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FROM HERE: Members of the Capital District Community Gardens visited gardens at BC schools during Farm to You Fest to give gardening lessons. What teachers and students learned will help them grow even more food for the cafeteria and donation next year.

Bringing the farm to the classroom

Second Farm to You Fest
hailed as educational and
charitable success

By CHARLES WIFF
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For lots of school children, food originates in the kitchen or cafeteria—anything beyond that can be an abstract concept. But in the Bethlehem School and other districts across the state, educators are aiming to change that perception through the annual Farm to You Fest, which is in its second year at BC schools.

Farm to You Fest is a weeklong program built mainly around educational components, teaching elementary school-aged children all about where food comes from and the importance of eating fresh food. But a huge component of the week is also a Squash Hunger drive.

Last year, schools donated about 1,000 pounds of produce, and on Friday, Oct. 22, students and parents turned over more than 300 pounds of fresh food to bring the total raised to 1,034 pounds. The food was delivered to local organizations that will either cook it for meals or distribute it straight to the needy. Friday's delivery sent to the Capital City Rescue Mission.

Though schools are often involved in food collections, Squash Hunger is different in that the food is fresh.

"It's not in boxes and cans, which is what kids are used to bribing in for food drives," said Karen Shaw of the BC Healthy Kids Committee, which is deeply involved in the fest. "Not only do our students in Bethlehem have to eat fresh to be healthy, families everywhere who are in



TO HERE: A load of food donated in the Farm to You Fest (including one 40 lbs. zucchini) was dropped off at the Capital City Rescue Mission on Friday, Oct. 22.

Submitted photos

need do need more than the boxed stuff. They need fresh food."

Putting the emphasis on fresh, locally-grown ingredients and foods is what the Farm to You Fest is really all about. Though most adults know a fresh-picked head of lettuce is more flavorful and nutritious than one shipped hundreds of miles across the country, for children that difference might not be so obvious.

"The real food that's really good for you just does not get marketed, so it gets forgotten," said Shaw. "We really wanted

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Much discussed, little resolved

Leaders open dialogue at budget
meeting, will meet again before vote

By CHARLES WIFF
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A late-hour budget workshop Wednesday, Oct. 20, saw members of the Bethlehem Town Board delving into Supervisor Sam Messina's 2011 executive budget, but after more than two hours of discussion few points of contention had been resolved.

They did, however, broach many of the major and minor disagreements about the plan, and agreed to meet again on Nov. 1 to hopefully settle outstanding issues.

A public hearing on the plan is scheduled for Wednesday, Oct. 27, and a vote is slated for Nov. 10, though leaders legally have more than a week after that until they must adopt something.

Leaders tackled some fairly substantial topics at Wednesday's meeting: the tax levy, raises for employees, closing the 2010 budget gap and a plan to defer pension contribution costs were among those discussed.

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Developer plans Slingerlands apartments

Complex would be adjacent
to Slingerlands Price Chopper Plaza

By CHARLES WIFF
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The developer who built the Price Chopper Plaza in Slingerlands is looking to add a residential component to that project in the form of a "luxury" apartment complex.

The Windsor Companies of Clifton Park plan to submit an application to the Town of Bethlehem to build 50 apartment units adjacent to the offices at the northeast corner of the shopping plaza, along New Scotland Road. The working name for the complex is The Hamlet.

"We've decided to continue our development and make it a mixed used project, if you will," said Windsor President David Sussman at a recent meeting with town planners. "We're hoping...this might kick off some of the development of New Scotland Road."

Tentative plans have the complex sitting on

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Police Blotter

Cops find multiple weapons during search

Two-month investigation leads to drug, weapons charges

Bethlehem police on Thursday, Oct. 21, arrested Peter K. Stevens, 33, of 11 Old Towne Road, Selkirk, and charged him with criminal possession of marijuana in the second degree, a felony, and criminal possession of a weapon in the fourth degree, a misdemeanor.



Peter K. Stevens

Town police and the New York State Police Community Narcotics Enforcement Team executed a search warrant on the property Thursday, and allegedly found a loaded 12-gauge shotgun, a switchblade knife, multiple digital scales, marijuana paraphernalia and approximately three pounds of marijuana. The search came as the result of a two-month-long joint

investigation between CNET and Bethlehem police detectives, police said.

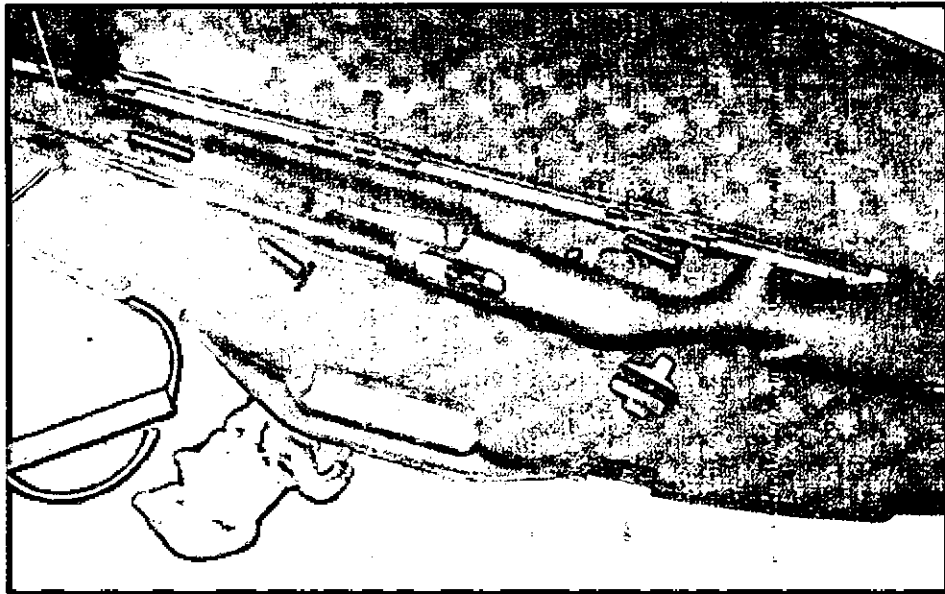
Stevens was arraigned and remanded to Albany County jail in lieu of \$20,000 cash or bail bond. He was scheduled to return for a preliminary hearing on Tuesday, Oct. 26.

Other arrests

• State police on Thursday, Oct. 21, arrested David W. Hotaling, 54, of Feura Bush, and charged him with DWI.

• State police on Saturday, Oct. 23, arrested Christopher J. Lyons, 48, of Delmar, and charged him with DWI and criminal possession of a controlled substance in the seventh degree. The arrest occurred on Route 443 in the Town of New Scotland.

• State police on Sunday, Oct. 24, arrested Kaylee P. Thyrring, 23, of Ravena, and charged her with DWI. The arrest



occurred on Route 32 in the Town of New Scotland.

• State police on Friday, Oct. 22, arrested Lawrence Brady, 54, of Gunderland Center, and charged him with grand larceny in the third degree, falsifying business records in the first degree and offering to file a false instrument in the first degree, all felonies.

• State police on Saturday, Oct. 23, arrested Anthony A. Hickson, 36, of Delmar, and charged



him with DWI, fleeing an officer in a motor vehicle, aggravated unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle, reckless driving

and unlawful possession of marijuana. The arrest occurred on Hampton Street at Second Avenue in the City of Albany.

Following a two-month joint investigation, Bethlehem police arrest a Selkirk man on drug and weapons charges.

Submitted photos

Taco Bell stabbing suspect identified

The Colonie Police Department has identified the suspect from the Taco Bell stabbing from Oct. 17 and Aaron Ray Joe, 24, after a warrant was issued for his arrest.



Aaron Ray Joe

Joe has been accused of stabbing fellow Taco Bell employee Kendall Jones, 42, of Albany in the abdomen after a physical dispute. Police said Joe is wanted for assault of the second degree and criminal possession of a weapon, both of which are felonies.

Efforts to locate Joe have been unsuccessful, police said, and the knife from the incident has yet to be located. Police said Joe should be considered arm with a knife.

Joe is described to be a light skinned black male, 5'11", 170 pounds with black hair and brown eyes, according to police. Joe is said to travel around Albany and Troy frequently by bicycle or bus.

Colonie police are requesting anyone with information about the suspect to contact the department at 783-2744.

— Andrew Beam

IN BRIEF

CAP COM raise \$40k for breast cancer research

CAPCOM Federal Credit Union and its charitable foundation donated nearly \$40,000 and organized more than 470 walkers to support the fight against breast cancer at the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer walk in Albany on Sunday, Oct. 17.

CAP COM was again a flagship sponsor of the event, which is organized by the American Cancer Society and this year drew roughly 13,000 people and raised \$950,000 for breast cancer research. The Credit Union's charitable arm, the CAP COM Cares Foundation, has

partnered with the Strides walk for the last 15 years and has helped raise a total of \$750,000 for breast cancer research.

CAP COM volunteers and staff gave out 700 keepsake stuffed zebras named "Zoe" to breast cancer survivors along the walk route. Zoe is a Greek term meaning life and the keepsake symbolized a celebration of life.

"The keepsake is our way of honoring those people who have battled breast cancer. These stuffed animals are meant to be a symbol of our support during difficult times," said Paula A. Stopera, CAP COM's President/CEO and chairperson of the Foundation Board.

Stopera added: "We've been part of this event since the mid-1990s

and we're proud of the impact we've made. This is a cause that is close to the hearts of many within our organization and the staff rallies each year to support it."

Alzheimer's Assoc. helps caregivers

The Alzheimer's Association of Northeastern New York presents its 14th annual Conference for Caregivers on Friday, November 12 from 8:00 am - 4:00 pm at the Albany Marriott on Wolf Road in Albany.

The event will feature the latest information on Alzheimer's disease and how to be an effective caregiver.

The Keynote Speaker will be Richard Mayeux, MD, MSC of Columbia University and Co Director of the Taub Institute for Research on Alzheimer's Disease and the Aging Brain. He will be speaking on "Alzheimer's... Am I at Risk?"

Other sessions will include: "Recognizing and Managing Early Dementia," "Do Diet and Exercise Really Help Maintain Your Brain," "Medicaid: Managing Money and Expectations" and more.

Tickets are \$85 for Professionals, \$75 each for 4 or more registrants from the same organization and \$40 for Family Caregivers and Students.

Call 867-4999 ext. 209 for information or reservations.

G'land Chamber has upcoming events

On Friday, Nov. 5, from 7:30-9 a.m., The Gunderland Chamber of Commerce will hold a speed networking event. Bring your business info and meet more people before 9 a.m. than you normally meet in a week. A \$5 light breakfast is included. Register at www.guiderlandchamber.com/calendar.html or call 456-6611.

On Tuesday, Nov. 9, from 5:30-7 p.m., the Chamber will hold a networking mixer at Creo Restaurant. Taste the creations of Chef Andrew Plummer and meet your next customer. The cost is \$10 for members, \$15 non-members. Register at www.guiderlandchamber.com/calendar.html or call 456-6611.

On Thursday, Nov. 18, from 8-9 a.m., the Chamber's Women's Business Group Hits the Road with a stop at Different Drummers Kitchen in Stuyvesant Plaza, 1475 Western Ave. Meet manager Michele Weiser and enjoy a casual atmosphere of browsing and networking. The event is free.



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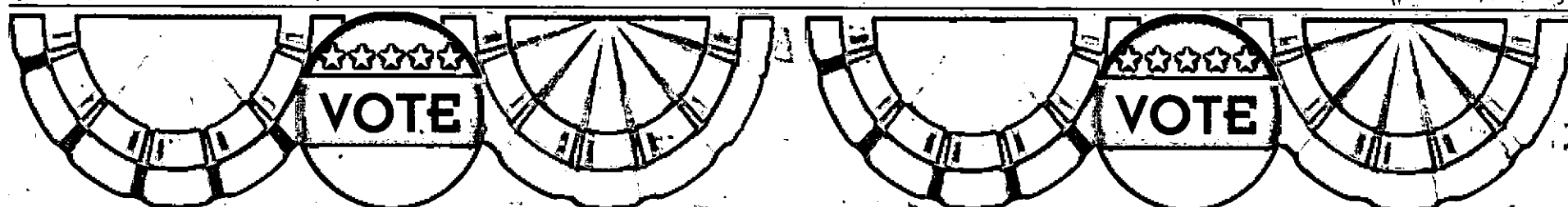
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The Spotlight's 2010 voters guide

The Spotlight recently sent questionnaires to candidates for local races to be filled out within seven days. Candidates were told that a failure to adhere to the time limit would result in a "no comment" for the guide. Also, unanswered questions are marked as "no comment." Answers that exceeded The Spotlight's word limits were terminated at the limit.

What follows, in the candidates' own words, are their responses.

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Breslin, Carey, Domenici square off for 46th Senate District



Neil D. Breslin

Age: No comment

Occupation: Attorney

Residence: Bethlehem

Political Affiliation: Democrat

Bio/Intro: Neil David Breslin, Democrat, is currently serving his seventh term as a New York State Senator. He represents the 46th District, which consists entirely of Albany County. Born as one of six children on June 9, 1942, Neil is a lifelong resident of Albany County. On academic scholarship, Neil attended Fordham College from which he graduated in 1964 with a BS degree in Political science. While in law school at the University of Toledo, he was named the editor-in-chief of the Law Review and was also selected as outstanding student in his class. Prior to his election as a public official, Neil was a community leader for many years. As a State Senator, in recognition of his dedication and commitment to the community, Senator Breslin has received awards from numerous organizations.

How would you tackle the state's deficit?

We need a mix of cuts and revenue raisers to address the State's dire fiscal crisis. Although painful, these cuts have and will be made in education and health care. I also support a new tax restructuring plan requiring that the wealthiest New Yorkers pay their fair share of taxes.

What would you do to provide property tax relief?

I support a tax cap with a circuit breaker to provide much needed property tax relief to working families.



Michael Carey

Age: 48

Occupation: Owner of Solo Auto Sales

Residence: Glenmont

Political Affiliation: Reform Party Line- Running with a Reform platform

Bio/Intro: Michael Carey has been a resident of Albany County for most of his life, residing in the Town of Bethlehem since 1967. He has been married to his wife Lisa for 20 years, and they have two children, Jonathan, who was killed in 2007 at the age of 13, and Joshua, who is currently 12 years old. For over the past 20 years Michael has owned and operated several small businesses including Solo Auto Sales, providing services for many people locally, and he has become very familiar with the difficulties of maintaining a small business in upstate New York. Michael is successful reformer and has worked tirelessly for the past 3 _ years to fight for the passage of "Jonathan's Law" and 7 other bills which have been signed into law to protect vulnerable disabled people statewide. In 2007, Michael also co-founded the Jonathan Carey Foundation to help vulnerable children.

How would you tackle the state's deficit?

I would tackle the state's deficit by doing everything possible to reduce taxes to spur growth of small businesses, and look into every area of wasteful spending and misuse of the state's current tax revenues. I would do everything possible to reduce and eliminate fraud and corruption.

What would you do to provide property tax relief?

To provide property tax relief



Robert Domenici

Age: 49

Occupation: Owner of a Service Disabled Veteran Business

Residence: Colonie

Political Affiliation: Republican, Conservative

Bio/intro: Family: Bob Domenici has been married to his wife, Virginia, for 25 years. She is a Registered Nurse at St. Peter's Hospital. He is the father of two sons: Robert A. (24), a Sergeant in the 10th Mountain Division, with one completed combat tour in Afghanistan; and Nicholas (16), a South Colonie High School Sophomore. They have a daughter, Mary (22), who is studying to be a Registered Nurse. Robert is the grandfather of Andrew Thomas O'Hare (2 _ years) and Great Uncle to Molly Serawak (6 Months).

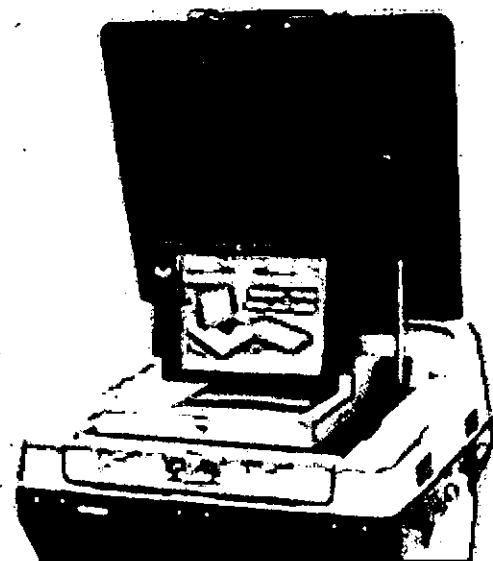
Community Involvement: South Colonie School Board, BOCES School Board

Military Experience: Retired Lieutenant Colonel, United States Army (22 years)

Education/Degrees: M.S.S. (Masters of Strategic Studies) United States Army War College (2004); M.P.A. (Masters Public Administration) Marist College (1999); Command and General Staff College, FT Leavenworth (1990); B.A. Liberal Arts, Queens College (1983); New York State HazMat Specialist, New York State Fire Academy (2002).

How would you tackle the state's deficit?

Reducing the growth of Medicaid spending; consolidating State, County and Local services; transitioning public employees to 401(k) type retirement benefits; and



Many voters throughout the Capital District will use the ES&S DS200 optical scanner, pictured above, to cast their votes. Though voters may be unfamiliar with new voting machines, there are steps to take to prepare to use the paper ballot-optical scan voting system.

How you can be proactive with the new voting system

By AIMEE ALLAUD

The writer is an elections specialist with the League of Women Voters of New York State.

Tensions are running high in this campaign season and turn-out for the mid-term election probably will be much larger than usual. Keeping in mind the complaints about the new voting system at the time of the primary, citizens can help by being proactive in preparing to use the paper ballot-optical scan voting system. For example:

- Videos and brochures: If you have access to the web, review the voting process by using the videos on the state or county Board of Elections websites (e.g., go to "Voter Education" at www.elections.state.ny.us or at the site for the NY State League of Women Voters: www.lwvny.org. The League and some counties also have provided brochures about the new system.

- Instructions at the polling place: Take time to study the large copy of the ballot as well as voting instructions posted on your way into the polling place.

Many voters in the primary elections had problems with the small print on the ballot. Citizens' groups are asking the state legislature to revise the ballot lay-out rules so that they are more user-friendly. For this election, however, you need to take steps to make sure that you can see what you are doing.

- Be sure to bring your glasses. If they are not enough, ask for the magnifying aid, OR

- Ask to use the "Ballot Marking Device" (BMD). The BMD provides various aids for those with special needs (e.g., audio presentation of the ballot through earphones, a screen allowing enlarging the text, alternative languages; and aids for those with limited dexterity or mobility). The BMD allows you to make your selections

using whatever devices you need. In counties using the Image-Cast machine, the BMD then will print your ballot with your choices.

Most voters, including those in counties using the AutoMark BMD, will be given a pre-printed ballot torn from a bound book after they sign the poll book. The stub for each ballot is numbered and is retained by the inspectors so that every ballot is accounted for. This number is not on your ballot, so the secrecy of your vote is protected.

- Insist on being given a "privacy folder" to conceal your ballot until you submit it to the scanner.

