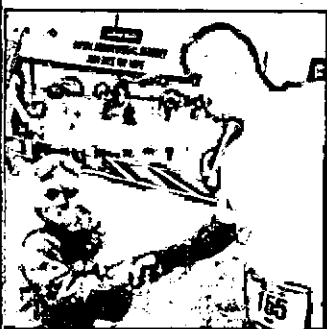


Hard times for Five Rivers

Center sees layoffs, cutbacks

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After a somewhat chilly first year, the Capital Region Special Surgery Race for Hope is gearing up for an earlier date and, organizers hope, an even more successful 5K run or walk event.. See Page 15.



Get your Irish up

Matt Nelligan and other local Irish-Americans wanted to showcase their heritage, so they created the Irish 2000 Music and Arts Festival, which returns to the Saratoga County Fairgrounds this weekend. See Page 19.

Penalties can't
stop Dutchmen

Not many football teams can overcome seven penalties on its first drive and still score a touchdown, but that's what Guilderland did against LaSalle in a 28-13 victory last Friday in Troy. See Page 30.

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Water contract costs town

\$500K of Bethlehem
money goes down
the drain every year

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A developing discussion on the future of the Town of Bethlehem's water supply is also shedding light on the present and, in a year officials are looking at cutting services, exposing the

Public hearing on water
system Sept. 22. Page 9.

fact hundreds of thousands of taxpayer dollars are going down the drain every year.

The culprit is the town's contract to buy water from the City of Albany. Signed in 2004 and running through 2023, it obligates the town to receive or pay for an ever-increasing amount of water from the Albany Water

Board, and according to town officials, it's water that is rarely used.

"The reality is since we've signed it, we haven't really needed the water," Commissioner of Public Works Josh Cansler said. "We spend about \$500,000 per year we don't need to spend buying Albany water."

This frank analysis has Town Board members — who will probably have to approve new fees and cut services to balance a

2011 budget — taking a hard line against the agreement.

"It is the worst structured contract I have ever seen in my life. Period," Councilman Mark Hennessey said. "We have no control."

"The 2004 water contract with Albany has turned out to be a Titanic mistake, helping to further sink our budget and forcing us to make decisions we otherwise might not need to make right

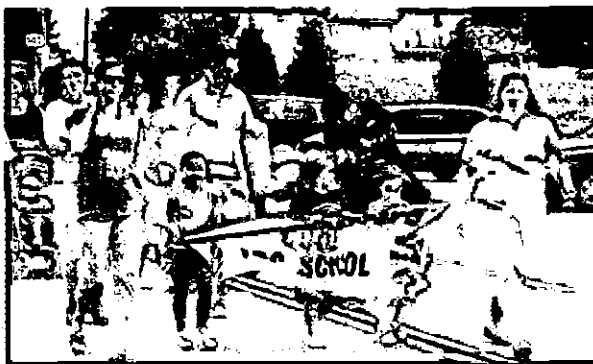
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First steps

Students from Pieter B. Coeymans Elementary School in Coeymans celebrated the first day of school Wednesday, Sept. 8, with an afternoon parade near the school. Ravena Mayor John Bruno served as grand marshal, and Stewart's sponsored an ice cream social after the parade. See more back-to-school photos on page 16.

Submitted photos



The case of the missing statue

Altamont police have no leads in
theft of 300-pound fiberglass soldier

By CHARLES WIFF
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It's a mystery worthy of the likes of Sherlock Holmes, or at least Encyclopedia Brown. How did the culprits remove a 300-pound statue from the center of a sleepy town with no one the wiser?

It's a question police in Altamont haven't been able to answer, and now they're looking to the public and hoping to find some witness who might shed some light on the crime.

The facts, according to the Altamont Police Department, are as follows: Sometime during the night of Saturday, Aug. 21, or early morning of Sunday, Aug. 22, persons unknown removed the highly visible fiberglass statue of a soldier from its position outside the Home Front Cafe in the center

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Town
selects
monopine
designPlanning Board in favor
of cell tower that looks
like a tree

By CHARLES WIFF
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The much-discussed cell phone tower planned for private land off of Van Dyke Road in Delmar will be a monopine design when it's eventually erected, assuming, of course, the plans make it through the rest of the Town of Bethlehem's planning process.

The Planning Board on Tuesday, Sept. 7, took a 5-to-1 vote to move forward with a review of a monopine tower, which is constructed with extra aesthetic elements to mimic the appearance of a pine tree. A negative declaration of environmental impact was issued, an important step for any project.

Chairman George Leveille cast the sole dissenting vote on the matter. He supported arguments made by the applicant that the monopine looks good from afar, but in this case most long-distance views of the tower would be obscured by trees or buildings.

"In this case, you don't see the monopine until you're right on it," he said.

Others on the board said every effort should be made to lessen the visual impact on the community, especially considering there are near-by housing projects on the table.

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Police blotter

Thruway stop results in drug charges

State police on Tuesday, Sept. 7, arrested four Schenectady residents on drug charges after a Thruway traffic stop in the Town of Bethlehem for allegedly having marijuana and crack cocaine in their vehicle.

Troopers stopped a northbound vehicle operated by Tracey H. Thompson, 43, of Union Street, for a traffic violation and during the roadside interview "developed cause to search the vehicle," according to police.

Troopers allegedly found over four ounces of crack cocaine in the trunk of the vehicle.

Also arrested were Charles Smoot, 34, of Division Street, Mohini J. Rivera, 34, of Union Street and Erica D. Danzy, 27, of Crane Street.

All four were charged with criminal possession of a controlled substance in the second degree, and Danzy was also charged with criminal possession of marijuana in the fifth degree for allegedly possessing over 25 grams of marijuana that was also found during the investigation.

Smoot's arrest was referred to parole officials for possible parole

violation.

All four were arraigned in the Town of Bethlehem and remanded to the Albany County jail without bail pending future court proceedings.

Other arrests

• New York State Police on Saturday, Sept. 4, arrested James P. Terry, 22, of Guiderland, and charged him with DWI and refusal to take a breath test. The arrest occurred at about 4:07 a.m. on I-87 in the Town of Colonie.

• The Bethlehem Police Department on Thursday, Sept. 2, arrested Robert E. Snyder Jr., 25, of 799 Washington Ave., Albany, and charged him with DWI.

Police stopped Snyder's vehicle on Delaware Avenue in Delmar at about 9:02 p.m. for allegedly passing a red traffic signal. Police said they detected the odor of alcohol on Snyder's breath and when asked about it, he said it was from his passenger in the front seat, a white male who appeared intoxicated, according to police. When Snyder was asked to exit the vehicle, police again noticed the odor of alcohol on his breath, and he allegedly

said he had five beers at a golf tournament earlier.

After field sobriety tests, Snyder was taken into custody. A chemical test at the police station revealed his BAC to be 0.12 percent, police said. His passenger made arrangements via cell phone to be picked up and began walking to his destination.

• The Bethlehem Police Department on Saturday, Sept. 4, arrested Joshua J. Flye, 27, of 442 Madison Ave., Albany, and charged him with felony DWI and aggravated unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle.

Police stopped Flye's vehicle for having no license plate lamp on New Scotland Road in Slingerlands. Police said he had the odor of alcohol on his breath and bloodshot eyes, and when asked to exit his vehicle, he was slow to move and used the door for support.

After sobriety tests Flye was taken into custody. A license check showed his license to be revoked in January of this year because of a DWI conviction. Flye was arraigned in Bethlehem Town Court and remanded to Albany County jail on \$500 cash bail, \$1,500 bail bond. He was scheduled to return to court on Tuesday,

Sept. 7.

• The Bethlehem Police Department on Monday, Sept. 6, arrested David J. Ross, 26, of 5 Norbrick Drive, Albany, and charged him with criminal possession of marijuana in the second degree, a felony.

Police stopped Ross' vehicle on Feura Bush Road at about 10:22 p.m. for failing to stop at a stop sign and not signaling a turn, according to arrest reports. Police noticed the odor of marijuana coming from his vehicle and, upon investigation, allegedly discovered a pillow case in the trunk containing five clear plastic bags of marijuana. Ross allegedly had \$2,775 in cash in his possession, and allegedly had a handwritten list of names accompanied by dollar amounts sitting on the passenger seat of his vehicle.

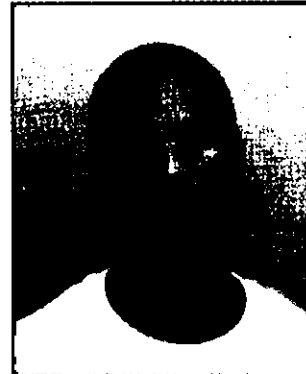
At the station, the marijuana was found to weigh 17.785 ounces, according to police. Ross was arraigned in Bethlehem Town Court and a preliminary court date was set for Monday, Sept. 13, and a return court date set for Oct. 5. Ross was remanded to Albany County Jail on \$15,000 cash or bail bond.



Tracey H. Thompson



Mohini J. Rivera



Charles Smoot



Erica D. Danzy

• The Bethlehem Police Department on Tuesday, Sept. 7, arrested Germaine Gause, 35, of 119 Delaware Ave., First Floor, Albany, on a felony arrest warrant issued by Bethlehem Town Court.

Gause was charged with two felony counts of identity theft in the first degree; two felony counts of identity theft in the second degree; five misdemeanor counts of identity theft

in the third degree; and nine misdemeanor counts of unlawful possession personal identification information.

The arrest occurred at 40 Autumn Drive, Apt. 265, Slingerlands.

Gause's case was waived to Albany County Court for action of a Grand Jury, and a control date was set for Nov. 11. She was remanded to Albany County jail without bail.






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Hard times on the horizon for Five Rivers

Layoffs and cutbacks threaten the center's educational programming

By CHARLES WIFF
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Last year at this time, there were six people on the state payroll working at the Five Rivers Environmental Education Center in New Scotland. By the end of this month, there will be two.

Cutbacks at the state level are having a very real impact at the environmental preserve in the form of layoffs and early retirements, which have culled the ranks to these low levels and left some wondering if a rich portfolio of educational programming will soon become a thing of the past.

"I'm really hoping that there's some restaffing here because it's really difficult to maintain the level of programming with just two staffers," said Senior Educator Anita Sanchez, who will be taking advantage of a state early retirement incentive come the end of September. She first started at Five Rivers in 1983.

"There's so many people calling for programs ... wanting to book programs for the fall, for winter, for next spring ... we're really not sure what level of programming there's going to be," Sanchez continued.

Like Sanchez, all of the recent departures have a long history with the center, said Director Craig Thompson.

"It's a brain drain, about 110, 120 years of service represented

just with those four," he said. Three of the recent departures were full-time employees. Three were environmental educators, and the fourth was the center's sole secretary.

Some didn't want to go, some felt it was the best time, but with state finances in the tank it's unlikely any will be replaced this year, Thompson continued.

A Department of Environmental Conservation representative said there's no way to tell if staff levels will be increased in the future, but for this year, there's no chance.

"These are not cuts that DEC wants to make, but they're cuts that DEC has to make," spokesman Yancey Roy said.

"The staff has been reduced there like it has been in every division of the agency."

Luckily, volunteerism at Five Rivers has always been strong, and the private group Friends of Five Rivers even funds two part-time workers for the center.

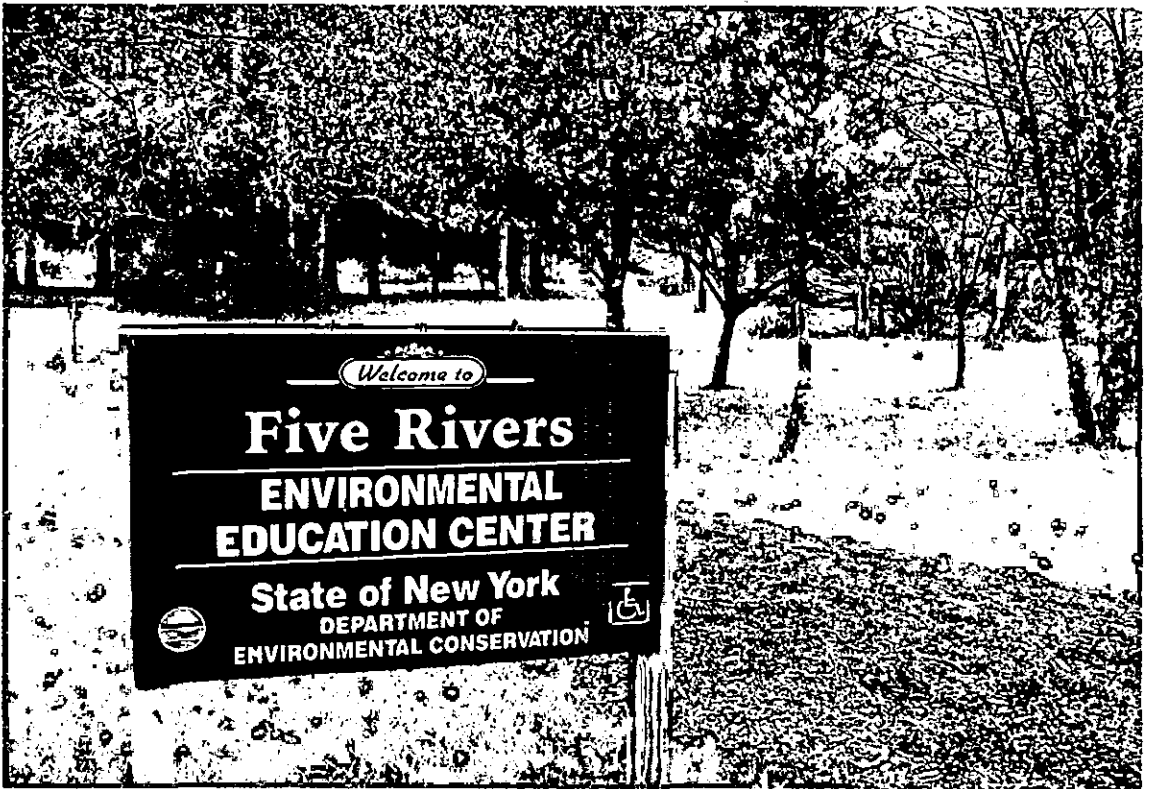
According to figures from Five Rivers, there were 1,400 volunteer "log ins" at the center, amounting to 3.8 full-time equivalencies. There are 100 to 150 people who volunteer regularly, said Thompson, and another 100 that volunteer occasionally.

Nancy Payne, an environmental educator assistant laid off in March, said she'd be returning to volunteer her time.

"I don't think I could walk away from that place and not volunteer, with all those people who volunteered for me," she said.

"These are not cuts that DEC wants to make, but they're cuts that DEC has to make."

— Spokesman Yancey Roy



DEC cuts mean the Five Rivers Environmental Education Center will be left with just two state workers come the end of September, a third of the number there just one year ago. Those who have left and remain wonder if a seven-day per week schedule of rich programming will still be possible.

Charles Wiff/Spotlight file photo

Her 30 years of experience at Five Rivers and teaching certification helped her instruct visiting school groups, lead public walks, build exhibits and teach the very programs she helped to create for years. As a part-time employee, she earned less than \$1,500 per year, she said. With another 20 months on the job, she would have been eligible to draw out of the state pension system.

But even with an eager bank of volunteers, much of the paid staff's work is in environmental education.

"Teaching a two-hour class on pond ecology is something you need a lot of training for," said Sanchez. "There's really some things only a staff

person can do."

Dee Strnisa is in possession of one of these unique skills. She ran the center's Water Education for Teachers (WET) program, but was laid off in April. Funding for the WET program is also being reduced across the state.

Though volunteers would often teach classes, she said, it was up to educators to train the volunteers and also be available to cover scheduled classes.

"It's always been if somebody couldn't show up ... there's always staff people there," Strnisa said. "I don't know if you can run a whole center with two people."

One thing all the staffers said they worried about is how the

remaining staff will cope with extra workload. It's possible something will have to give.

"We run a seven-day a week shop, so after Anita leaves in late September, we're going to have to look in the mirror and see if we can run a seven-day a week shop," Thompson said.

For Sanchez, those concerns are accompanied by the worry the gateway to environmental awareness might be shut for some, especially schoolchildren who make use of the center's resources.

"The main thing about Five Rivers, of course, is the people," she said. "For so many people, we're the entry point, we're the place where people discover they love nature."

Chamber staffer to serve as interim president

Gina Bulman will be heading the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce as interim president during the period between when President Marty DeLaney leaves and a successor is chosen.

Bulman is head of membership development for the Chamber.

"The executive board felt it necessary to have an interim in place," Bulman said. "We're an active Chamber, and active business community, so we

wanted to keep everything going."

A search for DeLaney's successor is already under way. The Chamber is accepting applications through Oct. 15. Visit www.bethlehemchamber.com for more information.

DeLaney will be leaving her post at the end of the month after 25 years at the helm of the chamber. One of her final duties will be to oversee the annual Chamber Golf Outing Friday, Sept. 24.

Proceeds from the event will benefit the Parker Mathusa Scholarship Fund. This year's outing will also feature a Taste of Bethlehem, with area restaurants offering appetizers and other samples of their fare.

