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Every year, *The Spotlight* takes a look at the stories that shaped our communities. Here is a run-down of the top stories of the second half of 2010. The first half appeared in the Dec. 29 edition.

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### July

•The Bethlehem Central High School Class of 1956 dedicates a veterans memorial at the high school. President of the Class of 1956 Ruth McRobbie, Bethlehem Central School District Visual Art Supervisor Melanie Painter, Bethlehem Town Supervisor Sam Messina and Albany County Executive Michael Breslin speak at the dedication ceremony.

•Members of the Bethlehem Central Board of Education take the oath of office, including newly elected member Michael Cooper. Jim Dering is picked for another stint as board president and Diane Giacone Stever is sworn in as vice president.

•The state Office of Parks and Recreation announces the season's park attendance is up by 11 percent, or 1.3 million visitors, as compared to last year's mid-season numbers. A down economy, uncertainty about the future of the parks system and poor weather in 2009 are all attributed to the rise in popularity.

•The results of a *Spotlight*/Siena Research Institute poll on cell phone towers in the Town of Bethlehem is completed and presented to the public. The survey found many of the town's cell phone users desire better cell phone service, but are not particularly attuned to the debate over the effects of towers or where they should be placed.

•The Bethlehem Planning Board approves a controversial hamlet development at the corner of Elsmere Avenue and Feura Bush Road. Kendall Square will hold 110 units of housing, mostly apartments, and 20,000- to 40,000-square-feet of commercial space. Many neighbors protested the development, citing concerns over traffic and disturbing area character. Construction is under way at year's end.

•The Town of Bethlehem's Youth Court program celebrates its 15-year anniversary. The court

allows juvenile offenders accused of minor crimes be tried by a jury of their peers in a courtroom run by other youths in town.

•Keystone Builders and other local businesses pitch in labor and supplies to help build an addition onto the Delmar home of Lisa and Michael Jones. Michael Jones earlier in the year suffered a debilitating spinal injury while playing rugby, and the special and costly addition to the home is needed to accommodate his needs.

•The Town of New Scotland approves a "home occupation law," a change to the zoning code that will allow some residents to conduct business in an accessory structure to their home.

•The Thruway Authority approves a \$16 million project to build noise barriers in the McKownville area as part of a reconstruction project, a cost that works out to \$72,000 per affected residence. Local advocates who have long petitioned for noise relief praise the decision.

•Eighteen-year-old Delmar resident Ryan Reilly is accepted to the prestigious Julliard School, where he will continue to develop as a pianist. Over the summer, he travels to the University of Rochester's Eastman School of Music to compete in an international tournament.

•The Town of New Scotland revisits a new ethics law and considers an amendment to allow town employees or officers to escape a representation clause should they leave town employment before the end of the year.

•Large-scale tear gas drills at the New York Army National Guard rifle range in Guilderland are suspended after chemical smoke wafts from the training facility to the adjacent Albany Country Club, where young day campers are outside. There are no injuries but golfers and campers are forced inside.

•Four local Republican candidates for state office launch a joint attack against their opponents, intimating questionable practices

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## Motorists move over for new law

**Ambrose-Searles Act designed to protect emergency responders**

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Despite all the dangerous situations emergency responders place themselves in every day, the most deadly is also one of the most routine: getting out of the car.

Since 1999, more than 160 law enforcement officers nationwide have been killed by being struck by passing vehicles while performing duties on the roadside, according to the National Law

Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund. Firefighters and emergency medical responders face similar dangers.

But starting this year, New York becomes the last state in the continental U.S. to adopt a "move over law" compelling drivers to slow down and move over if they approach an emergency vehicle on the side of the road. (Hawaii and Washington, D.C. are the only stragglers).

It's dubbed the Ambrose-Searles "Move Over Act," after New York State Trooper Robert W. Ambrose and Onondaga County Sheriff Deputy Glenn M. Searles, who were both killed in the line

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## The start of school



In September, students from Pieter B. Coeymans Elementary School in Coeymans celebrated the first day of school with an afternoon parade near the school. Ravena Mayor John Bruno served as grand marshal, and Stewart's sponsored an ice cream social after the parade. For more pictures from 2010, see pages 14 and 15.

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## New wood boiler regulations passed

**DEC rules for cleaner heaters have some fired up**

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After months of controversy, the Department of Environmental Conservation has adopted the first statewide regulations governing the use of outdoor wood boilers, much to the chagrin of some

farmers and rural homeowners who have come to embrace the alternative heat source.