- Select a location in the polling place that gives you as much privacy as possible while marking the ballot. Relax about this; it is highly unlikely that someone would read your ballot from a distance. Ask for a chair if you want to sit down.

- You have a right to insert your own marked ballot into the scanner, but may ask the inspector to do this, keeping the ballot covered except for the top edge. The scanner will read your ballot no matter what side is up. Wait a moment to see the small screen tell you that your ballot has been counted. If you have chosen more candidates in a particular race than is allowed ("overvoted"), the screen will tell you and you have the option of asking for a new ballot so that your vote in that contest is counted.

- An optional review: If you want to double-check that the scanner is correctly reading your choices, you must tell the inspector BEFORE submitting the ballot to the scanner. The inspector will set up your review and then step back to allow you privacy.

- Do not expect a paper receipt showing how your vote was counted; good election practice forbids this so that others cannot ask you to prove

Fairy tales to nightmares – an update on bedbugs

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"Sleep tight and don't let the bedbugs bite ..." so goes the old rhyme often used at bedtime as a way to bid a child good night.

Growing up, I did not take this seriously, in fact I thought that this was all fiction until I learned that bedbugs did exist but since the use of the chemical DDT in the 1940s, they were uncommon in most parts of the civilized world.

Nocturnal creatures, bedbugs seek out a blood meal, nature having adapted them with a chemical in their saliva that numbs the bite area so victims are rarely aware of a bite until the next day when a red and often itchy area signals the attack.

The chemical DDT was first created in 1873, but it was not used as an insecticide until the 1930s when control of malaria was accomplished by its use on mosquitoes. DDT was becoming the wonder chemical in warfare against many insects including bedbugs. Its overuse and long afterlife led to a ban on DDT in the United States in the '70s, but restricted use continued until 1989. Scientists have found that

many insects are resistant to DDT, and so bringing it back is not considered as an option.

The increase in bedbugs is worldwide and in the United States it includes all 50 states with heavy concentrations in all the large cities; bedbugs have doubled nationwide since 2000.

In April of 2009, the EPA held a conference on the bedbug epidemic but new management solutions did not emerge, only recognition of the problem. Even getting a handle on the problem is difficult as there is no tracking being done by health departments because bedbugs are not known to spread disease.

New York City set up a hotline and in 2008 over nine thousand calls were made to the 311 number, an increase of 34 percent over 2007. This number is thought to be an understatement of the problem as many people called an exterminator instead of the hotline. The hotline data showed that the worst hot spots are in central Brooklyn, northern and eastern Bronx, midtown Manhattan, the Rockaways, part of eastern Queens, and the north shore of Staten Island.

Motels of all price ranges, moving vans, airplanes, bus cushions, and apartment buildings are all being plagued by the nighttime marauders.

Increase in immigration from developing countries, cheaper international air travel and the banning of powerful pesticides have exacerbated the problem.

Since travel is the most common way to encounter bedbugs, here are a few tips to help you sleep tight while away from home:

As you arrive at your lodging site, inspect the room carefully paying close attention to the seams of the mattress. Bedbugs are apple seed size, flat, reddish brown bugs so they can be seen by the naked eye. If you suspect bedbugs, ask for another room and repeat the process.

Keep luggage off the floor — use a table or rack to elevate baggage.

When you return home inspect all items and suitcases. Wash and dry clothing on the hottest setting; vacuum out luggage and leave open in the sun for several hours. Seal and discard the vacuum bag.

Many City Councils are adopting unified strategies to manage the bedbug problem and to educate the residents on how to recognize the problem and what to do. The re-sale or re-use of infected



Travel is the most common way to encounter bedbugs, but the pests can be avoided by inspecting mattress seams and taking other precautions.

mattresses is a huge part of the problem in cities and a ban on this practice is a part of the strategy. The use of pesticides on mattresses is limited to chemicals specifically labeled for such use.

Household pesticides labeled for use on bedbugs in New York contain either cyflutherin, deltamethrin, diatomaceous earth, silica gel or permethrin. Read labels carefully and use products as directed.

Most sprays are not labeled for use on mattresses. Use of a dust mite plastic cover is suggested. Severe infestation merits calling a certified pest control applicator.

Being aware and vigilant is important to remaining bedbug free.

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"HAPPY BIRTHDAY, NOW!"
10/27/10
By Matt Zalen

A note on 'Pop Culture'

The Capital District's No. 1 resource for bad parenting advice will return to *The Spotlight* after Election Day, resuming its usual schedule of the second and fourth week of every month.

Until then, you can catch a condensed, but no less humorous take on family life in the "Pop Shots" column that appears in *Capital District Parent Pages*, available on newsstands and at www.cdparentpages.com.

"Pop Culture" is also available online at www.spotlightnews.com, under "blogs."

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WEEKLY WEATHER

Chief Meteorologist Mike Bono

TIME WARNER CABLE

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Record high/low/year		
AVERAGE HIGH 54°	AVERAGE LOW 35°	
Day	High/Year	Low/Year
Wednesday, October 27	79°/1963	21°/1950
Thursday, October 28	78°/1971	18°/1974
Friday, October 29	77°/1946	19°/1969
Saturday, October 30	80°/1946	20°/1969
Sunday, October 31	73°/1946	18°/1988
Monday, November 1	78°/1950	22°/1964
Tuesday, November 2	82°/1950	19°/2002

ANNUAL PRECIPITATION
30.04 inches as of Friday, October 22nd
1.50 inches below average

This week in weather

October 28 & 29, 2006 A very intense low brought heavy rains, flooding, damaging winds and lake effect snows to the region. Winds gusted to 60 to 70 mph in western NY and snows of over a foot hit snow belt areas of the Adirondacks.

Rivers & Recreation

Tides at Albany		
Day	High	Low
Wednesday	3:13am, 3:07pm	8:20am, 8:44pm
Thursday	4:02am, 3:59pm	9:09am, 9:34pm
Friday	4:53am, 4:57pm	10:06am, 10:30pm
Saturday	5:48am, 5:59pm	11:10am, 11:33pm
Sunday	6:43am, 7:01pm	12:17pm, 12:17pm
Monday	7:38am, 8:01pm	12:37am, 1:21pm
Tuesday	8:32am, 9:00pm	1:41am, 2:22pm

Factoid

Ever wonder how much rain weighs? If one inch of rain falls on an acre of ground, it weighs approximately 226,000 pounds

Planets

Planets	When	Where
Saturn	Dawn	Low East
Mars	Dawn	Dim, Low SW
Jupiter	Evening	Bright SE

Moon Phases

Oct 30th Last Nov 6th New

River Levels

Hudson River				Mohawk River			
North Creek	Hadley	Fort Edward	Troy	Little Falls	Tribes Hills	Schenectady	Cohoes
4.4	4.6	22.4	17.5	7.1	27.9	21.4	10.8

Levels as of October 22nd 2010

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Delmar Track & Field Club coach arrested

Chad N. Davey charged with sending explicit e-mails

Bethlehem police have arrested a City of Troy teacher and Delmar Track and Field Club coach on charges he sent e-mails to a



Chad N. Davey

14-year-old girl inviting the minor to engage in sexual contact with him.

Chad N. Davey, 32, of Murray Avenue in Delmar, was

arrested today and charged with attempted disseminating indecent material to minors in the first degree, a felony; endangering the welfare of a child and attempted endangering the welfare of a child, both misdemeanors.

Police said the mother of the girl contacted a school resource officer after discovering the emails from Davey, who was coaching the girl. The FBI Innocent Images Unit assisted in the investigation.

The Delmar Track and Field Club said Davey

has been suspended pending the outcome of the case.

"Our chief concern is the safety and well being of our athletes. As an organization, we take precautions to protect our athletes and to offer a safe and healthy environment," a club representative said in a statement.

Bethlehem Central School District Superintendent Michael Tebbano said Tuesday in a letter to parents that Davey is not employed by the district or coaches any of its teams.

Davey was arraigned in Bethlehem Town Court and remanded to the Albany County Correctional Facility without bail. He is scheduled to return to Bethlehem Town Court for a preliminary hearing on Thursday, Oct. 28.

Police are asking anyone with information on Davey or other victims to call 439-9973.

— Charles Wiff

BC receives favorable bond rating

District officials say it's a positive position to be in

The Bethlehem Central School District has again received a favorable bond rating of AA after an analysis of its finances through the end of last school year. The rating is one step below the highest level.

The report from Standard & Poor's, a leading credit ratings agency, praised the district for maintaining ample savings. The district was reviewed last year by Moody's, which ranks on a different scale but also gave the district one step below its highest rating.

"We strive to have a high quality financial oversight of the district, and when you get a AA rating, that's sort of an independent verification of that," said district Chief Business and Financial Officer Judith Kehoe.

The district completed last school year with an undersigned fund balance (savings) of \$3.8 million, or about 4.4 percent of the total budget. That's more than the 4 percent state law

allows schools to hold on to, so next year the district will have to incorporate at least some of its savings into the budget.

"Given all of the uncertainties surrounding state aid ... it's viewed as a relatively positive position to be in," Kehoe said. She added that with a nearly \$90 million budget, it's unlikely the additional funds will make a huge impact on the bottom line.

Voters in May approved a 2010-11 school year budget of \$88.3 million, carrying a 3 percent increase in the tax levy. It was a 0.8 percent increase in year-to-year spending, though the Board of Education made many cuts to many aspects of programming and operations.

The wealth of the community, stable enrollment and the district's debt burden was also factored into the analysis. The district plans to pay off 80 percent of its debt in the next 10 years and does not have significant plans to add more. It has about \$87.6 million in outstanding bonds at the moment.

"Just because we can get a low interest rate doesn't mean that we're going to be looking to borrow."

— Business and Financial Officer Judith Kehoe

A municipality's bond rating has a direct effect on what kind of interest rates it will be able to get when borrowing money. With a recently completed capital improvement plan wrapped up, Kehoe said the district probably won't need to bond anything in the near future.

"Just because we can get a low interest rate doesn't mean that we're going to be looking to borrow," she said.

Superintendent Michael Tebbano said the report indicates the district is on the right fiscal path in these difficult times.

"Clearly, if you look at the considerable spending restraint of the last couple of years, we don't see that as an invitation to tax any more than absolutely necessary," Tebbano said in a statement. "When you look at all of the factors, from recent audits and financial reports to the level of support in budget votes, they point to a few conclusions. The district has been well-managed financially in a time of great uncertainty. Our community wants us to operate as efficiently as possible, but also understands the value of investing in education. We are as well-positioned as we could be to continue to navigate these difficult times."

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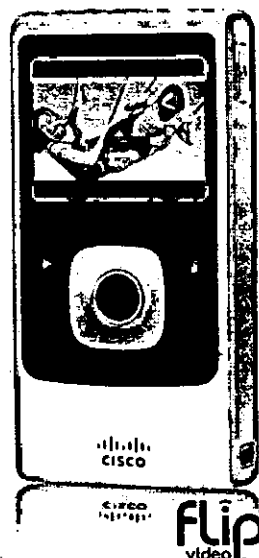
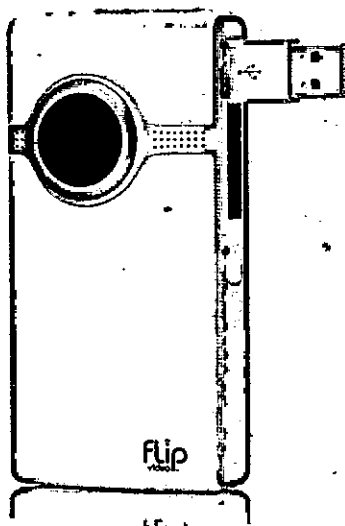
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Up to Election Day, within these pages and without, we do our best to keep you informed about the races that affect you and the candidates taking part in them.

We've hosted numerous debates throughout the Capital District, video of which is available from our friends at YNN at http://capitalregion.ynn.com/content/decision_2010/debates_on_ynn/.

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To continue our responsibility to provide you with the best information available to make an informed decision this Tuesday, you'll see rather extensive voters guides within the pages of this week's *Spotlights*. The guides are supplemental to our ongoing local political coverage, and are designed to present candidates' views and platforms in as clear and concise a way as politics lends itself to.

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

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Ready to eat your vegetables?

The fun starts on page 3.

Editorial

Worry: Thoughts that go bump in the night

By STEVE ABRAHAMSEN

The writer is a psychotherapist with 30 years experience practicing in Saratoga Springs and Ballston Lake. He has been a program director at Four Winds Hospital, St. Peters Addiction Recovery Center and Conifer Park.

When my children were little I spent much of my time searching the house for burglars. Yes, burglars. My kids quickly learned that monsters were too preposterous, but burglars were in the realm of possibility so they got more mileage out of their fears. One of my children was convinced that Joel O'Keefe, the convict who escaped more than a decade ago (and was captured), was living in our basement. No mean feat as our basement is small enough to be taken in at a glance.

Most adults can smile at this and recognize how children's minds can play tricks on them. But how often do we fall prey to a similar trap with worries and fears about job, finances, health, children and the future? How many fear-filled hours have they eaten up that could have been enjoyed and experienced?

Worry starts out with a thought that leads to fear, anxiety or depression. The emotion provides fuel for the thought. As we all have discovered, it only takes a few minutes to develop a bonfire of fear with new disturbing thoughts to keep wood on the fire.

The natural human tendency is to try to think your way out of it. Your husband and child are 30 minutes late and no one answers the cell phone. They must be in an accident. You try to tell yourself they are probably held up at the baseball game but after a few seconds, the fearful thoughts intrude. Before you know it, your panic is growing.

Thinking your way out of worry rarely works because the negative side can always present a louder and stronger case. So next you look for reassurance. You call your best friend and she

says, "You know your husband, he is probably just making small talk with the coach." You take a deep breath, hang up, and start on the dishes. A few minutes

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later your mind says, "He usually would call by now," and the panic begins again.

Reaching out for reassurance rarely yields more results than positive thinking. The negative thoughts still intrude. Some people who struggle with worry even go for therapy and their empathic therapist can sometimes serve to reinforce the negative thoughts by allowing them a bigger voice.

This is where thought dropping comes in. Rather than fight the negative thought, let it go and shift your attention away from it. The best place to shift your attention is to your five senses. The sound of a train or the wind. The color of a child's toy or a flower. The scent of dinner cooking or the temperature of the water soaking the dishes.

The worry of course will come back, but each time you realize it, you can drop it and shift your focus to the "moment" again. The worry loses power, because it can only be as strong as the attention we give it. The more often you drop it and shift your attention, the smaller the worry eventually gets.

All of this is complicated, of course, by the fact that worries always seem real. Later we can see that they were out of proportion, but at the time they always appear as scary as the burglar in my basement.

I like to call this "invisible distortion." Worries are nearly always inflated, but you can't see it when you are in it. I encourage people to try to remember this when worry strikes. It appears bigger than it is.

Of course if there is something constructive you can do about a situation, it's best to do it. I

always suggest that when a quandary appears, we have three choices. If there is a clear positive action available, take it. If not, you can choose between worry (and panic and anxiety) or dropping it (and peace).

Another technique is to delay thinking about the problem for some period of time. "They are 20 minutes late getting home. I will let it go and if they are still not home 20 minutes from now, I will begin to get concerned or take some action."

This allows you to delay the worry response. This gives you more peace, provides an opportunity for resolution (your family arrives home) and gives you an opportunity to come up with more efficient strategies.

Worry and negative thinking are a big part of what blocks most people's enjoyment from time to time. For some of us, worry or negative thinking can lead to debilitating anxiety or depression. The good news is that thought dropping techniques are very accessible and effective. Remember dropping a worry for three seconds is a good start. When it comes back, drop it again. The more often you drop it and the longer the period of time, the less power the worry has. The moment of awareness is always the choice point. When you realize you are doing it, you can make the choice to drop it one more time. Eventually the worry loses power and fades.

In the middle of writing this article I had to leave to pick up my son from school. By the time he was 15 minutes late coming out of school I could hear the worry thoughts nagging at the back of my mind. Fortunately, it was a nice day and the birds, the breeze and the sunshine provided great distraction. When my adolescent finally showed up, and heard I had gotten worried, he smiled wryly in his all-knowing way.

I pulled out of the parking lot and had to smile. It was not so long ago that he thought Joel O'Keefe was sleeping in our basement, wearing our clothes and helping himself to midnight snacks.

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Nursing home residents decry possible closure

Some Albany County Nursing Home residents vow to oust County Executive Mike Breslin

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Anger, sadness and resilience were on display as residents of the Albany County Nursing Home were given their first chance to speak out amidst a proposal from County Executive Mike Breslin to sell the facility.

Now with only 250 beds available, several residents explained their discontent with Breslin as they said the nursing home is either the only place they can call home or a place where they have come to love.

"I'm here today to tell Mike Breslin that we're not going to take this lying down and let him roll over us," said Elaine Glock, a resident of the nursing home for seven years, who added that this is her second nursing home she has been in after her previous one closed down. "Where are these people going to go? Out of state? No, we want to stay here. It's a family here."

Joined by other Albany legislators, including Mary Lou Connolly, Gary W. Domalewicz and Timothy Nichols, the residents said that they would take to the voting booths to oust Breslin if he followed through with his plan to shut down the

nursing home.

Anne Hart, President of the Albany County Nursing Home Resident Council, said the members are "fed up with his antics."

"This is our home. We are from this area and we don't belong in Massachusetts or Vermont," she said. "Let me ask you, Mr. Breslin, where are you going to live when you get a little bit older or disabled?"

With widespread support from the legislature to either help keep the nursing home open or to build a new facility, they will need at least 27 legislators to vote against Breslin's \$550 million proposed 2011 budget.

Nichols said running a government operation, whether it be a court, house building roads or even a nursing home, will cost the county money and said that it is unfair to say the nursing home is bringing in a deficit.

"The fact is, we do need to find ways to run the nursing home more efficiently and less expensively," he said. "We're always going to need long term care institutions like nursing homes, not everybody can stay in an assisted living facility. We need to provide all levels of care."

One of the ways Nichols said they could become more efficient would be to build a new facility at the site on Heritage Park, which is just down the road from the current facility.

"I beginning to wonder what's going to happen. Listening to news and Mike Breslin talking about closing the place, it gets on my nerves."

Albany County Nursing Home resident Bernice Foulks

It would reduce their Medicaid costs and also they would need to get a smaller staff along with reducing the number of beds to 200 to 150, according to Nichols. He added they must make sure no one is displaced by creating transitional plan.

Privatizing the nursing home could solve their financial problem, but Nichols said the facility could then begin "cherry picking" which patients they want and remove those with high needs.

"I'm not comfortable with closing a facility for our constituents, our county, when the new facility can cherry pick their residents," he said. "That doesn't solve our problems."

Domalewicz, chairman of the Albany County Nursing Home Facilities Committee, said they are currently seeking a certificate of need from the New York State Department of Health to build the new facility, which he said should be in place within the next month. He also added that the county's current deficit is not entirely the nursing home's fault.

"I believe that \$18 million deficit, that's the county's deficit," he said. "I wouldn't put that all on the burden of the nursing home."

We have Medicaid costs that are increasing, we have retirement costs that are increasing and we have health insurance costs that are increasing. That's all a part of that \$18 million."

The overriding concern of many of these legislators and residents is where some of them will end up if the nursing home were to be sold or shut down. One resident, Bernice Foulks, said she used to vote for Breslin and that he promised her she

wouldn't be displaced.

"I told him last year, 'What are you going to do, leave me out in the streets?'" she said, with tears in her eyes. "He's got me so shook up."

In her 70's and a four year resident of the facility, Foulks said she is having a hard time understanding how the county is taking all these taxes from residents and still has a deficit.

She said if she were to run into Breslin, she would ask him why he wants to put her out in the streets.

"I beginning to wonder what's going to happen," she said. "Listening to news and Mike Breslin talking about closing the place, it gets on my nerves."

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Local leaders at Keep Warm Albany event tout programs to assist low-income families

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Local and national government officials assembled at the Career Center Building on Central Avenue in Colonie to discuss the importance of the low income Home Energy Assistance Program as a precursor to the cold winter months ahead.

Sponsored by the Albany Community Action Partnership, an organization that advocates economic self-sufficiency and social well being, the Keep Warm Albany event on Monday, Oct. 18, saw speakers such as Congressman Paul Tonko of the 21st District, Albany County Executive Mike Breslin and National Grid Regional Director William Flaherty speak about the importance of HEAP funding.

The federal funding helps out low-income households with the cost of heating their homes. So for the 2010-2011 season, a household of 4 that only makes \$4,094 per month would be eligible to receive some assistance, according to the state Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance's website.

The money may go towards payments for electricity, gas, oil, coal, propane, wood, kerosene and corn.

After thanking Breslin, Tonko and ACAP for their assistance in providing this funding to families in need, Flaherty made an announcement that National Grid would be donating \$275,000 to the Care and Share Energy Fund, which is funded by the company's employees and customers.

"As a company, we



National Grid Regional Director William Flaherty makes an announcement at the Career Center Building in Albany that his company would be donating \$275,000 to the Care and Share Energy Fund. Congressman Paul Tonko, left, and Albany County Executive Mike Breslin join him.

Andrew Beam/Spotlight

certainly recognize how important it is to have thriving communities," he said. "We also recognize at National Grid how important it is for us to make a commitment to have these communities better and we recognize the importance of giving back."

The money will be distributed by the Red Cross through the Cornell Cooperative Extension, according to Flaherty. It will provide heating assistance to eligible applicants where a member of the home must be 62 years disabled, experiencing a medical emergency or receiving supplemental security income.

Tonko went on to speak about his experience in the New York State Assembly as well as being President and CEO of the New York State Energy and Research Development Authority and added that he is working hard to provide the proper HEAP funding for the state.

"I know that from where I sat as the energy chair in

New York State Assembly, much of my tenure I saw firsthand how important those dollars are," Tonko said in his speech. "In fact, we offered the first ever state supplement to the federal dollars a couple of years ago when we were facing tremendous impact of the demand on those dollars. So I applaud the efforts of the utility, National Grid, to respond with additional assistance."

He also asked for those eligible to apply for assistance starting Nov. 1 so the state can respond to those in need.

"We will work in Washington to make certain that we provide for an increase that is anticipated because of rising bills and growing economic pressures out there for many households," he said, adding that Congress is fighting for \$5.1 billion in funding, who said the total goal went up after stimulus money was added. "There are a number of us in Washington that have banded together to make

\$5.1 billion our goal so that we can reach that many more households across this country."

Breslin thanked the National Grid for their contribution when he spoke and said that people can truly make a difference when helping those less fortunate in the community.

"We know those people are vulnerable," he said. "We know that when we were kids, we had a place to go every night to do or homework, to get our meals, to sleep and get comfortable. And you weren't freezing."

He added that the funding is not meant to be excessive but to help those who need the basic fundamentals to survive.

"Bill said, 'Change, and action, will make a difference,' said Breslin. "I think it's more people. People make a difference."

To check if you are eligible for HEAP assistance, visit www.mybenefits.ny.gov.

Market finishes outdoor season



The Delmar Farmers Market will move indoors for the season on Saturday, Oct. 30, after a summer in the parking lot of the Bethlehem Central Middle School. About 40 vendors will still be at the market, selling fresh produce and meats, crafts and locally-made foods. The market will be in the cafeteria of the middle school every Saturday until Dec. 18; from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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Event helps animals be 'finally found'

Siena College student and animal shelter volunteer organizes adoption clinic

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Every time Christina Abele would go to the Saratoga County Animal Shelter, she would leave with a dog.

"I couldn't walk out empty handed," said Abele, a student at Siena College somewhere between her sophomore and junior year.

After four rescues, the Halfmoon native said she knew she couldn't keep shocking her parents with surprise pets, so she decided to help in another way — by putting on an adoption event.

On Saturday, Oct. 23, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Abele Park Gazebo in the Town of Halfmoon, "Finally Found" brought together more than 70 cats and dogs from eight different animal shelters and pet rescue services all in one place, in the hopes of finding them forever homes. There was also a main tent with local pet supply businesses on hand for new pet parents to find everything they need for their furry family member, including food, toys, groomer and sitters. There were also private pet blessings available and free things for kids, like a bouncy bounce, face painting, games, raffles, food and music.

"Anybody looking for a pet will find something. We'll have kittens, senior cats, puppies and adult dogs," said Abele before the event. "I appreciate anyone who comes and hopefully gives a



Christina Abele, a student at Siena College who is originally of Halfmoon, rescued four dogs from a shelter, before organizing "Finally Found," an event that featured more than 70 cats and dogs for the public to adopt.

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sheltered pet a home.

Abele wasn't always an animal person. In fact, she was terrified of dogs up until about the age of four.

"When I was younger I really had a fear of dogs ... so this wasn't always natural. My mom and dad got me a black lab puppy and their theory was that as puppy grew, I would grow, and it worked. I ended up adoring that puppy," said Abele.

Now, Abele volunteers once or twice a week at the Saratoga County Animal Shelter, walking dogs and taking them out to go to the bathroom.

"It's so heartbreaking because as a volunteer, you see how long these animals stay at the shelter. A lot of people just come in for puppies or kittens or small dogs and it's just really sad that these pets stay in the shelter so long or are transferred to other



shelters," said Abele.

Abele said she's been lucky to have parents who accepted her desire to rescue not one but four dogs. And each dog came with a story that makes it ever more special.

"Each dog came with a sad story and I think that won my parents over each time. Every dog of mine, weren't a perfect ideal dog. One was very sick when I adopted her, another was supposed to be euthanized, the third I rescued about eight months ago and he was badly abused and we're still rehabilitating him. The fourth dog is deaf and partially blind," said Abele.

Abele said she hopes "Finally Found" will eventually be held twice a year, and people showing up to the very first event can help make this happen.

Promoting health



Residents young and old gathered at Bethlehem Town Hall on Friday, Oct. 22, for a Community Health Fair. The yearly event is hosted by the Town of Bethlehem Senior Services and Bethlehem Senior Projects, Inc., and sees many area services setting up shop in Town Hall's auditorium to provide information on what health programs are available locally. Blood pressure screenings, hearing tests and other procedures were also performed on site, and flu shots were also administered.

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Free—Abraham Lincoln's Journey to Emancipation" will be on display in the library from Oct. 31 to Dec. 5. The exhibit focuses on Lincoln's quest to restore a Union divided by Civil War.

Installed in the library lobby, the display consists of six large panels illustrating how Lincoln's beliefs about freeing the slaves were transformed by wartime developments.

Dr. Paul Finkelman will give the keynote address, "Was Lincoln Really the Great Emancipator?" at an opening reception at the library next Wednesday November 3 at 7pm. Dr. Finkelman is the President William McKinley Distinguished Professor of Law and Public Policy at Albany Law School and an advisor to the Lincoln Bicentennial Commission. In addition to his many honors and publications, he served as expert witness in the Alabama Ten Commandments Monument case.

Also in conjunction with this exhibit is a talk on Sunday Nov. 7 at 2pm: "Let Loose the Dogs of War: New York in the American Civil War." New York supplied more men, money and material to the war effort than any other state, North or South. Robert W. Arnold III will look at our state's diverse responses to the war, its social costs and economic influences. Mr. Arnold is a former New York State archivist and Albany county historian. He currently serves as commissioner of historic resources for the city of Albany, and teaches history at The College of Saint Rose and Excelsior College. Mr. Arnold is a New York Council for the Humanities speaker.

In the coming weeks, more speakers, films, book discussions, and living history presentations will complement the exhibit; for a complete listing of the library's Forever Free events, stop by the library or visit www.bethlehempubliclibrary.org.

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One of the last photographs of Abraham Lincoln from life, taken by Alexander Gardner in Spring, 1865. (Huntington Library, San Marino, California)

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Tour the Bethlehem Public Library and enjoy lunch at the Windowbox Café. Senior transportation will leave Town Hall at approximately 10:30 am for an early lunch, cost on your own, and then go to the 1 p.m. library tour. The library's mission is to provide equal and uncensored access to resources and services that provide lifelong learning, cultural enrichment and professional growth. Find how you can get the most out this wonderful resource in our community. Call 439-4955, ext. 1176 for reservations. Suggested van donation: \$3. Home pick up is available.

Save the date:



Schenectady Community College Dinner on Tuesday evening, Nov. 9.

Program highlights

Tuesday, Nov. 2

Election Day. Bethlehem Town Hall closed. Limited transportation available in the morning for voting. Call 439-5770 for reservations.

Join us for a late Election Day lunch at the Pegasus Restaurant in Cossack. Select from the menu with individual checks. Senior transportation will leave Town Hall at noon. Suggested van donation: \$5.00. Home pick up is available.

Wednesday, Nov. 3

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, Nov. 4

Senior grocery

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

Bethlehem Senior Citizens Club meets for an enjoyable afternoon of games and socializing at the Bethlehem Town Hall auditorium, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar at 11:30 am - 3:30 pm. All seniors are welcome. We play bridge, mah jongg, pinocle, and bingo. Bring a sandwich and join others for lunch if you wish.

Friday, Nov. 5

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

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

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

Romp & Read moved to Friday

Romp & Read will not be held on Tuesday, Nov. 2 at our Selkirk location. Selkirk families are invited to come to Romp & Read at the library on Friday, Nov. 5 at 10:30. Join Miss Kathy again at the Firehouse on Nov. 9.

A reminder to all storytime participants: Library storytimes are not held on days the RCS school district

RCS Community Library

is closed for a holiday.

Digital photo management

The holidays are around the corner, and there are bound to be lots of "Kodak

moments." Wouldn't it be great to be prepared to organize all of those digital photos and videos? Come to our beginning computer classes on Wednesday mornings, November 10th & 17th, to learn how to organize and edit photographs.

On Nov. 10, participants will learn to download, save and edit their digital photos. They will also create a short slide show of their favorite photographs. In addition, acquiring photos from the internet and inserting photos into Word documents will be explored. Bring your digital camera and its downloading cable!

Most new digital cameras easily record videos as well as photographs. Now you're wondering just what to do with all those wonderful snippets! On Nov. 17, class members will learn to import, download and save personal videos. Using Windows' Movie Maker, participants will learn how to create their own short video, too. Participants should bring their own camera, if they own one.

All computer classes run from 10:30 - 12:30 on Wednesdays. Space is limited and registration is required. Call the Library at 756-2053.

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Halloween story times. Signup is requested for either Friday, Oct. 29 or Saturday, October 30, both at 10:15 a.m.

Sign up for "Making A Mystery Quilt" with Kris Driessen from the Quiltbug on Sunday, Nov. 7 from 1:00-5:30 p.m. Space is limited.

The public is invited to meet David Pietrusza, author of 1960: LBJ vs. JFK vs. Nixon, Monday, on Nov. 8, at 7 p.m.

Teen Book Club meets on Thursday, Nov. 19 from 2:30 - 3:25 pm. at the high school library. Copies of Son of the Mob by Gordon Korman are available at signup at the school and public libraries. Refreshments will be served and there

is a late bus.

Ongoing programs:

- Babygarten - Nov. 4 and 18.
 - The Thursday Night Poets - November 11.
 - Philosophers will now be meeting on the third Thursdays at 7 p.m.
 - Adult fiction discussion meets on November 3 and nonfiction on November 8.
 - Olivia Hallenback, Mike Pasquale and Ruth Dalato - more winners in the "Take A Chance On October" raffle!
- Visit the VPL website at www.voorheesvillelibrary.org.

-Barbara Vink

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- Albany County Rural Housing Alliance: Funds are available to help low to moderate-income families that own a home in Albany County with home repairs. They have many programs. Please call Susan at 765-2425

Town of Guilderland
SENIOR CALENDAR

10:30 Sr. Fitness
1:30 OsteoBusters
Tuesday, Nov. 2
No Programs at Town Hall Election Day

Wednesday, Nov. 3
Scheduled Shopping
9:00 Line Dancing
10:30 OsteoBuster
10:30 Sr. Fitness
11:30 Bridge
1:00 Needlecraft
1:30 OsteoBusters

Thursday, Nov. 4
Scheduled Shopping
9:00 OsteoBusters
9:00 Aerobics
9:00 Art & Culture Trip to Deerfield, MA
1:00 Pinochle/Mahjongg

Friday, Nov. 5
Scheduled Shopping
10:00 Painting
1:00 Quilting

Scary stuff at Guilderland Public Library

Come celebrate Halloween at GPL with a "not-too-scary" storytime for toddlers on Monday, Oct. 25 at 6:30 pm, and Thursday, Oct. 28 at 10:30 am. We're having two sessions so parents and guardians who cannot bring their toddlers during the daytime session can enjoy the evening storytime.

This interactive storytime includes activities involving

stories, puppetry, musical instruments, the Secret Bag Guessing Game, flannelboard stories; and much more. Wear costumes if you would like, but they are not required. This storytime is specially designed for wiggly preschoolers. No registration required.

You are invited to attend a mystery party at the Spooky Castle of rock superstar Killian Killagan, on Friday, Oct. 29, at 6 pm.

Help solve the mystery by discovering who is turning the citizens of Jugular Springs into bats.

You must register to receive your part in the Middle School Mystery Party if you are in grades 6 through 8.

All Library events are free unless otherwise noted. The Guilderland Public Library is located at 2228 Western Avenue, Guilderland. Call 456-2400 x 12 for more information,

or visit the Library's website at www.guilpl.org. Become a Facebook Fan of the Library, follow the Library on Twitter (@GuilderlandLib), and listen to the Library's online radio station, Radio GPL. It all starts at guilpl.org.

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Candidates spar over fiscal and moral issues

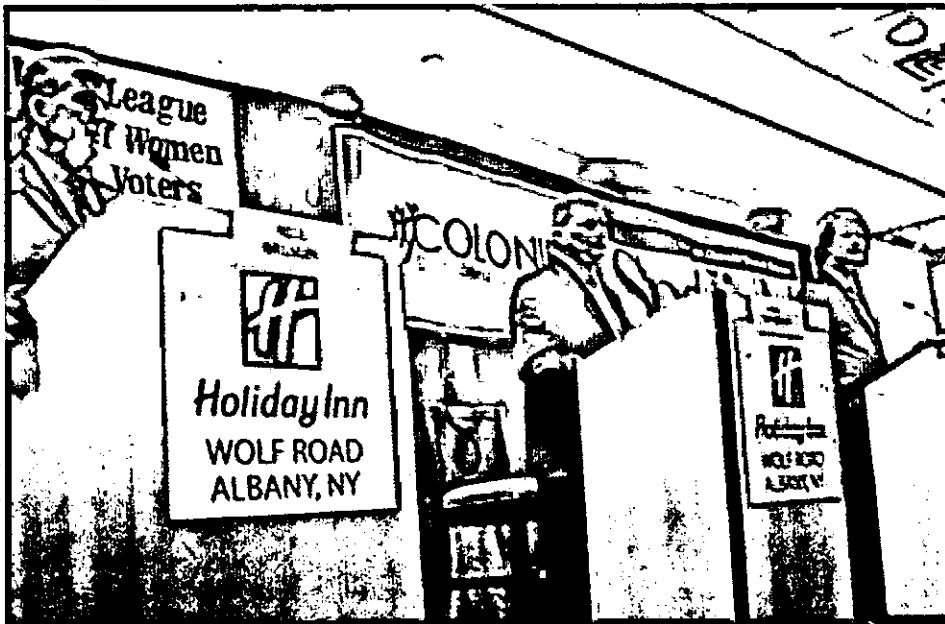
46th senate hopefuls square off in a sometimes heated debate

ANDREW BEAM
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The economy, jobs and faith were some of the main topics discussed during an Oct. 20 debate between candidates vying for the 46th state senatorial district seat, and incumbent Sen. Neil Breslin, Bob Domenici and Michael Carey sometimes found themselves in a heated discussion.

With some fiery press releases doled out by the Domenici camp in the days leading up to the debate, the republican challenger came out roaring against Breslin for driving people out of the state, one of them being his own son, who is stationed in Afghanistan as part of the U.S. military.

"I said, 'Rob, what are you going to do,'" Domenici said to his son when he returned home. "He said, 'I'm going to stay in the military.' Why? Because,



From left, Sen. Neil Breslin, Bob Domenici and Michael Carey met in debate at the Holiday Inn on Wolf Road Wednesday, Oct. 20. The three are vying for New York's 46th Senate District.

Andrew Beam/Spotlight

Neil, he said he couldn't find any opportunity here in Albany County."

Domenici didn't let up as he also called Breslin out for being a part of the 125-day-late state budget process and jumped on a statement he made regarding term limits for leaders in the Senate and Assembly, adding that he

has limited himself to only 3 terms.

"I don't ever want to be in power as long as Neil Breslin," Domenici said. "And by the way, he's the deputy majority leader. Wow, you couldn't affect the process? You're in power. You're the deputy majority leader. Affect the budget process, stop

hiding behind closed doors."

Domenici did, however, agree with Breslin that the budget process should be every two years instead of one and added that the state must freeze property taxes, then lower and cap them.

Carey said the budget should be passed by April

1. Reform Party candidate Carey had a different strategy, as he focused more on moral issues than the state's fiscal woes. So much so that Breslin has expressed his disbelief as he said, "I did not expect to come to a debate on religion."

Carey at one point called out Breslin for being pro-choice even though he is a Catholic.

"What would happen if your parents would have aborted you?" Carey asked the crowd. "When a child is being molded and shaped in a woman's womb, that's God doing that."

The debate covered a wide variety of topics, from mandate relief, to whether English should be the official language for state business and all the way to how the state should fight global warming.

Breslin said he feels the issue of global warming was more of a federal and world issue but said wind energy and cutting down on the use of fossil fuels should be considered.

Domenici disagreed and argued global warming is, in fact, a state issue as factories are closing in the state.

"We're affecting global warming, we're reducing it," he said, adding that he does believe global warming is real. "We need to invest in electronic cars, we need to invest in solar power, we need to invest in drilling for natural gas that we have in New York to make us energy independent."

He went on to argue Pennsylvania is drilling laterally and taking gas away from New York.

"Thanks, senators," he said.