"It's a great event, even if you don't want to play," Bulman said.

— Charles Wiff

Obesity grant program seeks Upstate applicants

Money would fund efforts to promote healthy living in young people

A micro-grant program aimed at funding programs that combat childhood obesity is seeking a wider of pool of applicants in its third year, and is specifically hoping to hear from areas Upstate.

The "UnitedHealth HEROES" grants are awarded in amounts ranging from \$500 to \$1,000 to efforts by schools and community groups to educate, fight and prevent the childhood obesity epidemic.

The grants are administered by Youth Service America, a nonprofit organization, along with

"I can tell you from what we're seeing in other states and even from Downstate, a lot of elementary schools and even middle and high schools find it to be a great grant."

— Mary McElrath-Jones, spokeswoman for UnitedHealthcare

UnitedHealthcare, which bankrolls the program and also takes part in the selection process.

Last year, the program awarded \$182,890 in grants to 267 groups. \$7,100 worth went to 12 groups in New York. They were almost all in or near New York City, though, and program organizers are hoping to see more Upstate participation this time around.

"We don't get so many. I don't know why," said

Mary McElrath-Jones, a spokesperson for UnitedHealthcare. "I can tell you from what we're seeing in other states and even from Downstate, a lot of elementary schools and even middle and high schools find it to be a great grant."

The range of programs eligible for the microgrants is really limitless, she said. The conditions are that the primary volunteers be 5 to 25 years of age, with most of the work on the

project taking place in January to April 2011.

Programs that are already in place but want to do more are also eligible.

In the past, programs have varied from the planting of community gardens to introducing a semester on health and fitness to elementary schools, with students producing a DVD at the end of the program.

"A lot of schools have created some fabulous programs," McElrath-Jones said. "I think it's a perfect opportunity for kids to get involved in the process."

The cutoff for applications is Oct. 27, and winners will be notified in December and January. Applications and more information are available at www.yfa.org/heroes.

— Charles Wiff

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Eat, pray, love ... but mostly eat

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"Eat, Pray, Love." It was one of the books I enjoyed the most last year. The author of that book spent a year traveling through distant countries, discovering food in one, her spiritual self in another, and finally love in the last. It's a great fantasy for a mom like me, to dream about trekking through Italy, India and Indonesia. Alone. When the movie came out this year to less than great reviews, I decided to skip it.

A few weeks ago, we were invited to visit Paul's dad in Lake Placid. It sounded like great fun and I really wanted to go. Actually, I wanted them to go. Me, I chose to stay home. Paul packed up our kids (well, ok, I did the packing) and took them on his own. Leaving me with three, whole, glorious days to be alone in my house. Something that's never happened before. It wasn't hard to decide how I'd spend my time. First, it wouldn't be a social weekend. I can mix it up with my friends when my family is around. It was also easy to make a pact with myself: I would do no housework, the whole weekend long. No laundry. No sweeping. There would be no cleaning out of closets, changing of sheets or furniture dusting.

From a Caterer's Kitchen

Caroline Barrett



Well, then, what would I do? Still thinking about the theme of discovering oneself through eating, praying, and loving, my weekend would be a mini-version of "Eat, Pray, Love." It would be my own journey. Only in Delmar, New York, rather than far-flung countries. I would eat, pray and love through a peaceful, quiet 48 hours while my family went to play and have fun in Lake Placid.

Friday afternoon, they drove away and I stood in the driveway with Agnes, our faithful Lab, wondering what the first order of business should be. We agreed that a long, slow walk, with plenty of sniffing and no hurrying would be best. Arriving home, a friend called to check in. Make sure I was alright. What, she wondered, would I ever do with myself for a whole weekend? Bake a pie, I answered. Bake a pie and eat it. And so the eating part of my journey began. I rolled out dough, pressed it into a tart pan, and sliced early, tart apples. The kind that make you pucker and require plenty of butter and sugar. The apples I coated in a mixture of raw sugar and cinnamon. Just enough so that each slice wore its own little robe of crunchy sugar, not too much. Carefully, I laid the

apples in neat rings on the crust. Then poured blueberries, dusted in flour, over the apples. Really, the pie would have been just fine like that. But I couldn't shake the feeling that this pie, my pie, should be something special. So I reached for the almonds, flour and more sugar. This topping would definitely need butter. And almond extract, something I didn't like in my youth but I find myself craving more and more. I gave in to it. After gently pouring the topping over my berries, my pie was ready for the oven.

While it baked, I ate dinner. It was the same thing I ate for lunch the next day. And dinner again. The idea was simple. One big, juicy, heirloom tomato. A couple slices of stretchy, thick bread. Sea salt. The small bottle of really good olive oil. A big glass of Zinfandel. I used a small spoon to pour olive oil on each bite, then chunks of tomato. Just a bit of salt and plenty of cracked pepper. When the last bit of tomato juice was soaked up and the wine glass was emptied, I stacked the dishes in the sink. Wiped the knife clean and placed it on the counter, near the tomatoes and bread. So I'd be ready for my next tomato and bread meal when the mood struck.

When the pie came out of the oven, it was just as I'd hoped: tart, sweet, buttery, sugar, almond crunch. All of these things. It was wonderful warm. But even better the next morning, when I pulled

Blueberry and Apple Tart with almond crumb topping

1 recipe for a 9" pastry (refrigerated pie dough is fine)

4 large, tart apples, peeled and sliced thin
3 t. cinnamon
3/4 c. turbinado sugar
1 1/2 c. blueberries
3 T. all-purpose flour

for the topping:
3/4 c. all-purpose flour

1/2 c. whole almonds, roughly chopped
1/2 c. sugar
1/2 t. salt
1 t. almond extract
5 T. butter

Preheat the oven to 350°. Grease a 9" tart pan, and place the dough in the bottom of the pan, carefully pressing in the edges and trimming the top.

Toss the apples with the turbinado sugar and cinnamon. Layer into the pie crust.

Combine the blueberries with 3 T flour, and pour over the apples. In the bowl of a food processor, pulse the flour with the almonds, sugar, salt, and almond extract.

Add the butter, 1 T at a time, until crumbly. Press gently over the blueberries.

Place the tart on a cookie sheet (in case it bubbles over) and bake for 50 minutes, until the blueberries are bubbly and the topping is brown.

it out of the refrigerator and cut a big piece to go with my coffee. I ate it slowly while listening to my kids talk on the phone, describing the boat rides, the swimming, the fun they were having without me. That day I spent eating pie, walking Agnes, reading and writing in my journal. I watched a movie, eating yet another piece of pie.

Sunday, I woke up to the spiritual part of my weekend. For this, I would take a long, slow, meditative run. Alone and in the gray misty rain. Another thing I don't usually do. I ran eight wet, beautiful miles, taking in the greenness of the trees and the sound of the water. Paying attention to my breathing and the way my legs felt. Arriving home, quite simply, felt so good. After a hot shower, a warm cup of tea, and one more piece of pie, I curled up with my book and dozed.

Now, with the eating and praying parts of the weekend out of the way, I was ready to move on to love. The weekend was quickly coming to a close so I needed to

find it soon. Looking around, only saw Agnes, with her warm chestnut eyes trusting and waiting for me. I love her plenty but dog love wasn't what I had in mind. It wasn't too long after that, a car full of children and one husband arrived home. All were tired and happy to let me throw my arms around them.

In no time, we were cooking up dinner, talking about our weekend, what we'd done and how much we'd missed each other. Lucy stood, reading her Twilight book, pouring drinks for everyone. Elliot knelt on his stool, peeling carrots and putting tomatoes in the salad. Zoe stood at the sink, trying out her new snorkel and mask. Paul pulled dishes from cupboards while Agnes wound around our legs, overjoyed that her people were home again. It was our typical chaos, what we do every night at 6pm. I stood back and saw it then, at just that moment.

This, I thought, is love.



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WEEKLY WEATHER

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Record high/low/year

AVERAGE HIGH 71° AVERAGE LOW 49°

Day	High/Year	Low/Year
Wednesday, September 15	92°/1915	33°/1975
Thursday, September 16	92°/1939	32°/1964
Friday, September 17	89°/1942	32°/1959
Saturday, September 18	91°/1891	35°/1986
Sunday, September 19	90°/1946	32°/1959
Monday, September 20	90°/1946	30°/1979
Tuesday, September 21	95°/1895	29°/1973

ANNUAL PRECIPITATION

20.91 inches as of September 10th
6.21 inches below average

This week in weather

September 16, 1999 Hurricane Floyd made landfall as a Category 2 storm in North Carolina, then weakened and moved northward toward New England, ultimately taking 57 lives and costing \$3-6 billion. Floyd brought record rainfall with up to 8" in Albany County.

Sun & Moon

Day	Sunrise	Sunset
Wednesday	6:35am	7:05pm
Thursday	6:36am	7:03pm
Friday	6:37am	7:01pm
Saturday	6:38am	7:00pm
Sunday	6:39am	6:58pm
Monday	6:40am	6:56pm
Tuesday	6:41am	6:54pm

Moon Phases

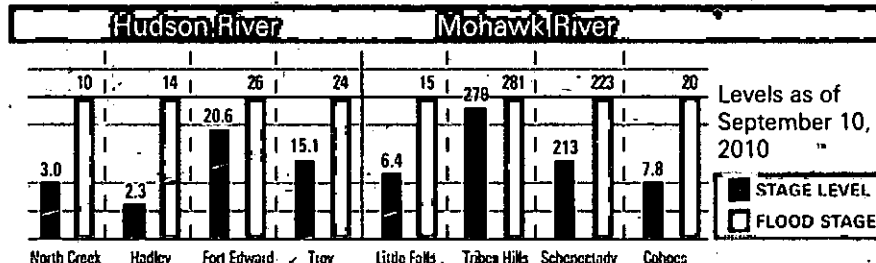
September 15 First September 23 Full



Planets	When	Where
Venus	Dusk	Vy Low SW
Mars	Dusk	Vy Dim, W
Jupiter	Evening	Bright ESE
Mercury	Dawn	Vy Low E

Rivers & Recreation

River Levels



Water temp.

Lake George	72°
Bolton Landing	74°
Sacandaga Lake	72°
Saratoga Lake	75°
Jersey Shore	72°
Cape Cod	72°

Tides at Albany

Day	High	Low
Wednesday	11:12am, 11:46pm	5:37am, 5:50pm
Thursday	12:12pm	6:33am, 6:47pm
Friday	12:44am, 1:12pm	7:28am, 7:43pm
Saturday	1:41am, 2:10pm	8:22am, 8:38pm
Sunday	2:35am, 3:04pm	9:13am, 9:31pm
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Islamic Center in Schenectady ready to unveil expansion

Mosque will open a community center featuring more space for events, prayer and recreation

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A brand new community center will be Islamic Center of the Capital District on Saturday, Sept. 25, providing a much-needed daycare center for those who attend prayer, a banquet room and recreational facilities.

After years of only using the mosque, which is located on 21 Lansing Road in Schenectady, Tariq Niazi, president of the center, said the area was too small for the much larger prayers, prompting the need to expand.

To accommodate the number of people who come to the center during Ramadan, which lasted this year from Aug. 11 until Sept. 10, Niazi said the community center was made available the last two weeks of Ramadan. Niazi said organizers had hoped

to make the new facility available at the beginning of the holy month, but they were met with some delays.

"This place [the mosque] becomes small for bigger prayers," he said. "During the month of Ramadan we get a lot of people for the night prayer."

He said the influx of worshippers at the mosque on Friday afternoons – especially the Friday that marked the end of Ramadan – is comparable to a typical Sunday at a church, and the banquet room was opened to provide a place of prayer for those who could not fit in the mosque.

Niazi, who has been with the community for the past 20 years and president for the past seven, referred to the community center as the next step for the organization. He said it will better serve members looking for a place for recreation, social events such as banquets or weddings, and a daycare center for parents to drop off their children so they can pray.

The center was funded completely by donations.

"Probably we got somewhere between \$2.5 and \$3 million in donations," he said.

Karima Rasouly, owner of Kabul Night, a restaurant on Union Street in Schenectady, and a member of the Islamic Center, said she is grateful for the new facility and its benefits.

"It is such a blessing we had it for Ramadan," she said.

She said the addition of the daycare has been a bonus for her family.

"Now we can bring the children along with us instead of leaving them home," she said. "We can drop the kids off where they're able to play with other kids, and we can have peaceful prayers."

Despite national debate over the Cordoba Mosque, which is slated to be built two blocks from where the World Trade Center buildings stood, and a Quran-burning threat posed by Florida Dove World Outreach Center Pastor Terry Jones, Niazi said the center has received an outpouring of support from

surrounding community members.

"I have complete faith in our neighbors, in our friends, that things like that will be completely rejected," he said. "We have gotten phone calls of support on this Florida issue."

He said the center also received a phone call from representatives from Skidmore condemning the issue.

"I'm telling my own people that we can look at our friends, if you are Muslim, Christian, Hindu or Buddhist, this is the act of an extreme group that has, as reported, 30 or 40 followers," he said. "So he does not speak for the mass majority of people of other religions who are condemning this action and who are supporting Muslims and their right to exercise their right to practice their religion."

Niazi said politicians such as Republican Gubernatorial Candidate Rick Lazio used the mosque issue as a means to be noticed by the people of New York. He also referred to comments made by former Speaker



Tariq Niazi meets with families after the Friday afternoon prayer.

Andrew Beam/Spotlight

of the United State House of Representatives Newt Gingrich railing against the proposed New York City mosque as "extreme" and "unfortunate."

Assemblyman Jack McEneny, D-Albany, who will be in attendance at the formal ceremony for the opening of the community center on Sept. 25, said the mosque's expansion is a positive thing.

"It's a big deal," he said. "It's a community that's going through the journey so many groups have gone through when coming to America."

McEneny spoke against the actions of Jones and other extremists who pigeonhole Muslims into the same category as the terrorists who piloted the planes during the terrorist attacks on 9/11 and said the act of burning Qurans would only hurt the United States.

The community center will have a formal grand opening in what is being referred to as an interfaith ceremony, where Niazi said he hopes to see Bishop Howard J. Hubbard, of the Albany Diocese, in attendance.

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Matters of Opinion in The Spotlight

Water boarded

We know it's easy to Monday-morning quarterback a decision that was made nearly seven years ago, but to put it bluntly, the Albany Water Board took the Town of Bethlehem for a ride when the two struck a deal for water supply back in 2004.

Basically, the contract is thus:

Bethlehem is locked into buying water from the City of Albany for the next 13 years, regardless of whether it needs it or not. Certainly, in the midst of the water shortage in the summer of 2002, this seemed like a necessity, but now that the town is facing increased water costs in the millions — well, not so much.

There are a few options in front of the board right now, including unifying output from the town's Clapper Road and New Salem water treatment plants, but it's the language used in the 2004 contract that has us wondering why it was signed to begin with.

Editorial

Circumstances that led the town to seek additional water in the first place may nullify the contract. "In the event of a water deficiency in accordance with Section 371-5 1 of the Code of the City of Albany... the Board reserves the right and shall have sole and absolute authority to reduce, cease or otherwise restrict delivery to the Town [of Bethlehem]."

So... if there is a water shortage in which Bethlehem needs more water, and if that same shortage is affecting the City of Albany — just across the Normanskill, mind you — the city can cut its supply to the town.

That's like borrowing your neighbor's flashlight under the condition that you'll only use it in the daytime.

And here's a gem: "Beginning in January 2004 this rate will be subject to the same percentage increases and the same penalties fixed from time to time by resolution of the Board for water furnished through meters to residential consumers within the corporate limits of the City [of Albany]."

In other words, Albany sets the rates and you pay them without question. Did we mention the minimum amount of water purchased doubles over the course of the 20-year contract?

A copy of the agreement is available at www.spotlightnews.com. We encourage you to check it out for yourself and let the Town Board know what you think they should do to solve these water follies. It meets next on Wednesday, Sept. 22. A presentation of the various options is scheduled and comments are welcome.

Note: Due to The Spotlight's production schedule, complete primary election coverage is available at spotlightnews.com and will appear in next week's print edition.

Scouts celebrate 100 years at Jamboree

By BENJAMIN PASQUALITTI
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The writer is a member of Boy Scout Troop 278 in Colonie.

Local Boy Scouts and Scout leaders from the Twin Rivers Council headed off July 24 by a chartered bus on an adventure that started with a trip to Hershey Park in Pennsylvania. For two days, the boys had free time to roam with the animals of the park and enjoy the daredevil rides. In the evening they camped as a Troop, just like the first 22 Boy Scouts did 100 years ago with Lord Robert Baden-Powell, founder of Scouting, on Brownsea Island in Poole Harbor, Southern England.

Scouts and leaders continued their journey to their final destination, AP Hill, Va. From all across the nation and some from overseas, they set up camp for 10 days in AP Hill for the 2010 National Jamboree, Scouting's grandest tradition.

The 2010 Jamboree took place from July 26 to Aug. 4, marking the 100th anniversary of the Scouting movement in the United States. Scouts who met the requirements of being at least a First Class Rank Scout and had completed the sixth grade or were at least 12 years old by July 1 and not older than 18 by Aug. 3, were able to attend with the approval of their Unit Leader and Local Council, completion of their application and payment of their fees.

Every four years, Scouts have the opportunity to test their knowledge and abilities in physical fitness, conservation and our nation's heritage, while sharing in the spirit of brotherhood at The National Jamboree. During that time, the 76,000 acres of ground at AP Hill in Virginia becomes a city within a city. A stage is put in place, tents are staked down, camps are set up, food concession stands are ready to serve, Merit Badge Midway is built, and the action centers

Learn what it takes to be a Boy Scout in today's world. It is fun, an opportunity to learn new skills and develop the skills you already have, meet many new people, help people and services where you least expect it and possibly get to travel. Look up your local Boy Scout Council and join a troop.



are created — the National Jamboree is ready to roll.

On Saturday evening, July 31, all of the Scouts and visitors attended one huge Centennial Show. Boy Scouts of America celebrated a special 100th anniversary celebration

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program called "A Shining Light Across America." The show was broadcast nationwide through satellite. Thousands of viewers were able to tune in online at www.ustream.tv/shininglight BYU-TV if they were not able to physically attend. The event was also broadcast and streamed live over its Web site, www.byutv.org for all to see.

The largest fireworks display ever on a military base lit up the sky to celebrate 100 years of the Scouting movement. Record numbers attended the arena show to give their support to the Boy Scouts of America at the National Jamboree. Scouts and attendees experienced a presentation from the Chief Scout Executive Bob Mazduca, a return appearance from Eagle Scout Alex Boylan, winner of CBS's "The Amazing Race" and Burton Roberts, winner of CBS's Survivor, the band

The author joins local scouts at the 2010 National Jamboree on July 26.

Submitted photo

Switchfoot gave an amazing performance and Eagle Scout Mike Rowe from Discovery Channel's popular TV program "Dirty Jobs" and car and truck commercials made an unforgettable appearance.

The arena show demonstrated a clear understanding with a deeper sense of commitment to the ideals of Scouting. It also demonstrated true camaraderie, and that the goals and skills of Scouting for the youth of America can be achieved through fun, excitement and the spirit of brotherhood. The Centennial Celebration show was just spectacular to watch and experience. Happy Birthday, Boy Scouts of America!

The Jamboree has taken place at the AP Hill site since 1981. West Virginia will mark a new tradition and a new location starting in 2013.

Learn what it takes to be a Boy Scout in today's world. It is fun, an opportunity to learn new skills and develop the skills you already have, meet many new people, help people and services where you least expect it and possibly get to travel. Come join us. Look up your local Boy Scout Council and join a troop.

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Weekly poll

Primary elections were held Tuesday, Sept. 14, and complete coverage is available at spotlightnews.com.

Now that they're over, this week's question is:

Were local primary campaigns too negative?

Log on to www.spotlightnews.com to cast your vote.

Last week's poll results:

Question: "Did you spend more or less on back-to-school items this year?"

- More.: 27%
- Less.: 50%
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Your Opinion in The Spotlight

5 Rivers brings the community to nature

Editor, *The Spotlight*:

The Five Rivers Environmental Center off Delaware Avenue in Delmar continues to evolve as a place for fun and inspiration. The preserve offers trails for a work out, picnic tables for repast and outdoor learning opportunities.

The newest investment made possible by the Repass family in collaboration with DEC, OGS and the Friends of Five Rivers, gives the public a new education building for a program that provides classes and outdoor lessons to visiting students. Look to the future for a "green building" to demonstrate Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED), an international recognized green building certification system.

The 5 Rivers Fall Festival on Saturday, Sept. 25, noon to 4 p.m. is an opportunity to bring the

community to nature.

The Environmental Educational Center is a designated New York State Watchable Wildlife site where wildlife live in an ecological atmosphere. Birders, scouts, astronomers and teachers are just a few who frequent the center and it is hoped that the public will take advantage of this free family fun day. The acreage, in the middle of suburban sprawl, is an example of nature at its best alongside human activity.

A fun filled family day has been planned by the Friends, featuring insect safaris, local musicians, puppets, juggling, nature exhibits and crafts for the youngsters. For the shoppers there will be plant, bake, and book sales to browse through.

Plan on staying a while and pack a lunch.

Virginia Acquario
Delmar

Water issue must be scrutinized

Editor, *The Spotlight*:

I attended the Bethlehem Town Board meeting on Sept. 8, having read in *The Spotlight* that one of the agenda items was the use of the Clapper Road Water Supply (CRWS) to supply drinking water to all of the residents in the town of Bethlehem who are paying for drinking water.

The proposal is based on a financial emergency, not a health concern. Frankly, the town administration has violated the well-established policy that the CRWS will be "used for industrial use only."

Sheila Fuller promised

that as long as she was supervisor, the CRWS would never be used to serve all of the residents paying for drinking water. Sheila kept her promise. I approached former Supervisor Terry Egan about using the CRWS for one year to make a proper pump test in accordance with the legal settlement agreement. Terry would have nothing to do with using the CRWS to serve the entire community even for one day.

Supervisor Sam Messina wants to hold a quick public hearing on the use of the CRWS in order to save money. However,

the subject of water quality and quantity requires far more explanation to obtain public support or rejection of the use of the CRWS for the entire community.

Let's look at some of the subjects that must be addressed:

The town was not included in the study of PCBs in the Hudson River Valley. I recommended to the town that it be included. Remember the largest burial site for PCBs and raw sewage solids, below the Federal Dam at Troy, are in the Town of Bethlehem.

I was deeply concerned about the outside

engineer who made the presentation at the Town Board meeting.

The design engineer for the improvements on the CRWS should be required to have \$13 million in malpractice insurance and the statute of limitations should be set for at least 15 years.

If the engineer cannot obtain the required insurance this is a very good indication that the project will not solve the problems associated with the failed CRWS.

William J. Kelleher
Delmar

They're not just paper sneakers

Editor, *The Spotlight*:

Eight local merchants are selling paper sneakers for only \$1 each to benefit diabetes research.

This great sneaker sale is part of the effort of our townwide team, Bethlehem Cares, that will participate in the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation's Walk to Cure Diabetes on Sept. 26th at Corporate Woods in Albany.

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The next time that you visit one of these businesses, please consider making a \$1 donation. You won't just be buying a paper sneaker. You'll be buying hope for a lot of people that a cure will be found for diabetes and its complications.

If you would like more information on participating in the Walk to Cure Diabetes, call Bethlehem Cares at 439-6894.

If you can't participate but would like to make a donation to support diabetes research, you can mail your check (payable to Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation) to Bethlehem Cares at 65 Boylston Drive, Delmar, NY 12054.

Thank you!

Ed Carey
Delmar

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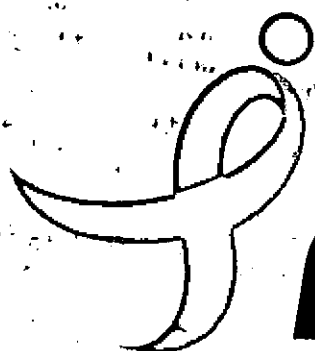
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Historical Society changes gears for Sept. program

There is a change of schedule and venue for the Clarksville Historical Society's September program. We have arranged to have a "Special Capital Hauntings" tour instead of our regular program for this month. The tour will be September 21, 2010 at 3:30 PM from the Plaza Visitor Center on the concourse. It is suggested we use the Cathedral Parking lot on Madison Avenue next to

the Museum as it is free after 3:00. If you wish to car pool or want to follow along, we will be leaving the Clarksville Community Church promptly at 3:00.

Our tour guide will be Stuart W. Lehman, NYS Office of General Services, Curatorial/Tour Services who has been conducting these tours for many years.

Step back in time to the 1890's as our guide, dressed in period garb, takes us on an exploration of the Haunted History of one of New York State's architectural treasures; the capitol building. Find out about the night watchman who still makes his rounds, despite his death in the 1911 fire. Search for the missing murals above the Assembly Chamber and the eccentric artist who painted them. Examine the strange gothic creatures carved in stone on the famous Million Dollar Staircase.

For information and to make a reservation call Sandy Slingerland 421-2854 by September 20.

Unitarian Society to host presentation

The First Unitarian Universalist Society of Albany will host the presentation "Preemptive Prosecution: Our government's latest weapon against terrorism," on Sunday, Sept. 26, from 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.

Steve Downs, attorney for Imam Yassin Aref, and Lynne Jackson, organizer for the Muslim Solidarity Committee, will speak on the government's use of this tactic in prosecuting Muslims across the country. Six years after the arrest, conviction, and sentencing to 15 years in prison of Imam Aref and Mohammad Hossain, it is time to take another look at this case and many like it.

The free presentation

will be held at Emerson Community Hall, First Unitarian Universalist Society of Albany, 405 Washington Ave., Albany.

For additional information, visit www.albanyuu.org, call 463-7135 or e-mail administrator@albanyuu.org.

NSHA to dedicate marker

The New Scotland Historical Association Historical Sites Committee will be dedicating an historical marker at the VonRonne home on Route 443 in Unionville, on Sept. 18, at 1 p.m. This site is also known as the Smoke House Hill Farm. Refreshments will be served. The home is below and almost across the street from the Fire

House in Unionville.

This house was built in the early 1800s by Peter H. Bradt. The original front door step that faces Route 443 Delaware Turnpike was once level with the highway. The road is now 20 feet below the front step. The most remarkable artifact is the front door which came from the original First Jerusalem Church.

In 1824, this church was razed and divided into 2 churches, the Jerusalem Reformed Church of Feura Bush and the Union Dutch Reformed Church of Unionville. The front door is all that remains of that original First Jerusalem Church and will be available for viewing during the festivities. The public is invited to share this event.

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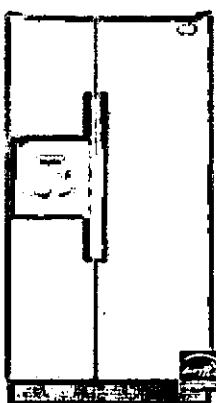
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Water

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now, all for water our DPW commissioner said we do not need," Councilman Kyle Kotary said.

None of the members of the Town Board was in office when the contract was signed. It was brokered on the heels of a massive drought in 2002 that saddled residents with an entire summer of water use restrictions. This, along with other factors like the assumption the demand for water would continue to increase and an existing contract was near expiration, brought town officials to the bargaining table with the Albany Water Board.

"Back in 2004, there were several different things going on that were different than what's going on now in 2010," said former Town Supervisor Terri Egan, who signed the contract shortly after assuming office. "At the time, we were in a position where the contract needed to be renegotiated, we needed water, the town was reluctant to utilize the Clapper Road plant, we had some constraints from New Salem."

Today, the contract looks less advantageous. It requires the town to buy more water every five years and the rate rises at the same percentage as it does for the city's residential customers. At the time, it was thought tying rates to residential prices would be a good move since the city would assumedly be less eager to raise them. The opposite has turned out to be true.

The result is Bethlehem will pay \$1.3 million for Albany water this year, 118 percent more than it did in 2004, and could be paying around \$4 million per year by the time the contract expires in 2023.

At a current price of \$3.63 per 1,000 gallons, it's the costliest water source for the town.

Having the agreement with Albany does grant Bethlehem a more diverse and larger portfolio of water supply options, though, which was a pivotal part of the decision to sign the new contract, said Egan.

"There were projections being made in regard to the growth of the town ... that would have put a strain on the amount of water that was being produced at the time by our own system,"

Public invited to water system presentation Sept. 22

The public will have the chance to see a presentation and comment on various options for the future of the town's water system Wednesday, Sept. 22.

The issue will be featured at the same Town Board meeting at which Supervisor Sam Messina is slated to present his 2011 budget. The future of Bethlehem's water supply is expected to have significant impact on the budget, and many of the board members have insisted a budget can't be considered complete without a decision on the issue.

The meeting had previously been scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 16, but after scheduling conflicts and issues with Town Hall usage came up, a new date had to be found. The problem was compounded by the fact Messina was out of contact for a period

of time, as he was out of town vacationing.

Messina said he had not expected to be out of cell phone coverage, and when he learned of the problem, he immediately contacted Town Clerk Nanci Moquin to find another meeting date.

But several Town Board members on Friday, Sept. 10, said they were surprised to find both Messina and Deputy Supervisor John Smolinsky unavailable for a 24-hour period. Councilman Kyle Kotary criticized the supervisor for not informing the board and expressly identifying someone to be in charge in his stead.

"What would happen if we had a major disaster or emergency, and the board didn't know we had a supervisor and deputy supervisor who had left town?" he said.

Councilman Mark Jordan said

he had not been consulted on the change in the meeting date. He and other board members were sent an e-mail about the new date on Friday afternoon.

"There was absolutely no communication with the Town Board, which is par for the course," he said.

Sept. 22 was one of the dates discussed when the meeting was originally scheduled.

No matter what option the Town Board chooses to upgrade the town's water supply — be it building a new New Scotland Water Treatment Plant, opening up the Clapper Road Water Treatment Plant's output to residential users or renegotiating a contract with the City of Albany to buy water — upgrades will cost the town a nine-figure sum over the next 13 years, according to the town.

— Charles Wiff

she said. "It looks like it was over projected at the time."

An economic slowdown has resulted in stunted commercial growth and the residential water usage has also declined. Thus, even in high usage times there's not much need for the Albany water.

But a key caveat in the agreement limits its utility as even an emergency water supply. The city water board can order the town to institute water conservancy

measures "at least equal to" those within the city, which would presumably occur during periods of reduced water supply.

The town is required to be able to produce enough water to handle the highest monthly peak demand in the past 10 years, which stands at 8.7 million gallons per day. With a peak output of 3 MGD from the Vly Creek Reservoir and 1 MGD from the New Salem wellfield, the New Salem Water Treatment plant can't

handle the requirement.

Although Supervisor Sam Messina said he doesn't want to second-guess past decisions, he admitted the contract was "probably not the best thing for the town." He said there have been recent discussions with the Albany Water Board, but no conclusions have been reached yet.

"We are interested in moving forward in a contractual relationship, looking to reduce our costs and perhaps our water

requirements in the future," he said.

But others wondered if Bethlehem will end up eating the cost for years to come.

"It's a contract I wish we could get out of," said Councilman Mark Jordan. "I think it's one of those situations where it's so good for them that I can't imagine they'd want to change any part of it."

The town will have to make a decision in coming weeks, though.



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Garage sale rescheduled

The rainout of last month's Library Garage Sale proved to be fortunate as staff as brought in even more stuff to sell: "Irons and fryers and chairs, oh my!" indeed.

And so, the Guilderland Public Library will hold its "Garage Sale" at the Library grounds on Sunday, Sept. 19, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. - rain or shine. A portion of the proceeds from this sale will go to support extra library activities not funded by taxpayer dollars.

Library volunteers have brought some more interesting items to sell: air pumps, an autographed 3 iron, lamps, toys, photo frames, old license plates, garden tools, holiday decorations. And books,

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of course, plu a whole host of other things.

Sundays at GPL

With the coming of fall, the library is once again open seven days a week. Operating hours are Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sunday, 1 to 5 p.m.

Senior health fair

An information-packed Senior Health Fair will offer a wealth of free services to local seniors on Thursday, Sept. 23, at the Guilderland Public Library.

This event is ideal

for seniors and those who help care for them. Starting at 10 a.m. and running until 4 p.m., the fair features discussions with health-care professional, participatory activities such as tai chi, yoga, and exercise for fitness, and information on other ways to keep bodies fit and minds sharp.

Mark Curiale

All library events are free unless otherwise noted. The Guilderland Public Library is located at 2228 Western Ave., Guilderland. Call 456-2400 x 12 for more information, or visit the library's website at www.guilpl.org.

Talk about music at the library

We're launching a new discussion series this month with a focus on music. At our "Listening Parties" you'll listen to classic albums and talk about the careers and accomplishments of specific musicians. Bring your personal impressions and memories, and rediscover milestones of music history.

Librarian Michael Farley will provide background and analysis, putting the music into context and facilitating discussion.

The group will meet one Thursday a month at 7pm. Join us next Thursday, Sept. 23, for a listen to the Beatles' "White Album." The series continues on Oct. 28 with "Axis Bold as Love" (Jimi Hendrix), Nov. 18 with the life and music of Miles Davis, and Dec. 16 with "Aja" (Steely Dan).



Here's the schedule:

• Friday Oct. 1: 6 p.m., play Guitar Hero; 7 p.m., "A Hard Day's Night" (G, 85 minutes). The 1964 musical comedy about a day in the life of the emerging rock stars from Liverpool.

• Friday Oct. 15: 6 p.m., play Guitar Hero; 7 p.m., "The U.S. vs. John Lennon" (PG-13, 96 minutes). A look at Lennon's anti-war activism.

• Friday Oct. 29: 6:30 p.m., "Across the Universe" (PG-13, 2 hours 13 minutes). Musical based on The Beatles Songbook and set in the Vietnam era with visual allusions to other Beatles films.

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Read" sessions this fall. School age kids can bring a favorite tale and read it aloud to a furry listener who will, of course, be all ears. Session 1 will be offered on Thursdays at 4 p.m. on Sept. 23 and 30 and Oct. 7. Session 2 is scheduled for Thursdays at 4 p.m. on Oct. 14, 21 and 28. Children should attend all three days.

Hometown tour

Wednesday, Sept. 29, 10 a.m. to noon

Meet and talk with NYS Assemblyman Tim Gordon in the library lobby.

Digital photo editing

Wednesday, Sept. 29, 6:30 p.m.

Learn about key elements of digital photo manipulation in this informational program.

Louise Grieco

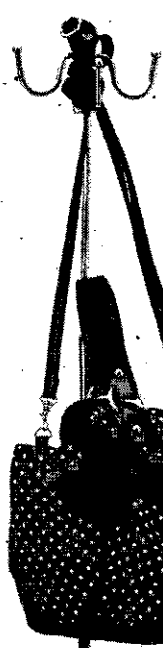
• All library programming is free and open to the public. The Bethlehem Public Library is located at 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar.

Fab Four Fridays

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wonderful local history books. Woodworker Paul Barrowman has donated a handsome handmade birdhouse, paired up with Lawrence Sombke's gardening book. Other generous contributions came from First Niagara, George Kendall, Capital Upholstery, Gerry Wagner and Joyce Robinson.

The Day Twenty winner will receive a \$200 green tourmaline gemstone donated by Refined Designs. Charlie 20, European Auto Werks and Luczak Services are offering a \$75 cash prize on Day 11, with \$100 cash from the Library Friends on the final day. A multitude of thanks go to all these contributors and to FOL fundraiser Nancy Mosher who has worked incredibly hard collecting all these prizes.

Cookbooks on sale

Small Town Favorites, the Voorheesville community cookbooks,

are now on sale at the library. 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. Remember, with the holidays approaching, they will be collector's items and make great gifts.

College program

Dr. Dean Skarlis is presenting a college program for parents on Sept. 16 at 6:30 p.m. Sign up is requested. Family Evening Stories meets on Sept. 21 at 6:30; nonfiction book discussion on Sept. 22 at 7 p.m.

Barbara Vink

All library programming is free (unless otherwise noted) and open to the public. Voorheesville Public Library is located at 51 School Road, Voorheesville. For information, call 765-2791 or visit www.voorheesvillelibrary.org.

Community helps library make move

Moving a library is no small task. The library staff is grateful to a number of generous people who made the move easier and infinitely more pleasant.

Nancy Bruno, Linda Starr, Chuck Friday, Trista Supina-Muth, Ashley Fiero and Mike, Evan Melick, Melanie Melewski, members of the Coeymans Fire Company, Persico Oil Company staff and Trustees Don Persico and MaryEllen Lee all stepped up and proved the saying "many hands make light work." Thank you!

We are now open with full service at our new location in Mayone Plaza, at the former Video World store. We have returned to our regular hours; Monday through Thursday 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m., Friday

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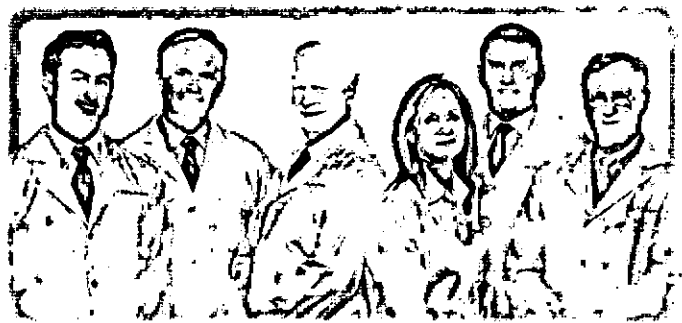
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Lunch is served from 1 to 1:30 p.m. and the music begins right after lunch. The suggested donation for lunch is \$2.50 for seniors and \$5 for those under 60. Voluntary donations for the music are appreciated. Call 439-4955, ext. 1176 to make your reservation. Senior transportation is limited for this program. Ask about it when you make your reservation. The van will leave Town Hall at noon. Home pick up can



be arranged. Suggested van donation: \$3.

Enjoy a special Friday afternoon on Sept. 24 with the "Knox Traditional Strings" at the Bethlehem Public Library. The free program starts at 1 p.m. You can also have lunch at the Windowbox Café, cost on your own. Call 439-4955, ext. 1176 to make a reservation for lunch. Senior transportation will leave Town Hall at 11:00 a.m. Home pick up can be arranged. Suggested van donation: \$3.

Tuesday, Sept. 21

• **Veteran's Services Assistance:** A Veteran's Service Officer from Albany County will be available by appointment between 1 and 3 p.m. to meet with veterans and their families to present information about disability and education benefits; burial allowances, headstones, and flags; pension and compensation benefits; aid and assistance; upgrading discharges; VA loans for homes or businesses; and copies of discharges papers and medical records. Call 439-4955, ext. 1176 to make an appointment.

• **Seniors in Motion:** A low level fun aerobic

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Wednesday, Sept. 22

• **Caregivers Support Group** for those caring for a loved one who has been diagnosed with Alzheimer's and other dementias. Join us at 10:30 a.m. at the Town Hall to share successes, concerns, difficulties and experiences with others in similar care giving situations. Jane Sanders, LMSW, facilitates the discussion. Transportation can be arranged by calling 439-4955, ext. 1174.

• **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.

Thursday, Sept. 23

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

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

Wilma DeLucco, Bethlehem Senior Projects, Inc. Board Member

Guilderland library to host free senior health fair

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

Take advantage of this free event and walk away with valuable health information! The all-day Senior Health Fair will offer a wealth of free health services to local seniors. Talk with professionals and participate in activities like tai chi, yoga, and exercise for fitness. Brown-bag your medications and ask the pharmacist about side effects, have your blood pressure and blood glucose checked, BMI (Body Mass Index) measured, and much more. We'll have a lot of printed information for you to take away, and some healthy

snacks to keep you fueled up for the event.

This Senior Health Fair is hosted by the GPL in collaboration with the Town of Guilderland Senior Services, and the Guilderland Chamber of Commerce; and supported with funds from The Friends of the Library and an Outreach Minigrant from the Upper Hudson Library System.

Transportation to the health fair is available by contacting the Senior Office.

Fall luncheon planned

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Monday, Sept. 20

Scheduled Shopping

9 a.m. Aerobics

10:30 a.m. Strong Bones +

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10:30 a.m. Sr Fitness

1:30 p.m. Strong Bones +

Tuesday, Sept. 21

9 a.m. Strong Bones +

11:30 a.m. Luncheon: Chicken Rice Casserole or Cold Plate

11:30 a.m. Special Raffle

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

Wednesday, Sept. 22

Scheduled Shopping

9 a.m. Line Dancing

10:30 a.m. Strong Bones +

10:30 a.m. Bridge

11:45 a.m. Sr Fitness

1 p.m. Needlecraft

1:30 p.m. Strong Bones +

Thursday, Sept. 23

Scheduled Shopping

9 a.m. Strong Bones

10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Health Fair @ Library

1 p.m. Pinochle/Mahjongg

Friday, Sept. 24

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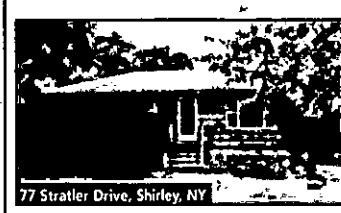


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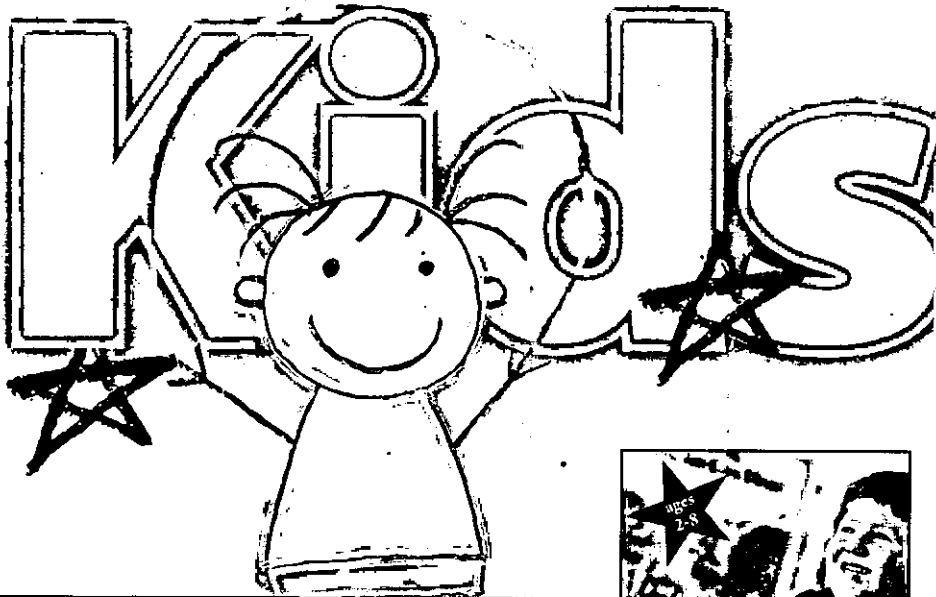
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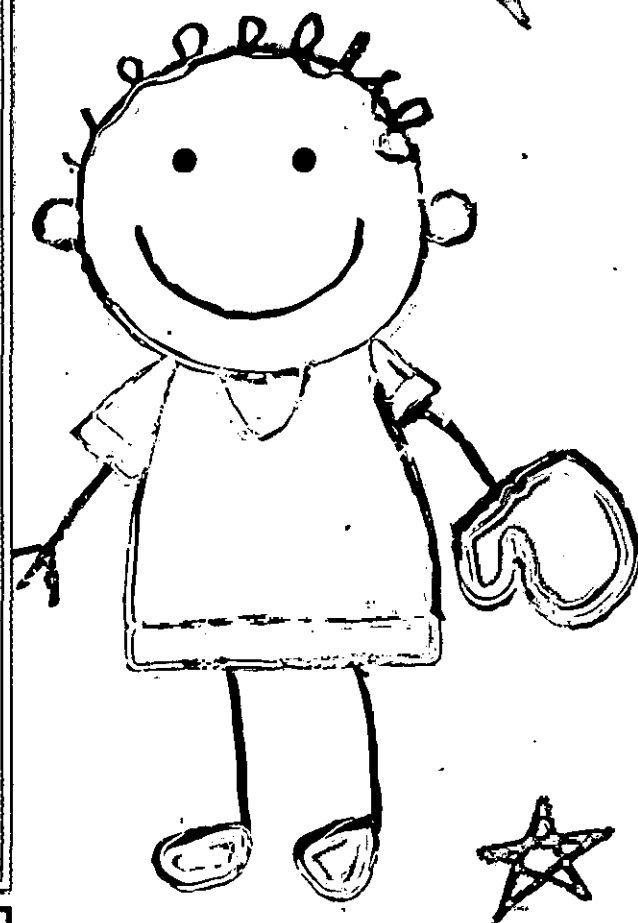
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Raising the bar on hope

Second Special Surgery race set for Saturday

By CHARLES WIFF
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After a somewhat chilly first year, the Capital Region Special Surgery Race for Hope is gearing up for an earlier date and, organizers hope, an even more successful 5K run or walk event.

The Race for Hope 2 is scheduled to step off at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 18, from the Special Surgery offices in Slingerlands, in the second of what organizers hope will be a community tradition for years to come.

"From our standpoint, because there are so many great events, you really want to get a strong foundation established in the first few years," said

race director Sarah Nicole Mahoney. "It's only going to give us a better chance for success the next year."

That foundation will be much broader in 2010, as the number of beneficiaries is being doubled. The race will still benefit a patient fund at the St. Peter's Hospital Cancer Care Center for uninsured and underinsured patients, but organizers added another beneficiary in the Ronald McDonald House Charities of the Capital Region.

Capital Region Special Surgery looked at several area causes but eventually chose the Ronald McDonald House, which among other things provides a "home away from home" for the families of seriously ill children at Albany Medical Center.

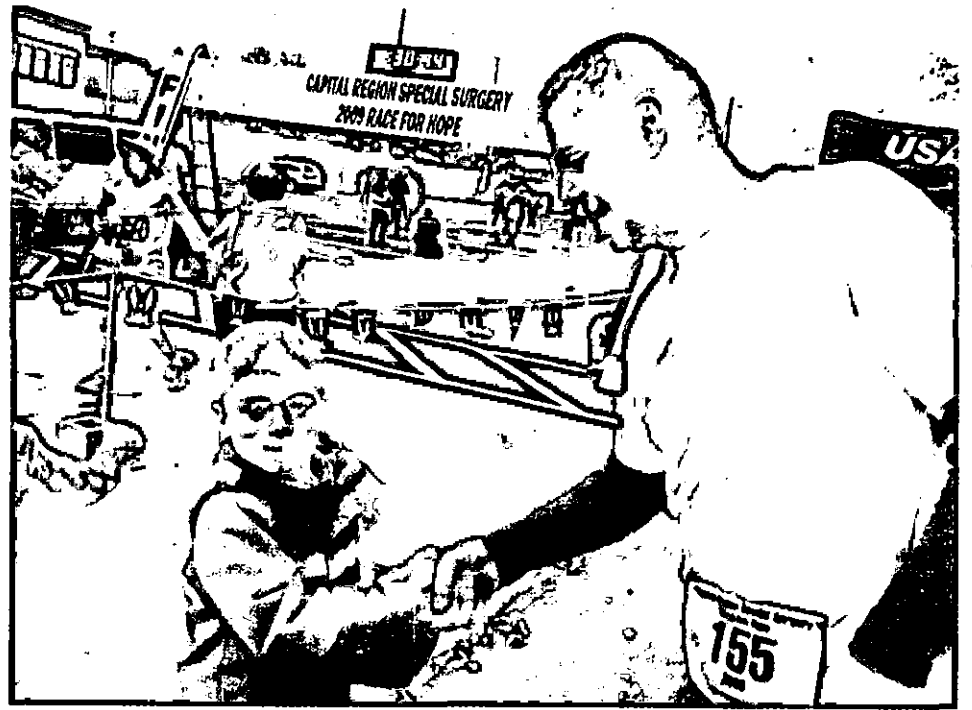
"They made it impossible for us not to

choose them," Mahoney said. "They had always wanted to do something like this but were always too busy, so it was just a natural fit."

Last year's race met a fundraising goal of \$50,000, and organizers are not only doubling the charities, but increasing the fundraising target to \$100,000. So far the effort is going well, with nearly 400 runners registered for the race already, about the total number that took part last year.

That number is sure to be bolstered by the community groups that are a part of the event.

There's been an even more concerted effort to harness local teams, including area schools. A big new initiative is The Educators' Challenge, which will give schools an opportunity to win a SmartBoard donated by



Dennis "Pop" Mahoney shakes hands with his grandson, Jack, following the inaugural Capital Region Special Surgery 5K Race for Hope last year. The second race is set for Saturday, Sept. 18, and is to step off from the Special Surgery offices in Slingerlands. Funds raised by runners and walkers will benefit a patient fund at the St. Peter's Hospital Cancer Care Center and the Ronald McDonald House Charities of the Capital Region.

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The school whose participants raise the most money will take home

the high-tech teaching tool. It's a good way to get students more directly involved in fundraising, said Mahoney.

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Veterinarians recommend administering year-round heartworm prevention to protect against heartworm disease and also because the medication kills common intestinal parasites. Transmission of these parasites, mostly whipworms and roundworms, can occur in the coldest winter months. In addition to causing intestinal disease in dogs, these worms can also seriously affect people. Roundworms can cause visceral, ocular and cutaneous larval migrans; larval worms in the organs, eyes and skin, respectively. The eggs of the worms are transmitted via the ingestion of microscopic eggs from the animal's fecal material. All people can become infected with these worms but children and people with weakened immune states are especially prone.

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Robert G. Bourgeois was born in Washington, DC and moved to Colonie with his family in the late 1950's. His Father, Roland Bourgeois started a hearing aid business in the Albany area when hearing aids were described in three ways: behind the ear aids, body aids, or hearing aids in the bow of eyeglasses.



Bob with his Grandson James

Bob began work in that business in the sixties after a tour of duty with the United States Navy as a Navy Medic attached to an airwing of the United States Marine Corps and he has continued to devote his life to the care of the hearing impaired. Forty-two years of experience under his belt renders Bob an expert in the proper fitting of hearing aids. He has seen the technology improve greatly with the advent of digital instruments but he also remembers a time when he was paid for hearing aids in gallons of raw milk!

"In the early days, most of my work was done in the home. One of my clients didn't have a lot of money but she did have a cow and I would leave her home with milk as partial payment for her hearing aids. I also remember one client who I could only see at the end of the day because she insisted I have a glass of homemade anisette and Italian cookies with her before I left her home. And then there was Dora, an elderly woman who lived on top of a mountain in Schoharie County. She didn't have any running water in her house and I remember lugging jugs of water from the stream outside of her house and bringing them in for her so she could wash her dishes."

Bob, former President of the Mohonasen music parents, an honorary girl scout, and former owner of the skate shop at Achilles Rink at Union College, has always worked part-time in the medical field. Bob was one of the first people in New York State to be licensed as an Emergency Medical Technician and he worked evenings for Mohawk Ambulance Service. In 1996 he returned to school on a part-time basis and achieved National Paramedic Certification and subsequently, graduated from Maria College at the age of 60 and is now a Registered Nurse working part-time at St. Peter's Hospital in their Emergency Department. "This is some of the most important work I have done in my life."

Home care is still a major aspect of the hearing aid business. "I put a lot of miles on my vehicle every year," said Bob, "but the number of great friends and acquaintances that I have made through this business far outdistances the number of miles I have put on my car. When you fit hearing aids, it is important to have conversations with your clients so that you can see how they are hearing or if their own voice doesn't sound right when they speak. I have been privileged to have many spirited conversations with my clients about politics and religion, and so many other subjects. My clients enrich my life well beyond the paycheck."

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Hope

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they're raising money for a good cause... but they might be able to raise something really cool for their school as well," she said.

Acting as ambassador for The Educators' Challenge is Bethlehem Central Superintendent Michael Tebbano.

"We are proud to welcome the participants in the Race for Hope 2 to our community," Tebbano said in a statement. "We believe the Educators' Challenge will allow the entire educational community of the Capital Region to come together to show their support for two wonderful organizations."

The academic component of the race doesn't end there. School Administrators' Association of New York State Executive Director Kevin Casey will be

participating as a runner, and the organization is encouraging other members to get involved. Also, UAlbany will be sending participants from its athletic teams. Vice President Athletic Director Lee McElroy is serving as the race starter.

Participants can register for \$25 up until noon on Sept. 16, when online registration closes. Day of race registration is \$30, and starts at 6 a.m. Packet pickup begins at 7 a.m. the day of the race. Free parking will be available across the street from the Special Surgery offices at 1220 New Scotland Road, where the race will step off at 10 a.m.

After the race, there will be food, entertainment and other events in the Special Surgery parking lot.

For more information or to register, see www.capitalregion特种surgery.com/raceforhopealbany.

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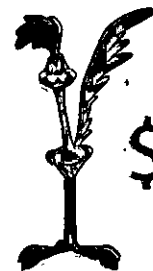
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Finance in the Spotlight

Time to start investing? How to decide if you are ready and how to get started

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With the volatility of today's markets and a seemingly overwhelming number of investment vehicles to choose from—stocks, bonds, mutual funds, insurance, etc.—it is no wonder that some people get confused about their options and put investment planning on hold.

However, when it comes to planning for their financial futures, potential investors should be thinking *carpe diem*—seize the day—because there really is no better time than today to take stock of your current financial situation, establish spending priorities and develop a plan.

Your financial clock is ticking

Young or old, time stops for no one. Every day that passes where you hold debt or your money is not earning you more money is a lost opportunity. This is true whether you are 6, 16 or 66. So the first thing to do is to review your current financial situation. Analyze the following:

- How much money you earn
- How much money you spend
- Your monthly debt obligations
- Your total debt

Establish what your short- and long-term goals are. Do you have a family? Do you want to start a family? Do you need to put yourself through college? Do you want to put your children through college? Do you want to travel, retire early, or build your dream house?

These are important questions to ask. When weighed with your financial situation, they help establish priorities and shape your plan. They help you determine what your goals and dreams are, for the future, and they equip you to make informed decisions about what type of investment choices might be best for you today.

When the time is right for you to invest, you will know

One of the moments that will let you know you might be ready to start investing

is when you stop receiving monthly credit card statements you cannot afford to pay off.

Ultimately, the bottom line is this: while not all debt is bad debt, high-interest rate debt is a financial killer. So before you start investing, you should consider starting to pay down the debt that can be holding you back. It may take time, and it may seem counterintuitive to the principal of compounding interest, which basically states that the interest you earn on your money accumulates faster than if you wait and invest large amounts, but any high-interest rate debt you carry can erase the gains of even the highest performer in an investment portfolio.

So pay it down, and pay more than the minimum balance due. More important, embrace paying down debt as part of your plan, because being debt free is your first step toward financial independence. It is a milestone you should celebrate. Once your debt is paid off, set aside at least three to six months of reserve savings for emergencies. This will give you a cushion so you don't have to resort to that high-interest credit card you just paid off.

How to start investing

With your high-interest rate debt paid off and emergency savings in place, it's time to start working toward well-defined financial objectives that encompass short-term, mid-term and long-term goals. A sound investment plan balances risk and return in accordance with your stated investment objectives. It may be worth your while to go over your plan with a financial advisor.

The key is to start immediately and stay consistent. Pay yourself as you would pay your utility, credit card or auto loan companies. Set up a savings account for easy transfers; separating your savings will keep it easy when it is time to invest.

If your goal is to save in the short-term, consider a low-interest savings account, money market funds or certificates of deposit. If you are looking to invest for the long-term, you can choose from a variety of investment products based upon what level of risk is acceptable to you, includ-

ing stocks, bonds or mutual funds. And if you are investing for your retirement, the IRA (individual retirement account), Roth IRA, 401(k) and 403(b) are all options that offer the advantage of tax-deferral. Take advantage of employee-matched contributions to your 401(k) if your company offers it. The important thing to remember is this: even if you

begin with small deposits, the compounding returns will add up.

Stay true to your goals and values

Whatever your savings and investment plan encompasses, the focus should be on maintaining a portfolio that reflects your values, risk tolerance and retirement goals. No matter what

your stage of life, you should take the time to regularly reevaluate your financial goals. They can change...at the drop of a hat. And if they do, your portfolio and plans should reflect that. A financial advisor can guide you along every step of the way.

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The power of compounding interest

When you invest, you earn interest on the money you save. This earned interest is added to the principal of your investment. The next time interest is calculated, this larger principal amount is used. This is called compounding interest, and the longer you have your money invested, the more powerful your money becomes. Consider the following examples.

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The earlier you start investing the more you can make your money work for you. A good financial plan with detailed goals and objectives goes a long way to helping you make this happen. And if you have kids, give them the gift of financial literacy. It will help them make better decisions younger in life, which in turn will help them have a more financially secure future.

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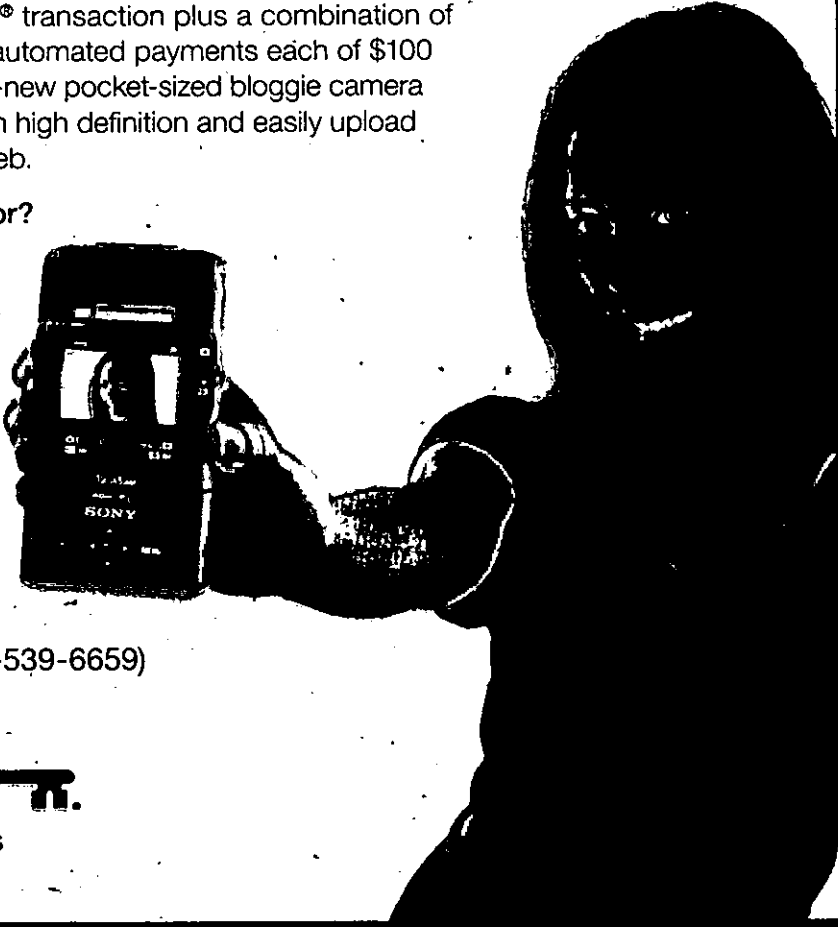
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Design

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"I think that's an important location, especially with the educational institutions nearby," board member Nicholas Behuniak said. "I think the benefit of the monopine outweighs the cost imposed on the applicant."

ESCO Towers, which has been in the review process for this tower for over two years, said even a rudimentary monopine would be substantially more expensive than a monopole, the more traditional and familiar design.

In ESCO's estimates for construction of the tower alone, a monopole would

cost around \$47,000 and a monopine \$155,000. That cost would only include artificial branches down to the height of 75 feet. The rest of the pole would be painted brown, like a tree trunk.

A monopine design would also raise the total height of the tower slightly, to about 139 feet.

The increased cost of the project throws off ESCO's original calculations and the company will have to approach carriers Verizon and AT&T to renegotiate the lease structure, said Vice President Tom Butler.

"Financially, it's tough for us, but we're going to proceed with the project," he said. "We're happy that we got the negative declaration, but we're disappointed about the choice. I think

it's just a tragic outcome for the landowner, who didn't want it."

Farmer Chuck Preska, whose land the tower would be built on, wrote a letter to the board in support of a latticework or monopole tower, but said he would not like a monopine because it would "stand out like a fake Christmas tree."

Butler added a monopine has higher upkeep costs because the branches can become damaged by ice or other weather. They cost around \$500 apiece, which is why monopines are so much more expensive than their simpler brethren.

ESCO has given the town permission to install its own antennas on the

tower, as well. A 6-foot tall whip antenna would be installed at the top of the tower and likely be painted a gray color to blend in with the sky.

The project will be passed along to the Zoning Board now, which is considering a height variance. If granted, ESCO would go back to the Planning Board for site plan approval.

In other Planning Board news:

The board approved a special use permit for the construction of a new hangar at the South Albany Airport in Selkirk. The 5,800-square-foot structure will be primarily used for aircraft maintenance.



An example of a local monopine tower at Salty's Restaurant in Clifton Park.

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Entertainment in the Spotlight

The crowd enjoys the music at the Irish 2000 Music and Arts Festival.



get your Irish up

Festival features traditional and modern musical acts, as well as family-friendly activities

Music, Matt Nelligan says, is one of the cornerstones of Irish culture.

Visit any pub in Ireland and you'll find people joining their voices in song, he says. The country's story has been told through countless tunes.

A proud Irish-American, Nelligan and other members of local Ancient Order of Hibernian groups thought an Irish musical festival would be a fun way to showcase their heritage. They launched the festival in 1997 at Heritage Park in Colonie, drawing more than 2,000 people.

The festival has only grown since then, moving to the Saratoga County Fairgrounds in Ballston Spa last year. It returns to the fairgrounds this weekend, offering music and other entertainment on Friday and Saturday, Sept. 17 and 18.

Back when Nelligan and co-founder Jim Shaughnessy were dreaming up the festival, Irish music was starting to change, Nelligan said. Instead of just traditional Celtic songs, the scene was becoming populated with bands that were fusing Irish music with modern rock. It was a sound Nelligan liked, and one he thought might help broaden Irish music's appeal.

"The Dropkick Murphys pack their shows with young people," he said, referring to the Massachusetts-based band whose music is described as Celtic punk/hardcore.

So, from the outset, Irish Fest 2000 has aspired to bring both traditional and modern acts to town. There's no shortage of musicians hoping to play the festival — Nelligan said organizers typically get about 100 applicants per year.

For the most part, though, they book acts themselves. Nelligan estimated about 90 percent of the performers are solicited by people associated with the festival.

"Then we save a slot or two for kind of a wildcard band," he said.

Since the festival expanded to a two-day format in 2007, organizers have tried to have a traditional headliner on Friday and a rock headliner on Saturday. This year, though, California-based Gaelic Storm had a scheduling conflict and couldn't appear Saturday, so it will headline Friday's entertainment schedule.

The band's music will be familiar to anyone who saw the blockbuster film "Titanic." There's a scene in the movie that features Irish dancing; Gaelic Storm is the band providing the music.

"Someone saw them performing in a pub and put them in the movie," Nelligan said. "It really launched their careers."

Friday also features Enter the Haggis, a group Nelligan described as "the Celtic Dave Matthews Band."

Saturday, meanwhile, brings two more big-ticket acts to the area. The first is Great Big Sea, a group that enjoys immense popularity in its native Canada, where several of its albums have gone gold.

"In the U.S., you don't see Celtic groups going gold," Nelligan said.

Great Big Sea is expected to be a big draw, as is John McDermott later in the day. One of the original three Irish tenors, McDermott "does a ton of concerts," Nelligan said, so people are expected from near and far to hear him.

Beyond the music, the festival will feature "lots of vendors selling everything from sweaters to china to hats," Nelligan said. There will be Irish dancers and attractions for kids, including a bounce house and clowns making balloon animals.

Nelligan said the festival has strived to be family friendly, including in its admission price. Anyone under 12 gets in free, while adult tickets for either day are \$15 in advance and \$20 at the gate, with a two-day pass available for \$28. They are available at all Price Chopper locations and can be bought online at www.ticketweb.com or by phone at 888-414-3378.

For information, visit www.irishfest2000.com.

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The Schenectady Pipe Band is a regular performer at the Irish 2000 Music and Arts Festival.



Irish dancing skills will be on display at the Irish 2000 Music and Arts Festival.



Vendors sell plenty of food at the Irish 2000 Music and Arts Festival.



Local favorite Kevin McKrell will perform Saturday, Sept. 18, at the Irish 2000 Music and Arts Festival.



The Irish 2000 Music and Arts Festival offers dance lessons each year.

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Neil Simon comedy about three different couples visiting Beverly Hills, presented by Curtain Call Theatre, 210 Old Loudon Road, Latham, through Oct. 9, performances Tuesdays through Sundays, \$20. Information, 877-7529.

OUR SON'S WEDDING

Middle class couple from the Bronx goes to their son's wedding to another man, presented by Lake George Dinner Theatre, Holiday Inn Resort, Lake George, through Oct. 14, dinner performances 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays through Saturdays, luncheon performances 11:30 a.m. Tuesdays through Thursdays, call for ticket prices. Information, 668-5762, ext. 411.

33 VARIATIONS

Regional premiere of Moises Kaufman's Tony Award-nominated drama, presented by Capital Repertory Theatre, 111 North Pearl St., Albany, through Oct. 3, performances Tuesdays through Sundays, call for ticket prices. Information, 445-7469.

Music

ED SALVO

Classics from the 1960s to today, Sept. 17, 7 p.m., Emack and Bolio's, 366 Delaware Ave., Albany, free. Information, 512-5100.

STEVE SCARLATTI

Singer-songwriter, Sept. 17, 7 p.m., Emack and Bolio's Uptown, Town Center Plaza, 1704 Western Ave., Guilderland, free. Information, 250-4196.

TOM RASELY

Classical guitarist who has played at the White House, Sept. 17, 7:30 p.m. Boght Arts Center, 583 Boght Road, Cohoes, \$11. Information, 785-2787.

CHRIS SMITHER

Songwriter whose work has been covered by the likes of Emmylou Harris, Bonnie Raitt and Diana Krall, Sept. 17, 8 p.m., Caffé Lena, 47 Phila St., Saratoga Springs, advance tickets \$22, door tickets \$24. Information, 583-0022.

SYBIL ALLYSON

Culturally relevant folk/acoustic music, Sept. 18, 7 p.m., Emack and Bolio's, 366 Delaware Ave., Albany, free. Information, 512-5100.

EMERALD DAWN

Celtic, covers and originals, Sept. 18, 7 p.m., Emack and Bolio's Uptown, Town Center Plaza, 1704 Western Ave., Guilderland, free. Information, 250-4196.

TAS CRU

Upstate New York blues master, Sept. 18, 8 p.m., Caffé Lena, 47 Phila St., Saratoga Springs, advance tickets \$15, door tickets \$17. Information, 583-0022.

MUSIC IN THE BARN

Albany Pro Musica's official kickoff to its 2010-11 season, Sept. 19, 3 p.m., Jan Wemp Barn, 390 Onesquethaw Creek Road, Feura Bush, adults \$90, young adults (19-35) \$40, youths (12-18) \$20, children under 12 free. Information, www.albanypromusica.org.

Comedy

MOP AND BUCKET COMPANY

TheatreSports competition, combining improvisational comedy with the audience scoring the action, Sept. 17, 8 p.m., Proctors Underground, 432 State St., Schenectady, adults \$14, students/seniors \$6. Information, 346-6204.