The new regulations, which will take effect near the end of January, will primarily affect new boilers. The DEC is imposing new emission limits that it says will ensure new boilers burn at least 90 percent cleaner than old models.

DEC spokesperson Lori Severino said these new regulations

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## Police Blotter

## Three charged in check case

Bethlehem police on Friday, Dec. 24, arrested three people after one allegedly tried to cash a stolen check.

Pamela S. Hardin, 48, of 431 Kenwood Ave., Delmar, was charged with possession of a forged instrument in the first degree, conspiracy in the fourth degree, both felonies, hindering prosecution in the fifth degree, criminal possession of stolen property in the fifth degree and petit larceny.

Anthony J. Gagliardi, 40, of 235 Fourth Street, Troy, and Jason G. Reid, 36, of 1211 Hutton Street, Troy, were both charged with the following: grand larceny in the third degree, conspiracy in the fourth degree, possession of a forged instrument in the first degree and resisting arrest.

Police at about 11:15 a.m. received a call from the Key Bank at the Four Corners in Delmar reporting a white female had tried to cash a check without proper identification. She had used a Greene County Sheriff's Department photo personal identification card, which was not an accepted form of identification for cashing a check. The check was allegedly written as payable to Pamela Hardin in the amount of \$260, with "Christmas Present" on the memo line. The check was from an account for which the owner had reported the checkbook missing, police said.

The card identified the

woman as Pamela Hardin, according to police, and a check of police records revealed recent contact with the BPD and an address.

Police made contact with Hardin at her residence. She stepped outside and when asked allegedly said no one else was in the apartment. When police asked to discuss the case inside it was discovered the door was locked with no keys available. Hardin was taken to the police station and gave a statement, and eventually revised that statement to give information about Gagliardi and Reid, police said.

Police gained access to the apartment from the landlord and discovered both the missing checkbook and Gagliardi and Reid, according to arrest reports. The check in question was allegedly on Hardin's person and was handed over to police.

Hardin was arraigned in Bethlehem Town Court and remanded to Albany County jail on \$30,000 cash bail or bail bond. Gagliardi and Reid were remanded to Albany County jail without bail. A preliminary court date for all three was set for Dec. 28, and a return court date for Tuesday, Jan. 18.

## Other arrests

The Bethlehem Police Department on Thursday, Dec. 23, arrested William R. Peters, 37, of 237 Van Dyke Road, Delmar, and

charged him with DWI.

Police said that at about 8:15 p.m., Peters' 1999 Jeep Cherokee made an illegal left turn on Delaware Avenue into the CVS parking lot, traveling into the path of a police car and nearly causing an accident. The car activated its emergency lights and followed the Jeep through the parking lot until it parked in a space, and Peters was surprised to see police at his car window, according to arrest reports.

Police said Peters appeared intoxicated and had alcohol on his breath, and also admitted to consuming alcohol. He was placed into custody after performing sobriety tests, and a breath test allegedly showed his BAC to be 0.14 percent.

Peters was given a court date of Tuesday, Jan. 18, and released to his mother.

• State police on Tuesday, Dec. 21, arrested Christopher M. Morin, 41, of Delmar, and charged him with felony DWI. The arrest occurred at about 10:24 p.m. on Kenwood Avenue at the Route 32 bypass. The charge was made a felony due to a previous DWI conviction within the past 10 years, police said.

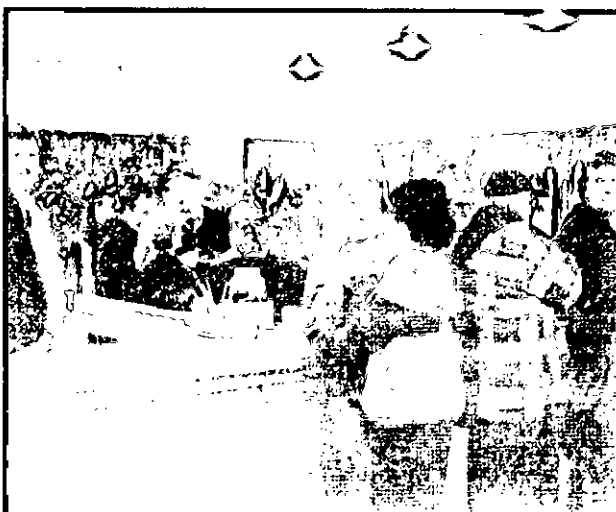
• State police on Thursday, Dec. 23, arrested Matthew R. Harter, 26, of Slingerlands, and charged him with DWI and speeding. The arrest occurred at about 8:15 p.m. on Route 32 in the Town of New Scotland.