Breslin said he would wait for the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation to release their Environmental Impact Statement on that matter. He added, though, that hydraulic fracturing and horizontal drilling for natural gas in New York "has the potential to be a win-win for New York State as long as it doesn't

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The Politician vs. the Businessman

Tonko squares off against Republican Danz in a debate over local, state and national issues

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A nervous Ted Danz took on a well-polished Congressman Paul Tonko on Oct. 14 during a televised debate for the 21st Congressional District where the creation of jobs and the conservation of energy ruled the conversation.

The debate was hosted by WMHT with Times Union's state editor Casey Seiler as moderator and a panel containing WMHT's Matt Ryan, New York Public Radio's Karen DeWitt and Fox23 News' Walt McClure.

Republican challenger and Altamont business owner of Family Danz Heating and Air Conditioning, Danz, stressed his frustration numerous times throughout the evening regarding the failure of the federal government to correct economic situation.

"We are the boss, we are the citizens, we are the people," said Danz during his opening remarks. "We need to turn this country around. It needs to be done by us. It needs to be done by the voters."

Tonko, currently finishing up his first term in congress, has been a part of the New York political scene for sometime being an assemblyman for 24 years and President and CEO of the New York State Energy Research and Development Agency. He showed off his knowledge of the energy industry and backed up his support for the health care reform act that was passed last year, which Danz vehemently opposes and is seeking for its full repeal.

"It's a strong foundation upon which to build," Tonko said of the legislation as he listed off a list of improvements that should be made such as the eliminating the increase of paperwork for small businesses. "I believe that we need to take the 1099 requirement for our small business community and repeal that measure because we will find ways to produce the revenues that will enhance the package."

On the stimulus package, Danz said he hasn't seen the effects of the bill but knows a lot of money was spent with very little result and that it is taking money away from future generations.

"Unemployment is still up, debt is going through the roof again," he said. "We spent a lot of money but I don't see it. I don't

21st Congressional District

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— Paul Tonko



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see the small guy getting a piece of it. I don't see it helping small businesses at all."

The Congressional Budget Office reported in August that the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act will add \$814 billion to the nation's deficit between the 2009 and 2019 fiscal years.

Tonko responded as he said jobs that would have been lost if the stimulus package were saved and added that it gave way

to new technologies that were introduced to the health care, education, transportation and the energy industry.

"The Port of Albany, as a project, is one that stands out in my mind, is one that opens up to the entire region the opportunity to grow jobs and invest in technology," said Tonko, "and transport the goods and the needs for industry in this region through a very strong investment in the Port of

Albany."

While both work or have worked in the energy field, Tonko preached 'energy efficiency as "a fuel of choice" and placing a cap on carbon as Danz referred to the theory of global warming as a "manufactured item."

"Our country's already suffering from enough fees, fines and penalties," said Danz. "We're going to lose our stimulus."

The candidates went on to discuss issues such as former President George W. Bush's tax cuts, gay marriage, education reform and thoughts on Republican Gubernatorial Candidate Carl Paladino and the campaign he's been running.

Danz gave a very succinct answer, stating that while he doesn't agree with some of the things he has said on the campaign trail, he does support Paladino for governor of the state. Tonko gave a more roundabout answer, listing off several issues the candidates should be focused on such as unemployment, education reform and energy instead and to ignore offensive comments made by Paladino.

"We need to grow a situation that begins

and ends with respect," he said. "I find such statements to be a setback."

Danz went after Tonko for double dipping as he chastised him for receiving a New York state pension while earning a congressional salary.

"I do agree that Mr. Tonko does have a right to his \$64,000 a year pension but I think it should be on hold until he's no longer a congressman," said Danz.

Tonko argued that the term "double-dipping" applies to someone who is taking money from the same system but said the federal and state are different from each other. He added that he collected his pension while he faced a 13 person primary for the 21st congressional district seat in 2007 and that there was a "level of uncertainty" as to whether he would win or not.

Danz admitted to his own inexperience on some issues during the debate, one of them being property taxes and mandate relief where he said, "I'm not an expert on every single issue that we can talk about tonight."

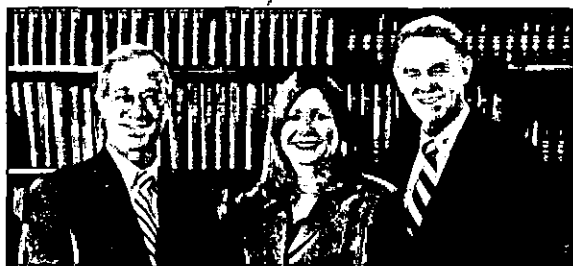
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Busch, McEneny vie for 104th Assembly seat

Deborah Busch

Age: 47

Residence: Knox

Party Affiliation: Republican- also on Conservative and Taxpayer line

Occupation: Registered Nurse

Bio/Introduction: I am a longtime resident of Berne in Albany County who works as a Registered Nurse in the Critical care unit of Albany Medical Center. I know that the State of New York is in need of some resuscitation. I am compelled to run for the 104th Assembly district because I want to bring change to a legislature characterized by many as the most dysfunctional in the nation. As a resident of the Albany county hilltowns I have witnessed the closing of family farms, the first step in the unraveling of our rural social fabric. I have also watched the dying youth who are brought to my CCU, the victims of violent crime, and a sad testament to the urban social upheaval that pervades Albany County. Something must change. I want to bring a sense of renewal, and hope to the constituents of the 104th Assembly District.



Debra Busch

If elected, how would you address the state's deficit?

We need to institute common sense spending control initiatives so that our budgets reflect the revenue stream. Our State continually puts forth budgets that reflect the needs of special interests not the citizens of New York.

Would you be able to work with any or all of the gubernatorial candidates?

Yes

How would you propose to address property tax relief?

I am in favor of an across the board property tax reduction, not just a cap but a reduction.

What must be done to stem the flow of upstate New Yorkers leaving the state?

We need to institute a decrease property taxes to reduce the cost of living in New York, and we have to reduce the overall tax burden on New Yorkers. I am also on the "Taxpayer Party" line, and our fundamental message is to reduce spending in New York and thus reduce taxes.

Should state legislators be full time?

I will be a full time legislator. I also believe that all other outside sources of income should be reported. Full disclosure should be the rule. No hiding behind "Lawyer client confidentiality" for those legislators who maintain private law practices.

Additional comments:

I am running on the Taxpayer Party line in addition to the Republican and Conservative line because I believe that out tax burden is crushing individuals and businesses. We need to rein in spending and have a legislature that is accountable to the people, and not the special interests.

John J. McEneny

Age: 67

Residence: Albany

Party Affiliation: Democrat

Occupation: Member of Assembly

Bio/Introduction: John J. McEneny was born in Albany. He holds a B.A. in history from Siena College and certificates in Community Development and Public Administration from New Mexico State University School of Agriculture and the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard. He served as a Peace Corps volunteer in rural Colombia, South America.

Jack McEneny married the late Barbara Rachel Leonard, in 1968. Jack and Barbara raised four children, John, Daniel, and Maeve McEneny and Rachel McEneny Spencer. Jack has one granddaughter, Madeline Maeve Spencer. In August, 2010, he married Jan Baillargeon Parkes.

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John J. McEneny

Development, Ways and Means.

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If elected, how would you address the state's deficit?

Consolidation of government services; Curtailment of Authorities; More cost effective governing, ie. More home care vs. expensive hospitalization and nursing home care;

Reduce mandates on business, schools, and local governments; Reopen early retirement, allow more voluntary reductions in work hours; Tax enforcement on Indian tobacco sales; Property tax cap.

Would you be able to work with any or all of the gubernatorial candidates?

Of course I would work

with the new Governor and his or her administration; Obviously I would prefer some candidates over others and will be voting for Andrew Cuomo.

How would you propose to address property tax relief?

Shift the burden to a more broad based income and/or sales tax. I am in favor of a property tax cap, however, not one as simplistic as those in current proposals. There should be provisions for exceptions in circumstances that warrant them and circuit breaker provisions based on income.

What must be done to stem the flow of upstate New Yorkers leaving the state?

More encouragement of new industries and emerging green energy through incentives and University-Industry alliances. Tax credits for jobs actually created or actually saved. We need renewed support for our #1 and #2 industries - agriculture and tourism. The Power for Jobs program and reducing the property tax will also help.

Should state legislators be full time? Yes! (With limits on supplementary income.) Between my predecessor, the late Richard M. Connors and myself, the 104th

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2010 Spotlight Voters Guide

McLaughlin challenges Gordon for 108th Assembly seat

Tim Gordon

Age: 50

Residence: Bethlehem

Party Affiliation: Independence Party (also endorsed by Democratic and Working Families Parties)

Occupation: Member of Assembly

Bio/Introduction: I am a husband and a dad of four children and worked as a small business owner and proprietor of an advertising and public relations firm. I have volunteered as a Little League and Girls Softball coach, Sunday school teacher, and serve with the North Bethlehem Volunteer Fire Department, receiving the department's Heroic Effort Award in 2004. I am a member of many community organizations including: NBD Board of Directors, Fireman's Association of the State of NY, Chairperson of the Assembly of Sportsmen's Caucus, PTA, ARISE, Westminster Church, historical societies, NY State Independence Committee, Kinderhook Elks Lodge and Albany Curling Club. Elected to the Bethlehem Town Board in 2003 I served as Town Councilman until 2007 when I became the representative of the 108th Assembly district sitting on committees



Tim Gordon

on; Agriculture, Aging, Banks, Energy, Racing and Wagering and Small Business.

If elected, how would you address the state's deficit?

Just like the families I represent, the state simply cannot afford to spend more than it takes in. Continued consolidation and regionalization of services are essential. State agencies are also top heavy in redundant management and far too much is spent on outside consultants.

Would you be able to work with any or all of the gubernatorial candidates?

Being the only state legislator elected to office as an enrolled Independence Party member, I am always willing and open to working with anyone to get the job done for the people I represent.

How would you propose to address property tax relief?

Like Andrew Cuomo, I support a property tax cap limiting annual increases to 2 percent, or the rate of inflation, whichever is less.

What must be done to stem the flow of upstate New Yorkers leaving the state?

It's about property tax relief and job creation. As we confront the challenge of the sluggish economy we need to build on the very real success of establishing our region as a global leader in nanotechnology and renewable energy development and manufacturing. Also invest in the agricultural industry.

Should state legislators be full time?

All effective Members of Assembly are full time now providing constituent service and working in their districts on non-session days and throughout the year.

Additional comments: I don't just make political noise about changing state government. I roll up my sleeves, cut through the red tape, and get things done. With Albany still such a mess, we need more lawmakers willing to do whatever it takes to get things done.

Steve McLaughlin

Age: 47

Residence: Melrose

Party Affiliation: Republican/Conservative

Occupation: Small Business Banking Officer

Bio/Introduction: Albany is a mess. We keep sending the same people back expecting different results. We need new leadership. The empty pledges and hollow promises aren't lowering our taxes. They aren't creating jobs. And they most certainly aren't cleaning up the culture of corruption in Albany. We have the most corrupt, dysfunctional government in the nation. It is a disgrace and we deserve better.

I'm not a politician. I went to school to become a pilot. I flew for a number of different airlines before the industry collapsed in 2001. Today I work with small businesses, helping them navigate government bureaucracy and secure funding so they can expand. My opponent has never helped create jobs. I have. This is just one of many differences between us that I ask the voters to consider before Election Day. This election is all about jobs and I have the skills to help create them.

If elected, how would you address the state's deficit?



Steve McLaughlin

I would cut spending. Right now, our Medicaid spending is out of control; we spend more per capita than California and Texas combined. I would also cut member items. Though it wouldn't close the deficit, it would help end the mentality that our money belongs to politicians in Albany.

Would you be able to work with any or all of the gubernatorial candidates?

Absolutely. I would work with anyone. As a pilot, I had to serve with whatever crew was on my plane. I will gladly partner with anyone who shares my goal of putting New York back to work and reducing our outrageous taxes.

How would you propose to address property tax relief?

Our first step should be a cap of 2% or the rate of inflation (Tim Gordon's 4% is too high) to stop

the problem from getting worse. Responsible reductions in state spending would then allow across-the-board tax cuts for all New Yorkers.

What must be done to stem the flow of upstate New Yorkers leaving the state?

It's all about jobs. We obviously need to cut taxes and make New York more business-friendly. Tim Gordon voted to raise taxes and make it more expensive to do business in New York. Review his record and you'll see for yourself that he's part of the problem.

Should state legislators be full time?

No. I believe, as the founding fathers did, in citizen legislators. Plenty of elected officials do great work as nurses, businesspeople, teachers and countless other jobs. I believe this brings an important perspective to the legislature. Legislators should, however, have to disclose all outside income which my opponent hasn't done.

Additional comments: My top priority is putting people back to work. I also won't vote for any tax increase that comes to the floor. I humbly ask for your consideration, because if we're going to change Albany, we need to change who we send there. Albany isn't working for us. I will.

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Capturing nature

Colonie resident Richard Endres has an exhibit at Town Hall featuring photos of the environment

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A Colonie resident's photography is currently on display in an exhibit at the Town of Colonie's Memorial Town Hall, featuring images of plants, landscapes and animals.

Richard Endres, 66, is a retired Albany High School biology teacher, whose work led to an interest in photography when he bought his first 35mm camera more than 40 years ago.

"I was trying to capture images I could use in the classroom," said Endres. "I taught about plants and animals," and thought I could capture photos of them myself."

Endres went on to join the Albany Camera Club, which has since disbanded, and began competing in club competitions, as well as the annual inter-club competitions where they would face off against the Delmar Camera Club and the Schenectady Photographic Society.



He also entered contests put on by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation where he once placed first for his photo "Solomon's Seal" in the botany exhibition. He said he also won, showed and placed several times in the Kodak International Snapshot Awards.

Being a professional photographer was not something Endres was very interested in, and he said he hated doing weddings and didn't care too much if he sold a lot of photographs.

"It was what I wanted to do whether I got paid for it or not," he said. "It was always an advanced hobby. I wasn't willing to do it just for money."

Having had a main job as

a biology teacher, Endres said he could afford to do photography strictly as a hobby. The only commercial photography he was involved in was when he took pictures at the Four Seasons Dinner Theatre and the Schenectady Light Opera Company, where he would sell photos back to the actors.

Endres said he is very concerned with the preservation of the spirit of his photographs as he talks at length about what computer monitors he must use to be able to view a photograph the way he envisioned it. He will not use a lap top because he said any slight movement of the screen will make the image lighter or darker and he can't look at pictures on cheaper monitors.

"Computer monitors have to be calibrated, and the ones that people buy don't properly show the image," he said. "What people will see is not what I see."

Printing can also be an issue for him, as well. He doesn't print his own and likes to go to Sam's Club and use their Epson 7800 printer. While he said it can be hard to find someone like Sam's to take the image



from his memory card, he doesn't mind the quicker process of the digital world as opposed to going into a darkroom and waiting 20 minutes for a photo to dry. He refers to the process as "a darkroom through a computer."

"Don't have the smell, you don't have to wait," he said. "I used to have to hang them up, let them dry and bring it in the day light to see if the color is right."

Endres said he also doesn't enter too many photos that have people in them into contests because he wants to avoid any legal issues for not carrying around a model release form with him at all time.

"Despite the copyright laws, it can still be tricky," he said.

Nature is his passion



Samples of Richard Endres' photography include, inset, a bald eagle surveying the world on Pelee Island, a heron, left catching a fish at The Crossings and, above, an infrared image of trees at The Crossings. Endres' photos will be on display at Town Hall through Nov. 30

and it directly stems from his career as a biologist, so much so that he may start reaching out to companies that produce textbooks on biology and see if they would need some of the photos he has to offer.

Nowadays, Endres takes his canoe out and tries to get as close as possible

to animals, such as the loon, which he said are "beautiful." Now that his wife recently retired, he said they can go out more during the week.

"You can kind of cruise in carefully and get in closer," he said. "You can get good exercise and get out in the environment."

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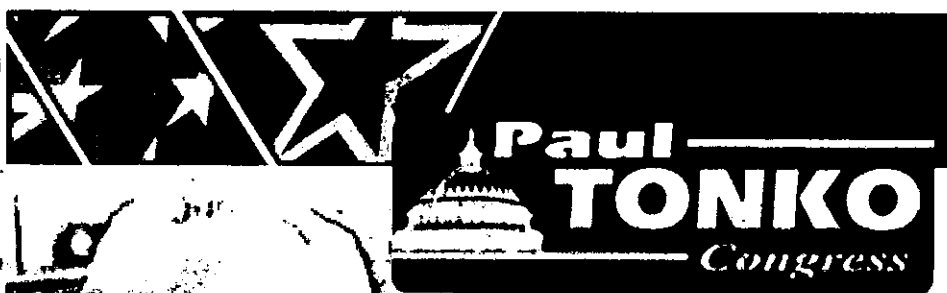
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First United Methodist in Delmar hosts Autumn Fair

Organizers promise ample bargains and fun at annual event

For 29 years, the Autumn Fair has been a tradition for residents of Bethlehem and surrounding communities. This year, the event will be held Saturday, Nov. 6, at the First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar. Doors will be open from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m.

At the Autumn Fair, people can discover bargains, run across long-lost friends and

neighbors, find gifts and enjoy good food and fun.

Organizers are expecting to present more items than ever before, including books, thousands of household goods, a tent full of furniture, fresh cider doughnuts, plant-related items, linens, decorations, collectibles, toys, Christmas items, baked goods, a silent auction, wood crafts and so much more. Breakfast and lunch will be served.

The silent auction will feature, among many items, a Roger Tory

Peterson limited edition signed and numbered framed lithograph, and a 1954 black and white photo of Gov. Thomas Dewey signed and inscribed to Sen. Isaac Mitchell.

Preceding the Autumn Fair, during the week of Oct. 29 and 30, is the Toy and Book Sale. For 12 months the local community has made donations to the event, which have been screened, sorted, boxed and stored.

Everything taken in is available first and foremost for the church's mission programs in helping to

resettle those in destroyed apartments and homes, helping refugees set up a home, and in assisting other nonprofits and requests for help with struggling families and individuals. All that is not used in the mission programs is offered back to the community at the Fall Fair.

While church officials appreciate the ongoing contributions, they are no longer accepting items until Nov. 8. After that, drop-off times are Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m.-7 p.m.; Saturday, 8 a.m.-7 p.m.; and Sunday 8 a.m.-5



Breakfast and lunch, as well as cider doughnuts, will be served at the Autumn Fair Saturday, Nov. 6.

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Chamber of Southern Saratoga launches Think Local! Buy Local! initiative

Marketing materials being distributed to members

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Last December, the Chamber of Southern Saratoga launched the initiative "Think Local! Buy Local!" to bring awareness about the importance of supporting local businesses. After months of planning, the Chamber has taken another step in propelling the campaign and announced the release of various marketing materials available to all members.

Display materials included in the package are "Think Local! Buy Local!" poster, stickers, window decals, point of sale cards, maps, resource guides and flyers.

A "Think & Buy Local Resource Guide" was produced by *The Spotlight Newspapers* in conjunction with the Chamber of Southern Saratoga. More than 11,000 were distributed in August editions of *The Spotlight* and copies are currently available

at the chamber offices.

"Through the springtime and summer months, we developed marketing materials we're in the process of distributing throughout our membership. We're asking member businesses to post a poster, put a sticker in their window, basically just embrace their customer base," said Denise Romeo, vice president of membership development for the Chamber. "Members have been reacting positively, posting and taking materials. They're excited about it."

To give consumers a quick rundown on why it's so important to think and buy local, some of the materials list the "Top 10 Reasons to Buy Local." They are: keep money in our community; support community groups; keep our community unique; keep recycling your dollar; create more jobs; get better service; invest in your community; put your taxes to



good use; encourage local prosperity; it's the right thing to do.

"It certainly contributes to the success of a community [by] keeping tax dollars local, keeping businesses vibrant so they can employ local folks here. It's a reinvestment into your community and we're hoping for everybody to embrace it," said Romeo. "Our biggest foe in this would be people shopping online, which does absolutely nothing for your local economy, and people are depending on the whole concept resonating so we can keep friends, families and neighbors employed."

According to information from the Chamber, money is significantly recirculated in the immediate area when purchases are made at locally owned business, locally sourced products are often greener because they don't require as many fossil fuels to get here, small local business can provide the most jobs to residents in the community, local business owners are more invested in their community's future and buying local contributes to the community's tax base.

"Local businesses are typically the ones we see supporting community events and community groups like baseball or soccer teams. By creating more jobs, typically you'll see at a local business that their customers receive better service and better quality of product," said Romeo.

According to Peter L. Aust, Chamber president and CEO,

"Local businesses are typically the ones we see supporting community events and community groups like baseball or soccer teams."

— Denise Romeo, vice president of membership development for the Chamber

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IN BRIEF

Church hosts ham dinner

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Walk-ins are welcome and take-out is available. A portion of the proceeds will go to the Venture Churches food pantry.

Contra dance at Old Songs

Old Songs, located at 37 S. Main St. in Voorheesville, will be holding a contra dance Saturday, Nov. 6. The event begins with a 6:30 p.m. potluck, followed by a beginner's session at

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Entertainment in the Spotlight



"Path Through Wildflowers"
pastel by Mary Ellen Riell

Oakroom Artists showcase local work

The women featured work represent a range of media and styles

The artwork of four artists familiar from local schools and galleries will be included for display through November as part of the Oakroom Artists' monthly exhibitions.

Paintings by Mary Ellen Riell of Schenectady, Trudi Smith and Chloe Kettlewell of Saratoga Springs and sculpture by Phyllis Kulmatiski of Scotia will be featured Nov. 5 through 30 at the First Unitarian Society of Schenectady not far from Union College.

A reception for the show will take place from 12:30 to 3 p.m. Nov. 7 at the church, located at 1221 Wendell Ave., Schenectady.

Mary Ellen Riell will be showing strongly colored pastels of familiar locales, such as Esperance's Landis Arboretum and the Mohawk River as seen from Lions Park in Niskayuna. She states: "I push color and emphasize any curves to be found in the tilt and sway of plants on the shore or in the landscape in order to capture the visual and emotional character of the scene".

Phyllis Kulmatiski's sculptures, which parody

gentle Medieval and Renaissance saints and Madonnas comment on contemporary political, environmental and feminist issues. Built from the bottom up with coils of clay, the artist scratches words into the figures and sometimes adds slips of colored clay and oxides before firing.



Left: "Our Lady of the Bats," clay sculpture by Phyllis Kulmatiski



Above: "Kitchen Counter" 8" x 12". Oil on panel. Painted in 2010. Painting by Chloe Kettlewell

Trudi Smith will be showing large black-and-white charcoal portraits with subjects that confront the viewer with their own gaze. "My main area of interest has always been portraiture and the figure, and I choose to paint subjects with whom

I feel a personal connection and find visually and emotionally appealing," she said.

The interior domestic scenes of Chloe Kettlewell explore the effects of natural and artificial light within tightly framed spaces. Most recently Kettlewell's work was chosen by the Albany Institute of History and Art for its "Tomorrow's Masters Today" exhibition and auction,

which featured 50 of the region's "most promising new artists."

The Oakroom Artists is the only membership-by-invitation artists association in the Albany/Schenectady area. Solo, two-person and group shows are held at its home gallery at the First Unitarian Society of Schenectady. Group shows are also organized at area colleges and museums.

Gallery hours after the opening reception are: Monday through Friday from

9 a.m.- 4 p.m. and on Saturdays from 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

For information, visit www.OakroomArtists.com, or contact Mary Ellen Riell at meriell@nycap.rr.com or call 355-2182.

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CINDERELLA TALES

Three versions of famous fairy tale, presented by Steamer No. 10 Theatre, 500 Western Ave., Albany, through Nov. 7, shows Saturdays and Sundays, \$12. Information, 438-5503.

DEATH OF A SALESMAN

Classic American drama about a traveling salesman and his family, presented by Curtain Call Theatre, 210 Old Loudon Road, Latham, through Nov. 13, shows Thursdays through Sundays, \$20. Information, 877-7529.

ORFEO ED EURIDICE

Willibald Gluck opera, presented by Mosaic-Arts opera group, Oct. 29, 7 p.m., Westminster Presbyterian Church, 262 State St., Albany, free. Information, 630-3854.

25TH ANNUAL PUTNAM COUNTY SPELLING BEE

Musical comedy about a kids' spelling contest, presented by Home Made Theater, Spa Little Theater, Saratoga Spa State Park, Saratoga Springs, Oct. 29-31, \$26-\$29. Information, 587-4427.

Music

DAD JEANS WITH THE BENGSONS

Featuring singer-songwriter Tor Loney, Oct. 29, 7 p.m., Emack and Bolio's, 366 Delaware Ave., Albany, free. Information, 512-5100.

STEVE SCARLATTA

Acoustic guitarist and singer, Oct. 29, 7 p.m., Emack and Bolio's Uptown, Town Center Plaza, 1704 Western Ave., Guilderland, free. Information, 250-4196.

SETH GLIER AND GREGORY DOUGLASS

Pianist-singer (Glier) and Vermont singer-songwriter (Douglass), Oct. 29, 8 p.m., Caffè Lena, 47 Phila St., Saratoga Springs, advance tickets \$14, door tickets \$16. Information, 583-0022.

2 LATE

Folk duo, Oct. 30, 7 p.m., Emack and Bolio's, 366 Delaware Ave., Albany, free. Information, 512-5100.

MATT GIRTLE

Singer-songwriter, Oct. 30, 7 p.m., Emack and Bolio's Uptown, Town Center Plaza, 1704 Western Ave., Guilderland, free. Information, 250-4196.

RICHARD THOMPSON

Acclaimed folk singer-songwriter and guitarist, Oct. 30, 8 p.m., Hart Theater, The Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany, \$34.50. Information, 473-1845.

"AMERICA'S FAVORITE BALLADS: SONGS FROM FOLKWAYS"

A performance of old-time folk classics featuring Lost Radio Rounders and Sarah Pedinotti, Oct. 30, 8 p.m., Caffè Lena, 47 Phila St., Saratoga Springs, advance tickets \$15, door tickets \$17. Information, 583-0022.

ELIZA GILKISON

Politically-minded singer-songwriter, Oct. 31, 7 p.m., Caffè Lena, 47 Phila St., Saratoga Springs, advance tickets \$20, door tickets \$22. Information, 583-0022.

AMOS LEE

Singer-songwriter, with opening act Mutli, Nov. 4, 7:30 p.m., Hart Theater, The Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany, \$28. Information, 473-1845.

Comedy

MOP AND BUCKET COMPANY

Weekly improv comedy show, Oct. 29, 8 p.m., Proctors Underground, 432 State St., Schenectady, adults \$14, students/seniors \$6. Information, 346-6204.

Lectures

NEVER FELT MORE LIKE PRAISING THE BLUES

Music writer Don Wilcock talks about the state of blues music today, Oct. 30, 7:30 p.m., Boght Arts Center, 583 Boght Road, Cohoes, \$5. Information, 785-2787.

Visual Arts

NEW YORK STATE MUSEUM

"Focus on Nature XI," through Oct. 31; "Wish You Were Here! New York State Photographed by You," through March 3; "Not Just Another Pretty Place: The Landscape of New York," through March 3; "Citizen Soldier," through March 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

"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.

ALBANY CENTER GALLERY

"Paradoxa: Recent Works by Kathy Goodell," through Oct. 30, 39 Columbia St., Albany. Information, 462-4775.

BOGHT ARTS CENTER

"Healing Winds and the Holy Spirit," an art exhibit featuring Native American artists and healers, through Nov. 5, 583 Boght Road, Cohoes. Information, 785-2787.

LOCAL COLOR ARTS GALLERY

"Inner Space/Outer Space," through Oct. 31, 1138 Troy-Schenectady Road, Latham. Information, 220-9027.

BROOKSIDE MUSEUM

"That's Made out of FORKS?!" through Oct. 31; 26 Charlton St., Ballston Spa. Information, 885-4000.

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.

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"Suzanne Bocanegra: I Write the Songs," through Feb. 2; "The Jewel Thief," through Feb. 27; "Paula Hayes: Understory," through April 1; Skidmore College, 815 North Broadway, Saratoga Springs. Information, 580-8080.

THE HYDE COLLECTION

"Artists of the Mohawk Hudson Region," through Jan. 2; 161 Warren St., Glens Falls. Information, 792-1761.

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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.

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Call for Artists

FIRST NIGHT SARATOGA SPRINGS

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

ETUDE CLUB

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

SARATOGA ARTS

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

CLIFTON PARK COMMUNITY CHORUS

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

CAPITLAND CHORUS

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ADIRONDACK PASTEL SOCIETY

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planned throughout the year. Information, 793-9309 or 793-9350.

DELMAR COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA

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

COLONIE TOWN BAND

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

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

SUBURBAN SOUNDS COMMUNITY CHORUS

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

FRIENDSHIP SINGERS

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

SIENA CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

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

SIENA COMMUNITY CHORALE

Rehearsals Mondays at 6 p.m., Siena College, Route 9, Loudonville. Information, 783-2325.

THE ORCHESTRA ON THE COMMON

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.

ELECTRIC CITY CHORUS

Male singing group, training provided, rehearsals at Faith United Methodist Church, Brandywine Avenue and Eastern Parkway, Schenectady, Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m. Information, 399-1846.

RIVER VALLEY CHORUS

Sweet Adelines group based in Niskayuna is looking for women to join group. Information, 346-5349.

MONDAY MUSICAL CLUB WOMEN'S CHORUS

Invitation for new members to join in singing classical and popular songs, Third Reformed Church, 20 Ten Eyck Ave., Albany, Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m. Information, 477-4454.

ARTISTS WANTED

Exhibit space available for original paintings at Local Color Art Gallery, 1138 Troy-Schenectady Road, Latham. Information, 220-9027.

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Here's How It Works:

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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- 21 Like a savanna
- 22 Cuts
- 25 Former chess champion
- 26 Fr. holy woman
- 29 Course
- 31 Something animals play
- 36 "Symphonie Espagnol" composer
- 38 Apartment dweller's escape
- 40 Mega add-on
- 41 Christmas morning event
- 44 Kind of name
- 45 1492, for one
- 46 Oahu welcomes
- 47 Acts surreptitiously
- 49 Pickle flavor
- 51 Stone or Stallone
- 52 Took the title

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- 54 Quantum follower
- 56 Roused
- 61 "Andrea ____"
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- 70 ____ homo
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- 72 Air
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- 24 Cheap cigar
- 26 Moves through the muck
- 27 Olajuwon feat
- 28 French student
- 30 Wished
- 32 Writer/artist Silverstein
- 33 Loudness units
- 34 To the point that
- 35 Like many a kid's room
- 37 Draft status
- 39 Like a 97-pound weakling
- 42 Bygone classroom features
- 43 First name in mysteries
- 48 Electronics giant
- 50 Stow on board
- 53 Mideast desert
- 55 Studies, with over
- 56 Not close
- 57 Merchandise
- 58 Half an old radio team
- 59 Scot's skirt
- 60 Valley
- 62 Opulent
- 63 Andes resident
- 64 Grew mellow, maybe
- 66 Great weight
- 67 Run partner, in baseball

Poetry in print

**Niskayuna man
features local writers
in new magazine**

By JOHN PURCELL
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There is now an easy way to see what some local poets are writing, even if you haven't made it to the coffeehouse recently.

The first edition of Orin Griffin's new periodical, *The Capital Region Poets Magazine*, was released Oct. 10. It aims to provide local poets with greater visibility and to introduce people to what their neighbors are writing. The magazine is scheduled to come out quarterly and will be available for purchase at local stores and online.

"I thought it would be interesting if I just focused on the Capital Region," said Griffin of Niskayuna. "I thought it would be interesting to do a magazine so those people not going to coffeehouses and open mics can submit their poetry with the public

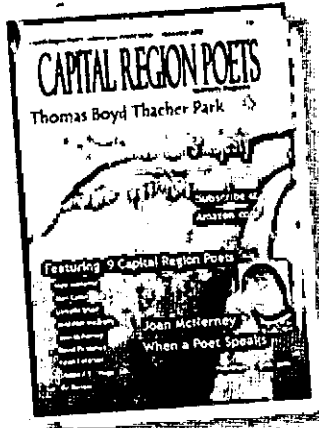
and share it in a different way."

While it might be difficult to get poetry selected for a larger publication, said Griffin, the refined focus of the publication allows local poets a better chance to see their words in print. He said he also wants to support open mic nights featuring local poets.

"People will come out of their shells; poetry is something that really genuinely opens people up," said Griffin. "To send it in and have it written and have it published is a little more private and it is a little more showy."

Griffin said there is a lot going on in the Capital District and he got the idea to start the magazine back in July. After seeing what other poetry publications had done, he decided he wanted make a publication around what he liked to see in a poetry magazine.

"I've written all of my life, and I always wanted to do something along this line," said Griffin. "I was happy the first



magazine came out the way I felt a magazine on poetry would come out."

Since he was a kid he said he has written poetry, and he looks at it as just something natural that he does. He said he has always enjoyed sharing his poetry and he has been published in magazines and journals. He also has a self-published book.

Publishing others' work was a new venture for him though, and he is mostly running a one-man operation.

Griffin solicited poetry for the first edition by putting up fliers in Troy, Schenectady and Albany, which resulted in him getting 15 to 20 different submissions from people. Each person submitted three poems for publication. He said he also isn't looking for any poetry that is "dark, racy or derogatory" and



Orin Griffin has launched a new periodical, *The Capital Region Poets Magazine*, to provide local poets with greater visibility.

Submitted photos

would like to keep a family-friendly standard.

"I believe that what they wrote was very true to heart," Griffin said about the submissions he received.

He said there hasn't been any negative response to the first publication and people have enjoyed the local focus.

"The people that have written love the look of the magazine," said

Griffin. "Everyone has told me that they don't think it has been done before, and it is great for the Capital Region and the community."

The artwork in the first magazine features photographs he took with his son at Thacher State Park, which provide a local backdrop for the poets. He said he plans to place photos from local scenery in future editions too.

The magazine can be

purchased on Amazon.com and for information about local stores to purchase the magazine or for information on submissions visit odeanpublishing.com. Griffin said he also welcomes any feedback on the magazine.

"I think everybody has a poet in them," said Griffin. "If it doesn't make you pull out the old stuff, it might make you bring out something new."

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☐ Breslin (From Page 3)

Would you be able to work with any or all of the gubernatorial candidates?

Absolutely. As an elected official my first responsibility is to the People of New York State and especially to my constituents. I will work with whoever out next Governor is on addressing the many important issues facing our State.

What must be done to stem the flow of upstate New Yorkers

leaving the state?

It is critical that state legislators consider measures to make New York more business friendly. During the past legislative session I was proud to vote for two programs that will help to save existing jobs and create new jobs in the Capital Region: Excelsior Jobs Program and Power for Jobs.

Should State legislators be full-time?

Yes. I would support a requirement that state legislators be full-time.

Additional Comments:

The measure of a strong economy is a growing middle-class where every American has a chance to work and an opportunity to succeed. I have and will spend my entire career standing up against special interest and fighting hard for our working families. As a state legislator, I have also actively worked to ensure that issues of social, racial, and economic justice are kept at the forefront of the political conversation. In addition, I have long advocated for the passage of various types of civil rights, ethics, and reform legislation. I am proud of the work that I have accomplished. However, there is much more that needs to be done and I am excited to take on the challenges of the coming years.

☐ Carey (From Page 3)

I would propose a spending and budget reduction, and after our economy is strong again and we are clearly not in a recession I would then propose a 2% property tax cap annually. Most residents of Albany County cannot afford the current increases.

Would you be able to work with any or all of the gubernatorial candidates?

For the past 3 years I have worked successfully with many legislators from both parties to get numerous bills past. As Senator, I would continue to successfully work with any of the gubernatorial candidates to address the vital needs of Albany County and New York State.

What must be done to stem the flow of upstate New Yorkers leaving the State?

I will work hard to cut taxes, stop wasteful spending of tax payer dollars, address serious problems of corruption and fraud, and provide incentives to small businesses to hire more employees. Also, to find a fair solution to providing employees of small businesses with affordable health care coverage.

Should state legislators be full

time?

Yes, it would eliminate conflicts with other jobs and it would give legislators the opportunity to focus solely on the vital needs and priorities of the people of Albany County and New York State. I would be willing to work full time to serve the people Albany County.

Additional Comments: I will work extremely hard to serve everyone in Albany County and New York State, regardless of party affiliation. Over the past 3 1/2 years I have gained significant experience with the legislative process. I have the personality to work well with others, and the ability to persevere until needed changes actually happen, having 8 bills successfully signed into law already. I sincerely care about all people, and I will fight for what is right and just for everyone to improve their lives. I am a strong advocate, and a successful reformer and I will use my experience to serve you and your family by working hard to reform all areas of State government. I am the only truly independent candidate in this race that will represent you directly that can make all the difference. It would be an honor to serve you and your family as your next Senator.

☐ Domenici (From Page 3)

eliminating unfunded mandates from the legislature upon our counties and local governments.

What would you do to provide property tax relief?

Property tax relief begins with reducing Medicaid spending, government consolidation, pension reform and eliminating unfunded mandates. Once expenditures have been reduced, we can implement a meaningful reduction in property taxes, followed by a cap on future increases.

Would you be able to work with any or all of the gubernatorial candidates?

Over several decades, I have had the privilege of serving many mayors, governors and Federal leaders, on both sides of the aisle. I am confident that I can communicate my message of lower spending and lower taxes, to representatives from all political parties.

What must be done to stem the flow of upstate New Yorkers leaving the state?

I propose lowering or eliminating taxes on small business for several years to promote growth, and lessening capital gains taxes to encourage reinvestment and rehiring.

Reform our workers compensation insurance system and address our highest in the nation property and income taxes, as well as our above-market energy costs.

Should state legislators be full-time?

A full time legislature would allow effective change. It is critically important that we attract entrepreneurs and business owners to the legislature, and a full time legislative commitment might prove to limit our ability to recruit the "best of the best" from the private sector to serve the public interest.

Additional Comments:

As legislators, we need to view small businesses as partners in economic development, and not targets for unnecessary taxes and regulation. Working together, the State and our local businesses can grow our economy out of this recession. Too often, though, the business community is at odds with the State, and seen as a target for more taxes and fees. We need leadership to do these things and right now we are not getting it from our elected officials. Promoting growth requires businesses to view the State as a credible partner. We need to build credibility through trust.

Got news?

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Farm

(From Page 1)

to get other things in their [students'] hands, so they got to have that really fun experience with a broccoli head or a beet."

Some schools held tasting events, where students will get an opportunity to eat fresh foods they might not always be exposed to. Indian Ladder Farms donated bushels of apples to some schools to have on hand for snacks, and students were encouraged all week to bring their own healthy snacks from home.

And the best and most convenient places to get such local, healthy foods is a farmers market. The Delmar Farmers Market has been involved in the planning Farm to You week, and on Saturday, the last day the market was held outside for the year, students could participate in a farmers market scavenger hunt, finding new foods and learning about them. Those who participate were entered into a raffle for prizes from market vendors.

"It gets the kids and families out to the farmers markets," said Shaw, who is also on market's board of directors. "The farmers have been really generous and really sweet about it."

The Delmar Farmers Market also paid for licensing of the documentary "Fresh," which was screened Tuesday evening at the BC Middle School. The film focuses on sustainable innovation to the food system, and a



Bethlehem Central elementary schoolers and their parents made the final donation of fresh, local produce to the Squash Hunger food drive Friday, Oct. 22, in front of McCarroll's at the Four Corners. District-wide, 1,034 lbs. of fresh food was donated during Farm to You Fest, a weeklong program of education and celebration of local eating and agriculture.

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number of local experts held a discussion after the screening.

But Farm to You Fest also took place in classrooms across the district. Budget cuts have in recent years

said Principal Dianna Reagan.

"It was quite an eye opening experience for the children," she said. "We learned all about where milk comes from... and just in general a lot

hopefully strengthen the harvests in years to come, said Eagle Elementary parent Amy Conway, who has been organizing some of that school's activities.

"It generates interest for some of the teachers who maybe don't know a whole lot about the garden or bring their students down," she said.

And all across the district, students have brought in their favorite recipes that incorporate locally-grown ingredients. The tastiest ones get put on the school lunch menu.

After two years of focusing on healthy and local eating, those involved agree that Farm to You Fest not only provides kids with fun activities, but teaches early on that food comes from the ground, not the store shelf.

"That's been a beautiful connection to make," said Shaw.

"It gets the kids and families out to the farmers markets. The farmers have been really generous and really sweet about it."

Karen Shaw of the BC Healthy Kids Committee

eliminated school field trips, but Farm to You organizers are circumventing that problem by bringing the field trip to students whenever possible.

At Eagle Elementary, classes last year took advantage of the proximity of Sunnyside Farm to take tours of a working dairy farm operation. It's an excursion the school hopes to make a recurring feature,

about a farm, which not a lot of students have been exposed to."

This year, kids were also treated to an in-school lesson on butter churning.

Capital District Community Gardens visited several schools to give gardening lessons. Many of the district's schools have started their own gardens, and some incorporate the harvest into the lunch menu. The visits will

Plans

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around ten acres of land adjacent to the exiting offices. Five buildings would each house 10, 2-bedroom apartments as well as 10 garages. The buildings would be two stories tall. Sussman said more analysis will have to be done before a likely rent point can be discussed.

The land is zoned hamlet, which generally calls for mixed-use residential and commercial space for a self-contained community atmosphere. There would be easy pedestrian access to the shopping plaza next door, said the developer.

Some town planners wondered how the apartments would integrate into the fabric of the surrounding community.

"It's sort of the first piece of the hamlet area to be proposed, other than Vista [Technology Campus]," said Planning Board member John Smolinsky. "I think when this project comes to the Planning Board it will be useful to know how you think this fits in with the bigger concept."

Director of Economic Development and Planning

Michael Morelli noted there exists a sidewalk and other streetscape elements on the other side of Route 85, but not on the side the apartments would be located.

"The question now is, do we start to implement those improvements on this side of the hamlet zone?" he said.

Sussman indicated he'd like to have an application submitted to the town as soon as possible, with hopes of appearing before the Planning Board at its next meeting on Nov. 16.

Other business

Also at a recent meeting with town planners, the Bethlehem YMCA approached the town with plans to construct a pavilion behind its Delaware Avenue facility.

The 40' by 80' structure would also house bathrooms, a kitchenette area and offices. The eventual intent would be to make it part of the programming already held in the area, with a formal activity field being established and eventually having cabins built along existing nature trails.

The YMCA's land extends for about 14 acres to the rear of its main building.

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Milestones

Layne, Van Sickle engaged

Stephen and Nancy Layne of Latham, N.Y. are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Julie Layne to Scot Van Sickle, son of John Van Sickle of Troy, N.Y. and Kathryn Dermott of Gloversville, N.Y.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Shaker High School. She earned a Bachelor's Degree from SUNY Oneonta and a Master's Degree from SUNY Albany. Julie is a Literacy teacher at St. Colman's School in Watervliet, N.Y.

Her fiancé graduated from Troy High School and went on to earn a Bachelor's Degree from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. Scot is an Information Technology Consultant at Logic Technology in Schenectady, N.Y.

Julie and Scot will marry on August 20, 2011.



Scot Van Sickle and Julie Layne

Fuller, Frey celebrate marriage

Lauren Michelle Fuller, daughter of Susan and Robert Fuller of Loudonville and Frederick William Frey, son of Brenda and Frederick Frey of Ellicott City, Maryland, were married in a nuptial mass on July 2, 2010 in St. Louis Roman Catholic Church, Clarksville, Maryland.

The bride's maids of honor were her best friends, Naomi Segel and Diane Payne. Melissa Fitch and Tara Baker, college roommates/teammates and Becky Frey, sister of the groom were bridesmaids. The groom's closest friend, David Bradshaw, was his best man. The groomsmen were Jeffrey Soule, Blair McFarland and Michael Moore, friends of the groom and David Fuller, brother of the bride.

The bride and groom and their wedding party arrived at the reception venue, The Annapolis Marriott Waterfront Hotel, by powerboat where they were greeted by their guests celebrating on the outdoor deck.

The bride is a graduate of Hobart and William Smith Colleges and is pursuing her master's degree



Frederick and Lauren Frey

at Goucher College. She is an elementary teacher and varsity field hockey coach for the Anne Arundel County School District, Annapolis, Maryland. The groom is a graduate of the University of Maryland. He

is a computer engineer for Booz Allen Hamilton, Annapolis Junction, Maryland. After their honeymoon to Italy, Switzerland and Ireland, the couple now reside in their Columbia, Md., home.

Election Day party in support of Jeremy's Circle

Organization matches up children dealing with a family member's cancer

On Tuesday, Nov. 2, there will be an Election Day party on behalf of Jeremy's Circle at the Golub Center at 184 Washington Ave. Extension, Albany. There is a Beth Scher art show, music, Israeli café-style food, and, all between 7-10 PM. Participants will have a chance to root for their favorite candidates.

Jeremy's Circle is an organization that was started by Pamela Becker, daughter of Martin and Jean Becker of Loudonville. Pamela attended Hebrew Academy before going to Ramaz High school in New York City. She got her bachelor's degree in writing from Johns Hopkins University and an MBA from Tel Aviv University. She married Jeremy Coleman, another Tel Aviv University MBA, in Israel. They had three children ages six months, three years and six years when in May 2007 Jeremy was diagnosed with stage four stomach cancer. During the course of the illness, Zoe, the oldest child, told her parents that she wanted a play date with another child who was dealing with a daddy who had cancer. At that point the family discovered that Israel had no mechanism to put such children together. In the meantime, Zoe went with the family and friends on hikes, sleepovers, and barbecues, which proved to be of significant value. However, it took several months for Zoe to find the friend she needed. In June 2008, Jeremy was hospitalized for several weeks. Still, he worked with his wife and sisters to start an organization

to provide help to other children.

The organization has a national play date database that matches children according to age, gender and location. It also understands the physical, emotional and financial demands of cancer on a family. It therefore does not require any effort by the parents for their children to participate in the special events. Plus, it has special fun days during school vacations. Everything from transportation to food and beverages to supervision is handled by paid professionals and volunteers. Moreover, outreach is nationwide and also welcomes visiting families. There is also a vibrant relationship with Hillel in terms of a mentorship program on three Israeli university campuses with students, many of whom have family histories of cancer. Since Israel has more than five thousand families touched by cancer that include young children, this support makes a major difference.

Jeremy Coleman worked as an international business consultant and also led regional competitiveness projects. He died in 2008, the year Jeremy's Circle was born. Pamela Becker is a marketing consultant specializing in marketing and advertising strategies for internet companies. Zoe, now nine, benefited tremendously from the experience of meeting others in similarly difficult situations.

For more information on the event, contact Jean Becker at 427-1967 or beckermartin@hotmail.com. For more information on Jeremy's Circle see the web site www.jeremyscircle.org.

System

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that you voted as they told you.

• There are additional pre- and post-election ways in which citizens can be

pro-active. For example, at the closing of the polls they can read the "results tape," a print-out from the scanner that is to be posted at the poll site. They also can inquire about the audits of the scanners that the Boards of Elections will be doing. All of these

"pre-activities" will help to develop confidence in the many checks and balances built into this new system.

Above all, be patient with the election inspectors. The equipment has been used only a few times. While the system is quite simple for

the voter, most inspectors still need to use printed guides when opening and closing the polls or setting up the BML.

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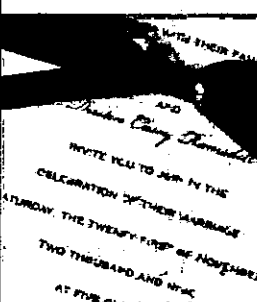
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Additional comments: I am an effective public servant with a long history of service to my constituents. New York needs a fresh start, but it still needs institutional knowledge, experience, competence and integrity in its elected officials. I look forward to the changes ahead and an effective, reinvigorated majority and administration.

Budget

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The last point is the only one on which a solid agreement was reached. Officials decided not to take an option to amortize \$144,000 in pension costs, putting that expense back into the 2011 budget but also avoiding paying future interest on the deferral.

But on other matters there was a great deal of back and forth, with a promise to examine different scenarios before meeting again.

The roughly \$40 million 2011 executive budget calls for a 1 percent cost of living increase for all town employees, as well as the regular "step increases" generally granted for years of service (at a cost of \$114,000 and \$220,000, respectively). Employees would also pay 2 percent more of health insurance costs under the plan.

There were various opinions on whether that formula should

change. Councilman Kyle Kotary, for one, proposed leaving all those items at 2010 levels with the possibility of reexamining the situation in time.

"I have no problem going back for a half-year [raise]," he said.

Councilman Mark Jordan argued many town residents aren't getting raises at their jobs, and state employees might be facing layoffs next year.

"Any increase that we give to our employees is going to be money out of the pockets of our taxpayers," he said.

Councilwoman Joann Dawson said she would like to give out a raise, but also doesn't want to overextend the town and force layoffs down the road.

"I am extremely nervous about promising something we're not able to give," she said.

Messina said he would be willing to compromise on the step increases, but was clearly reluctant to budget on the 1 percent

raise. He argued employees in other area municipalities are, in some cases, seeing 3 or 4 percent raises.

He also argued the 1.8 percent tax increase in his budget is relatively small, especially given a proposed 15 percent Albany

sales tax than is coming in, and even with the situation improving every quarter receipts are still expected to fall something like \$350,000 to \$400,000 short in 2010.

Messina has proposed making up the gap with the town's reserve savings. The 2010 budget already dips into those funds to keep the tax levy down. Messina argued even by using this extra money, the town would have more than 15 percent of the total budgeted amount left in savings.

Board members, however, have criticized this strategy as short sighted. Several argued town spending is growing out of control and must be reined in. Kotary argued there has been a steady increase in expenditures—actual, expected and planned—from 2009 to 2011.

"What are we doing? 34, 37, 40 [million]," he said. "The tax rates have been held artificially low by

dipping into the fund balance." Councilman Mark Hennessey pointed to high tax hikes in other communities and warned it could happen in Bethlehem if savings are depleted.

"The reason why all these communities are where they are is because they did what we're about to do," he said.

Messina said using just \$1.3 million of the fund balance, as budgeted for 2010, would mean slicing another \$800,000 in next year's budget. Town spending has already been substantially pared down in recent years.

"I think finding \$800,000 in additional savings is going to be crippling to some of our programs," he said.

Hennessey has drawn up a list of over \$500,000 in spending reductions, which he admits will probably not all be practical. But the board seemed to agree those ideas would be a good starting point for cutting more out of the budget.

"The tax rates have been held artificially low by dipping into the fund balance."

Councilman Kyle Kotary

County hike.

"I think the people of Bethlehem are willing to pay a slight increase...if they see us doing our jobs," he said.

Kotary was especially adamant about lowering the tax hike to zero, though.

"People are taxed enough in this state," he said. "They can afford to pay more, but that doesn't mean they should."

Closing this year's revenue gap also saw debate. The town budgeted for receiving more

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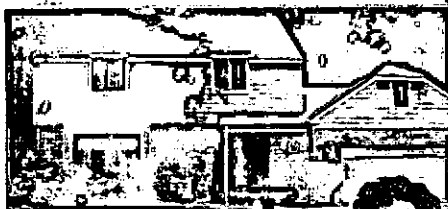


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Card game to benefit scholarship fund

The Delmar Progress Club is hosting its annual Scholarship Fund Card and Game Party on Saturday, Nov. 13, from 1-4 p.m. at the Normanside Country Club, 150 Salisbury Road, Delmar. The event is for the whole community. Admission is \$15, and proceeds will help the Progress Club achieve its \$1,500 goal to benefit a Bethlehem Central high school senior who will be going off to college. Last year, Yufan Lin was awarded a scholarship and is now attending Dartmouth College.

Attendees don't need a partner – they don't even need to be card players. There will be table prizes and a silent auction. Tickets can be purchased at the door. Those who wish to make reservations for a pre-party lunch can call the Normanside Country Club at 439-2117.

Q.U.I.L.T. to meet

Q.U.I.L.T. Inc. will meet on Friday, Nov. 12, at Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., Delmar. The meeting starts at 9:45 a.m.; doors open at 9:15 a.m. A \$5 visitor donation will be accepted. The general meeting and lecture will feature Ann Marie Miller talking about "Tessellations to Tumblers." For information, call 439-1194 or visit www.quiltinc.org.

Voorheesville Halloween party

The annual Halloween party sponsored by the New Scotland Kiwanis will be held at 1 p.m. Sunday,

Oct. 31, in the Voorheesville Elementary School gym. Children are invited to take part in games, a costume parade, prizes, treats and more. The event is free.

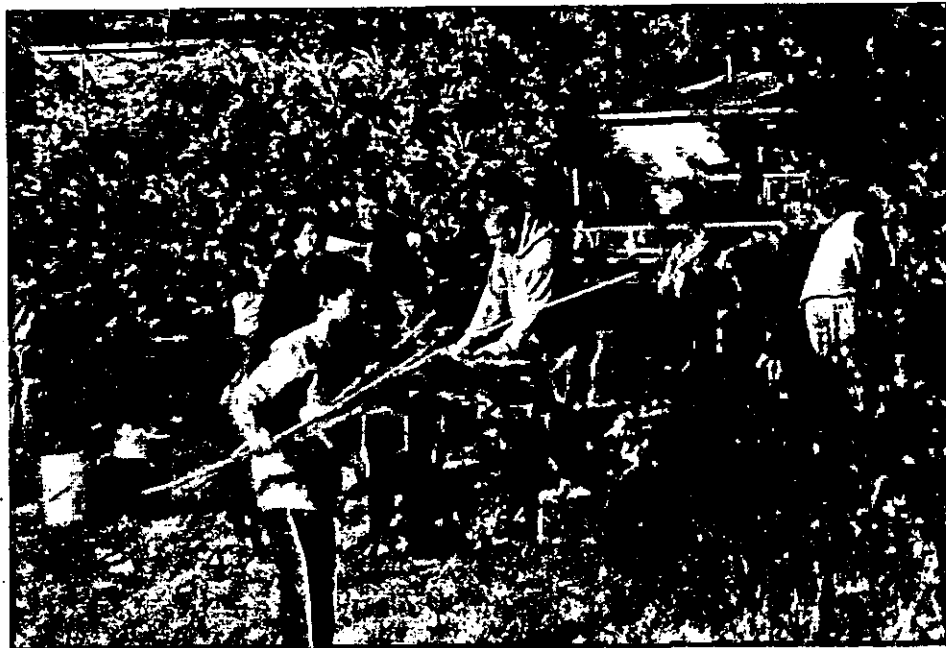
Fundraiser for G'land family

The Guilderland MOMS Club, along with several other organizations including the Guilderland Chamber of Commerce, are organizing a ziti dinner fundraiser to help alleviate some of the financial burden that Jenn Crux, 32, and her family are experiencing as they deal with her diagnosis of Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia. The benefit will be at the Fort Hunter Firehouse on Carman Road in Guilderland on Saturday, Nov. 20, from 5-8 p.m. The cost is \$7 for adults and \$5 for children (10 and under) and seniors. There will also be a number of raffles that night. To make a monetary donation, send cash or checks to: Jill McDonnell, 1608 Angelina Terrace, Schenectady, NY 12303, made out to MOMS Club of Guilderland/Capital District with Jennifer Crux in the memo line.

History program to focus on lighting

On Wednesday, Nov. 3, the Clarksville Historical Society will be holding a program at 7 p.m. at the Clarksville Community Church, Delaware Turnpike, Clarksville. The topic will be "Lighting: A Fascinating Aspect of History." Explore the development of lighting through the collection of 18th and 19th century lighting devices belonging to Dennis and Sue Fancher. For information, call Marilyn

A community cleanup



Parents and children, including local boy scouts and girl scouts, volunteered their time after school on Wednesday, Oct. 20, to help clean up the area behind Glenmont Elementary School. There is a series of nature trails leading to an observation platform in the area, and these pathways were raked and cleaned up. Several picnic tables were also liberated from the underbrush.

RIGHT: Boy scout Ben Goodrich trims tree branches on a nature trail behind Glenmont Elementary School.

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Fish & Game Club hold fall breakfast

The Onesquethaw Fish & Game Club, Inc. will be having a fall breakfast on Sunday, Nov. 7, at 2032 Tarrytown Road,

Clarksville, from 7 a.m. to noon. The breakfast will include pancakes, eggs, bacon, home fries, toast, sausage and sausage gravy. The cost is \$7 per person and free for children under 5. For information call Carol at 768-2320. Take-outs are

available by calling 366-0583 on Sunday. Proceeds will go toward sending a child to NYSDEC summer camp and to purchase educational shooting sports equipment. Go to www.onesquethawfgc.com for information.

FMS to host book fair at Barnes and Noble

On Friday, Nov. 5, students and staff from Farnsworth Middle School will be hosting the second Book Fair Extravaganza at the Barnes and Noble store in Colonie Center. The event kicks off at 10 a.m., with students from the FMS book club on hand to lead book discussions in the children's section. Student musicians will also perform throughout the day.