WIT&WILL THEATRE

Presents "How Capitalism Saved the World" and Other Improbable Comedy, Sept. 18, 8 p.m., Zu Zu's Wonderful Life Inc., 299-301 Hamilton St., Albany, advance tickets \$10 for adults, \$6 for students/seniors; door prices \$12 for adults, \$8 for students/seniors/military. Information, 439-7698.

THE IMPROV CLUB

Family friendly improvisational comedy troupe, Sept. 19, 2 p.m. Caffé Lena, 47 Phila St., Saratoga Springs, \$5. Information, 583-0022.

Lectures

INTERNATIONAL GARDEN DESIGNERS

Englishman Adrian Bloom, Sept. 25, Glen Sanders Mansion, Route 5, Scotia; and Gordon Hayward, Oct. 16, The Sagamore, Lake George; both lectures hosted by Kerry Mendez of Perennially Yours. Information, 885-3471.

Visual Arts

NEW YORK STATE MUSEUM

"Focus on Nature XI," through Oct. 31; plus "Beneath the City: An Archeological Perspective of Albany," permanent collections on the 9/11 recovery effort, New York state history and geography, Empire State Plaza, Madison Avenue. Information, 474-5877.

ALBANY INSTITUTE OF ART

"Ransoming Matthew Brady: Re-Imagining the Civil War," through Oct. 3; "Hudson River Panorama," through December; "The Perfect Fit: Shoes Tell Stories" and "Old Soles: Three Centuries of Shoes," through Jan. 2; plus "The Folk Spirit of Albany: Folk Art from the Collection of the Albany Institute of History and Art" and exhibits on Hudson River School painting, American sculpture and the history of Albany, 125 Washington Ave. Information, 463-4478.

ALBANY AIRPORT GALLERY

"The Imaged Word," through Jan. 9, plus installations by Paul Katz, Harry Leigh, Harold Lohner, Lillian Mulero, Ken Ragsdale, Nancy Shaver and Joy Taylor. Information, 242-2243.

CLEMENT ART GALLERY

"for the birds..." through Sept. 23; 201 Broadway, Troy. Information, 272-6811.

LOCAL COLOR ARTS GALLERY

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

MABEE FARM HISTORIC SITE

"Whatsits," through Sept. 25, 1080 Main St., Rotterdam Junction. Information, 877-5073.

MIMOSA GALLERY

Metal sculpture and fine art by Ken and Julie Girardini, through Sept. 19, 70c Beekman St., Saratoga Springs. Information, 583-1163.

NATIONAL MUSEUM OF DANCE

"Postage Paid: Dance Around the World," through fall 2012; "In a Labyrinth: The Dance of Butoh," through March; "A Midsummer Night's Dream," through May; plus a Michael Jackson tribute, a "Dancing with the Stars" exhibit and the C.V. Whitney Hall of Fame, 99 South Broadway, Saratoga Springs. Information, 584-2225.

SARATOGA AUTOMOBILE MUSEUM

"Woodies! The Charlie and Marie Montano Woodie Collection," through Oct. 17; "The Syracuse Mile," featuring two of the central New York's famous stock cars; plus ongoing exhibits including "East of Detroit" and New York racing, 110 Avenue of the Pines, Saratoga Springs. Information, 587-1935, ext. 20.

TANG TEACHING MUSEUM AND GALLERY

"Suzanne Bocanegra: I Write the Songs," through Feb. 2; "Paula Hayes: Understory," through April 1; Skidmore College, 815 North Broadway, Saratoga Springs. Information, 580-8080.

CLARK ART INSTITUTE

"Juan Munoz," through Oct. 17; 225 South St., Williamstown, Mass. Information, (413) 458-9545.

MASS MOCA

"Everything That Rises Must Converge," through February 2011; plus "Material World: Sculpture to Environment," through Feb. 27, 2011; "Gravity is a Force to be Reckoned With," through Oct. 31; "Sol LeWitt: A Wall Drawing Retrospective," ongoing; 87 Marshall St., North Adams, Mass. Information, (413) 664-4481.

ARKELL MUSEUM

"Reflections on Water in American Painting," through Oct. 3; works by Matthew Bartik, Mother Elisabeth Czwikla and "A Touch of Color" art students, through Sept. 27; plus "Arkell's Inspiration: The Marketing of Beech-Nut and Art for the People," ongoing; Canajoharie. Information, 673-2314.

Call for Artists

SCHENECTADY CIVIC PLAYERS

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

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Openings in the string section, also need French horn, trombone, flute and bass drum players, rehearsals Friday at 9 a.m., Shenendehowa Senior Center, Clifton Common, Clifton Park. Information, 372-5146.

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

Weekly Crossword

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- 1 Penury
- 5 French king
- 10 Large number
- 14 Colorful fish
- 15 God of Islam
- 16 Scandinavian capital
- 17 Cotton fabric
- 18 Gaze fixedly
- 19 Shakespearean king
- 20 Rock musician Peter
- 22 Milky Way, e.g.
- 24 Gal of song
- 25 Celtic
- 26 Offered resistance
- 30 Editor/writer Peter
- 34 Something to gird
- 35 Literary pen name
- 37 Actress Thompson
- 38 Cambridge coll.
- 39 Detonation
- 40 Works in progress: abbr.
- 41 Israeli port
- 43 Wallaroo
- 44 Oils
- 46 British actor Peter
- 48 Clamorously

- 50 Formerly
- 51 Kind of blanket
- 52 Stoop
- 55 TV anchorman Peter
- 60 Humorist Lardner
- 61 Jeweler's tool
- 63 Vaudeville entertainer Bayes
- 64 Vow
- 65 Trimmer
- 66 Girasol
- 67 Cabal
- 68 Affirmatives
- 69 Sleeveless jacket

DOWN

- 1 Austrian composer
- 2 Mimic
- 3 Zola heroine
- 4 Golfer Peter
- 5 Palatial residence
- 6 Low soprano
- 7 Project
- 8 Musical aptitude
- 9 Czar Peter
- 10 Heavy surf
- 11 On the briny
- 12 Linen source
- 13 Political conservative

- 21 Admission permit
- 23 Bib. edition
- 25 Wizard of Menlo Park
- 26 Early Mexican inhabitant
- 27 French soldier
- 28 Aloe fibers
- 29 Rain of terror
- 31 Metrical feet
- 32 Detroit disaster
- 33 Brash
- 36 Malay gibbon
- 39 Novelist Peter
- 42 Idea
- 44 Legal claim
- 45 Actor/producer Peter
- 47 Company title letters
- 49 Possessors
- 52 Equestrian stick
- 53 Middle East currency
- 54 Atop
- 55 Large containers
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- 59 Condiment
- 62 Verse form



Kevin and Lisa Jordan

Klaas, Jordan wed

Lisa Noel Klaas, daughter of Walter and Diane Klaas of Latham, married Kevin Christopher Jordan, son of Joseph and Ann Marie Jordan of Bluffton, SC, on October 10, 2009.

The Rev. Peter Tkocz presided over the ceremony at St. Michael's Church in Cohoes.

The matron of honor was Anna Kate Connolly and the maid of honor was Shih-Chen Chen. Bridesmaids were Maribeth Bernarde, Lindsay Bogdanowicz, Lindsay Berard, Lindsay Vitella, and Lindsey Jordan, sister of the groom. Flower girls were Hayley and Sara Skillens, cousins of the groom.

The best man was Joe Jordan, brother of the groom. Groomsmen were Jon Bisailon, Frank Longo, Logan Helleseth, Kevin Rucinski, Aaron Kopp, and Matt Klaas, brother of the bride. Ring bearer was Matteo Carabetta, cousin of the groom.

A reception followed at Birch Hill in Schodack.

The bride is a graduate of Shaker High School and Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. She is a chemical engineer at Gulfstream Aerospace. The groom is a graduate of Niskayuna High School and Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. He is an industrial engineer at Gulfstream Aerospace.



Erika Ozkan and Matthew J. Cardamone

Ozkan, Cardamone to exchange vows

Wedding plans are in progress for Erika Ozkan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Melayim Ozkan of Middlebury, CT, and Matthew J. Cardamone, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph E. Cardamone of Slingerlands.

The future bride is a 2004 graduate of Syracuse University and earned her master's degree from Columbia University. She is employed by Montefiore Medical Center in the

Bronx as a speech-language pathologist.

The future groom is a 2000 graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and a 2004 graduate of Syracuse University. He earned his master's degree from Columbia University and is employed by Pricewaterhouse Coopers in NYC as an Engineering and Construction Advisor.

The couple plans a March 26, 2011 wedding.

Patricia F. Therrien

SELKIRK—Patricia Frances (Bernholz) Therrien, 79, passed away Sunday, September 5, 2010 after an extended illness. Born in Pleasant Valley,



NY, she was the daughter of the late Joseph L. and Mary B. (Roche) Bernholz.

She was one of 12 children and grew up on a farm in Guilford, NY, where she graduated and was a cheerleader. Patricia then attended secretarial college, graduated and worked as a stenographer for a jewelry company in Philadelphia, PA. She then met her husband, Emile, who was in the Army. They married November 3, 1951. After his discharge from the Army they settled down in the mid '50s at their present address in Selkirk.

She enjoyed working in her vegetable, flower and herb gardens and she dried and canned most

of what she harvested. Patricia also enjoyed cooking and baking for her family. She was a very loving and caring wife and mother.

She was the devoted and loving wife of 59 years of Emile J. Therrien, Jr.; mother of Kathy (late Steven) Chute of Clinton, Joseph (Elizabeth) Therrien of Feura Bush, Karen (Richard, Sr.) Weisheit of Selkirk, Dan Therrien of Coeymans Hollow, Chris Therrien of Selkirk and Jim (Kathy) Therrien of Watervliet. Patricia is also survived by 10 grandchildren, 5 great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held privately at the convenience of the family.

Those who wish may make memorial contributions in memory of Patricia to the American Heart Association, 440 New Karner Rd., Albany, NY 12205-3890.

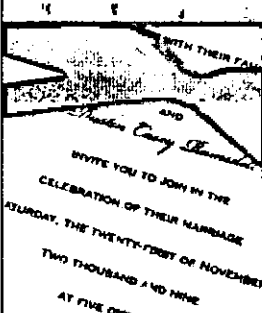
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Miriam W. Oliver

GLENMONT—Miriam (Mim) W. Oliver, 86, entered into eternal rest at home, Sunday, Sept. 12, 2010.

Born Sept. 29, 1923, New Haven, CT, to William Percy and Hazel Adams Waylett.

Mim lived in Connecticut until age 20, then moved to the Albany area. Mim was a funding

member of the Glenmont Community Church, having served as Deacon, Sunday School Teacher, and Elder. Her special interests included gardening, flower arranging, music, dance, and she proudly served as a Girl Scout Leader. She had many special memories of drives in the country with Merle, her husband of 63 years. Mim was happiest in service to her God and family. She was a wonderful homemaker and mother to three children, Nancy (Richard) Mendick of

Selkirk, Gary (Margaret) Oliver of Delmar, and Bruce (Suzanne) Oliver of Bluffton, SC. She was proud of her 7 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

She is survived by her faithful and loving husband, Merle, her sister Zelda (Robert) Colvin of Albany, her brothers Wayne (Betty) Waylett of NC, and Robert Waylett of FL. She is predeceased by her sisters Anna Shackford (MA), Marie Scanlon (CT), and Helen Smith, FL.

Calling hours were held at the Applebee Funeral Home, 403 Kenwood Ave., Delmar. A Memorial Service was held at the Glenmont Community Church.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Glenmont Community Church, 1 Chapel Lane, Glenmont, NY 12077.

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IN BRIEF

Church hosts visiting priest

The Church of St. Thomas the Apostle in Delmar will be hosting the Rev. Fernando de J. Castro Andrade from its sister parish in Yucatan, Mexico.

Castro will arrive on Wednesday, Sept. 15. He'll be attending the Ceremony of the Diocesan Closing of The Year of the Priest in Albany, and will be celebrating Mass in St. Thomas in Delmar and in St. Mary's in Crescent while touring the area.

All parishioners are

invited to stop by and meet Castro after Masses from Sep. 17 to 27.

Five Rivers plans bird walks

Five Rivers will hold a series of early morning bird walks on Thursdays, Sept. 16, 23 and 30.

Center naturalists will help identify bird feeder visitors beginning at 7 a.m. over coffee and bagels indoors, then lead participants outdoors along center trails at 7:30 a.m.

The programs are open to the public free of

Statue

(From Page 1)

center of Altamont. Police expect three or more culprits because there were no tracks in the mud leading up to the statue or evidence of it being dragged away, meaning it was likely picked up and carried several feet to a van or truck.

Police Chief Anthony Salerno called it a "puzzling" case, but at this point he's most interested in seeing the item returned to the owners.

"It's sentimental to the Pollards — the people who own the Home Front — and

all the veterans who go in there," he said. "We're willing to work with the individuals so it's returned. That's our primary objective right now."

He speculated pranksters may be behind the theft.

Locals know the Home Front Cafe as not only a local eatery but a haven for 1940s memorabilia, including World War II artifacts. Newspaper clippings, uniforms, propaganda posters and medals line the walls of the establishment, which Cindy Pollard and her husband, John, have been running for 13 years.

They also placed larger items outside, including a rare tank, a half-track vehicle and the soldier statue.

Cindy Pollard recalled

there being some controversy when the soldier was installed five or six years ago — some didn't take to his fierce expression and bayonet. She doubts the theft originated in the community, though.

"I have a feeling that it went with people that went with the carnival," she said.

The incident occurred in the closing days of the Altamont Fair, which draws tens of thousands of visitors over the course of the week. Altamont police said members of the fair had been interviewed as part of the investigation.

Though patrols are normally stepped up during the fair, late at night the patrol schedule for the village varies. Police

hope someone who was out and about that night may have seen the statue being removed and could provide information.

Pollard said even with all the rare items in and around the restaurant, theft and vandalism are hardly a concern. She could recall only one other instance of theft, when a purple heart was swiped from a display case. Such problems won't stop her from displaying items that have been collected or donated, she said.

"I can't destroy what I've tried to create just because somebody wants to take it," she said. "We're just lucky they couldn't move the tank."

Anyone with information is asked to contact Altamont police at 861-5480.

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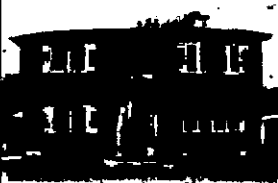
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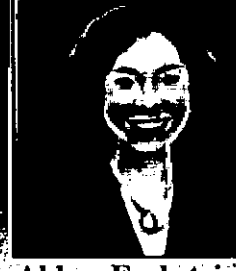
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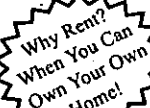
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Church to host auction and fair

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For more information, call 756-2091 or 756-2629.

Church to host harvest dinner

The First United Methodist Church of Voorheesville, 68 Maple Ave. will present a Harvest Dinner on Friday, Sept. 24, with seatings at 5 pm and 6:30 pm in the church's social hall.

This dinner is to showcase all the vendors that have made the Voorheesville Farmer's Market successful again this year. The market is Friday afternoons 2:30pm - 6 pm with the last market Oct. 1.

Noah Sheetz, executive chef at the Governor's Mansion, has been a frequent guest at the market and will share his culinary skill as the chef of the dinner. The market's vendors will provide the food used to cook the three-course dinner. The menu is mixed green salad with herbs & goat cheese, braised pork with mashed potatoes, roasted carrots and red cabbage and apple crisp. There will be a vegetarian option also. Tickets are \$8 for children 12 and under and \$14 for adults. Tickets are for sale at the market, and the church office, from Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to noon. For further information contact the office at 765-2895 or Dianne Luci 765-4536.

In addition, a silent auction will be held that day from 2:30 to 7 p.m. featuring gift baskets and merchandise from the other vendors.

Delmar Place to host Living Healthy Workshop

Delmar Place Assisted Living residence at 467 Delaware Ave, Delmar will be the host site of a 6-week course entitled "Healthy Choices NY, Living Healthy Workshop". The course is open to adults with chronic conditions and/or their caregivers. Each workshop within the

six-week series focuses on strategies to improve self management of chronic conditions like arthritis, heart disease, osteoporosis and diabetes. The course is free, open to the public and takes place for 6 Wednesdays from 1-3:30 pm starting September 22. To register, please call the Welcome Desk at Delmar Place 434-4663 by Wednesday Sept. 15.

Research your Hilltown ancestors

Every Hilltown family has a story. We invite you to participate in a workshop 'Researching Your Hilltown Ancestors' on Saturday, September 25, 9:00-11:00 a.m. at the Octagon Barn in Knox. The Helderberg Hilltowns Association is sponsoring this event to help community members connect with their family roots.

Local specialists will demonstrate researching family histories with tips for collecting and organizing information. They will also provide information about local sources including historical societies, museums, libraries, and websites. These resources will be detailed in an extensive handout.

The workshop is free and open to the public. Seating is limited, so please register by contacting John Elberfeld at (518) 872-2082 or jelberfeld@aol.com/ Join us before the workshop for a light breakfast featuring local ingredients. The Octagon Barn is located at 588 Middle Road (County Route 262) in Knox, just west of the intersection of Middle and Beebe Roads.

The Helderberg Hilltowns Association is a consortium of community members working together to preserve and promote agriculture, recreation, culture, and history in Berne, Knox, Rensselaerville, and Westerlo. For more information, contact Zenie Gladioux, cell 894-8589, zenie@wildblue.net

Albany County GOP slates Lincoln Reagan dinner

Albany County GOP

Apple and Wine Festival a toast to fall

Welcome fall with fine wine, fabulous food, family fun and specialty crafts ... at the Capital Region Apple and Wine Festival, a local harvest celebration at the Altamont Fairgrounds, Saturday, September 18 and Sunday, September 19.

This year's event, formerly known as the Capital District Apple Festival and Craft Fair, has been expanded with more offerings and activities than ever before. Browse through a juried craft show featuring the artistry of more than 100 unique crafter's from throughout the Northeast. Taste New York's finest wineries and taste New York's finest foods as you enjoy wine tasting's and lectures, cooking demonstrations by the area's top chefs and culinary experts, and a marketplace overflowing with Pride of NY specialty foods and baked goods.

Kids will enjoy non-stop entertainment including a kids circus, haunted house, face and pumpkin painting, clowns, a stilt walker, juggler, pony rides, a rock climbing wall, and the special Kidz On The Go fitness adventure.

The Saratoga Auto Museum will delight motorcycle and car enthusiasts with a motorcycle show on Saturday, followed by a first-rate car show on Sunday. Festival goers will be serenaded throughout the weekend by the popular Doc Scanlon Jazz Trio and a variety of strolling musicians.

The Capital Region Apple and Wine Festival will be held at the Altamont Fairgrounds, Route 146, Altamont from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. There are more than 50 acres of free parking. Admission is \$8 for adults and free for children 15 and under when accompanied by an adult. \$7 advance sale tickets are available at all Price Chopper registers until September 17th. Bring a non perishable food item or make a monetary donation to the Regional Food Bank of Northeastern New York booth and receive \$1.00 off a purchase of \$10 or more at Altamont Orchards Farm Market or Altamont Orchards PYO Orchard.

For additional information, contact Joe Abbruzzese at 861-6515 or visit www.appleandwinefestival.com.

Continues "The Year of The Woman" at their Annual Lincoln Reagan Dinner.

Chairman John Graziano, Sr. is pleased to announce Jan Larimer, National Republican Committee Co-Chair will be the Keynote Speaker at the 112th Annual Lincoln Reagan Dinner on September 28 at The Century House, Latham. In addition, Jill Cassidy Leonard will be presented the Volunteer of the Year Award and Christopher Scaringe will be presented the Chairman's Leadership Recognition Award.

"We started 2010 with a breakfast to recognize women leaders in the Republican party. DA Kate Hogan, County Executive Kathy Jimino and Assemblywoman Jane Corwin spoke to a crowded room about the their experiences," said Graziano. "The 112th Dinner follows that theme and offers us an opportunity to thank the many individuals who contribute their time and efforts to the Albany GOP."

Tickets are available for the 112th Annual Lincoln Reagan Dinner on September 28, 2010 by calling 518-466-2345 or emailing melody@melodyburns.com. For more information please visit the Albany County GOP website, www.albanygop.org.

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Altamont student graduates from Excelsior

Kelly Quay, a resident of Altamont, has earned a Master of Arts, Liberal Studies from Excelsior College.

Excelsior College (www.excelsior.edu) is an accredited, private, nonprofit institution that focuses on the needs of working adults. Its primary mission is to increase access to a college degree for adult learners by removing obstacles to their educational goals. Excelsior's unique strength is its acknowledged leadership in the assessment of student knowledge. It does so by providing working adults multiple avenues to degree completion that include its own online courses and college-level proficiency examinations, and the acceptance of credit in transfer from other colleges and universities.

Softball league hosts tryouts

Pine Bush Girls Softball League will be holding tryouts for our 12U, 14U and 16U Travel Teams on Sept. 19 at the following

times: 14U and 16U from 1 p.m. until 2:30 p.m. and 12U from 2:45 to 4 p.m. at Keenholts Park in Guiderland. You must have a minimum of one year season of PBGSL Rec. experience to tryout. For more information and to register for the recreational program, visit www.pbgsl.com.

Church to host chicken and biscuit dinner

On Saturday, Sept. 25, the Onesquethaw Reformed Church at 11 Groesbeck Road, Feura Bus, will host an all-you-can-eat dinner from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Menu: Creamed Chicken on fresh homemade biscuits, mashed potatoes, steamed vegetables, cottage cheese salad, rolls and butter, apple and pumpkin pies, and assorted beverages.

Donations benefit scholarship fund for Pairs 'n Spares January Retreat and Sunday School Camp Fowler Scholarship Fund.

G'land girls basketball club hosts tryouts

Guiderland Basketball Club for Girls announces their team placement tryouts for the 2010-11

teams. GBC Girls is a travel club whose teams participate in the Capital District Girls Basketball League as well as the Troy CYO league. GBC Girls makes every attempt to place all girls who attend tryouts on a team.

Girls interested in playing are expected to attend tryouts on both dates.

Registrations can be found on the GBC Girls website, www.eteamz.com/gbcgirls.

Tryout dates are:

• Saturday, Sept. 18-9 am to 11 am...3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th; 1130 to 130...7th and 8th graders

• Sunday, Sept. 26-12pm to 130 pm...3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th; 2pm to 330 pm...7th and 8th

Call Mary Schmitz at 355-6274 for more information.

Historical society to host presentation

"A Visit from Ginger Roberts" will be presented by John Peters and the Duanesburg Historical Society.

Roberts visited Quaker Street in 1943. Program and monthly meeting will be held on Monday, Sept. 20, at 7 p.m. at the Bishop Scully Hall, 1735 Alexander Road in Delanson. Community members welcome. Refreshments will follow.

For more information, visit www.duanesburghistorical.com or call Norman Collins at 895-2328.

H.I.L.L. offers fall classes

H.I.L.L. (The Bethlehem Humanities Institute for Lifelong Learning) will begin its 17th Fall semester of university level courses, taught by local college faculty, for residents of Bethlehem and the greater Capital District on Sept. 20. H.I.L.L. was founded in 1993 by Helen and Fred Adler, and is an adjunct organization of the Bethlehem Central School District run by a committee of community volunteers. Five courses of six sessions each are being offered for the Fall semester.

The course descriptions and registration form are available at <http://bcsl.k12.ny.us/HILL>.

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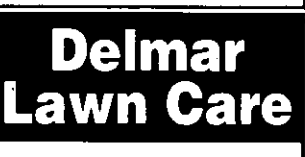
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Notice of formation of a Limited Liability Company, (LLC): Name: JGG Ventures, LLC, Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 7/16/2010. Office location: Albany County, SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to: C/O JGG Ventures, LLC, 15 McNutt Avenue, Albany, NY 12205. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose. 64188 (D) (September 15, 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 15, 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 15, 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 Zimmet, 437 Madison Ave., 40th Fl., NY, NY 10022. Purpose: any lawful activity. 64196 (D) (September 15, 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 15, 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. 64198 (D)

LEGAL NOTICE

(September 15, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF CONVERSION TO A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC) NORSA REAL ESTATE PARTNERSHIP, a NY partnership was converted to NORSA 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 15, 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 15, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

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 15, 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 15, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

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 15, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

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 07/26/10. Office location:

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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 15, 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., III 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 15, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

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 15, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

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 15, 2010)

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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 15, 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 15, 2010)

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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 15, 2010)

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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 15, 2010)

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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 15, 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 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 15, 2010)

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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 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 15, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

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 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 15, 2010)

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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 15, 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 15, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

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 15, 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 15, 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

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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 15, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

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 15, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

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 against may be served. The LLC served upon him: Brian A. Barrick, 195 Stock Street, Suite 118, Hanover, PA 17331. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. 65641 (D) (September 15, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

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 15, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

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 15, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

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 15, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

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 15, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

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 15, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

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 St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 65653 (D) (September 15, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

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 15, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

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 15, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Luby's Fuddruggers 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

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nts, entertainment, and
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5660 (D)
(September 15, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of
Nationstar Home Equity
Loan 2009-A REO LLC.
Authority filed with Secy.
of State of NY (SSNY) on
12/27/10. Office location: Al-
bany 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.,
218 Central Ave., Ste.
100, Albany, NY 12205. DE
address of LLC: c/o Corpora-
tion Service Company,
711 Centerville Rd., Ste.
100, 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.
5661 (D)
(September 15, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION
OF LLC
TOTAL QUALITY LAND-
SCAPING, LLC, filed Ar-
ticles of Organization with
the New York Secretary of
State on June 23, 2010.
The principal business loca-
tion is 35 Hillcrest Avenue,
Schenectady, New York.
The Secretary of State has
been designated as agent
upon whom process may be
served and shall mail a copy
of any process served to the
LLC, in care of Paul LaFond,
5 Hillcrest Avenue, Sche-
nectady, New York 12304.
This business is to engage in
any lawful activity for which
limited liability companies
may be organized under the
New York Limited Liability
Company Law.
5662 (D)
(September 15, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

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 Washing-
ton Ave., Ste. 805A, Albany,
NY 12210-2822. Purpose:
any lawful activities.
5663 (D)
(September 15, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of EAST
10TH STREET FUNDING
LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed
with SSNY on 7/30/10. Of-
fice location: Albany Coun-
ty. SSNY designated as

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agent of LLC whom process
against may be served.
SSNY shall mail process
to: c/o The LLC, 46 State
St., Albany, NY 12207. The
registered agent is: USA
Corporate Services Inc. at
the same address. Purpose:
all lawful activities.
65664 (D)
(September 15, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of ATE-
LIER SFW LLC. Arts. of
Org. was filed with SSNY
on 8/2/10. Office location:
Albany County. SSNY desig-
nated 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 15, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

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 15, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Limit-
ed 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 15, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of
Swift Transportation Ser-
vices, 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 15, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of
M.S. Carriers, LLC. Author-
ity filed with Secy. of State of
NY (SSNY) on 7/30/10. Of-
fice 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 15, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of
Estrella Distributing, LLC.
Authority filed with Secy.
of State of NY (SSNY) on
7/28/10. Office location: Al-
bany 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 15, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION
OF LIMITED LIABILITY
COMPANY
NAME: Dilorio Booth LLC
Articles of Organization
were filed with the Secretary
of State of New York (SSNY)
on August 2, 2010. Office
location: The Street Ad-
dress 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

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any lawful purpose.
65674 (D)
(September 15, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

AKNO TECH LLC Arts. of
Org. filed with SSNY on
7/22/2010 Off. Loc.: Albany
Cntry. SSNY designated as
agent of LLC whom pro-
cess may be served. SSNY
shall mail process to: c/o
The LLC, 911 Central Ave.,
#101, Albany, NY 12206.
The reg. agent is: Accumera
LLC at same address. Pur-
pose: all lawful activities.
65677 (D)
(September 15, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation
1739 WILLIAMSBRIDGE
RD LLC Arts. of Org. filed
with SSNY 7/22/2010. Off.
Loc.: Albany Cntry. 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 15, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF QUALIFICA-
TION 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, Al-
bany, 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 15, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of
Summit Machine Tool Man-
ufacturing L.L.C. Authority
filed with Secy. of State of
NY (SSNY) on 7/8/2010. Of-
fice 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, Al-
bany, 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 15, 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 Dawn Homes
Management, LLC, 20 Cor-
porate Woods Blvd., 5th
Floor, Albany, NY 12211.
65682 (D)
(September 15, 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 15, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of LEV-
EL HEADED PROTOOLS
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.
65684 (D)
(September 15, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Big Boy's BBQ & Cater-
ing, LLC
Notice of Formation of the
above Limited Liability Com-
pany ("LLC"). Articles of
Organization (DOM LLC)
filed with the Secretary of
State of New York ("SSNY")
on July 6, 2010. Office
location, County of Sche-
nectady. SSNY has been
designated as agent of the
LLC upon whom process
against it may be served.
SSNY shall mail a copy of
any such process served to:
Big Boy's BBQ & Catering,
LLC, 1405 Balltown Road,

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Niskayuna, NY 12309. Pur-
pose: Any lawful act.
65685 (D)
(September 15, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of My
Decisions LLC. Arts. of Org.
filed with Secy. of State
of NY (SSNY) on 8/3/10.
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 Insurgent Media, 45
Main St., Ste. 1030, Brook-
lyn, NY 11201. Purpose:
any lawful activities.
65687 (D)
(September 15, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Triad
Studios, LLC. Articles of
Organization filed with Secy.
of State of NY (SSNY) on
08/09/2010. Office loca-
tion: Albany County. SSNY
designated as agent of
LLC upon whom process
against it may be served.
SSNY shall mail process to:
the LLC, 2677 Grand Ave-
nue, Bellmore, NY 11710.
Purpose: any lawful act or
activity.
65688 (D)
(September 15, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of O.W.
REALTY CO 513, LLC. Arts.
of Org. was filed with SSNY
on 8/3/10. Office location:
Albany County. SSNY desig-
nated 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.
65689 (D)
(September 15, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of
Osiris Holdings, LLC. Au-
thority filed with Secy.
of State of NY (SSNY) on
7/9/10. Office location: Al-
bany County. LLC formed
in Maryland (MD) on
02/11/09. SSNY designat-
ed as agent of LLC upon
whom
process against it may be
served. SSNY shall mail
process to: Robert
Probasco, PO Box 4597,
Timonium, MD 21094, also
the address to be main-
tained
in CA. Address of the prin-
cipal office: 2400 York Rd.,
Suite 200, Timonium,
MD 21094. Arts. of Org. filed
with MD Secy. Of State, 16
Francis St.,
Annapolis, MD 21401. Pur-
pose: any lawful activities.
65690 (D)
(September 15, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Name: ALTAMONT PROP-
ERTIES I LLC. Articles of
Organization filed with NY
Secretary of State, August
9, 2010. Purpose: to en-
gage 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.
65692 (D)
(September 15, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of
Workrite Ergonomics, LLC.
Authority filed with Secy.
of State of NY (SSNY)
on 8/5/10. Office loca-
tion: Albany County. LLC
formed in Delaware (DE) on
12/16/1998. SSNY desig-
nated 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.
Address of the principal
office: 1450 Technology
Lane, Petaluma, CA 94954.
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. Pur-
pose: any lawful activities.
65693 (D)
(September 15, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

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LEHEM,
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ware Ave., Delmar, NY, on
the application of ESCO
Tower Inc., AT & T Mobility-
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Partnership, d/b/a Ver-
izon Wireless, 75 Van
Dyke Road, Delmar,
NY 12054,
concerning a Special Use
Permit / Site Plan applica-
tion for a 120 foot high
telecommunication facility
(cell tower) project that is
shown on a map
entitled "Overall Site Plan,
Delmar-Van Dyke Road",
dated May 5, 2009,
revised July 15, 2010, sub-
mitted by the Carpenter
Consulting Group, 168
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ester, NY 14604. Indi-
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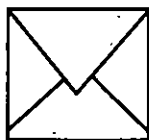


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Scrappy

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Defending Class AA champion Bethlehem looks strong, but it's hard to tell how strong because the Lady Eagles' first two games were against Averill Park and Mohonasen (not exactly strong programs).

Shen has a good team, but the Plainswomen need to protect a lead better than they did last Tuesday against Shaker (a 2-0 lead in the second half turned into 3-2 overtime win because of two Shaker goals by Justine Tiger).

When the dust settles, I expect Bethlehem and Shen to win their respective division titles. It probably won't be close, either, though for what it's worth the North Division will be more competitive than the South Division. Shaker, Niskayuna, Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake, Ballston Spa and Saratoga are all quality teams.

Finally, pay no attention to BH-BL's regular season record. It won't matter because the Lady Spartans still have more talent than the rest of the Class A field, so when the playoffs begin, they'll be the favorites.

• By the time this column appears

in print, we'll know if the Tri-City ValleyCats won or lost the New York-Penn League title to the Brooklyn Cyclones. One thing I do know is that it's nice to see some part of the New York Mets organization making headlines for all the right reasons (winning). Goodness knows the Cyclones' major league affiliate can't get its act straight.

• Hockey season begins in less than one month. Believe it or not, that statement will probably sound more exciting in 2011 when the NFL and the NBA are both in lockouts because their current collective bargaining agreements have expired.

Of course, there is still the baseball season to contend with, and seeing as how the New York Yankees are unlikely to fall back in 2011, hockey will still be playing second fiddle around here next year.

• It's too late to make NFL preseason predictions now that the season is underway, so here are some early-season predictions:

The New York Jets won't live up to the hype and will finish behind the New England Patriots in the AFC East standings. There are too many combustible players on the Jets' roster, and the Patriots have a 200-pound chip on their shoulders

because everyone is writing them off. And we all know how well the Patriots' play when they have a big chip on their shoulders.

The New York Giants will finish third in the NFC East standings and cost Tom Coughlin his coaching job. Somebody on that defensive line is going to get injured since somebody on that defensive line always seems to get injured (see Osi Umenyiora and Mathias Kiwanuka). Once the line gets banged up, the Giants defense will become pedestrian again.

The Buffalo Bills will play well enough to give Bills' fans hope, but they will also play bad enough to dash those hopes. That's the Buffalo way.

The St. Louis Rams and the Cleveland Browns will compete for the top overall pick in next April's NFL Draft. And it won't be a pretty competition, either.

Finally, the Green Bay Packers will beat the Indianapolis Colts in the Super Bowl. And Brett Favre will be watching the game at home thinking to himself, "I could have played better than Aaron Rodgers." And he'd be wrong.

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Dutch

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lead to 28 points.

LaSalle scored twice in the fourth quarter to avoid the shutout, but the Cadets could not avoid their second consecutive loss.

The game won't have a direct impact on Guilderland's or LaSalle's playoff hopes, as it was a cross-divisional game. But Penna said the victory was a good way for his team to put its opening week loss to Saratoga behind it.

"We're still 0-1 in the [Empire] division, and with five games left, we basically have to win three of the five games in order to make the playoffs," said Penna.

Guilderland has a chance to get one of those three wins it needs Thursday when it hosts Christian Brothers Academy in an Empire Division game. The Brothers (0-2) are coming off an 18-13 loss to Bethlehem Saturday.

"CBA is a good team," said Penna. "They're well coached, and they have a number of threats."

The Eagles (1-1) needed some fourth quarter heroics by Mike Strohecker to earn their first victory of the season. Strohecker scored on runs of four and 21 yards to give Bethlehem the lead, and he

added a late interception to seal the victory.

Mike McLeer returned a kickoff 75 yards for a touchdown in the second quarter for Bethlehem, which travels to Shaker (2-0) Thursday for a cross-divisional game.

In other football action last weekend, Rayena-Coeymans-Selkirk improved its record to 2-0 with a 44-12 Class B cross-divisional victory at Johnstown last Friday.

Cameron Greco scored two of the Indians' four touchdowns in the first quarter to put away the Sir Bills early. Greco also had an 80-yard kickoff return for a touchdown in the fourth quarter.

The Indians host Cairo-Durham Friday night.

Fonda-Fultonville handed Voorheesville (1-1) a 33-14 loss in Saturday's Class C South Division game. The Braves (2-0) built a 27-6 lead with a pair of third-quarter touchdown drives to pull away for the win.

Max Schuster recovered a Fonda fumble in the end zone, and Ryan Duncan threw a 10-yard touchdown pass to James Currier for Voorheesville's points.

The Blackbirds host Cossackie-Athens Saturday.

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Lady Eagles demolish Mighty Warriors

The Bethlehem girls soccer team improved its record to 2-0 with a 5-0 victory over Mohonasen in Saturday's Suburban Council South Division game in Rotterdam.

Kristina Maksuti and Tara Teal each recorded

two goals and an assist to lead the Lady Eagles to their second consecutive shutout. Bethlehem began the season last Tuesday with a 5-0 win against Averill Park.

Marjana Maksuti contributed a pair of assists in

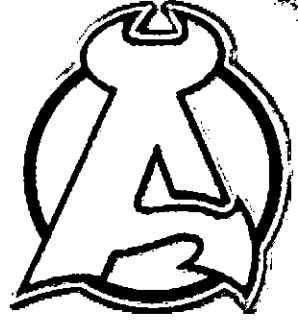
the victory over Mohonasen.

In other Suburban Council girls soccer action last weekend, Guilderland struck for two goals in the first half on its way to a 2-0 victory over Colonie Saturday.

Audra Kowalczyk and Katie Wood scored the Lady Dutch's goals, and goaltender Jen Cubello stopped four shots.


Guilderland (2-0) began its season with a 3-1 win against Mohonasen last Tuesday.

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The Bethlehem girls cross country team takes off from the starting line at Saturday's Springstead Invitational at Colonie Town Park in Latham.

Rob Jonas/Spotlight

Spartans

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Invitational in Latham.

Voorheesville placed three runners in the top 10 to win the girls team championship with 51 points. Albany Academy was second with 92 points, and Cohoes finished third with 116 points. Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk placed 10th with 215 points.

Michelyn Little led the Blackbirds with a fourth-place performance in a time of 21:08.4. Sawyer Cresap wasn't far behind Little, as she finished fifth with a time of 21:24.0. Jolie Siegel placed sixth with a time of 21:41.5.

Casey Morrison (16th place, 23:14.9) and Carla Platz (22nd, 23:43.7) rounded out Voorheesville's top five.

Alaina Kruger led R-C-S with a 25th-place finish in a time of 23:56.7.

The boys team race at the Blackbird Invitational was much closer, as third and sixth place had to be decided by tiebreakers. Mayfield won the team title with 67 points, four points ahead of runner-up Fonda.

Fultonville. Lansingburgh edged Berlin for third place when the Knights' sixth runner came in ahead of the Mountaineers' sixth man, while Voorheesville gained the tiebreaker over R-C-S by the same means for sixth place.

R-C-S's Mike Morrow was the top local runner in the Blackbird Invitational, as he placed fifth with a time of 17:59.6. Voorheesville's Joe Becker was seventh with a time of 18:18.1.

At the Springstead Invitational, Bethlehem's Chris Collier landed in the top 10 to help the Eagles take seventh place in the boys team standings. Cellier finished eighth with a time of 16:08.30.

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Guntys lead BC past Mohonasen

The Guntys led the Bethlehem boys soccer team to a 4-0 victory over Mohonasen in Saturday's Suburban Council South Division game in Delmar.

Senior Patrick Guntty and sophomore Ethan Guntty each scored two goals to account for all of Bethlehem's offense.

It was Ethan Guntty's second two-goal game of the season. He tallied twice during the Eagles' season-opening 8-1 victory over Averill Park last Tuesday.

Bethlehem (2-0) returned to action Tuesday when it hosted Colonie (1-1) in a South Division game.

The Garnet Raiders entered Tuesday's game off a 2-1 loss at Guilderland Saturday. Cliff Bondi scored the game winner for the Dutchmen (1-0-1)

with 12 seconds left in regulation.

Jordan Weeden scored on a penalty kick for Guilderland, while Kyle Chamberlain tallied for Colonie.

The Dutchmen traveled to Columbia Tuesday.

While the Suburban Council began league play last week, the Colonial Council started the league portion of its schedule Monday with a full slate of games including Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk hosting Cohoes and Lansingburgh visiting Voorheesville.

The Colonial Council has expanded to 10 teams with the addition of Fonda-Fultonville and Ichabod Crane. The league had stood at eight teams following Averill Park's departure several years ago.

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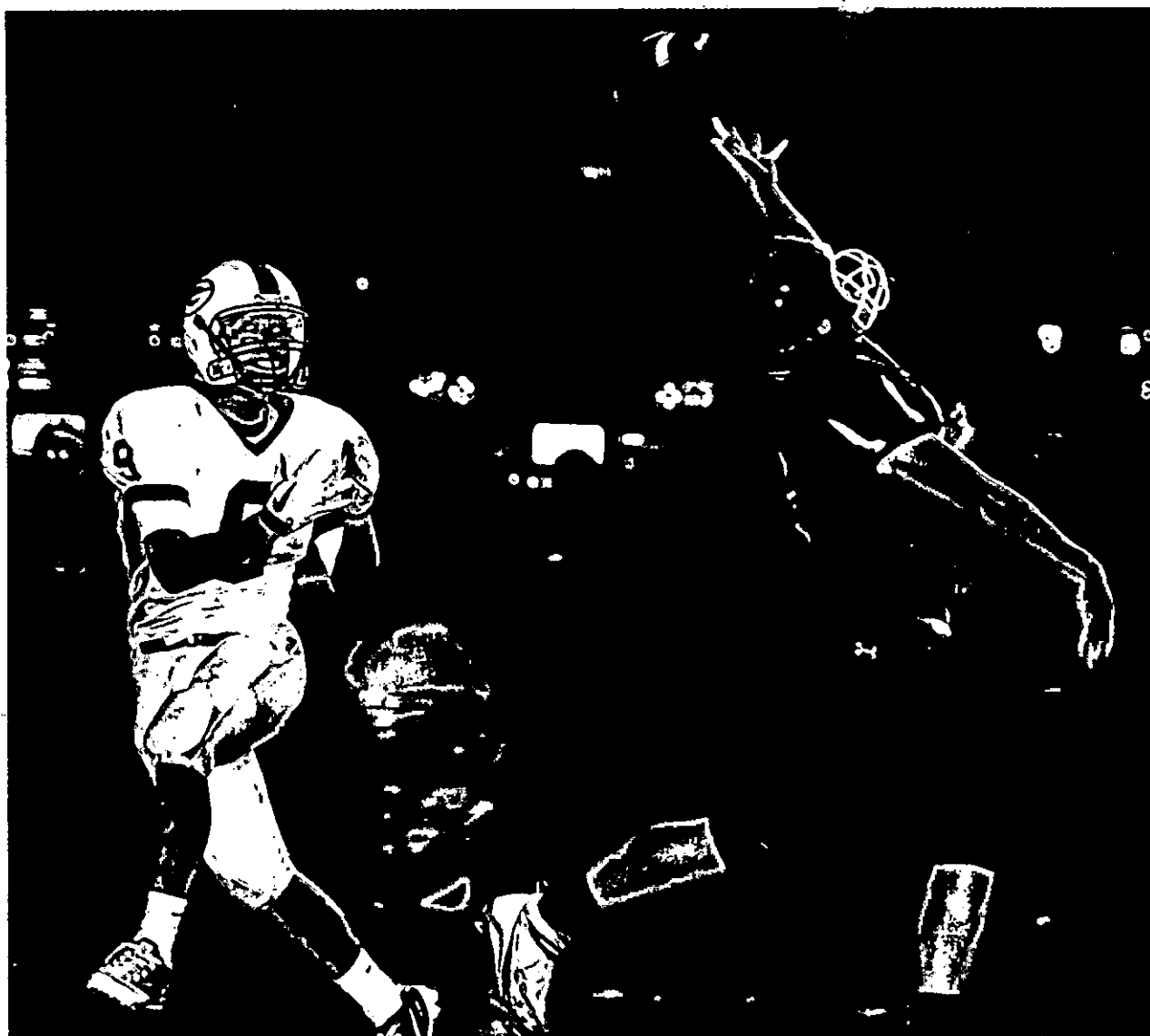
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Sports in the Spotlight



Guilderland quarterback Ryan Smith, left, throws the ball over the outstretched hand of a LaSalle defender during last Friday's Class AA cross-divisional game in Troy. Smith threw four touchdown passes in the 28-13 win.

Robert Goo/Spotlight

Dutch take to the sky

Smith throws four touchdowns against LaSalle

By ROB JONAS
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Not many football teams can overcome seven penalties on its first drive and still score a touchdown, but that's what Guilderland did against LaSalle.

The Dutchmen (1-1) were flagged for seven false starts, but they found the end zone on the first of quarterback Ryan Smith's four touchdown passes as they defeated the Cadets 28-13 last Friday at

LaSalle Institute in Troy.

Guilderland coach Dan Penna said his team might have been a little too anxious to play following the Dutchmen's opening week 28-13 loss to Saratoga Springs.

"I think part of it was that some of the guys were excited to be out there, and a little of it was coming from the [LaSalle] stands," said Penna. "But despite the penalties, they still able to score on that first drive."

The game was a rematch of last year's Section II Class AA quarterfinal game, which Guilderland won 34-33 in overtime after rallying from a 27-19 deficit in the final 15 seconds of the fourth quarter. This

time, though, the Dutchmen led throughout.

"It was a nail biter the last time, so it was nice to be up four touchdowns on them this time," said Penna.

Smith got Guilderland on the scoreboard with a 17-yard touchdown pass to Anthony Stanish. Then, Smith threw an 11-yard scoring strike to Dylan August in the second quarter to put the Dutchmen ahead 14-0.

Any comeback hopes that LaSalle (0-2) had evaporated in the third quarter. Smith connected with August on a 22-yard touchdown pass and completed a 23-yard scoring toss to Stanish to increase Guilderland's

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Spartans sweep titles

Guilderland takes second at invitational

The Guilderland boys and girls cross country teams both placed second to Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake at the annual Guilderland Invitational Saturday at Tawasentha Park.

BH-BL placed its first five finishers in the top 10 of the boys large school division race to claim the team title with 22 points. Guilderland was second with 52 points, eight points ahead of Collegiate from New York City.

BH-BL's Otis Ubriaco claimed the individual title with a time of 14:30. Guilderland's Andrew Coy was second with a time of 14:40, but BH-BL grabbed four of the next six places to pull away for the team championship.

Guilderland had its next four runners in the top 20. Nico Turek was fifth with a time of 14:45, while Sean Doyle placed 12th with a time of 15:15. Austin Miller (17th place, 15:38) and Keon Wan Park (18th, 15:39) rounded out the

Dutchmen's top five.

The girls large school division race was closer, but the result was the same. BH-BL claimed the team title with 38 points, while Guilderland finished second with 51 points.

Dani Martino led BH-BL by claiming the individual championship with a time of 16:57. Guilderland's Michelle Fish was second with a time of 17:08, and teammate Anna Pickett placed third with a time of 17:17. But the Lady Spartans got their final four runners within the top 12 to fend off the Lady Dutch.

Chrissy Herkenham was Guilderland's third runner across the finish line, as she placed 11th with a time of 17:57. Meghan Collins was 17th with a time of 18:51, and Lea Cure finished 18th with a time of 18:54.

In other cross country action last weekend, Voorheesville claimed the girls team title at its Blackbird Invitational, while the Bethlehem boys team had a top-10 individual finisher at the Springstead

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Lady Eagles start strong

The Bethlehem girls volleyball team began its Suburban Council season last week with victories over Averill Park and Mohonasen.

The Lady Eagles (2-0) swept Averill Park 25-20, 25-19 and 25-16 last

Tuesday. Jaci Oskam led Bethlehem with 13 kills, four blocks and two aces.

Bethlehem defeated Mohonasen 25-11, 25-9, 20-25 and 25-9 last Friday. Oskam had nine kills, while Lydia Loy-Santelli added 29 assists.

Scrappy Scotties will be a handful for Class AA

Which is worse — having a winning touchdown nullified by a premature celebration (see Calvin Johnson of the Detroit Lions) or by a holding call (see Alex Barron of the Dallas Cowboys)? OK, moving on...

• The Ballston Spa football team's 21-20 victory over Saratoga Springs last Friday proved that a team with a strong will can overcome adversity.

Saratoga's defense had dominated Ballston Spa for much of the game, but the Scotties came up with three big defensive plays of their own to turn the tide. An R.J. Borgolini interception set up Troy Gargiulo's 52-yard touchdown pass to Kyle Warnt to tie the game. Then, Chris Ohnsman forced Saratoga quarterback Luke Fauler to fumble the ball at the Blue Streaks' 15-yard line, which led to a short scoring drive to give Ballston Spa its first lead.

The final key play came with 2:02 left. Fauler recovered from the turnovers to orchestrate a drive that he capped with a 22-yard touchdown pass to Kyle Willmott to pull the Blue Streaks within a point. But

Jeremy Defibaugh blocked Ryan Vaughn's extra point to preserve Ballston Spa's lead.

This was a game that Ballston Spa could have lost. After all, Saratoga held a decisive size advantage on the offensive and defensive lines, which created fits for the Scotties when they tried to move the ball on the ground. But they still found a way to stall Saratoga's running attack and force Fauler into some rare turnovers that they converted into points.

Ballston Spa's resourcefulness will be put to the test again Thursday when the Scotties travel to Shenendehowa. The Plainsmen have looked absolutely dominant in their first two Empire Division games, but those were against a rebuilding Bethlehem team and an Albany squad still searching for its first win since 2007. It will be interesting to see if Ballston Spa can shut down Shen's dynamic duo of Brorson Greene and Tony Fusco like it shut down Saratoga's running game last weekend.

One thing is certain, though. Ballston Spa will play hard every second, and if Shen isn't ready for that, it could result in another win for the scrappy Scotties.

• The Schalmont football team has looked impressive in its first two games since running back Vincent Gallo's graduation. The defending Class B champions have

defeated Cohoes and Hudson by a combined score of 81-13, and they've done so with a balanced offense and small-but-quick defense.

Schalmont's final three regular season games will tell a lot more about how prepared it is to defend its Sectional championship, though. The Sabres visit Cobleskill-Richmondville Oct. 1, which is always a tough place to play. They then host a Hudson Falls team that many regarded as Schalmont's top challenger in the West Division on Oct. 9 before visiting Schuylerville in the season finale Oct. 15. Not an easy stretch by any means.

• Keep an eye on the Shaker boys soccer team. After posting a 2-1 overtime victory over Shenendehowa and a 1-0 win against an improving Niskayuna squad, the Blue Bison look like they are a legitimate contender for the Suburban Council North Division and Section II Class AA titles.

Of course, the same thing was said about Shaker last year before a spate of injuries and the H1N1 flu decimated the Blue Bison's lineup. But if they can stay healthy this year, they have the capability to beat anybody.

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