## Help for fire victims



Jennifer Mann, pictured above in a yellow T-shirt, was one of the victims of the fire that burned down several apartments Dec. 26 on Main Street in Cohoes and left seven families homeless. She said she was surprised and grateful by the number of people who showed up at a fundraiser for the victims at the Cohoes-Waterford Elks Lodge on North Mohawk Street Sunday, Jan. 2.

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Mary Roddy starts her routine. A fourth grader at St. Pious, she's been skating since she was three.

## Shining at SkateFest

The Albany Figure Skating Club for the second year put on a winter SkateFest event Wednesday, Dec. 29, at the Albany Academy Field House.

The bulk of the two-hour program let kids come out for group lessons and to free skate, but that was preceded by shows from the group's synchronized skating teams and individual skaters.

SkateFest makes a great way for families to get out of the house during winter break, said event coordinator and Skating Club board member Mary Amodeo. It's also a celebration of National Skating Month.

"It was terrific, it was a wonderful event and we couldn't be more pleased," she said after SkateFest had wrapped up. "We plan to do this kind of event on an annual basis."

Albany Academy donated the ice time to the Skating Club, which also meets at the Bethlehem YMCA.

The Skating Club is once again starting its Learn-To-Skate program this year, which runs from Jan. 2 to Feb. 27 on Sunday afternoons from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. Participants will have the chance to perform in the club's Spring Ice Show on March 6.

For more information, visit the club's Web site at [www.albanyfsc.org](http://www.albanyfsc.org).

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ABOVE: The Albany Figure Skating Club's Achilles Edge juvenile synchronized skating team performs its routine. The 17-member team practices for months to lock in its performance under the direction of coaches Wayne Hussey and Stephanie Hunter.



LEFT: Justin Morrow performs his routing at the Albany Figure Skating Club SkateFest. Morrow has been skating for about 15 years and will be graduating from Suttin Hill in Pennsylvania in May. He holds a number of accolades, including gold medals in free style, dance, moves and free dance.



The Achilles Edge beginning synchronized skating team takes to the ice at SkateFest. Coached by Stephanie Hunter, the team opened up the show with its routine.

## Harvard researcher to present Lafarge findings

Study focuses on heavy metal levels in Ravena residents

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It's been a season full of developments for the Lafarge Cement Plant in Ravena, and another big one is set to break Thursday, Jan. 6, when researchers from Harvard University present findings of a study on heavy metal levels in the village.

Michael Bank, research associate in the school's Department of Environmental Health,

will give a presentation and take questions at the Ravena-Coeys-Selkirk High School at 8 p.m.

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Bank and his researchers in May collected hair and blood samples from 185 volunteers in a 10-mile radius of the plant to analyze for the presence of heavy metals, including mercury, lead and cadmium.

Bank was tight lipped on the results of the study. Check [www.spotlightnews.com](http://www.spotlightnews.com) for updates.

Elyse Kunz, of the local group Community Advocates for Safe Emissions, said while the group worked closely with the researchers she isn't aware of the results, either.

"We don't really know for sure what they're going to say," she said. "We're as curious as everybody else is, I guess."

The state Department of Health is also conducting a study on the cement plant, which is among the leading emitters of mercury in the state. At an early-December public hearing, advocates criticized the DOH for not including samples from the community in its study.

Kunz said that's largely why CASE has been eagerly awaiting the results of the Harvard investigation.

"This is actual hard science, as opposed to what DOH did, and this is current science that is done at the forefront of the technology that is available today," Kunz said. "What DOH unfortunately did is just meaningless."

The RCS High School is located at 2025 Route 9W in

such conduct or acts serve no legitimate purpose."

"If we want good government we need good people to want to run for public office," said Gordon in a statement.

Gordon also released legislation that would place restrictions on how often electronic billboards can cycle their images, saying they can be a distraction to drivers.

— Charles Wiff

## Outgoing assemblyman pitches campaign laws

Gordon's proposal seeks to address 'political harassment'

Assemblyman Tim Gordon, I-Bethlehem, capped off his time in office by releasing Thursday, Dec. 30, four new pieces of legislation he authored, three of which deal with campaign law.

Gordon is proposing implementing the now privately-run Fair Campaign Practices standards into law; creating "political harassment" legislation; and amending the state's stalking law to specifically include audio and video recording.

Gordon lost his seat, which

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— