started off the year with about \$220,000 already in his coffers. He's spent around \$100,000 on this campaign so far.

Martland's campaign, on the other hand, has spent most of what it's taken in, with a balance of just over \$40,000 as of last count. Most of the receipts have come in the form of loans from the candidate himself totaling \$100,000.

"I'm literally flat broke, don't have a job and don't have insurance," Martland said in a recent interview. "This is all

my retirement savings ... Sept. 14, if I haven't won, it's literally I start looking for a job."

Martland, who left a job in the Governor's Counsel's office to stage his Senate run, said he feels he's been able to effectively push his message despite spending much less than his opponent.

"I think we have enough to get a message out there, but it's been tough to raise," he said. "I've raised enough to do what I want. We have enough to reach out to the voters in the last couple weeks."

His campaign doesn't have enough to do television advertising, which wasn't part of his original strategy anyway, said Martland.

Breslin, on the other hand, recently debuted the first television spot of his reelection bid. His campaign is clearly a well-oiled machine familiar with the election cycle, having raised about \$300,000 so far this year.

The campaign's receipts come from individual donors and also an expansive list of corporate ones, including many of the area's insurance companies. Martland recently blasted the senator for accepting money from those contributors;

saying it is unethical to take donations from companies he has a hand in regulating. (Martland sports two corporate donors compared to Breslin's dozens).

Breslin, for his part, is quick to point out that as chairman of the Senate Insurance Committee, he has been behind numerous pieces of legislation that insurers have been none too pleased with.

"I get a lot of contributions from the insurance industry, from labor unions," Breslin said in a recent interview. "It doesn't affect me in any way. I would suggest to you if you checked with health maintenance organizations, HMOs, they don't like me. They don't like me because the pieces of legislation are oriented towards the public and not towards profit."

Breslin referenced a recently passed piece of legislation that requires HMOs to cover out-of-state instances of dialysis.

Breslin's corporate donor roster also includes a litany of area law firms, the Golub Corporation, the Van Dyke restaurant in Schenectady and LaFarge North America, which operates a cement factory in Ravena.

Martland has said he would support major

overhauls to campaign finance law, including instituting lower contribution limits, especially for corporations and lobbyists. Breslin said he would be in favor of public financing of elections to create a more level playing field.

"I also don't like it," he said of his corporate donors. "I've advocated for 14 years public financing in elections, but that's not going to happen. Most Democrats and virtually all Republicans would be against it."

The winner of Tuesday's primary will be met by Republican hopeful Bob Domenici. He hasn't been required to file a recent campaign finance disclosure since he has no primary challenger, but in July his campaign reported less than \$10,000 in the bank. The candidate has lent \$10,000 to his own campaign.

Selkirk FD to host family day

The Selkirk Fire Department will be sponsoring a Community Day on October 9th at the Selkirk Fire Company No. 2, On Glenmont Road in Glenmont, from noon to 4 p.m. This event will include demonstrations of various fire department activities as well as displays of our equipment.

Five Rivers to toast Woodsy

A family-oriented exploration of forest ecology will be conducted at the Rivers Environmental Education Center, 56 Game Farm Road, Delmar on Saturday, Sept. 18 at 10 a.m.

On this outdoor study, Center naturalists will lead a search for seasonal signs of squirrels, deer, woodpeckers and owls. The program, which commemorates the 40th birthday of Woodsy Owl,

will show how participants can "Lend A Hand, Care For The Land" right at home. This program is open to the public free of charge. In the event of inclement weather, this program may be cancelled. Call 475-0291 for more information.

JCC to host Book Mavens

The Sidney Albert Albany Jewish Community Center plans a Book Mavens session, which is open to the community, on Wednesday, October 6, 3-4:30pm in the Albany JCC's Massry Senior Center, 340 Whitehall Road. Educator, Ruchel Weitz, will review and lead a discussion of Gina Nahai's *Caspian Rain*, a novel of life among the Jewish minority in Iran during the rule of the Shah in the 1960s and 1970s. Sixty-Plus Dining is available following the book program and reservations will be taken up until 9:30am that day, 438-6651 x112.

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Open signup begins Thursday Sept. 16; anyone may sign up in person or by phone during regular library hours; call 439-9314 and press 4.

Because space is limited, parents may sign up for only one session per child.

Storytimes will run Tuesday, Sept. 21, through Thursday, Oct. 28. When Bethlehem schools are closed or delayed, storytimes are canceled.

The session schedule can be found in the September/October edition of our newsletter, /footnotes/, available in the library and online at www.bethlehempubliclibrary.org.

New storytime program

In addition to registered sessions,

we're offering two new storytime opportunities this fall that don't require signup. "Passport to Fun" will run on Thursdays at 4 p.m. Sept. 23 to Oct. 28. Kids in grade K-2 will have their "passport" stamped every week; each stamp is a chance to win in a raffle at the end of the program.

"My Very Own Story Group" coincides with our newest adult discussion group, ShortOrder Books, which will meet at 10 a.m. on Sept. 10, Oct. 15 and Nov. 12. While grownups are talking with other grownups about books, their kids ages 3 to 6 will gather for stories, songs, dancing and movies. Caregivers must be attending ShortOrder Books; more information is available in the September/October newsletter.

...and old favorites

Our tried-and-true Pajama-Rama series is on the calendar for four evenings this fall. Kids up to age 6 can come in their PJs with their families for stories, songs and dancing at 7 p.m. on Sept. 14 and 27 and Oct. 4 and 12.



Our Family Playtime sessions continue as well on Wednesdays at 10 a.m. Sept. 22 to Oct. 27. Parents and caregivers can meet and talk while their young children (up to age 6) play with toys, puzzles, balls and board books.

After dinner books

Wednesday Sept. 15, 7 p.m.
"A Beautiful Place to Die" by Malla Nunn. Copies available at the information desk. New members welcome.

The Children's Circle

Thursday, Sept. 16
Storytimes: 7 p.m.; Playtimes: 7:30 p.m.

A welcoming place for children of all ages and abilities. Call Jennifer Hanley at 439-9314 ext. 3031 if you have questions about your child's specific needs. Supported by a grant from the Upper Hudson Library System.

Cookbooks to debut

"Small Town Favorites," the Voorheesville community cookbooks, will make their debut at Small Town Festival here on Saturday, Sept. 11.

This three-ring binder style book includes many recipes from the 1999 Centennial Cookbook as well as recent submissions. For your convenience, the book contains an index by recipe title and one by contributor, and a handy pocket for your own handwritten favorites that may be crammed in your kitchen drawer. Inside the book and included in the \$15 price, is a clever plastic stand which holds the book erect and open to the page you are working from. Get your copy - or more than one - on festival day. Remember, they make great gifts.

Food, glorious food!
Under the guidance



of Rebecca Pahl, the festival menu has filled with gustatory offerings. New Scotland Kiwanis will be grilling burgers and dogs all day, Jaycees will be peddling pizza, and China Garden is sending some tasty exotic platters. There will also be cold sandwiches and soda, popcorn and other snacks. Indian Ladder Farms is bringing apples and donuts, and FOL will be selling the famous Morgan's Toffee.

Unexpectedly we discovered that Voorheesville is the home of Guido's Frozen Desserts and made arrangements for one of their ice cream carts to take up residence at the festival to provide ice cream bars, Italian ice and icy-cold lemonade. What a welcome addition!

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Florist planning Good Neighbor Day

Next Wednesday, Sept. 15, Delmar Florist will sponsor its fourth annual Good Neighbor Day. If you make a \$15 donation, checks payable to Good Neighbor Day, you will receive a dozen roses. All proceeds benefit the Bethlehem Senior Projects.

We offer a special thanks to those who made our 2010 summer picnics possible. Over 300 seniors and volunteers from the community enjoyed the V.F.W. chicken barbeque on Aug. 5 and the Lions Club hamburgers/hotdog roast on Aug. 19. Through the year, the V.F.W. Men's and Ladies Auxiliary, the Slingerlands Fire Department volunteers, the Bethlehem Police Department, Kleinke's Farm, Senior Services staff, and members of the Lions Club, work to make the picnics memorable.

Program highlights Saturday, Sept. 11

• Down East Lobster Bake at the East Greenbush Masonic Temple at 4:30 pm. The cost is \$25.00, check payable to the Town of Bethlehem. You can choose a lobster or steak dinner with all the fixin's. Senior transportation will leave Town hall at 3:30 pm.

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Monday, Sept. 13

• Shopping center trip to Wal-Mart in Glenmont. Call 439-5770 to arrange transportation.

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

Tuesday, Sept. 14

• Farmers' Market at First United Methodist Church. Senior transportation will leave Town Hall at 2 p.m. Home pick up can be arranged. Suggested van donation, \$2:00. If you are eligible for food stamps, Medicaid, SSI or Section 8 housing, call 439-4955, ext. 1170, to see you can get a \$20 Farmer's Market coupon.

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Wednesday, Sept. 15

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

• Donate blood at the Town Hall between 1 and 6 p.m. Call 439-4955, ext. 1176, to register.

Thursday, Sept. 16

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

Friday, Sept. 17

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

Library to hold senior health fair

Guilderland Public Library will hold a senior health fair Thursday, Sept. 23, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The free fair will offer seniors a chance to talk with professionals and participate in activities like tai chi, yoga, and exercise for fitness.

Transportation to the Health Fair is available by contacting the Senior Office.

Monday, Sept. 13

Scheduled Shopping
9:00 Aerobics
9:30-1 Defensive Driving Library

10:30 Strong Bones +
10:30 Sr. Fitness
1:30 Strong Bones +

Tuesday, Sept. 14

Primary Day
No Programs at Town Hall

10:00 Lake George Luncheon Cruise

Town of Guilderland SENIOR CALENDAR

Wednesday, Sept. 15

Scheduled Shopping
9:00 Line Dancing
9:30-1 Defensive Driving at Library

10:30 Strong Bones +
10:30 Bridge
11:45 Sr. Fitness
1:00 Needlecraft
1:30 Strong Bones +

Thursday, Sept. 16

Scheduled Shopping
9:00 Strong Bones
9:30-11:30 Medicaid, Legal Help & Blood Pressure

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Friday, Sept. 17

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Members of the 109th remember Katrina assistance efforts

Soldiers talk about Katrina experience at Army Aviation Support Facility in Latham

By ANDREW BEAM
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Even though Mississippi is nearly 1,300 miles away, the New York Air National Guard's 109th Airlift Wing headquartered in Latham responded within 24 hours of Hurricane Katrina touching down on the coast of the Gulf of Mexico five years ago.

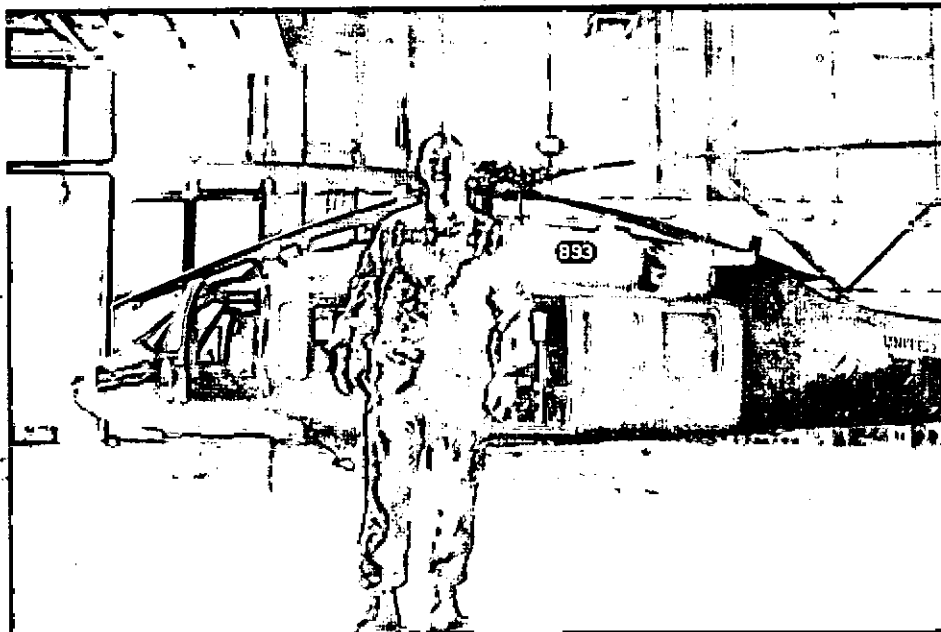
Several members recalled their nearly monthlong stay in Mississippi, in honor of the anniversary, as they described the sights, sounds and triumphs of the people affected by the natural disaster. For many of them, it was the proudest moment of their careers as they were able to help out their fellow Americans.

"As far as being proud of the things I've done in a 28-year career, this is the most proud thing I have ever done as an American," said Chief Warrant Officer Charles Rodda, speaking at the Army Aviation Support Facility on Thursday,

Aug. 26. "It still affects me today when I think about the people that were down there; how dignified they were no matter how bad the condition was. They always had as good and positive an attitude as they possibly could. They were always looking to improve their situation no matter how bad it was or how long it had been since they had help. They were asking you, 'What can we do for you?'"

The crew would perform missions of providing ice, food and water to those in need by flying supplies in UH-60 Blackhawk helicopters. The soldiers soon discovered that residents in towns like Jackson, Miss., were growing tired of just the essentials, and made requests for things like Gatorade, tents or even diapers, according to Chief Master Sgt. Mark Schaibel. They would take notes of what people needed and alerted air crews from every state that more supplies were necessary.

"Then we started getting stuff from Home Depot — they were a big player in it," said Schaibel. "They started sending cleaning supplies; started



Chief Warrant Officer Charles Rodda in front of a UH-60 Blackhawk helicopter at the Army Aviation Support Facility in Latham on Thursday, Aug. 26. Rodda and other soldiers from the New York Air National Guard's 109th Airlift Wing flew supplies into the coast of the Gulf of Mexico five years ago, within 24 hours of Hurricane Katrina touching down.

Andrew Beam/Spotlight

sending tents down and generators."

Staff Sgt. Dolan Brammer said they realized something was wrong when people were not running to the helicopters any more, as they felt they had enough of ice and water.

"It wasn't like they were ungrateful, it was just they had enough, and it was like a panic situation because they didn't know when you

were going to be back so they grabbed as much as they could and stockpiled it," said Brammer. "And when they realized, 'Hey, they're coming here six times a day with food and water we really don't need any more. Is there any way we can get diapers or medication?'"

He referred to it as stuff people would take for granted, such as pet food and detergent. The

crews even began refilling prescriptions for those in need of medication by either taking the written script or the pill bottle.

"Once the initial push was done, there were points such as where there was a firehouse remaining, everybody in the area would know that if you needed a script you go to this firehouse and there will be a nurse or a doctor," described Brammer.

Schaibel said it was a full-fledged hospital set up in a parking lot complete with an emergency room and cardiac care.

The crews would set up points of distribution (PODs) to stock supplies and report back, as well as allowing those who needed supplies to come get them there.

At one POD, Staff Sgt. Thomas Balogh said they set up next to a biker bar, where the bikers actually came out and formed an assembly line to help unload some of the supplies.

"It was just amazing to watch that day," he said. "I've never seen anything like it."

The beginning of the trip was unfortunately marred by the death of fellow soldier Stan Dake, a buck sergeant, after he was in a car accident while driving to the base. It prompted the crew to name the task force after him.

Brammer choked up when recalling the moment he learned of Dake's death. The crew wasn't notified until its first refueling in Pennsylvania.

"We lost somebody and we all had to pick ourselves up, dust off and head out," he said. "And we did it; we

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Family organizes a walk that touches close to home

Seventh annual event aims to stamp out pancreatic cancer

By CHARLES WIFF
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Shari and Neil Piper know all too well the effects of pancreatic cancer.

Neil's mother succumbed to the disease in 1981. A decade later, his cousin was diagnosed. Then, his sister and brother.

After losing four close family members to pancreatic cancer, the Pipers knew with more certainty than any study could muster that the disease is both hereditary and shockingly deadly. So they decided to do something about it.

This Sunday, Sept. 12, the Pipers will oversee the seventh annual Capital District Walk for Pancreatic Cancer, which since 2004 has raised thousands for the Lustgarten Foundation, a national organization aimed at funding research and treatment of the disease.

Last year, the walk raised nearly \$49,000, with 240 walkers. With a number of corporate sponsors already on board and 175 pre-registrants, \$47,000 has already been raised through this year's efforts.

"We're anticipating that the walk will be far bigger this year than last," said Shari Piper.

And it will definitely be larger than the original Capital District

walk. Fifteen walkers raised \$4,000 that year. Piper said as awareness about the disease spreads, more and more people who have been affected by it are coming out to events like the research walk. Last year, 20 groups walked in support or remembrance of a loved one; this year, 28 are already signed up.

"There is an active community of people, and I think that as pancreatic cancer moves into the news more, people are a bit more hopeful," Shari said.

Neil is recovering from a surgery that removed a suspicious growth from his pancreas that was discovered as part of an early detection study at John Hopkins University,

which was partially funded by Lustgarten.

"I'm feeling very, very grateful for this kind of research, because my husband seems to have escaped the family condition," Shari said.

Unfortunately, pancreatic cancer remains one of the deadliest forms of cancer largely because early detection

is so rare. There are rarely any early warning symptoms, and tests like the ones Neil was regularly undergoing are not covered by most insurers. As a result, most cases of the disease are diagnosed in the late stages, and the five-year survival rate for the disease is just 5 percent.

The Lustgarten Foundation is aiming to reverse that trend by finding a standardized way to detect pancreatic cancer early on. Founded in 1998, the Lustgarten Foundation is named after Cablevision executive Marc Lustgarten, who died of pancreatic cancer.

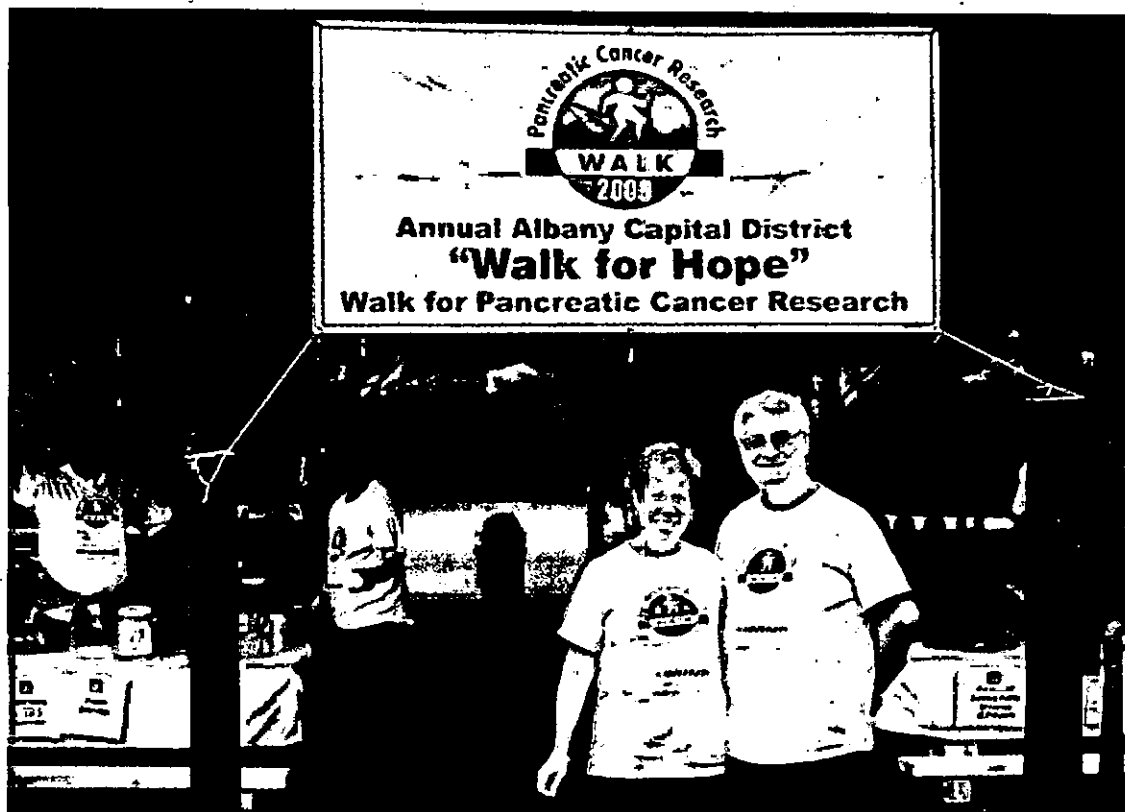
So far, the foundation has contributed \$32 million toward research. All of the money raised goes directly to research because the foundation's operations are underwritten by Cablevision, said Lustgarten Director of Events Ann Walsh.

Today, walks across the country raise about \$2 million each year. The first was held in Long Island in 2001.

"Since that time, each year we add a few more walks," Walsh said.

Registration for the rain-or-shine walk starts at 9 a.m., with walkers stepping off at 10:30 a.m. Register online at www.albanypcrwalk.org, or on the day of the race.

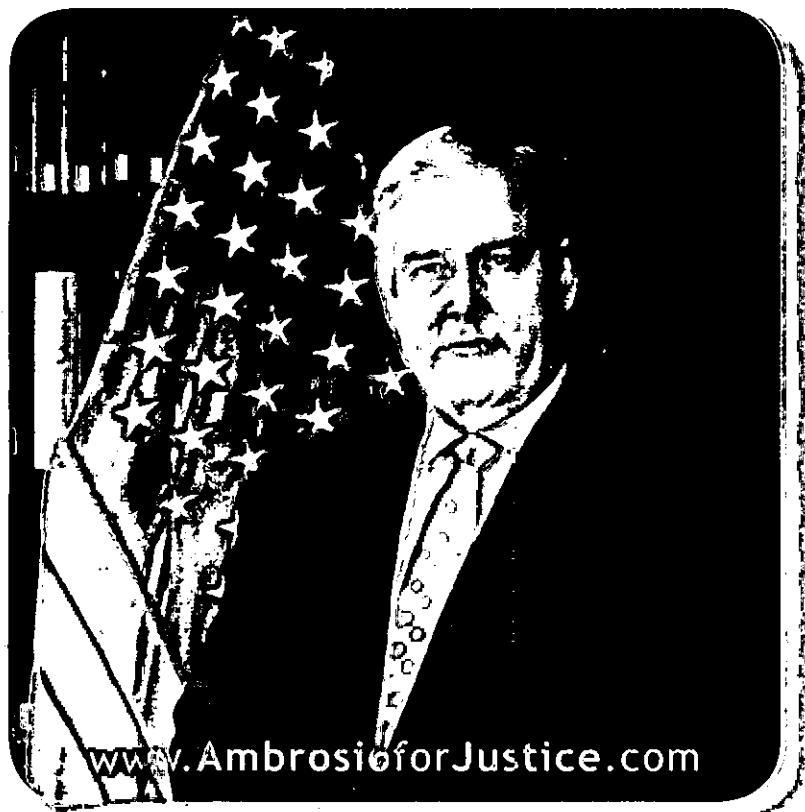
Following the race there will be music, raffles and kids' activities.



Neil and Shari Piper at last year's Capital District Pancreatic Cancer Research Walk in Elm Avenue Park, at which \$49,000 was raised. This year's seventh annual walk will take place Sunday, Sept. 12, and is on track to raise even more to go toward methods for the early detection and treatment of pancreatic cancer.

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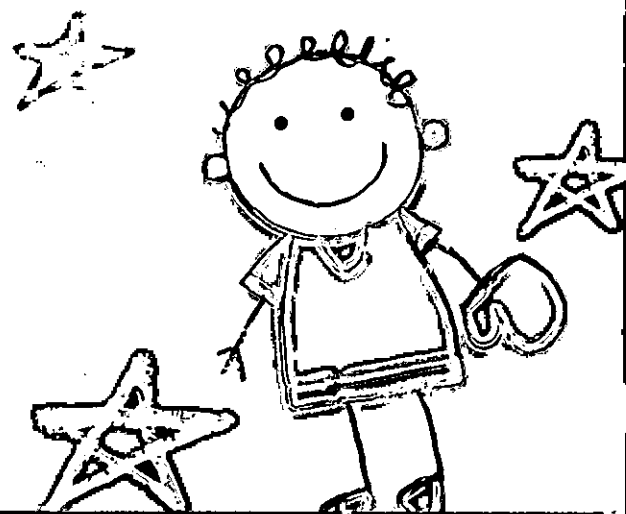
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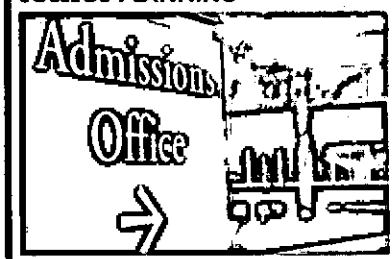
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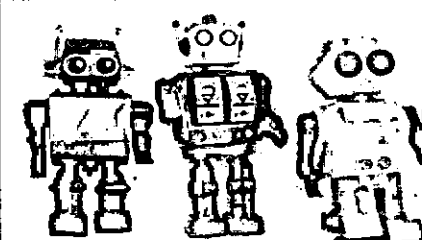
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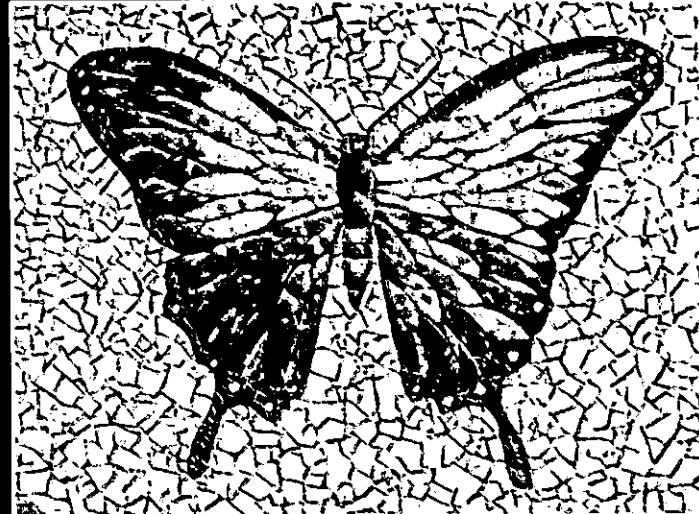
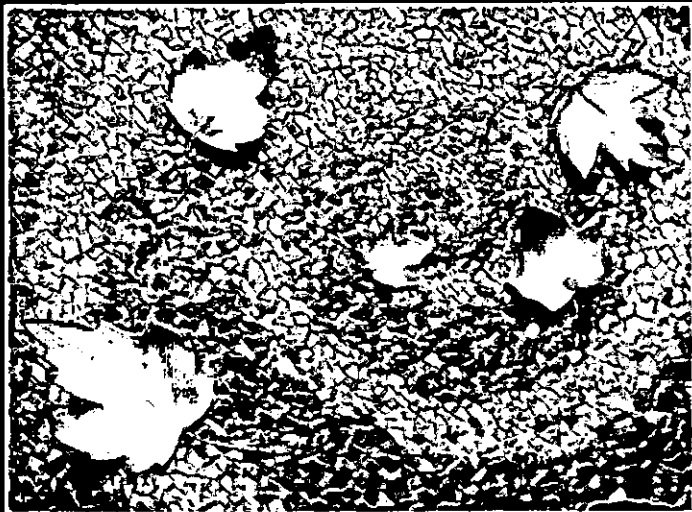
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Entertainment in the Spotlight

Right: This is eggshell mosaic on a wooden egg form by Linda Biggers is called "Tangle" because the dancer's hair tangles at the top. **Below:** Linda Biggers' "Whirlpool" eggshell mosaic features leaves made of polymer clay.



Above: "Blue Butterfly" is an eggshell mosaic by Linda Biggers

Submitted photos

Nothing but art

Stockade show is popular for its festive atmosphere and emphasis on fine arts

Some 50 years ago, Nancy Lee Bedard took part in her first Stockade Villager's Outdoor Art Show.

Just a teenager, she had never displayed her work before she and her dad set up a table in Schenectady's historic Stockade district. On it, Bedard placed tiny, 1-inch paintings she had made, each mounted on a toothpick painted with shoe polish to look like an easel.

By the time the show closed, Bedard had sold just about all of her two dozen creations, and the stage was set for her to return to the Stockade just about every year since.

"I do quite a few art shows, and this is my favorite," Bedard, of Rotterdam, said. "I love it. I think it's the most exciting art show. It's like being in Greenwich Village."

Bedard isn't alone in her enthusiasm for the show, which will be held this year on Saturday, Sept. 11, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. with a rain date of Sunday, Sept. 12. Artists will line the streets of the Stockade selling paintings, photographs, drawings and other kinds of art — but nothing else. After a few years of trying to incorporate crafts and other projects, organizers decided to keep the focus strictly on art, a move that participants welcomed.

"I always sell something, because people who come are looking for art," said Linda Biggers of Broadalbin.

Biggers is one of roughly 115 artists expected at the show this year. She will be selling her eggshell mosaics, which she makes by painting eggshells, then breaking them and forming them into pictures. It's an art form she kind of stumbled on while doing a "lot of experimentation, playing around," she said.

Biggers first displayed her work at the art show several years ago when she was looking for shows

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to attend and heard about the Stockade show from a fellow artist. Like Bedard, she enjoys the festive atmosphere in the Stockade.

"It's a great show," she said. "It's a lot of fun."

Dianne Tracy of Schenectady goes so far as to call it "my favorite art show in the whole world." Tracy is particularly appreciative of the emphasis on art, nothing there are "no jewelry, no T-shirts ... you can't even have greeting cards."

Tracy has been a mainstay at the show since the mid-1980s. She had always wanted to try her hand at art, but she took a more practical career route, going to business school.

"I hated it," she said flatly.

After her kids went to school, Tracy decided to give art a try. After working in several mediums, she decided watercolors were her strength. She first showed them off in the Stockade when a cousin who is a photographer offered to share his space with her, telling her he had only enough photos to fill about half his table.

"I sold half my inventory," she said. "It gave me a boost."

Tracy opened a gallery on Schroon Lake in the Adirondacks and started attending more than 20 art shows a year. But the Stockade show will always have a special place in her heart.

"I wouldn't miss it for the world," she said. "They put so much energy into it. It's a camaraderie thing."

"I think it's a place where people come to meet other people," co-chair Connie Colangelo agreed. "You'll see people with dogs, people with baby carriages."

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"The Human Condition: Figures and Portraits," through Sept. 30, 1138 Troy-Schenectady Road, Latham. Information, 220-9027.

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CLARK ART INSTITUTE

"Juan Munoz," through Oct. 17; "Picasso Looks at Degas," through Sept. 12; 225 South St., Williamstown, Mass. Information, (413) 458-9545.

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Call for Artists

MALTA BALLET COMPANY

Holding auditions for its December production of "The Nutcracker," 11 a.m., Sept. 11, Ginger's Dance to Fit, Malta, looking for ballet, tap, modern dancers, gymnasts and vocalists age 5 to adult, \$10 audition fee. Information, 899-6664, 426-0660.

ALBANY BERKSHIRE BALLET

Holding auditions for its fall production of "The Nutcracker," 10 a.m., Sept. 12, 25 Monroe St., Albany, looking for children ages 4 and up, performances in November and December in Vermont, Massachusetts and New York, audition fee \$10 for children ages 4 and 5 and \$15 for children ages 6 and up. Information, 426-0660.

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Holding auditions for its primary orchestra and its viola choir, Sept. 12, Shenendehowa United Methodist Church, Route 146, Clifton Park, orchestra and viola choir open to children ages 6-14. Information, 429-5533.

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Holding auditions for December performance of original, non-musical version of "Peter Pan," 7 p.m., Sept. 14 and 16, Schenectady Civic Playhouse, 12 South Church St., Schenectady. Information, 469-2269.

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CLIFTON PARK COMMUNITY CHORUS

Ongoing rehearsals for its winter concert, Shenendehowa Adult Community Center,

Clifton Common, Clifton Park; no auditions required to join. Information, 371-6681.

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Spotlight on poetry

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To Orfeo at Glimmerglass

by Malcolm Willison

Driving west for that
opera
the Devonian hills roll
under and beside us
like waving scarves -
scenic billows
of ancient seas.

Sun glints off bowed
shoulders
of field grasses - green
Furies crouch
before the backward

eyeshot
to a fated Fall -

We will arrive in time to
catch
the serpentine death of
pale
Eurydice back to Pluto's
airless realm
after brief recovery of
a day
of ravishing music's call
and retreat.

As summer ends, I thought a poem featuring one of my favorite summer spots, Glimmerglass Opera House in Cooperstown, would be appropriate.

Malcolm Willison divides his time between Schenectady and New Orleans. He has been writing and publishing poetry for almost fifty years.

Weekly Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Postulate
- 6 Met orchestra locale
- 9 Mountain peak
- 12 Trenchermen
- 14 Russian poet Mandelshtam
- 16 Mauna ____
- 17 Start of a Cervantes quote
- 19 Geo. figure
- 20 Have a bite
- 21 Neither masc. nor feminine
- 22 1945 John Wayne film
- 24 Calm
- 27 Was enamored of
- 28 Mighty mite
- 30 More of the quote
- 32 Dawn
- 34 Barker's oratory
- 35 ____ a girl
- 36 Feed bag tidbit
- 39 Knight's title
- 40 Luau fare
- 43 After, in Avignon
- 45 Ache
- 47 Source of the quote

DOWN

- 52 Regarding
- 53 Run ____ get into trouble
- 54 Suits to fit
- 56 Low bow
- 58 Entreated
- 59 ____ pro nobis
- 62 Core: abbr.
- 63 End of the quote
- 66 Nice season
- 67 Thus
- 68 Passionate
- 69 Religious deg.
- 70 Bagels' go-with
- 71 Fodder grass
- 1 Sunday seats
- 2 Luau locale
- 3 Marriage, acquisitions, for some
- 4 Front ending
- 5 Tendency
- 6 Sappho, for one
- 7 Leb.'s neighbor
- 8 Even
- 9 Niche
- 10 Hang around
- 11 Fifth Avenue event
- 13 Power source

- 15 Dulcimer's kin
- 18 Tutsi's foe
- 23 Eyelid darkener
- 25 Cousin of the ostrich
- 26 Party mixes
- 28 ____ was saying ...
- 29 Notable child king
- 31 102, in old Rome
- 33 The masses
- 37 Jackie's second
- 38 Subject of discourse
- 40 Fail to consider
- 41 Table scrap
- 42 Daughter of Cadmus
- 43 Caesar's water
- 44 Orator's perch
- 46 Musical aptitude
- 47 Made a run for
- 48 Bachelor ____ college degree
- 49 Actor Nick's folks
- 50 Floor material
- 51 Ms. Verdugo
- 55 Kitchen emanations
- 57 Fertile earth
- 60 Wagner cycle
- 61 Choir voice
- 64 ____ Dinh Diem: South Vietnam president
- 65 Conductor de Waart

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Nest

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We'll continue to work hard, but I don't really see us returning to the hard-drinking late nights of our 20s. On a good night now, I'm in bed by 11 p.m. On a great night, it's 10. Half a margarita makes me giggle and a whole glass of wine makes me mix up words.

We hope to focus on order and health in this next phase of our lives. I still have this fantasy of cleaning the house, top to bottom, although the fantasy has more to do with having a clean house than actually cleaning it. I will wiggle my nose and nod my head a la "Bewitched" and "I Dream of Jeannie," then alternately grumble and get misty as we sift through the stuff we've pushed to corners as we've gone about the business of child-rearing.

Having our children tower over us is a concrete reminder that time moves quickly. Now that we have more of it than we have for 20 years, we'd like to double the investment

we've been making in our health. My achy hips, Chris' creaky knees and both our aching backs rejoice when we get them out for some exercise; maybe stepping up the walks and bike rides will lead to a love of fish and vegetables.

We hope to take little excursions, but the reality of college tuitions means we won't be jetting off to London for long weekends any time soon. So we focus on things we can do at home. Chris has found podcasts from BBC History Magazine, and after our house is clean, I will have no impediments to penning the novel I've always wanted to write. Oh, wait; I need one really good idea...

I hope we don't turn into the Anti-Funs. I hope to spend a lot of time laughing with my husband, and while I hope my HBO and Facebook addictions don't kill all my other ambitions, I do plan to spend some time vegging out in front of the tube.

"Are there any movies the kids tell us we can't watch that we want to watch now?" I asked as

we drove home from dropping Cormac off. In an interesting twist, our children have become the media censors in the house, appalled if they find us watching movies like "The Hangover."

"We really can be the boss of us now," Chris answered, laughing.

Well, mostly. I wonder if I will always spend a big chunk of each day wondering what my children are doing right this minute. I love looking at pictures of their campuses online, and try to think of good but non-intrusive questions to ask them during our weekly phone call. I will ponder how to take our relationship to a more adult level when I really want to still remind them to brush their teeth, eat their vegetables and look people in the eye and shake their hand when they meet them.

In the early mornings and late evenings of September, I will spend some time in my front porch swing, letting the quiet wrap around me as I wonder, really, how in the heck the past 18 years passed so very quickly.



Staff Sgt. Dolan Brammer talks about the time he spent in Mississippi helping in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina five years ago.

Andrew Beam/Spotlight

Efforts

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did it without getting anyone else injured."

Still, their spirits were lifted by being able to help out their fellow Americans

and doing what they said they had been trained to do.

While much of the media portrayed images of mishandling the situation in the Gulf of Mexico, Rodda said that the magnitude of Katrina had wiped out the communications in Mississippi, so the degree of what was actually needed was not fully understood.

"What that [the hurricane] did to the infrastructure down in Mississippi and New Orleans can't be duplicated by anything other than a nuclear bomb," he said. "It just took out the communication."

He added that their authority to get down there was delayed by the lack of communication, but he said the soldiers were more than ready and responded as quickly as possible.

"The Mississippi Army

National Guard and Air National Guard, and the active duty Air Force down in Mississippi were responding as Katrina was happening," Rodda said. "If you're publishing only the need and not the response, all you see is the negative and not the positive."

Reporters would alert the crew of people in need, but Rodda said there was a priority list of people who would need it more than others.

"Reporters would literally go out and say, 'Hey, I saw somebody over here,' and we'd say, 'OK, but we've got a 72-year-old dialysis patient and a 4-year-old kid who's hurt over here, what's their condition?'" he said. "It was unfortunate, but you had triage that needed the help the most and it went down to the individual."

He added that some people even refused the help, which made it difficult to respond to them when they finally realized that they needed assistance.

"Then there were people who just refused help and you were like, 'Well, you're an American, you can take care of yourself. Good for you,'" Rodda said. "Then when they refuse help, unfortunately for them when it comes time for them that they need help, they've already set it up that, 'Oh, that guy's good, he's all set. He's taking care of himself; he said go focus on someone else.' And then six hours later he realized he made a mistake, and then his mistake becomes our black eye."

Balogh said he what they did down on the Gulf will bring more attention to the Guard, and certainly more respect.

"Before we were just weekend warriors," he said. "Now they know the Guard is serious and we're ready."

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Club

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out amongst all teams," Yates said. "It doesn't burden small teams, and therefore the idea is that it will encourage people to come play regardless of the size of the team."

Club officials hope players from Bethlehem and beyond will do just that. Under the premiere league structure, players would pay between \$1,100 and \$1,500 per year. That cost will be a standardized \$900 at the Youth Academy.

Setting that price point will hopefully attract a new group of players, Yates continued, both locally and from around the area. The premiere program usually draws 150 to 200 players, but the club hopes more families will see the benefit of the academy.

"Our goal will be to increase the size, but more importantly the quality of the program," Yates said. "Making the whole program more attractive, more cost efficient, more competitive, would be a draw for the greater Capital District."

The academy program is basically a yearlong affair. Teams will start playing in November at indoor facilities.

The soccer club is on its way to building its own indoor fields at the soccerplex on Wemple Road. Tentative plans first came before the Town of Bethlehem in February, and since then the club has been moving toward hiring a fundraising consultant for a drive that will hopefully begin in early 2011, said club President Mark Sweeney. The club plans to build the roughly \$3.5 million

project with donations and financing.

"The community support for the project is going to be absolutely key," Sweeney said. "We're looking at making this something for everybody."

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

The club has also been looking at locating the facility close to the Thruway instead of in the center of the soccerplex property, to better make use of the space there. That would require cooperation with Verizon, since the company has fiber-optic lines running underground there.

Renting out space at other facilities costs teams between \$50,000 and \$75,000 every year, according to the club. Once constructed the facility could also produce revenue for the club through rentals.

"We're still going for the full project. Our initial feedback is that it is possible," said Sweeney.

Registration for the Youth Academy is open until Oct. 1. There are three age groups: 13- and 14-year-olds; 15- and 16-year-olds and 17- and 18-year-olds. The club will continue to offer a travel soccer program from ages eight to 12, and its popular recreational program — a noncompetitive league — starting at prekindergarten.

For more information and to register, visit www.bethlehemsoccer.com.

Waves

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over the quality of the water, which is drawn from well fields near the Hudson River, kept the plant's water flowing only to industrial users and a handful of residences.

But today is a different day, and for town finances, it's a difficult day. Due to approaching federal regulations, something must be done with the town's water system and of the three options on the table, unifying the system is the cheaper option.

"The economy is such that it draws attention to the fact that we have to look at all policy choices," Supervisor Sam Messina said. "I'm willing to go with the information I've seen to present this, hear from the public, have board discussion on this... To my way of thinking, this should have been done years ago."

He added all the data collected by the town over the years indicate the water from the Clapper Road plant is perfectly safe.

On Wednesday, Sept. 8, the town's Department of Public Works will make a detailed presentation to

the Town Board on this plan and two alternatives: starting upgrades to the New Salem plant next year or altering a contract with the City of Albany to buy more of their water.

"The option of leveraging that Clapper Road facility is a money saver, and the other two alternatives have substantial up front cost," said Deputy Commissioner of Public Works Erik Deyoe. "I've got a lot more treatment capacity at the plant than I've got demand right now."

Clapper Road only operates at about 40 percent capacity. Opening up Clapper Road would defer the replacement of the New Salem plant for 10 years or more, said Deyoe, and save the town \$1 million or more every year once the switch is flipped — or, more accurately, the handle is turned.

"The actual unification of the distribution systems — there's a series of valves that need to be opened up, but those valves exist today," Deyoe said.

Some upgrades would have to be made at Clapper Road, but the work would be equally necessary under the other contingencies.

Unifying the water system is

built into the draft budget the supervisor is working on now. If it is taken out and another option pursued, it's another \$1.5 to \$2 million that would have to be found elsewhere.

Councilman Kyle Kotary, who has been critical of the budget numbers produced so far, said building this plan into the budget is folly given the fact a public outcry originally kept the water from widespread distribution and there are only a few weeks left before a budget is due.

"There's a \$2 million assumption baked into this predicated on the assumption that the public this time around will be OK with opening up the Clapper Road plant and merging the water systems," he said. "I just want to make sure that there's adequate time for the public to voice their opinions and concerns."

Councilman Mark Hennessey also agreed that public input will be vital to the process.

"It's an entire community that, at least 10 years ago, was deeply opposed to this," he said.

The Town Board will meet Wednesday, Sept. 8, at 6 p.m. in Town Hall.

Levy

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untapped to lower the levy.

"In addition to freezing the budget, we looked at every spending category during the past year in order to determine where savings could be found," said Assistant Superintendent for Business Lyn Derway in a statement. "With the uncertainty of federal and state aid, it is more important now than ever to operate as efficiently as possible in order to insure the best use of district resources to ensure student success."

Final assessment figures are also available. Residents in the district's four towns will see different tax rates due to

differences in equalization rates.

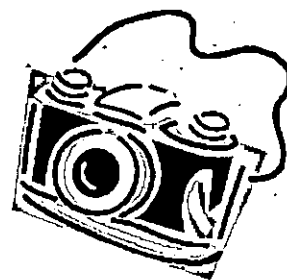
Per \$1,000 of assessed property value, residents of Bethlehem will pay \$19.29 (a 0.3 percent hike), of Coeymans \$18.71 (a 3.9 percent hike), of New Scotland \$19.91 (a 4.7 percent hike) and of New Baltimore \$27.32 (a 2.2 percent decrease).

These values include library taxes.

RCS voters rejected a similarly sized budget in May that had a 4.64 percent tax levy increase. The Board of Education elected to move straight to a contingency budget instead of putting another proposal to voters.

Tax bills have been mailed and are due back by Sept. 30 without penalty.

—Charles Wiff



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□ Martland

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"A lot of it would depend of where Cuomo [Attorney General and gubernatorial candidate Andrew Cuomo] comes from," he said. "In the first year or two, let's assume he stays popular and doesn't implode like [David] Paterson or [Eliot] Spitzer, which we can't afford, and he pushes for it, I think we can stand on top."

Also a struggle has been collecting donations and running his campaign, which he said has caused him to become "flat broke," a decision, he added, that was not made lightly. (See related story, page 11.)

He said he believes that if he were to come out on top in the primary, the Senate Democrats would fall in line behind him in their support against Independent candidate

Michael Carey and Colonie Republican Bob Domenici, who are also vying for the Senate seat in the 46th District.

The spirit to carry on despite the financial hurdles goes along with his theme of being a fighter. He says there is not one person in the state Senate who continuously fights for the issues they believe in. He attacked Breslin for his comments on Gov. Paterson's leadership of the state as deplorable, and added that the governor was the only one pushing for the budget to get done.

"Maybe Paterson bears part of the blame, maybe Shelly Silver bears part of the blame, but so do you [Breslin], and you did nothing to show leadership on this issue," Martland said. "Where was Breslin? Did he ever stand up and have any original idea about the budget? Did he ever stand

up and fight for anything? Did the Senate leadership propose anything before April 1?"

Martland did applaud Breslin for voting in favor of marriage equality, but he said the Senate Democrats did little to make the bill pass.

"A lot of gay and lesbian folks say has he been a friend. I say, 'Absolutely, he's been a good friend. Vote for him, if you support him, vote for him,'" said Martland, who is gay. "But he's not a fighter and he's not a doer. He votes the right way, but he's never been willing to do the tough work to make sure that bill passes."

In regards to the budget, Martland said he agreed with a majority of the reforms proposed back on April 7 that would change the budget process from one to two years (S.7160), push the deadline back to June 1

(S. 5221-c) and create the Legislative Budget Office (S. 4526), though he added his proposal would bring in an independent budget office.

Hecited the 2007 reform laws that the Republicans had passed, which he said the Democrats completely ignored this year.

When asked whether there was anything he admired about Breslin, he took some time before answering, "Admire, no."

He said he supported the parking permit legislation (S. 396/A. 1039), which was signed into law Aug. 30, mandating the city of Albany implement a residential parking permit system within three-quarters of a mile radius of the Empire State Plaza, but he criticized the Legislature for taking several years to pass it.

"Why didn't it pass for the prior 13 or 14 years?" he asked. "Why did it only

pass when he [Breslin] had a challenger?"

When it comes to property tax relief, which was a major sticking point in this year's budget negotiations, Martland said he was in full support of capping property taxes at the rate of inflation that would cover school taxes, property taxes and county taxes.

"You need to have some safety valve," he added. "If it's a school tax and they're building a new school building, if say 60 percent of the voters agree with that, then you can go ahead and do that."

He said he hoped this would force the state into being fiscally responsible, but he wouldn't support a state spending cap at this point.

Placing a freeze on government hiring for three years is another thing he would push for in order to save money and

said legislators should take a 10 percent pay cut.

"That's obviously not going to close the gap, but it's an important symbolic gesture to say that we're all in this together," Martland said.

Martland said he thinks he has a good shot in the primary and added that Breslin's record is "not that impressive."

"If there were no differences between us, I wouldn't be running," he said. "I've been hitting him hard on important issues. I'm talking about issues I think matter. I'm never insulting, I'm never disrespectful. I say, 'This is what I believe in,' and, 'This is what I'm fighting for.' And, 'Where's Breslin? What has he done?' and then I talk about what he's done and not done. That's why I'm running and that's the information people should be aware of when they vote."

□ Breslin

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were "very critically important." He will joke that a lot of his bills would put people to sleep but will also say they are "subtle."

He described a life settlements bill he passed in the beginning of the year that would revise the insurance market in the state so if a person is to take out life insurance on their family they could not sell to a third party.

"It took us a year to do it," he said. "People have called it the best bill in the United States."

When it comes to taxing the upper class and the middle class, he said a person making \$30,000 is paying a larger percentage of their income in taxes as opposed to someone who is making \$300,000, which he said, "that's not what it was intended to be."

He added that it is an odd notion to say that taxing the rich would drive them out of the state where they wouldn't have to pay as many taxes. It's

something he said could be supported by past legislation.

"Our income tax is not as progressive as it should be," he said. "During the Pataki years, in the late '90s, we did a surcharge on people that were making more than \$4 million and it was sunsetted, we did it for two years and we raised a couple billion dollars. We never heard a peep, no one ever moved, collected the money and when you collect the money from millionaires like that, sitting in the bank wasn't doing anything for the economy. If you're infusing it back into the economy it's a quick fix and it helps."

Another bill he highlighted that was signed by the governor in June was his prior-approval bill (S. 8088/A. 11369), which amended the insurance law to set a timeline for the New York State Insurance Department to approve changes to health insurance premiums before they go into effect. Eliminating a practice which he referred to a "file and use," health insurance companies would have to

provide public notification of the adjustments and allow opportunity for public comment and public notification of the final premium determination, which the superintendent of insurance must provide within 60 days. If the 60 days have passed, it is automatically approved.

Breslin has taken heat recently after telling media the bill would cover everyone, when the focus was for small businesses as well as other larger groups that are community rated, meaning everybody gets the same price. The gaffe — to which Breslin refers as a "gotcha moment" — has been seized upon by Breslin's challenger, Luke Martland.

"It avoided the entire issue of prior approval," he said. "If Luke wants to debate me on my knowledge of the insurance areas, be my guest."

When asked whether it is practical for a legislator to read every single page that is in the bill, Breslin said that it would be impossible.

"I would be ineffective," he said, adding that he has staffer Kate Powers help inform him of what is in the bill. "I'm very accessible. I'm more than willing to sit down and talk and if you're accessible and someone wants to create a gotcha minute, they can do it."

Following this incident,

Breslin said he's even had his own staff yell at him for not having a handler to help him out in these situations. He refuses because he said it would make him less accessible to the media.

Breslin said he is in favor of consolidating school districts.

"There's Watervliet, Green Island and Cohoes are very close together," he said. "They all have superintendents, they all have deputy superintendents, and they graduate, in total, around 200 students a year. You can draw your own conclusions."

He also believes in consolidating municipal authorities such as highway departments and police departments, something he believes needs to be done at the legislative level.

There is one bill that Breslin said he regrets voting for, and it was one he voted for in his first two years.

"It was a bill mandating chiropractic care included on your healthcare policy," he said, as he added that he had a bad back from past sports injuries and believed this sort of practice should be covered. "I never thought of it in terms of what does that do to the cost of an insurance policy and how many people you drive off."

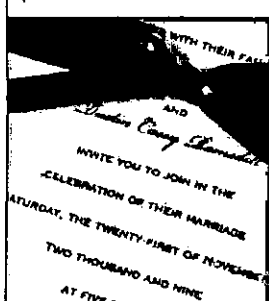
Martland has made term limits a large plank in his platform, but Breslin, in his 14th year as a senator, said it would be an affront to voters by taking their right away to vote their state legislator out. He also added that it would create a "feudom of staff members" and that it is "pandering to the public."

"The staff members control what's going on there, and they're not elected. They're not subject to review," he explained. "You'll get a person who's been there 25 or 26 years and he'd know everything, and he would dictate the elected official."

With the primary on Sept. 14, Breslin said he is prepared for whatever happens on that day and said he will let his record speak to the voters. He said even with this hatred towards incumbents, a theme Martland has latched onto, he said in all of Martland's criticisms there hasn't been something specific he has targeted.

"I'm a very competitive person," he said. "That really gets to me. I've lived my whole life to try and have the opposite outcome and no one has ever suggested I've done anything bad. When that is the thrust of the campaign, 'they're all crooks,' it gives you clues if this is the kind of business you want to continue to be in."

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Breslin, Martland debate for Dem line

Sen. Neil Breslin and challenger Luke Martland square off in a debate for the 46th Senate District

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Luke Martland finally got his wish on Sept. 1 where he intellectually locked horns with veteran Senator Neil Breslin just two weeks before the democratic primary for the 46th district senate seat.

The well-attended debate at the College of St. Rose was put on by the Albany County League of Women Voters and the Capital Area Council of Churches where much of the focus was placed on the dysfunction of New York state politics.

Breslin, D-Delmar, and Martland agreed on several issues such as not placing wine in grocery stores, marriage equality and setting up an independent redistricting committee, but differed on many others.

While Martland said he would propose legislation to cap property taxes at the rate of inflation, Breslin said he had voted for a 4 percent property tax cap and would also include a circuit breaker.

"With school taxes you're discussing people's incomes. People with lower incomes pay lower taxes and people with higher incomes pay higher taxes," he said. "I think you have to look at the 750, plus or minus, school districts in the state and determine that some of them aren't in need of state aid."

Breslin continued to say that school districts such as Niskayuna, Bethlehem and Guilderland were successful enough that they wouldn't need as much state aid as poor inner-city schools do and would provide it to schools that are behind in test scores.

In regards to the Albany County Nursing Home, Martland believed it was more a county issue than a state issue but gave his two cents on the topic anyways.

"Personally, I would be very, very concerned



Sen. Neil Breslin, left, and challenger Luke Martland face off at the Thelma P. Lally School of Education at The College of St. Rose Wednesday night, Sept. 1.

Andrew Beam/Spotlight

if people from Albany County had to be sent somewhere else because they should be close to loved ones," he said. "But I will let the county resolved that, it's theirs to resolve."

Breslin agreed it is a county issue, but took a different take on the question.

"You have to look at the dollars you have available for health care," he said. "If you build nursing homes you fill them, unfortunately, with a lot folks who don't belong there. And I'm concerned about that."

Another topic that centered on the anti-incumbency sentiment centered around the budget process and the pace at which the legislature moved this year.

Martland called the budget process "broken" and offered reforms such as establishing an independent budget office, similar to the congressional budget office, the adoption of a two year budget cycle and allowing an independent budget office or the comptroller's office to sign off on the budget before it goes into effect.

Breslin responded saying that some of those proposals were already presented earlier this year in April and said they were good ideas.

Martland attacked Breslin for failing to sign onto former New York City Mayor Ed Koch's reform agenda, the New York Uprising pledge, and highlighted that both Cuomo and he had both signed the pledge. He also came out against Breslin

for not releasing his tax filings to the press and for not disclosing his list of clients.

"This also includes a commitment for responsible legislating, which is exactly what I've been talking about; cutting taxes, having a balanced budget, have you reformed the system to make sure that's available? All of those things I support, all of these things I pledge just as Andrew Cuomo has and Neil Breslin declined to sign that pledge."

Breslin said he agreed with everything on the pledge but said he does not believe as a general practitioner at Hiscock and Barclay where he does wills and closings and felt that his relationship with his clients should be a private one.

Afterward, Martland said that the debate was good and was finally able to have a good discussion on topics where they differ.

"I would like to have one that's a debate, debate where we could go back and forth," he said. "We weren't really able to do that."

Breslin also said that he felt it went well and said that he is proud of his record. He added that a lot of what Martland suggested was things that have already been suggested in the Senate and were things he's advocated for. He also alluded to the notion that some of Martland's attacks hit a little close to home.

"When he says, 'I don't do anything to make it personal' — if he's saying that, he's making it personal," said Breslin.

Local kids shoot music video



Singing star Anthony Gargiula, 11, of Glenmont, and the AG Dance Crew filmed a music video Aug. 19 at the Altamont Fair for "Game Over" from Gargiula's newly-recorded CD. The music video and the CD will be released nation-wide in early fall. Local dancers Louis Gargiula, of Glenmont, Skyler Bell of Clarksville, Jordan Lloyd of Guilderland, Lynsey Moore and Dorothy Davila, both of Clifton Park and Spencer and Sydney Paluch of Watervliet, Kurtis Sprung of Caroga Lake, Brittney Oathout of Johnstown and Sarinah Pond of Averill Park were joined by choreographer Abby Todd of Clifton Park. The video was shot and edited by videographer Mike Feurstein and his staff. To see a teaser of the video go to Anthony's website at www.singeranthonyg.com.

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IN BRIEF

Thomas Chera joins TD Bank in Latham

TD Bank, America's Most Convenient Bank, has named Thomas J. Chera a Senior Relationship Manager in Commercial Banking in Latham. He is responsible for developing and managing a portfolio of for-profit and not-for-profit commercial relationships throughout the Capital Region and upstate New York.

Chera has 26 years of banking experience. Prior to joining TD Bank, he worked in commercial banking at JPMorgan Chase Bank in Albany. Chera is a member of the Association of Financial Professionals (AFP), Healthcare Financial Management Association (HFMA) and Robert Morris Associates (RMA).

A Guilderland resident, Chera serves on the Board and as Chair of the Nominating Committee for the American Red Cross of Northeastern New York. He is a 1982 graduate of State University of New York at Albany and a 1993 graduate of The College for Financial Planning in Denver. Chera has completed the Certified Financial Planner (CFP), Certified Treasury Professional (CTP) and Series 7 certifications. He is a 1978 graduate of Notre Dame-Bishops Gibbons High School in Schenectady.

Five Rivers to host environmental festival

The 31st Annual Fall Festival will be conducted at the NYSDEC Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, 56 Game Farm Road, Delmar on Saturday, September 25 from 12:00 to 4:00 PM.

Co-sponsored by The Friends of Five Rivers, this family-oriented environmental celebration will feature a variety of hands-on educational activities, interactive exhibits, interpretive walks and more.

Wildlife experts Michelle Segerberg and Dee Strnisa will provide first-hand opportunities to meet live hawks, owls, snakes, turtles and insects up close and personal. Visitors can also cast for "backyard bass," sweep-net for insects, do a nature craft, do science experiments, learn about guide dogs, catch a puppet show, and enjoy live music from two fabulous local bands, Nisky Dixie Cats and Acoustic Hartland...all absolutely free of charge.

The collaborative extravaganza will also feature staffed exhibits and demonstrations from a wide range of local conservation partners such as the Albany Area Amateur Astronomers, Cornell Cooperative Extension, Friends of the Rail Trail (FORT), Honest Weight Food Co-op, Hudson Mohawk Bird Club and USGS.

The festival marks the official kick-off to the Center's ambitious programming year, which reaches more than 115,000 people annually. The event is open to the public free of charge and will be held rain or shine. Please call 518-475-0291 for more information.

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Local doctor pens racetrack thriller

Oral surgeon combines work and hobbies to come up with first novel

By JOHN PURCELL
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When visiting your oral surgeon, you probably wouldn't think to ask him how his novel is coming along, but if you did, Dr. Dean DeLuke would have an answer.

"I think the actual writing process is what I liked the most," said DeLuke, who recently released his first novel, "Shedrow." "It's a whole other set of hurdles once it comes to actually getting it published and marketing the book."

DeLuke, an oral and maxillofacial surgeon with Dental Offices, LLP in Schenectady, drew from his racing and medical background to develop "Shedrow," which is racetrack thriller and medical drama that takes place in settings ranging from Saratoga to Lexington, Ky., the alleys of Newark, N.J., the 21 Club in Manhattan and to the small island of St. Lucia. The story revolves around the death of a multi-million-dollar

stallion under mysterious circumstances on a farm in Kentucky.

DeLuke, who lives in Clifton Park, said his medical experience led him to create a protagonist, Dr. Gianni, based on encounters with several physicians throughout his career.

"I guess the idea for the book was born about three years ago," said DeLuke. "I was originally supposed to write a consumer's guide to my profession ... I just keep finding myself drawn to the fiction side of the [writing] courses."

To help him learn the craft, he attended workshops aimed at helping physicians and lawyers hone their skills at scientific and fiction writing.

Previously, DeLuke had published work in professional journals and publications, but, he said, writing a novel was a new experience.

"The biggest challenge was learning a totally new skill set," said DeLuke. "The mechanics of writing, in terms of good grammar and good sentence structure, are somewhat transferable, but writing fiction for the

general audience at large is a totally different skill set."

DeLuke credits his early schooling at The Albany Academy with inspiring an interest in fiction writing.

"I did continue writing in college, but after that point, my writing was mostly business and scientific," said DeLuke. "For me it is always a certain sense of accomplishment and fulfillment to complete any writing assignment."

In high school, DeLuke was a farm hand on his father's Upstate farm, Assunta Louis. DeLuke also has a history with thoroughbred horses. Currently, he is a partner with Dogwood Stables in Aiken, S.C., and he owns a share in Brother Bird, which is half-brother to the 2009 Kentucky Derby winner Mine That Bird. Brother Bird won a race at Saratoga on Aug. 7.

A portion of his book sales is being donated to the Thoroughbred Retirement Foundation, which protects horses at the end of their racing careers from being neglected, abused or slaughtered.

"It's cause I have always



Dr. Dean DeLuke, an oral surgeon based in Schenectady, recently released his first novel "Shedrow," which is a racetrack thriller partly taking place in Saratoga.

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contributed to personally, and it is a cause I believe in," said DeLuke. "It is a dollar of each book sold. It may seem like a small amount, but it is probably close to a third of what I get from every book."

When he isn't writing or working at his dental office, DeLuke said he likes to be around horses

"Shedrow is a great read—intriguing and exciting. This book moves."

— Michael Palmer, New York Times best-selling author

"Shedrow is one to read and DeLuke is a new writer to watch."

— Robert Dugoni, New York Times best-selling author

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"I enjoy the peace and tranquility of the training center in the morning, so I spend some time in Saratoga in that way," said DeLuke.

There will be book signing for "Shedrow"

at The Open Door Book Store in Schenectady Saturday, Sept. 25, from 1 to 2:30 p.m.

For information on DeLuke and "Shedrow," go to www.shedrow1.com.

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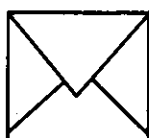
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APPLICATION MATERIALS

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Failure to include any of these materials constitutes forfeiting candidacy. Only those selected for interview will be contacted.

For more detailed information please visit our website at www.bethlehemchamber.com.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: October 15, 2010

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LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of formation of a Limited Liability Company, (LLC): Name: JJG Ventures, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 7/16/2010. 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: C/O JJG Ventures, LLC, 15 McNutt Avenue, Albany, NY 12205. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose. 64188 (D) (September 8, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

WISDOM WEAR, LLC Notice of Formation of Limited Liability Company. Articles of Organization of WISDOM WEAR, LLC ("LLC") were filed with the New York Department of State ("NYDS") on 7.21.10. Principal business location: Albany County. NYDS is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. NYDS shall mail a copy of any process to Julie L. MacKenzie, 7B West Street, Voorheesville, NY 12186. LLC does not have a specific date of dissolution. Purpose: All legal purposes. 64190 (D) (September 8, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of POWER RANGER 1 LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 7/16/10. 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. 64195 (D) (September 8, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Great West Holdings, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 7/15/10. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Brian Zimmel, 437 Madison Ave., 40th Fl., NY, NY 10022. Purpose: any lawful activity. 64196 (D) (September 8, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Global Indemnity Collectibles Insurance Services, LLC. Fictitious name: Global Collectibles Insurance Agency, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 7/19/10. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Maryland (MD) on 4/8/2010. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The National Registered Agents, Inc., 875 Ave. of the Americas, Ste. 501, NY, NY 10001. Address to be maintained in MD: 11350 McCormick Rd., Ste. 700, Hunt Valley, MD 21031. Arts of Org. filed with MD Dept. of Assessments & Taxation, 301 W. Preston St., Baltimore, MD 21201. Purpose: any lawful activities. 64197 (D) (September 8, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Jerome Gardens LLC, Art. of Org. filed Secy of State (SSNY) 6/30/10. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to 85 W. 188th St., Bronx, NY 10468. Purpose: any lawful activities.

LEGAL NOTICE

64198 (D) (September 8, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF CONVERSION TO A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC) NORSAL REAL ESTATE PARTNERSHIP, a NY partnership was converted to NORSAL REAL ESTATE, LLC, a NY LLC, by filing Certificate of Conversion with NY Secretary of State on July 20, 2001. Purpose: to engage in any lawful act or activity. LLC managed by one or more members. Office: in Albany County. SOS is agent for service of process and shall mail copy to c/o Albany Gastroenterology Consultants, P.C., 1375 Washington Avenue, Albany, New York 12203. 64199 (D) (September 8, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of WRBG REALTY, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 7/12/10. Off. Loc. Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to: The LLC, 9 Starboard Way, Latham, New York 12110. Purpose to engage in any lawful activity. 64201 (D) (September 8, 2010)

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Notice of Formation of How Am I Doing, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 7/21/10. Office location: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Barsky Ventures LLC, 250 West 57th St., Ste. 2514, NY, NY 10107. Purpose: any lawful activities. 64203 (D) (September 8, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of formation of limited liability company (LLC). Name of LLC: Wolff's Real Estate, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on July 20, 2010. Business location: 258 Lark Street, Albany, New York, 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: Wolff's Real Estate, LLC, 258 Lark Street, Albany, New York. LLC has been formed to engage in any lawful act or activity. LLC shall be manager managed. 64405 (D) (September 8, 2010)

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Notice of Qualification of Earle I. Mack LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 7/27/10. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 2/20/09. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Capitol Services, Inc., 1218 Central Ave., Ste. 100, Albany, NY 12205. DE address of LLC: c/o Corporation Service Company, 2711 Centerville Rd., Ste. 400, Wilmington, DE 19808. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. 64407 (D) (September 8, 2010)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: BARV'S Catering, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on

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07/26/10. 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, PO Box 242, Slingerlands, NY 12159. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. 64412 (D) (September 8, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF PLLC Articles of Organization for VILLAGE ANIMAL CLINIC, PLLC were filed with the Secretary of State of New York on August 9, 2010. The office of the company is located in Albany County. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent upon which process may be served and a copy of process shall be mailed by the Secretary of State to the LLC at Lombardi, Walsh, Wakeman, Harrison, Amodeo & Davenport, P.C., 111 Winners Circle, Albany, New York 12205. Purpose: for any lawful activity for which limited liability companies may be formed under the law. 64416 (D) (September 8, 2010)

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Notice of Formation of 193-195 7TH AVE REALTY LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 8/16/10. 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. 64417 (D) (September 8, 2010)

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Notice of Organization of 4-6 Sheridan, LLC On August 10, 2010, 4-6 Sheridan, LLC (the "LLC") filed Articles of Organization with the New York State Department of State. The principal business location of the LLC is 9 Eliot Drive, Albany County, Slingerlands, 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 the LLC c/o Gaetano Alonge, 9 Eliot Drive, Slingerlands, New York 12159. The LLC is organized for the purpose of real estate purchase, sale, lease and development and any other lawful business. 64418 (D) (September 8, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of GMD Holdings NYC LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 6/7/10. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, Seyfarth Shaw LLP, NY Times Bldg., 620 8th Ave., NY, NY 10018. Purpose: any lawful activity. 64420 (D) (September 8, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE Please take note that the September meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Slingerlands Fire District has been changed from September 14th to September 21st. The meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. 64421 (D) (September 8, 2010)

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Notice of Formation of MVB

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MEDIA CONSULTING LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 8/18/10. 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. 64424 (D) (September 8, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of DVS RESTAURANT, LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 8/20/10. 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. 64426 (D) (September 8, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Traditional Golf Management - Monster Golf, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 8/16/10. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Virginia (VA) on 8/12/10. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 9700 Mill Pond Run, Toano, VA 23168. VA address of LLC: 200 South 10th St., Ste. 1600, Richmond, VA 23219. Arts. of Org. filed with VA Secy. of State, 1300 East Main St., 1st Fl., Richmond, VA 23219. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. 64427 (D) (September 8, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of CORE398 LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 8/24/10. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 64429 (D) (September 8, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of BLUE DIAMOND MEDIA LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 8/24/10. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 64430 (D) (September 8, 2010)

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Notice of Formation of JACK'S GOURMET LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 8/24/10. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 64431 (D) (September 8, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

BETHLEHEM CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT TAX NOTICE Notice is hereby given that I, the undersigned, have received

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the Tax Rolls and Warrant for the collection of School Taxes for the Town of New Scotland properties in and for the Bethlehem Central School District, and will receive payments as follows: Tax payments are to be mailed to Tax Collector, P.O. Box 181, Delmar, NY 12054. There will be a 2% penalty for payment from October 1 through November 1, 2010. Unpaid school taxes will be turned over to the Albany County Treasurer on November 15, 2010. Michelle Curtis Tax Collector DATED: August 31, 2010 64432 (D) (September 8, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Gracechurch Intermediaries LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 8/10/10. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 7/12/10. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 110 Eddy Glover Blvd., New Britain, CT 06053, also the address of the principal office. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activities. 64437 (D) (September 8, 2010)

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Notice of Formation of Detroit Renaissance LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 8/20/10. 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, 601 West 26th St., Ste. 1776, NY, NY 10001. Purpose: any lawful activities. 64438 (D) (September 8, 2010)

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Notice of Qualification of Woolpert New York, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 6/14/10. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Ohio (OH) on 3/11/2010. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 4454 Idea Center Blvd., Dayton, OH 45430-1500. Address to be maintained in OH: 41 South High St., Ste. 2800, Columbus, OH 43215. Arts of Org. filed with OH Secy. of State, 180 East Broad Street Columbus, OH 43215. Purpose: engineering, architecture and any lawful activities. 64439 (D) (September 8, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Independent Towers Holdings, LLC is proposing the construction of a telecommunications installation on the parcel known as 65 Elm Avenue, in the Town of Bethlehem, Albany, New York. The telecommunications installation will consist of the installation of an antenna at the address referenced above. Any interested party wishing to submit comments regarding the potential effects the proposed facility may have on any HISTORIC PROPERTIES may do so by sending comments to: Project 168-072 c/o Infinigy Engineering & Surveying, PLLC, 11 Herbert Drive, Latham, New York 12110 or via telephone at 518-690-0790. 64440 (D) (September 8, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE PLEASE TAKE NOTICE The Board of Trustees of the Village of Voorheesville will hold a Workshop Meeting on Tuesday, September 14, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. The meeting will be held at

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the Village Hall, 29 Voorheesville Ave, Voorheesville, NY, the public is invited to attend. Linda Pasquali Clerk Treasurer 64442 (D) (September 8, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). Name: COLUMBIA 425 NS LLC. Articles of Organization filed with NY Secretary of State, August 24, 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. 64443 (D) (September 8, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY PARTNERSHIP (LLP) The name of the LLP is DRIVER GREENE, LLP. The Certificate of Registration of the LLP was filed with the New York Secretary of State on August 18, 2010. The purpose of the LLP is to engage in the profession and practice of law. The office of the LLP is to be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the LLP upon whom process against the LLP may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLP is Driver Greene, LLP, c/o Patrick K. Greene, Esq., 70 Gullane Drive, Slingerlands, New York 12159. 64444 (D) (September 8, 2010)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY Name: PC Shrewsbury, LLC (LLC). Articles of Organization filed with NY Dept. of State on 8/31/10. Office location: Albany County. NY Secretary of State (SOS) is designated as agent of LLC for service of process. SOS shall mail copy of process to c/o Nigro Companies, 20 Corporate Woods Boulevard, Albany, NY 12211. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity. 64447 (D) (September 8, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Sealed bids for the furnishing of all labor and material necessary for the construction of The Henry Hudson Park Fishing Platform Project, will be received by the Town Clerk, Town Hall, Room 104, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York 12054, until 2:00 p.m. local time, Wednesday, October 6, 2010 at which time and place they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bids shall be addressed to Nanci Moquin, Town Clerk, Town of Bethlehem, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York 12054. Bids shall be in sealed envelopes which shall bear, on the face thereof, the name and address of the bidder and the subject of the bid. ORIGINAL AND ONE COPY of each shall be submitted. Bids will be received for the following Contracts: General Construction - Furnish and install a Shore Anchored Floating Fishing Platform Facility, including minor shoreline repairs and stabilization and establishment of accessible walkway to the existing gazebo. Contract Documents, including Advertisement For Bids, Information For Bidders, Wage Rates, Additional Instructions, Bid Documents, Agreement, General Conditions, Specifications, Contract Drawings and any Addenda, may be

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examined at no expense at the office of Barton & Loguidice, P.C., Consulting Engineers, 2 Corporate Plaza, 264 Washington Avenue Extension, Albany, New York 12203, or at Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York 12054 (attn: Monika King, PE). Contract documents will be provided electronically on Compact Disc (CD) in pdf format and may be obtained by faxing a request to (518) 218-1805 attn: Judy Farella. There will be no cost for the compact disc or shipping via USPS media mail. The CD does not need to be returned by any plan holder. Each bid must be accompanied by security in an amount not less than five percentum (5%) of the amount of the bid in the form and subject to the conditions provided in the Information for Bidders. No Bidder may withdraw his bid within forty-five (45) days after the actual date of opening thereof. This is an exempt capital improvement project, and Bidders shall not include in their bid sales and compensating use taxes on the cost of materials which are to be incorporated into the work and which are to be separately sold by the Contractor to the Town of Bethlehem prior to incorporation into the work of the Contracts. The attention of Bidders is particularly called to the requirements as to conditions of employment to be observed and minimum wage rates to be paid under the Contracts. The Town Board reserves the right to waive any informalities in the Bid and/or to reject any or all Bids.

Project Contacts: MONIKA KING, P.E., TOWN OF BETHLEHEM TEL: (518) 439-4455 EXT. 1136 TED KOLANKOWSKI, TOWN OF BETHLEHEM TEL: (518) 218-1801 BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD NANCY MOQUIN, TOWN CLERK END OF SECTION 64448 (D) (September 8, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, September 15, 2010 at 7:00 p.m., at the Town Offices, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York, to take action on an application by Charles & Nancy Berns for an Area Variance under Article V, District Regulations, Section 128-32, Rural Riverfront District, C. Accessory Uses, (1) Location. The applicant requests the ability to build a detached garage in the front yard at property located at 1402 River Road, Selkirk, that doesn't meet location requirements. Daniel W. Coffey Chairman Board of Appeals Individuals with disabilities who are in need of an accommodation in order to participate should contact the Town Clerk's Office at 439-4955 Ext. 1183. Advanced notice is requested. 64450 (D) (September 8, 2010)

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Notice of Formation of 13 Evans St. LLC. Arts of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 06/2/10. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Registered Agent upon whom process may be served: 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY

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65483 (D)
(September 8, 2010)

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**Notice of Formation of
Youmesys LLC. Arts Of
Org. filed with Secy. Of State
of NY (SSNY) on 6/23/10.
Office location: Albany
County. SSNY designated
as agent of LLC upon whom
process against it may be
served. SSNY shall mail
process to: 99 Washington
Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY
12260. Registered Agent
upon whom process may
be served: 99 Washington
Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY
12260. Purpose: any lawful
activity.
65484 (D)
(September 8, 2010)**

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Notice of Formation of Ocean Avenue Fund I, LLC. Arts Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 05/07/10. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Registered Agent upon whom process may be served: 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Purpose: any lawful activity. 65567 (D) (September 8, 2010)

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Notice of Formation of Mackage Soho LLC. Arts Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 06/16/10. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Registered Agent upon whom process may be served: 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Purpose: any lawful activity.
65568 (D)
(September 8, 2010)

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Notice of Formation of Sutton Condo LLC. Arts Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 06/16/10. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Registered Agent upon whom process may be served: 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Purpose: any lawful activity.
65569 (D)
(September 8, 2010)

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Notice of Qualification of
KPF Insurance Services
LLC. Authority filed with
Secy. of State of NY (SSNY)
on 7/7/10. Office location:
Albany County, LLC formed
in Ohio (OH) on 4/21/10.
SSNY designated as agent
of LLC upon whom process
against it may be served.
SSNY shall mail process
to: c/o Corporation Service
Company, 80 State St.,
Albany, NY 12207. OH ad-
dress of LLC: 1014 Vine St.,
Cincinnati, OH 45202. Arts.
of Org. filed with OH Secy.
of State, 180 East Broad
St., 16th Fl., Columbus, OH

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Animal Welfare Organization Insurance Program, LLC, (Fictitious Name: AWOIP Insurance Agency, LLC) LLC was filed with the SSNY on 07/19/2010. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process

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against may be served. The P.O. address which SSNY shall mail any process against the LLC served upon him: Brian A. Barrick, 195 Stock Street, Suite 118, Hanover, PA 17331. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. 65641 (D) (September 8, 2010).

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Notice of formation of limited liability company ("LLC"). Name of LLC: Dunston Properties, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York ("SSNY") on June 30, 2010. LLC 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: Dunston Properties, LLC, 2059 Delaware Turnpike, Clarksville, New York 12041. LLC has been formed to engage in any lawful act or activity. 65642 (D) (September 8, 2010).

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Notice of Formation of WIDE VIEW CAPITAL II, LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 7/23/10. 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. 65643 (D) (September 8, 2010).

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Notice of formation of 1805 PROVIDENCE AVENUE, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with the Sec'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 9/30/2008. Office location, County of Schenectady. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Tenzer and Lunin LLP, 1775 Broadway, Suite 608, New York NY 10019. Purpose: any lawful act. 65646 (C) (September 8, 2010).

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Notice of Formation of ELEMENT MUSIC, LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 7/26/10. 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. 65650 (D) (September 8, 2010).

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Notice of Formation of RF3 LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 7/28/10. 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. 65652 (D) (September 8, 2010).

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Notice of Formation of 3RF LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 7/27/10. 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

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St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 65653 (D) (September 8, 2010).

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Articles of Organization of JENNIFCO, LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State ("SOS") on 6/29/10. LLC's office is located in Albany County. SOS is designated as agent of the LLC for service of process. SOS shall mail a copy of any process against LLC to c/o Stanley L. DiSefano, Jr., 10 Sage Estate, Albany, NY 12204 within or without New York State. LLC to be managed by one or more members. Purpose: any lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be organized. 65656 (D) (September 8, 2010).

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY NAME: Frueh Bros., LLC. Articles of Organization under Section 203 of the Limited Liability Company Law were filed with Secretary of State of New York on July 1, 2010. Office Location: Albany County. The Secretary of State of New York has been designated as agent of the LLC upon which process against it may be served. The Secretary of State of New York shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, 16 Orchard Street, Delmar, New York 12054. Purpose: for any lawful purpose. 65657 (D) (September 8, 2010).

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Notice of Qualification of Luby's Fuddrucker's Restaurants, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 7/20/10. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Texas (TX) on 7/9/10. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o CT Corporation System, 111 8th Ave., NY, NY 10011, registered agent upon whom process may be served. TX address of LLC: 350 N. St. Paul St., Ste. 2900, Dallas, TX 75201. Arts. of Org. filed with TX Secy. of State, 1019 Brazos, Rm. 105, Austin, TX 78701. Purpose: to engage in the operation of restaurants, entertainment, and foodservice facilities. 65660 (D) (September 8, 2010).

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Notice of Qualification of Nationstar Home Equity Loan 2009-A REO LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 7/27/10. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 10/21/09. 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. DE address of LLC: c/o Corporation Service Company, 2711 Centerville Rd., Ste. 400, Wilmington, DE 19808. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. 65661 (D) (September 8, 2010).

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF TOTAL QUALITY LANDSCAPING, LLC, filed Articles of Organization with the New York Secretary of State on June 23, 2010. Its principal business location is 35 Hillcrest Avenue, Schenectady, New York. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent upon whom process may be

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served and shall mail a copy of any process served to the LLC, in care of Paul LaFond, 35 Hillcrest Avenue, Schenectady, New York 12304. Its business is to engage in any lawful activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under the New York Limited Liability Company Law. 65662 (D) (September 8, 2010).

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Notice of Formation of G&G Entertainment, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 4/15/10. Office location: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Delaney Corporate Services, Ltd., 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 805A, Albany, NY 12210-2822. Purpose: any lawful activities. 65663 (D) (September 8, 2010).

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Notice of Formation of EAST 10TH STREET FUNDING LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 7/30/10. 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. 65664 (D) (September 8, 2010).

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Notice of Formation of ATE-LIER SFW LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 8/2/10. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 65665 (D) (September 8, 2010).

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Notice of Formation of Eight Films LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 7/30/10. 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, 118 Mercer St., NY, NY 10012. Purpose: any lawful activities. 65666 (D) (September 8, 2010).

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Notice of Formation of Limited Liability Company (LLC). Name: Coats Technology Associates LLC. Articles of Organization filed by the Department of State of New York on May 14, 2010. Office Location: County of Albany. Purpose: any and all lawful activities. Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to: 35 Carson Rd, Delmar, NY 12054. 65667 (D) (September 8, 2010).

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Notice of Qualification of Swift Transportation Services, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 7/27/10. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 4/16/2010. 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. Principal office address: 2200 South 75th Ave., Phoenix, AZ 85043.

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Address to be maintained in DE: 160 Greentree Dr., Ste. 101, Dover, DE 19904. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. Of State, 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activities. 65669 (D) (September 8, 2010).

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Notice of Qualification of M.S. Carriers, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 7/30/10. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 4/16/2010. 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. Principal office address: 2200 South 75th Ave., Phoenix, AZ 85043. Address to be maintained in DE: 160 Greentree Dr., Ste. 101, Dover, DE 19904. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. Of State, 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activities. 65670 (D) (September 8, 2010).

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Notice of Qualification of Estrella Distributing, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 7/28/10. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 4/16/2010. 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. Principal office address: 2200 South 75th Ave., Phoenix, AZ 85043. Address to be maintained in DE: 160 Greentree Dr., Ste. 101, Dover, DE 19904. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. Of State, 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activities. 65671 (D) (September 8, 2010).

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SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS. Index No.: 2582-10. Date of Filing: July 30, 2010. SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK. COUNTY OF ALBANY. CITIMORTGAGE, INC., Plaintiff, -against- JOHN L. HEBERT, if living, or if either or all be dead, their wives, husbands, heirs-at-law, next of kin, distributees, executors, administrators, assignees, lienors and generally all persons having or claiming under, by or through said JOHN L. HEBERT, by purchase, inheritance, lien or otherwise, of any right, title or interest in and to the premises described in the complaint herein, and the respective husbands, wives, widow or widowers of them, if any, all of whose names are unknown to plaintiff; CHASE BANK USA; FORD MOTOR CREDIT COMPANY; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AS NOMINEE FOR RBS CITIZENS, NA; NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA; "JOHN DOES" and "JANE DOES", said names being fictitious, parties intended being possible tenants or occupants of premises, and corporations, other entities or persons who claim, or may claim, a lien against the premises, Defendants. TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the complaint is not served with this summons, to serve a Notice of Appearance on the Plaintiff's attorney(s) within twenty (20) days after the service

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of this summons, exclusive of the day of service, where service is made by delivery upon you personally within the State, or within thirty (30) days after completion of service where service is made in any other manner, and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the complaint.

NOTICE

YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME. If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to your mortgage company will not stop this foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. YOU ARE HEREBY PUT ON NOTICE THAT WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT, AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS:

The foregoing summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an Order of the Honorable Gerald W. Connolly of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, signed on July 14, 2010, and filed with supporting papers in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Albany, State of New York. The object of this action is to foreclose a mortgage upon the premises described below, executed by JOHN L. HEBERT to Flagstar Bank, NA in the principal amount of \$241,800.00, which mortgage was recorded in Albany County, State of New York, on March 27, 2006, in Liber/Reel 5199 at page 779. Said mortgage was thereafter assigned to the Plaintiff.

Said premises being known as and by 634 ALBANY SHAKER ROAD, LOUDONVILLE, NY 12211. Date: June 17, 2010. Batavia, New York. Laura Strauss, Esq. ROSICKI, ROSICKI & ASSOCIATES, P.C. Attorneys for Plaintiff. Batavia Office 26 Harvester Avenue Batavia, NY 14020 585.815.0288. Help For Homeowners In Foreclosure New York State Law requires that we send you this notice about the foreclosure process. Please read it carefully. Mortgage foreclosure is a complex process. Some people may approach you about "saving" your home. You should be extremely careful about any such promises. The State encourages you to become informed about your options in foreclosure. There are government agencies, legal aid entities and other non-profit organizations that you may contact for information about foreclosure while you are working with your lender during this process. To locate an entity near you, you may call the toll-free helpline maintained by the New York State Banking Department at 1-877-BANKNYS (1-877-226-5697) or visit the Department's website at www.banking.state.ny.us. The State does not guarantee the advice of these agencies. 65672 (D) (September 8, 2010).

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY NAME: Dilorio Booth LLC

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Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on August 2, 2010. Office location: The Street Address of the limited liability company's office is 512 Elm Drive, East Berne, New York 12059, County of Albany. 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 at 512 Elm Drive, East Berne, New York 12059. For any lawful purpose. 65674 (D) (September 8, 2010).

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AKNO TECH LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 7/22/2010 Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. The reg. agent is: Accurera LLC at same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 65677 (D) (September 8, 2010).

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Notice of Formation 1739 WILLIAMSBRIDGE RD LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 7/22/2010. Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: all lawful activities. 65678 (D) (September 8, 2010).

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NOTICE OF QUALIFICATION OF Specialized Title Services LLC. Appl. for Auth. filed w/Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 6/21/10. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 9/15/09. SSNY designated as agent of LLC for service of process. SSNY shall mail process to: 1218 Central Ave. #100, Albany, NY 12205. DE address of LLC: 615 S. Dupont Hwy., Dover, DE 19901. Cert. of Form. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St. Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity. 65679 (D) (September 8, 2010).

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Notice of Qualification of Summit Machine Tool Manufacturing L.L.C. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 7/8/2010. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Oklahoma (OK) on 10/4/1961. 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. OK address of LLC: 518 North Indiana, Oklahoma City, OK 73106. Arts. of Org. filed with OK Secy. of State, 2300 North Lincoln, Rm. 101, Oklahoma City, OK 73105. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. 65681 (D) (September 8, 2010).

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR AUTHORITY OF LLC Greenridge Apartments LLC, filed an Application for Authority with the New York Secretary of State on 05/14/10. The jurisdiction of organization of the LLC is Delaware. 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 Dawn Homes Management, LLC, 20 Corporate Woods Blvd. 5th Floor, Albany, NY 12211. The street address of the principal business location is c/o

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Dawn Homes Management, LLC, 20 Corporate Woods Blvd., 5th Floor, Albany, NY 12211. 65682 (D) (September 8, 2010).

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of IP-OWER INCEPTION LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 8/4/10. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 65683 (D) (September 8, 2010).

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encouraged by what I've seen so far," said Ridgway. Ridgway added that his team can't afford to have the type of injuries like the one that Kessler had last year, when he suffered a season-ending broken leg three games into the season. "We've got a good core group, but we don't have a lot of depth," said Ridgway.

Colonie Garnet Raiders

Head coach: Mike Trimarchi

Key players: Todd Lawson (G), Egin Hadjimurapovic (M/F), Massimo Smirolto (M/F), Tommy Osipitan (M/F), Eugene Corcione (D), Will Lyons (D), Conor Walsh (D)

Outlook: Smirolto and Osipitan lead a talented junior class into action for the Garnet Raiders as they aim to improve on last year's third-place finish.

"We're excited about the things we can do," said Trimarchi. "We're looking forward to continuing to grow as the season goes on."

Staying near the top depends on how well Colonie plays against the tougher teams in the Suburban Council.

"We're hoping to stay competitive and finish somewhere in the top half of the league so we can get a good seeding for Sectionals," said Trimarchi.

Columbia Blue Devils

Head coach: Lucas LaBarre

Key veterans: Connor White (M), Logan Murphy (F), Matt Konieczny (F)

Outlook: The Blue Devils have nowhere to go but up following a disastrous 2009 season.

"I think we have a fair chance of improving on last year," said LaBarre. "We have a lot of scoring back."

White leads a large group of juniors that LaBarre is hoping will make Columbia more competitive.

"Our whole mantra is to improve on our record and surprise some teams," said LaBarre.

Guilderland Dutchmen

Head coach: Mike Kinnally

Key players: Jordan Weeden (D), J.P. Horan (G), Brandon Leichmar (G), Nick Iurno (M), Cliff Bondi (M), Vito Mesiti (F), James Mesiti (M), Andres Roma (D), Michael Crupi (D)

Outlook: The Dutchmen have 13 players back from last year's team, but only five of them started and none of them played defense.

"We've got a lot of holes to fill [on defense]," said Kinnally.

The key for Guilderland is generating enough offense to compensate for any defensive lapses.

"I think scoring is going to be a little bit of an issue, but we have some talent in the midfield," said Kinnally.

Mohonasen Mighty Warriors

Head coach: Corey Gregg

Key players: Joe Avery (D), Gianluco Puerto (M), Connor McDermott (D), Cameron McDermott (M), A.J. Igoe (F)

Outlook: The Mighty Warriors went on a mighty run late last season to win their last three Suburban Council games. They then carried that momentum into the Class A playoffs, where they won their second consecutive Sectional title.

With 10 returning starters from last year's team, Gregg said he's looking for his team to pick up where it left off.

"We still have a couple of holes to fill because we graduated a couple of players, but I think we're more like the team we were at the end of last year," said Gregg.

Still, Gregg said getting wins in the Suburban Council won't be easy for Mohonasen.

"Last year, we were overmatched within the Suburban Council," said Gregg. "This year, I'm looking to be at least competitive within the league."

North Division Ballston Spa Scotties

Head coach: Garry Preece

Key players: Connor Preece (M/F), Alec Johnson (M), Sean Maruscsak (M/D), Corey Stewart (M), Kevin Marin (F), Dan Bortoloni (M/F), Jeff West (D), Brett Gruener (D), Evan Mendez (G)

Outlook: With most of their starting lineup intact from last year's roster, the Scotties are looking to make more waves in the Suburban Council.

"The team expects to compete for the Suburban Council North Division regular season title, and [it] has set a goal of advancing further into the Sectional tournament this year," said coach Preece.

Johnson and Connor Preece – both league all-stars last year – are expected to lead Ballston Spa's offense once again.

"Preece can positively contribute at any position. He is a terrific player with sound technical skills and unlimited potential," said coach Preece. "Johnson brings a controlled command to the team with his play. He is an intelligent player who creates attacking opportunities for his teammates, and [he] is an excellent defender."

BH-BL Spartans

Head coach: Roy Pfeil

Key veterans: Matt Horan (GK), Tommy Mocito (F), Bryce Kahler (F), Greg Rabideau (M/D)

Key newcomers: Sean Sullivan (D), Jake Baxter (D), Conner Clune (D), Caleb Sloane (M), Blake Jackson (M), Tim Hughes (M)

Outlook: Pfeil has no illusions about what the Spartans can do within the Suburban Council.

"We're approaching the [league] season as we approach everything we do – we want to win," said Pfeil. "Realistically we probably won't win everything, but we're approaching it as we want to win everything."

The immediate challenge facing BH-BL is getting its defense settled, since everyone but Horan graduated last year.

"I think we're going to be decent in the midfield and forwards and inexperienced in the back," said Pfeil. "How quickly the defense comes along will determine how successful we will be."

Niskayuna Silver Warriors

Head coach: Jeffrey Ormsbee

Key players: Andrew Downey (F), Monil Patel (F), Ryan Tauss (M), Kyle Maiuccoro (M), Tyler Garrity (M), Tanner McIver (D), Joe Repicky (D)

Outlook: The Silver Warriors are looking for their second consecutive year of improvement from their last-place finish in 2008.

"Right now, we're nursing some injuries," said Ormsbee. "Once we get healthy, we should be all right."

Ormsbee said the key to Niskayuna's improvement can be found in the number of players that compete with elite travel teams in the Capital District.

"They all play in different clubs, but they all play," said Ormsbee. "They're coming together well as a Niskayuna bunch now."

Saratoga Blue Streaks

Head coach: Jeff Geller

Key veterans: Aaron Costello (G), Will Johns, Morgan Smith, Eli Sterngass, Chris Jayko

Key newcomers: Steven Celeste, Bret Celeste, Ercan Kilic

Outlook: The Blue Streaks made school history in 2009 by reaching the Section II, Class AA finals against county rival Shenendehowa. Now, they want to make more history by claiming the school's first Sectional championship.

"I know the guys who were on the team last year want to continue the success this year, now that they've had a taste of it," said Geller. "The guys who are up from JV, some of them were up with us during last year's playoffs, so they know what it's like."

Geller said the key to Saratoga's continued success is having a balanced offense.

"Any one of eight players on our team can contribute," said Geller. "We will get contributions from several players, not just one or two."

Shaker Blue Bison

Head coach: Bill Blesi

Key players: Austin Britt (M), Bobby Daley (M), Luke Scarchilli (D), Brian Gallagher (D), Nick Shamlian (D), Tim Preston (F), Conor Cahalan (F)

Outlook: The Blue Bison had their sights set high last year, but injuries and a wave of the H1N1 flu sidetracked them.

"We barely had a winning season last year, but we had a winning season," said Blesi, whose Shaker team finished with a 9-8-1 record. "I had a different vision for my team, but injuries and illnesses hurt us."

With several North Division teams returning a large core of veterans, Blesi said he's tempering his outlook this season.

"Our division is hard," he said. "We have Shen, which is always tough. We have Ballston Spa, which returns most of their guys. And we have Saratoga, which added three players that didn't play for them last year but are accomplished players."

Shenendehowa Plainsmen

Head coach: Mike Campisi

Key veterans: Brendan Dempsey (F), Adam Barlow (F), Mike Jenkins (M), Matt Silvi (M), Scott Taglione (D), Alex Duerr (D), John Mabey (G), Tommy Flaim (M)

Key newcomers: Sammi Teymour (M), Tim Johnson (D), Shane Breznak (D)

Outlook: The defending Section II Class AA champs took a hit with the graduation of leading scorer David Clemens, but Campisi said that opens the door for some of his other players to contribute.

"I don't know if we have a top-end guy, but I think we have more balance," said Campisi.

That balance will be key for the Plainsmen if they are to go farther than the state semifinals this season.

"When you get to the playoffs, it actually helps because when you think about it last year, if you took away Clemens you took away a lot of our offense," said Campisi. "Teams won't be able to do that this year."

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year off because it didn't have enough numbers to field a varsity team. Given the promise that the Saints showed in winning a couple of regular season games and a playoff game in 2009, it's a shame they won't have the chance to

build on that success this year. Hopefully, they'll be able to return to the varsity level in 2011.

(Side note: I didn't say anything about Class C because there are too many contenders to count. I know Voorheesville is among them, but it's hard to say where the Blackbirds will finish when I haven't seen them play.)

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Sports in the Spotlight



Above: Bethlehem's Dan Carrillo-Rodriguez fights off a Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake player as he goes after the ball during last Wednesday's preseason scrimmage. Right: Patrick Gunty heads the ball. Bethlehem began its Suburban Council season Tuesday when it traveled to Averill Park for a South Division game.

Rob Jonas/Spotlight



Eagles, Dutch face challengers

Mohonasen, Colonie take aim at traditional South Division powers

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The list of challengers among Suburban Council boys soccer teams is getting longer.

Besides usual suspects such as Shenendehowa and Bethlehem, there are several teams that could contend for first place in both divisions. That list includes the likes of Ballston Spa, Saratoga Springs and Shaker in the North, as well as Guilderland, Colonie and Mohonasen in the South.

"The Suburban Council is loaded

from top to bottom," said Colonie coach Michael Trimarchi. "There are certainly no easy games."

"I think it's going to be really tight," said Niskayuna coach Jeffrey Ormsbee. "Anybody can win it. We came on late last year, and I think we'll be in the mix."

The league produced two Section II champions last year — Shenendehowa in Class AA, and Mohonasen in Class A. To repeat, though, both teams have to fend off their challengers.

"Last year, the motivation was, 'What have you guys done?' because we had won league titles before, but the league title isn't a big deal," said Shen coach Michael Campisi. "This year, the motivation is to repeat."

Here is a closer look at the Suburban Council boys soccer field:

South Division Averill Park Warriors Head coach: Sean Organ

Key veterans: Nick Hess (F), Jamie White (D), Brandon Westfall (G), Sean Mullen (M)

Outlook: Organ said the Warriors want to be one of those Class A teams that can give the Class AA schools in the Suburban Council a run for their money this season.

"I feel we'll be more competitive in the league than in the past," said Organ. "I think we're more athletic. The kids bought into the strength and conditioning program we had during the off-season."

Organ added he has high hopes for the duo of Hess and Mullen.

"[Mullen] does a very good job

of setting people up [to score goals], especially Nick Hess," said Organ. "Hopefully, those two will combine to provide a lot of offense."

Bethlehem Eagles Head coach: Phil Ridgway

Key players: Jeff Cooley (G), Derek Dewitt (D), Connor Oberlander (F), Brad Campion (D), Dan Carrillo-Rodriguez (M), Brian Spina (M), Patrick Gunty (D), Tyler Kessler (M), Connor McMahon (F), Ethan Gunty (F)

Outlook: With seven seniors expected to make contributions this season, the Eagles are a mature team. But Ridgway said in some ways, Bethlehem is a work in progress — especially with 11 juniors and three sophomores on the roster.

"We're a young team, but [I'm]

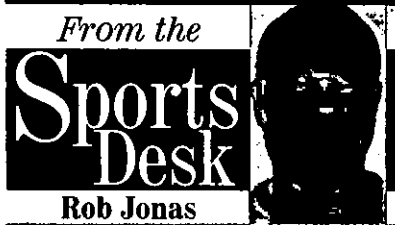
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Several teams could unseat Saratoga football

You're in for a real treat this week because you're the only ones that get to read this column. Why? Because I had to write this last Friday — before all the wonderful sporting events of last weekend took place. I just figured I owed you this explanation before continuing on with the column. OK, moving on...

• Nothing says fall is coming better than the first high school football games of the year. It could be 85 degrees at 7 p.m. on a Friday night in early September, but you could swear that you saw a leaf change color as soon as your school's gridiron warriors took the field.

For me, the division that holds the most intrigue



is Class AA. Defending champion Saratoga Springs graduated nearly every starter from last year's team, Ballston Spa lost several key players from the squad that finished second and now Troy and Niskayuna are back in the mix after spending two years in Class A.

Troy — with its veteran-laden lineup — is one of the presumed favorites to win the Section II title, along with Shenendehowa (as always), Ballston Spa (still has lots of running backs to choose from) and Guilderland (another squad loaded with veterans). Shaker — with its season-opening 34-0 drubbing of cross-town rival Colonie last Thursday — is another possibility.

Meanwhile in Class A, three-time defending champion Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake is considered the heavy favorite again, and for good reason: there simply may not be another team in this class with the talent the Spartans possess. True, they converted their top receiver (Keaton Flint) into a quarterback,

but that means that they now have one of the fastest quarterbacks in Section II. Add him to a backfield with three more talented running backs (Evan Nusbaum, Brandon Beatty and Willie Fisher), and you've got the ingredients for total ground domination.

In Class B, defending champion Schalmont might seem to be vulnerable at the surface following Vincent Gallo's graduation. After all, Gallo rushed for more than 3,000 yards in his junior and senior seasons and guided the Sabres to their first Sectional championship.

But what Schalmont may lack in star power it makes up for in overall talent. The Sabres will be more balanced on offense, thanks to veterans such as Jaren Ramundo, Nick Reali and Joe Paskevich. Bottom line: Schalmont isn't going to abdicate its throne without a fight.

The only discouraging piece of football news is in Class D, where Saratoga Central Catholic is taking a

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