From 6 to 6:45 p.m., Farnsworth teacher and children's author Larry Tuxbury will be joined by Matt McElligott to sign copies of their recently published book, "Benjamin Franklin Lives!" From 6:45 to 7:30 p.m., author Rose Kent will be at the store signing copies of her books "Rocky Road" and "Kimchi and Calamari."

The day will conclude with a poetry jam, from 6-8 p.m., where students in grades six through eight will read original poems in a coffeehouse-type atmosphere.

Barnes and Noble will donate a portion of all sales of books, media, and café items from throughout the day to the school, with online purchases also eligible for the donation. Proceeds will help fund author visits at FMS throughout the remainder of the school year.

For information on the FMS Book Fair Extravaganza, including a printable Book Fair Extravaganza voucher and online purchasing instructions, go to www.guiderlandschools.org and click on the Farnsworth Middle School tab.

Spar

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damage the environment and the watershed."

While he said he's heard hydraulic fracturing can be a dangerous process, Carey said he is "not super familiar with hydrofracking" and that he would like to discuss it more with experts.

As a member of the South Colonie School District Board of Education, Domenici said he supports the charter provided by charter schools, but said they must accept every student as opposed to just picking and choosing.

"If they don't want a special [education] kid, they don't have to accept him," said Domenici. "That costs 40 percent more to educate him, and that comes back public school."

Breslin, who said he originally opposed charter schools all together, agreed there is "cherry picking" occurring in charter schools, and said there is an overabundance of charter schools just in Albany.

"It's really created chaos for the Albany public school system," Breslin said. "When a student goes to a charter school, the money follows him; the fixed costs, the

heat and the light, so the Albany school system gets left behind. There has to be additional transitional aid to the Albany public school system when the student goes over."

Candidates were asked how they would deal with lobbyists if they were elected into office, to which both Domenici and Carey jumped on Breslin for accepting donations from insurance companies, the very industry he regulates as chair of the Senate Insurance Committee.

Carey, who said he would not accept any money from lobbyists, came out against Breslin for the autism insurance bill he was a main sponsor

of after he said legislators can sometimes get "buddy, buddy" with lobbyists to the point they start making decisions "irrationally."

"This bill is a discriminatory bill," Carey said. "It favors insurance companies. The superintendent of the insurance industry is part of making the decision of what services a child with autism has and will actually override what a doctor wants."

Breslin informed Carey the bill was vetoed by the Gov. David Paterson earlier that day, which Carey was delighted to hear.

To close out the night, the question was posed

as to how each candidate would turn the state back around, to which Domenici simply answered: "Jobs."

He said there has to be an environment where the state government is "seen as a friend and not the enemy: by reducing taxes."

"This past year's budget we put 97 new fees on small businesses, \$14 billion in new taxes, \$1.8 billion in new personal income tax. They're not going to stay here, they're leaving in droves," Domenici said.

Carey said the state must look to moral reform and that "people have to turn to God."

"Everybody wants to

separate church and state but the issue is trying to separate God from what we're doing," he said. "We're spiraling morally and we're suffering the consequences."

Breslin looked ahead towards bringing high technology jobs to the state.

"We just saw a company leave here this past week that's going to New Hampshire," he said in reference to Albany International Corp. "It was a paper company, a paper company that had been here forever. Paper is beginning to end and computers changed that. We have to be along for the ride."

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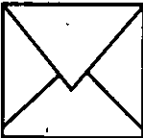
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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR AUTHORITY OF FOREIGN LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
Name: One Mustang Drive II, LLC (LLC). Application for Authority filed with Dept. of State of NY on 8/25/10. Certificate of Change filed with Dept. of State of NY on 9/1/10. Jurisdiction and date of organization: DE. 7/30/10. Office location: Albany County, Secretary of State of NY (SOS) is designated as agent of LLC for service of process. SOS shall mail copy of process to c/o Teal, Becker & Chiaramonte, CPAs, P.C. Principal Office: 7 Washington Square, Albany, NY 12205. A copy of the Certificate of Formation of the LLC may be obtained from the Delaware Secretary of State, Division of Corporations; 401 Federal Street, Suite 4, Dover, Delaware 19901. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity.
64451 (D)
(October 27, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of CARNESI CONSULTING LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 8/27/10. 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.
64453 (D)
(October 27, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of CHALLENGE SPORTS WORKS LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 8/31/10. 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.
64454 (D)
(October 27, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF KESAC, LLC, filed Articles of Organization with the New York Secretary of State on August 31, 2010. Its office is located in Albany County. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent upon whom process may be served and shall mail a copy of any process served on him or her to the LLC, at LLC, 790 Watervliet-Shaker Road, Latham, NY 12110. The street address of the principal business location is 790 Watervliet-Shaker Road, Latham, NY 12110. Its business is to engage in any lawful activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under Section 203 of the New York Limited Liability Company Act.
64456 (D)
(October 27, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
Name: Creative Marketing Concepts of the Capital Region, LLC (LLC). Articles of Organization filed with NY Dept. of State on 9/3/10. 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 950 New Loudon Road, Latham, NY 12110. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity.
64687 (D)
(October 27, 2010)

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Notice of Formation of BIO-LIFE ENERGY SYSTEMS SOLUTIONS LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 9/2/10. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities.
64689 (D)
(October 27, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

CU Factory Built Insurance Agency, LLC
LLC was filed with the SSNY on 8/30/2010. Office: Albany County.
SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. The P.O. address which SSNY shall mail any process against the LLC served upon him: Jeffrey Mouat, 2124 Silver Sage Ct, Keller, TX 76248. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.
64860 (D)
(October 27, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

ANNUAL MEETING
BETHLEHEM CEMETERY ASSOC. INC.,
7 P.M. MONDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2010 AT THE DELMAR REFORMED CHURCH
386 DELAWARE AVE., DELMAR, NY.
THOSE WISHING TO SPEAK AND/OR VOTE MUST CONTACT VIA PHONE (439-2394) FOR OWNERSHIP VERIFICATION NO LATER THAN 11/1.
64862 (D)
(October 27, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF HOME CHECK INSPECTIONS, LLC
Under Section 206 of the Limited Liability Company Law
First, the name of the limited liability company is Home Check Inspections, LLC. Second, the articles of organization were filed with the New York Department of State on June 14, 2010. Third, the County in which the limited liability company is located is Schenectady, New York. Fourth, The Secretary of State of the State of New York has been designated as agent of the limited liability company upon whom process against it may be served. The principal address of the limited liability company is 11 Mohawk Avenue, Alplaus, New York 12008. Fifth, the purpose of the company is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under the New York Limited Liability Law.
69163 (D)
(October 27, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC).
Name: JEFFERSON APARTMENTS ASSOCIATES LLC. Articles of Organization filed with NY Secretary of State, August 26, 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 c/o Dawn Homes Management, 20 Corporate Woods Boulevard, Albany, NY 12211.
69167 (D)
(October 27, 2010)

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Notice of Qualification of FULCRUM RETAIL ENERGY NEW YORK, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 9/10/10. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 9/3/10. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Capitol Services, Inc., 1218 Central Ave., Ste. 100, Albany, NY 12205. DE address of LLC: 615 South DuPont Hwy., Dover, DE 19901. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.
69168 (D)
(October 27, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of formation of GLF GROUP, LLC a NYS LLC Formation filed with SSNY on 03/19/10. Off. Loc.: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agt. of LLC, upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: The LLC, 4720 3rd Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11220. Purpose: Any Lawful purposes.
69169 (D)
(October 27, 2010)

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Notice of formation of LM REALTY 31B, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 05/27/10. Off. Loc.: Albany Co. SSNY design. as agt. upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 40 Rector St., Ste 1502, New York, NY 10006. Purpose: Any Lawful purposes.
69170 (D)
(October 27, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of formation of LM REALTY 27D, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 05/27/10. Off. Loc.: Albany Co. SSNY design. as agt. upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 40 Rector St., Ste 1502, New York, NY 10006. Purpose: Any Lawful purposes.
69171 (D)
(October 27, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of formation of LM REALTY 24C, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 05/27/10. Off. Loc.: Albany Co. SSNY design. as agt. upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 40 Rector St., Ste 1502, New York, NY 10006. Purpose: Any Lawful purposes.
69172 (D)
(October 27, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION PURSUANT TO NY LLC LAW SECTION 206
The name of the limited liability company is Felthousen Family, LLC. The date of the filing of the Articles of Organization was September 9, 2010. The County in which the office of the LLC is to be located is Schenectady. Its principal business location is Schenectady, New York. The agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served is the Secretary of State and such shall mail a copy of any process to: Walter T. Burke, Esq., Burke & Caserly, P.C., 255 Washington Ave. Ext., Albany, New York 12205. The term of the LLC shall commence on the date of filing of the Articles of Organization and continue indefinitely. The purpose of the Company is real estate related services and for any other lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be formed under the Limited Liability Company Law.
69173 (D)
(October 27, 2010)

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Notice of Formation of The Discoverers Movie, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 8/5/10. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 100 Wall St., 23rd Fl., NY, NY 10005. Purpose: any lawful activity.
69174 (D)
(October 27, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of BPFF LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 8/27/10. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 3/11/03. 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. Address to be maintained in DE: The Corporation Trust Company, 1209 Orange St., Wilmington, DE 19801. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activities.
69175 (D)
(October 27, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Marich Confectionery Associates, A California Limited Partnership. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 8/10/10. Office location: Albany County. LP formed in California (CA) on 7/1/84. SSNY designated as agent of LP upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Incorp Services, Inc., One Commerce Plaza - 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 805-A, Albany, NY 12210-2822, the registered agent, and the address of the principal office. CA address of LP: The Partnership, 2101 Bert Dr., Hollister, CA 950263-2562. Name/address of genl. ptr. available from SSNY. Cert. of LP filed with CA Secy. of State, 1500 11th St., Sacramento, CA 95814. Purpose: any lawful activities.
69177 (D)
(October 27, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of HP REALTY GROUP LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 9/16/10. 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.
69180 (D)
(October 27, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LLC
Breaktime V, LLC, filed Articles of Organization with the New York Secretary of State on 9/17/10. 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, PO Box 265, Glenmont, NY 12077. The street address of the principal business location is 525 Route 9W, Glenmont, NY. Its business is to engage in any lawful activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under Section 203 of the New York Limited Liability Company Act.
69181 (D)
(October 27, 2010)

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Notice of Formation of an LLC: Biscanney Bay, LLC
Articles of Organization

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were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on September 9, 2010. Office location is in Albany County. The 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 11 New England Avenue, Cohoes, NY 12047. Purpose: for any lawful purpose.
69183 (D)
(October 27, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of EJ MEDIA GROUP LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 9/20/10. 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.
69184 (D)
(October 27, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of FLAT 801 MANAGEMENT COMPANY LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 9/15/10. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 9/14/10. 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: 615 S. DuPont Hwy., Dover, DE 19901. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.
69185 (D)
(October 27, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Underbelly Film LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 9/17/10. 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 Stephanie Johns, 48 Berkeley Place, 2nd Fl., Brooklyn, NY 11217. Purpose: any lawful activities.
69186 (D)
(October 27, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation EVITAR LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 9/21/2010. Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: all lawful activities.
69189 (D)
(October 27, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of GRAND PUBLISHING LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 9/21/10. 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.
69191 (D)
(October 27, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation CHAMP'S AQUARIUM SUPPLIES, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 9/22/2010. Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: all lawful activities.
69197 (D)
(October 27, 2010)

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Notice of Formation PILARINOS REAL ESTATE LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 8/30/2010. Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 1709 Western Ave., Albany, NY 12203. Purpose: all lawful activities. Latest date to dissolve 12/31/2095.
69200 (D)
(October 27, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Montgomery Family Realty, LLC. Art. of Org. filed Secy of State (SSNY) 7/8/10. 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 August Montgomery, 50 Delaware Ave., Albany, NY 12202. Purpose: any lawful activities.
69201 (D)
(October 27, 2010)

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Notice of Formation of Integra Holdings, LLC. Art. of Org. filed Secy of State (SSNY) on 9/9/10. 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 Integra Holdings, LLC c/o McNamee Lochner Titus & Williams, P.C., 677 Broadway, Ste. 500, Albany, NY 12207. Principal place of business: 745 Albany Shaker Rd., Latham, NY 12110. Purpose: any lawful activities.
69202 (D)
(October 27, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

MAGGITOS LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 9/24/2010. Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC-whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: all lawful activities.
69204 (D)
(October 27, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation GAKAMARE LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 9/24/2010. Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: all lawful activities.
69205 (D)
(October 27, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation KOLITOS LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 9/24/2010. Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: all lawful activities.
69206 (D)
(October 27, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation SKILLA LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 9/24/2010. Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: all lawful activities.
69207 (D)
(October 27, 2010)

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Notice of Formation AKK CONSULTING LLC

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Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 9/24/2010. Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: all lawful activities.
69208 (D)
(October 27, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Energy Management Collaborative, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 9/15/10. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Minnesota (MN) on 2/18/2003. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 11100 Wayzata Blvd., #170, Hopkins, MN 55305, also the address of the principal office. Arts. of Org. filed with MN Secy. of State, 60 Empire Drive, Ste. 100, St. Paul, MN 55103. Purpose: any lawful activities.
69209 (D)
(October 27, 2010)

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Notice of Formation M K SPOT, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 9/17/2010. Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 1621 Route 9W, Selkirk, NY 12158. Purpose: all lawful activities. Latest date to dissolve 12/31/2095.
69211 (D)
(October 27, 2010)

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FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
Notice of formation of IDA'S EYE, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York ("SSNY") on 09/17/2010. Office location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of the process to the LLC at 605 Krumkill Road, Albany NY 12203. No specific date of dissolution. Purpose: Any lawful business activity.
69212 (D)
(October 27, 2010)

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yuupon, LLC
The name of the limited liability company is "yuupon, LLC." The date the Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of the State of New York was September 17, 2010. The County within the State in which the office of the limited liability company is to be located is Schenectady County. The Secretary of the State of New York has been designated as agent of the limited liability company upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address within or without the State of New York to which the Secretary of the State shall mail a copy of any process against the limited liability company served upon him is: yuupon, LLC, 32 Praise Lane, Glenville, New York 12302. The purpose of the business of the limited liability company is to offer discounted offerings, as well as any other lawful business purpose.
Counsel for the Company: The Dalton Law Firm, LLC 110 Spring Street Suite 101
Saratoga Springs, NY 12866
518-587-9600
69558 (D)
(October 27, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of AP-SARA RESEARCH LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 10/7/10. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process

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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. 69561 (D) (October 27, 2010)

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Notice of Formation of V ART OF SAMADHI, LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 10/4/10. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 69562 (D) (October 27, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

REOCO, LLC ("LLC") has been authorized to transact business as a limited liability company by filing an Application for Authority with the Secy. of State of NY ("SSNY") on October 8, 2010. Office Location: Schenectady County. SSNY designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The Company, 345 Jupiter Lakes Blvd, Suite 300, Jupiter, Florida 33458. Purpose: any lawful activity. 69565 (D) (October 27, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of FULL RANGE SERVICES, LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 10/12/10. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 69566 (D) (October 27, 2010)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (PLLC) Name: Capital District Interventional Spine & Rehabilitation, PLLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on September 24, 2010. Office location: 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, c/o The Breakell Law Firm P.C., 10 Airline Drive, Albany, New York 12205. Purpose: any lawful business purpose. 69574 (D) (October 27, 2010)

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Name of For. LLC: Allen Street Associates, LLC. App. for Auth. filed NY Dept. of State: 10/8/10. Jurisd. and date of org.: DE 10/6/10. City off. loc.: Albany Cty. Sec. of State designated as agent of foreign LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The Sec. of State shall mail copy of process to: c/o National Corporate Research, Ltd., 615 S. DuPont Hwy., Dover, DE 19901. Auth. officer in DE where Cert. of Form. filed: DE Sec. of State, P.O. Box 898, Dover, DE 19903. Purpose: any lawful activity. 69574A (D) (October 27, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Legal Notice Notice is hereby given that the fiscal affairs of Bethlehem Central School District for the period beginning on July 1, 2009 and ending on June 30, 2010, have been examined by an Independent Public Accountant, and that the report of examination has been filed in my office where it is available as a public record for inspection by all interested persons. Pursuant to §35 of the General Municipal Law, the governing board of Bethlehem Central School District may prepare a written response to the report of external audit and file any such response in my office as a public record for inspection by all interested persons not later than January 30, 2011.

Dated: October 27, 2010
Judith E. Kehoe, District Clerk
Bethlehem Central School District
69575 (D)
(October 27, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Motoring Madness, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed Secy of State (SSNY) 10/1/10. 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 13 Colonie Ave., Latham, NY 12110. Purpose: any lawful activities. Latest date 12/31/2109. 69577 (D) (October 27, 2010)

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Notice of Formation DIRO TAXI LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 10/18/2010. Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon 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. 69580 (D) (October 27, 2010)

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PUBLIC NOTICE PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Planning Commission of

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the Village of Voorheesville will hold a Public Hearing on the following application: Site Plan Review: From Hannaford Bros at 5 Maple Avenue. Major Subdivision Sketch Plan Approval: from Troy Miller to divide a 13.63 acre parcel located on Prospect Street into 5 conforming building lots. The meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 9 at 7 PM at the Village Hall, 29 Voorheesville Ave., Voorheesville, NY 12186.

BY ORDER OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION
Georgia Gray, Chairperson
Dated: October 18, 2010
69583 (D)
(October 27, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Retirement Insurance Specialists Agency, L.L.C. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/14/10. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Arizona (AZ) on 3/17/10. 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. AZ address of LLC: 1490 S. Price Road, #203, Chandler, AZ 85286. Arts. of Org. filed with AZ Secy. of State, 1300 W. Washington, Phoenix, AZ 85005. Purpose: all lawful purposes. 69584 (D) (October 27, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of SHM Capital, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 9/24/10. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 100 Jané St., #8F, NY, NY 10014. Purpose: any lawful activity. 69593 (D) (October 27, 2010)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY NAME: N42165 LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 9/28/10. Office location: Schenectady County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, c/o Jeffrey L. Zimring, 1693 Western Avenue, Albany, New York 12203. Purpose: for any lawful purpose. 69595 (S) (October 27, 2010)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC) The name of the LLC is ENGINEERED MOLDING TECHNOLOGY LLC. The Articles of Organization of

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the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on September 8, 2010. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the LLC is to be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against the LLC may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is 59 Exchange Street, Albany, New York 12205. 69596 (D) (October 27, 2010)

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Notice of Formation of WINE GLASS DISTRIBUTION, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 9/30/2010. Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon 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. 69597 (D) (October 27, 2010)

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Notice of Formation of 1 Cedar Court, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 9/28/10. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o CT Corporation System, 111 8th Ave., NY, NY 10011, registered agent upon whom process may be served. Purpose: all lawful purposes. 69598 (D) (October 27, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Pianissimo LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 9/29/10. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 9/29/10. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 101 Huntington Ave., Ste. 2575, Boston, MA 02199. 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. 69599 (D) (October 27, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of a Limited Liability Company (LLC): Norton Construction Services, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York on 6/17/2010. Under Section 203 of the Limited Liability Company Law First: The name of the limited liability company is Norton Construction Services, LLC. Second: The county within this state in which the limited liability company is

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located is Albany. Third: The secretary of state is designated as agent of the limited liability company upon whom process against it may be served. The address within or without this state to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process accepted on behalf of the limited liability company served upon him or her is 13 Cherry Ave., Delmar, New York 12054. Fourth: The name and street address in this state of the registered agent upon whom and at which process against the limited liability company may be served is: Christopher Norton, 13 Cherry Ave., Delmar, New York 12054. 69600 (D) (October 27, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Pitney's Meadow Farm, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 9/24/10. Office location: Schenectady Co. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Kathleen M. Pitney, 2420 Jaffrey St., Niskayuna, NY 12309. Purpose: any lawful activities. 69601 (D) (October 27, 2010)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of an LLC: MTB Consulting, LLC Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on September 23, 2010. Office location is in Albany County. The 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 43 Maple Road, Voorheesville, NY 12186. Purpose: for any lawful purpose. 69614 (D) (October 27, 2010)

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Voorheesville's Cassidy Smith (14) chases down a loose ball during last Friday's Colonial Council game against Watervliet. The Blackbirds finished third in the Colonial Council with an 11-4-1 record.

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'Birds

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also has a team-high seven assists this season.

"We've spread some of the wealth around with our forwards, as well as with our midfielders," said Santos.

The Blackbirds have also posted seven shutouts this season thanks in large part to senior goaltender Mackenzie Blake.

"She has kept us in

some games until we've had a chance to score a goal," Santos said of Blake, who has stopped 96 of the 114 shots she has faced.

Voorheesville will need more solid efforts on both sides of the field once it begins Sectionals later this week. The Class C field includes three powerful WAC teams — Scholastic, Middleburgh and Galway — and Wasaren League leader Cambridge.

"It comes down to our players going on the field and playing to the

best of their abilities both physically and mentally," said Santos.

Voorheesville's senior leadership should help that cause, though. The Blackbirds have five seniors on their roster, several of whom have extensive varsity experience.

"Three of the five seniors have played four years of varsity, and one of them has played for three years," said Santos.

Another girls soccer team that was looking for a high seed at Tuesday's

Sectional meeting was Bethlehem. The Lady Eagles (13-2-0) were in competition with Saratoga Springs (13-2-0) for the top seed out of the Suburban Council for the Class AA playoffs.

Bethlehem needed to defeat Guilderland (7-6-1) in Monday's regular season finale and have Saratoga lose to Shenendehowa (11-3-1) in order to lock up the top seed. Saratoga defeated Bethlehem 2-0 in their lone regular season match Sept. 21.

Eagles

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rest of a highly competitive pack of Class AA teams.

"This is going to be a very competitive section," said Ridgway. "It's going to be a very tough battle."

Most of that competition will come from the North Division, where all five Class AA schools — Saratoga, Ballston Spa, Shaker, Shenendehowa and Niskayuna — have records at or above .500. South Division rivals Colonie (8-6-1, 12.5 points) and Guilderland (6-6-3, 8.5 points) also figure to provide a challenge to the top seeds.

"It's going to be a different year this year [for Sectionals] because there are so many good teams coming out of the North Division," said Ridgway. "I don't remember a year where Shen (5-5-5, 11 points) and Guilderland could be the seventh and eighth seeds."

The Eagles have been on a roll since their 3-1 cross-divisional loss to Saratoga Sept. 21. They have won their last 10 games entering Monday's season finale at Guilderland, outscoring their opponents 36-13. Among the most eye-catching results are a 4-2 victory over defending Class AA champion Shen Oct. 5, followed by a 7-3 win against Ballston Spa

(7-4-4, 13 points) Oct. 8 where they jumped out to a 5-0 lead.

"We were really cranking that day," Ridgway said of the Ballston Spa game. "We really moved the ball around well and took good shots [on goal]."

Bethlehem's attack was bolstered when Ridgway moved Zach Rockmore from defense to midfield one-third of the way into the season. Rockmore scored his first goal of the season in the Eagles 1-0 victory over Niskayuna Sept. 23, and he followed that with a hat trick in a 3-2 victory over BH-BL Sept. 25.

"At the beginning of the season, I had Zach playing outside back, and it's awfully difficult to score from there," said Ridgway. "But then I moved him into the central midfield, and he started getting involved in the offense."

From that point on, Rockmore became part of a balanced attack that also included Pat and Ethan Gunty, Tyler Kessler, Dan Carrillo and Conor Oberlander.

"It's nice to have a little flexibility," said Ridgway. "I can move people around."

Once Monday's game at Guilderland ended, Bethlehem began preparing for its first round Sectional match-up, which was determined at Tuesday's seeding meeting.

Lady Dutch win county meet title

The Guilderland girls cross country team placed five runners in the top 15 to win the Albany County Meet championship last Friday in Colonie.

The Lady Dutch finished with 52 points, five points ahead of runner-up Shaker. Bethlehem was fifth with 150 points, Voorheesville placed eighth with 196 points and Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk finished 10th with 286 points.

Jenna Robinson led Guilderland with a fourth-

place finish in a time of 19:03. Anna Pickett (ninth), Anna Joynt (12th), Erin Mossop (13th) and Chrissy Herkenham (14th) rounded out Guilderland's top five.

Lindsey Cheu (10th) led Bethlehem, while Michelyn Little (11th) had a top-12 finish for Voorheesville.

On the boys' side, Guilderland was a distant second to Shaker. The Blue Bison had 17 points to the Dutchmen's 82 points.

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Football

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off the victory this time.

In Class B, two teams with stout defenses – Schalmont and Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk – meet two teams with explosive offenses in the semifinals.

Schalmont gets the privilege of facing off against Section II's leading running back, Zay Richardson, and his Albany Academy teammates Friday in Rotterdam. The problem for the Cadets is that Richardson is basically the entire offense following quarterback Hunter McCarthy's season-ending injury, and knowing Schalmont, I think the Sabres will contain Richardson long enough to pull out the win.

R-C-S has also done a good job of shutting down opposing offenses, but the Indians face a tough task with Hudson Falls Friday. Daktoa Drake and Artem Terise have been an effective running back combo, and quarterback Aaron Dudley is also a threat to run the ball. R-C-S will have to be on its toes all night to tame the Tigers.

All in all, the semifinal round in Class AA, A and B should be entertaining. Well, with the exception of the BH-BL Queensbury game, anyway.

• Switching gears, we're closing in on Sectional time in cross country as all the leagues hold their championship meets this week.

As always, Saturday's Suburban Council meet will be the main event of this championship week. The boys division features six teams ranked in the state polls led by Shaker (No. 1 in Class AA) and BH-BL (No. 1 in Class A), while the girls division features two teams ranked No. 2 in the state – Saratoga Springs (AA) and BH-BL (A) – and four other schools ranked in Class AA (Shen, Guilderland, Colonie and Shaker).

The battle between Shaker and BH-BL in the boys division should be very interesting. Both teams have great depth, so it will come down to which pack is tighter. I give Shaker the edge in that department with its top five of Mike Libruk, Jon Vallecorsa, Christian Delago, Ryan Recchia and Casey Gilboy, but if BH-BL gets its pack together, it can certainly challenge for the team title – especially if Otis Ubriaco wins the individual title.

Depth is also the key in the girls' race, where I think Saratoga's top four runners are stronger than any other Suburban Council school in the field. Keelin Hollowood, Sydney King, Margaret MacDonald and Amanda Borroughs are all likely to finish in the top 10, which should give the Blue Streaks enough to fend off any challenge from BH-BL or Shen.

Individually, the Suburban Council boys title comes down to Ubriaco, Libruk and Niskayuna's Marshall Pagano, while Hollowood and Shen's Lizzie Predmore are the favorites for the girls championship.

Saturday's Suburban Council meet starts at 1:30 p.m. at Saratoga Spa State Park. If you have the time and the inclination to make the trip up north, by all means do so. You won't see another league meet that features this many quality teams in New York state.

• With the Siena College women's soccer team continuing to struggle down the stretch (three straight MAAC losses), the attention is being shifted toward The College of Saint Rose, which is undefeated and untied entering the final week of the regular season.

The top-ranked Golden Knights (17-0-0) have outscored their opponents 63-6 and average nearly three times the number of shots per game (19.8) as the teams they've played (5.5). Both are impressive numbers for a team that's looking to get back to the NCAA Division II Final Four and bring home a national title.

Of course, stats won't mean a thing when the playoffs begin. But if Saint Rose can continue their dominance in the offensive half of the field, another trip to the Final Four seems likely.

• Finally, a quick comment about the Albany Devils' radio deal with 104.5 FM where only road games and three of their four Atlantic City contests will be aired. I have never heard of a broadcast deal where only games being held away from a team's home city are aired, and I don't think it's a good idea. You want to hear the home crowd cheer after a goal is scored... oh, wait. The Devils have drawn an average of less than 2,000 per home game since the home opener three weeks ago. So, I guess that point about wanting to hear the home crowd cheer is moot until people start going to home games. Never mind.

Lady Eagles finish with a win

The Bethlehem girls tennis team concluded its season last week with a 5-4 Suburban Council victory over Niskayuna.

Sophomore Jamie Rosen broke a 4-4 tie by winning her singles match for the Lady Eagles, who

had to overcome an injury to senior singles player Sarah Morse.

Laura Nardacci, Carley Bashant and Aria Shi also won their singles matches for Bethlehem. The doubles team of Colleen Fei and Sara Bashant provided the

other victory for the Lady Eagles.

Bethlehem also competed at the Section II championships last week. Shi and Rosen teamed up in doubles and reached the quarterfinals before losing to a duo from Shaker.

Indians

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game for the Indians.

Neither team got much going on offense in the second half until R-C-S got the ball midway through the fourth quarter. A long third-down run by Daryl Ford put the Indians near midfield. R-C-S kept moving forward until Greco scored the eventual game-winning touchdown.

"We played on a long field all night," said VanDerzee. "Our two scoring drives were 73 and 87 [yards]. We didn't get any turnovers to give ourselves a short field."

Cobleskill had a chance to tie the game late in the fourth quarter, but a pair of quarterback sacks sealed R-C-S's victory.

"We played better defensively [than in a 21-20 victory over Cobleskill in Week 1]," said VanDerzee. "Offensively, we just didn't string anything together."

Ford rushed for 76 yards, and Greco contributed 74 yards on the ground for the Indians. But it was Swart's efforts through the air (82 yards) and on the ground (14 yards on five carries) that impressed VanDerzee.

"We don't win that game without him," he said of Swart, who is in his second year as R-C-S's starting quarterback. "He made some key throws, and he pulled the ball down and made some key scrambles."

Swart and the rest of the Indians will look to punch their ticket to the Class B Super Bowl Friday when they host Hudson Falls, which has won four of its last six games.

"It means a great deal for nothing more than you're playing at home and not making that long bus trip," said VanDerzee of having home-field advantage for Friday's semifinal.

In other Sectional football action, Voorheesville's dream of reaching the Class C Super Bowl ended with last Friday's 14-8 quarterfinal loss at Greenwich.

The Blackbirds (5-3) tied the game in the third quarter on Anthony Scaccia's 2-yard touchdown run and Ryan Duncan's two-point conversion pass to James Currier. But the Witches (7-1) regained the lead on David Almy's 9-yard scoring run in the fourth quarter.

Voorheesville wraps up its season Saturday when it hosts Tamarac in a crossover game.

Guilderland and Bethlehem won their Class AA crossover games last Friday. Guilderland (5-3) defeated Colonie 25-7, while Bethlehem (3-5) beat Columbia 24-14.

Quarterback Ryan Smith threw for 143 yards and a touchdown for Guilderland in its victory over Colonie (3-5). Dylan August caught five passes for 73 yards and the touchdown, while Tony Stanish rushed for more than 60 yards and caught three passes for more than 30 yards.

Quarterback John Gosstola threw a touchdown pass and rushed for another to lead Bethlehem past Columbia (1-7). Kicker Jon Martin added a school-record 49-yard field goal late in the second quarter.

Bethlehem travels to Colonie for its final Class AA crossover game Friday, while Guilderland hosts Schenectady.

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Sports in the Spotlight

Indians advance

Greco's TD lifts R-C-S past Cobleskill

By ROB JONAS

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The Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk football team passed its first postseason test, but another awaits.

Cameron Greco scored on a 4-yard touchdown run late in the fourth quarter to help the Reinfurt Division champion Indians edge Cobleskill 13-7 in last Friday's Class B quarterfinal game in Ravena.

The win propels the Indians (7-1) into Friday's semifinal game against Hudson Falls (4-4), which defeated Hudson 48-14 in

another quarterfinal game last weekend.

"They're big and very physical," R-C-S coach Gary VanDerzee said of Hudson Falls, which finished second in the West Division. "We're going to have to up our game a little bit and get more physical, use our speed and play error-free football."

Cobleskill (4-4) gave R-C-S all it could handle for the second time this season. The Bulldogs took a 7-0 lead in the second quarter on Nate Prezorski's 1-yard touchdown run and had hopes of entering halftime with that lead before sophomore quarterback Tyler Swart connected on a 9-yard touchdown pass to Aaron Stewart to tie the

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Eagles want No. 1 seed

BC needed win or tie against Guilderland

By ROB JONAS

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Monday's boys soccer game between Bethlehem and Guilderland meant little in terms of the Suburban Council South Division standings, but meant everything to the Eagles' chances of getting the No. 1 seed for the Section II Class AA playoffs.

A win or a tie against the Dutchmen would have

given the Eagles (13-2-0, 18 points) enough of an edge over North Division-leading Saratoga Springs (11-2-2, 17 points) for the top point total in the league. A loss, though, would have opened the door for the Blue Streaks to steal the top seed based on their head-to-head win over Bethlehem.

Regardless of the outcome, Bethlehem coach Phil Ridgway said being a No. 1 or a No. 2 seed only means that the Eagles will be seeded higher than the

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Voorheesville's Caroline Weiss (8) leads the chase to the ball during last Friday's Colonial Council game against Watervliet. The Blackbirds beat the Cannoneers 6-0 to finish the regular season at 11-4-1.

Rob Jonas/Spotlight

'Birds finish strong

V'ville dominates its last three league opponents

By ROB JONAS

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The Voorheesville girls soccer team did everything it could to impress the Section II seeding committee.

The Blackbirds could only hope it was enough to earn them a high seed for the Class C playoffs.

Voorheesville capped its run through the Colonial Council with last Friday's 6-0 victory over Watervliet. The win gave the Blackbirds an 11-4-1 record, good for third place in the league.

The problem entering Tuesday's seeding meeting, said Voorheesville coach Joseph Santos, was that

the Blackbirds' record had to be compared with fellow Class C teams from the Western Athletic Conference, the Central Hudson Valley League, the Adirondack League and the Wasären League to determine where they were seeded.

"They have to look at our schedule, and they'll see that we've played Mechanicville, which is ranked second in the state [in Class B], and we've played Schalmont, which is ranked fifth in the state [in Class A]," said Santos. "So, they have to weigh that."

Voorheesville didn't have much luck against Mechanicville or Schalmont this season. Mechanicville edged Voorheesville 3-2 in their only meeting Oct. 2, while Schalmont defeated the Blackbirds by scores of 6-0 (Sept. 22) and 4-0 (Oct. 14).

Voorheesville had better luck

against the rest of the Colonial Council. The Blackbirds won 11 of their 13 league games against teams not named Mechanicville or Schalmont, outscoring their opponents 44-7. They won their last three games by a combined score of 16-1.

"I thought before the season began that we'd have a shot at winning 12, 13 or 14 games because we had a lot of players coming back," said Santos. "So, we are where I thought we would be."

Voorheesville has used a balanced attack to get where it is this season. Five players have scored five or more goals this season, led by senior forward Caitlin Abelseth's 12 goals. Fellow senior Hannah Brackett is next on the team with eight goals, followed by junior forward Emma Simpson's seven goals. Brackett

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Football semifinals feature familiar foes

Here's one World Series prediction that I'm sure of: Almost nobody living in the Capital District will care who wins it. If it doesn't involve a team from New York City or Boston, it doesn't matter to 90 percent of this region's population. OK, moving on...

• We're into the semifinal round in all five classes for Section II football. Since Voorheesville lost to Greenwich 14-8 in the Class C quarterfinals last weekend, we can exclude the Class C and D semifinal match-ups and look at the three largest classifications.

The first thing to note: There are rematches galore in Class AA and Class A, thanks to the fact that all four No. 3 seeds in those divisions won their quarterfinal games. That means divisional foes will get a second chance at each other.

In Class AA, both semifinal games feature intriguing match-ups. In Friday's first semifinal, Shenendehowa and Ballston Spa meet in a rematch of their Empire Division showdown in Week 3, where Shen pulled out a 7-0 win. Then on Saturday, Niskayuna travels to undefeated Troy with an eye on beating the Flying

Horses following a 35-28 overtime loss to them in Week 6.

Friday's Shen-Ballston Spa game probably won't be as low scoring as that Week 3 game was, but it will certainly feature the same ground-based attack on both sides of the ball. Simply put, Shen and Ballston Spa only throw the football when absolutely necessary or when they want to surprise their opponents. And when you have as much speed as Shen and Ballston Spa possess in the backfield, you don't have to worry about throwing the ball.

The key will be whether Shen's defense can bottle up Ballston Spa quarterback Troy Gargiulo when he decides to run with the football. The Plainsmen limited Gargiulo to 47 yards on 18 carries in that Week 3 game, but since then Gargiulo has averaged 174 yards per game and has scored eight touchdowns.

Shen looked much better offensively in its 48-6 quarterfinal victory at Shaker last Friday than it did in its losses to Guilderland and Saratoga Springs the past two weeks. If the Plainsmen can continue that trend Friday, they will punch their ticket to the Super Bowl — a place most people believed they would go after they began the season with five straight wins.

The other Class AA semifinal game should mimic the Week 6 meeting between Troy and Niskayuna. The Silver Warriors can pile up points on anybody with

their no-huddle, spread offense because all the plays are called at the line of scrimmage, leaving opposing defenses guessing where the ball is going next. But at the same time, Niskayuna has to stop Troy's Jordan Canzeri — something they did not do when they met three weeks ago in Niskayuna.

The Silver Warriors defense came up big when they had to in last week's 34-27 quarterfinal victory at Saratoga. I don't think they'll make enough big defensive plays this time to prevent Troy from winning this game, but their offense will definitely give the Flying Horses fits in the process.

In Class A, there won't be a lot of suspense in one of the two semifinal games as three-time defending champion Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake meets Queensbury Friday night. The BH-BL Spartans dominated the Queensbury Spartans 48-0 in Week 3, and I haven't seen anything from either side in subsequent weeks for me to believe that the rematch will go any differently.

The Class A semifinal game that could offer a surprise is Lansingburgh hosting Bishop Maginn Friday. The Knights had a difficult time with Gloversville in last week's quarterfinal game (a 24-15 win), and they're only two weeks removed from a come-from-behind 20-14 victory over Maginn. This rematch promises to be just as close, and I wouldn't be surprised if Maginn pulled

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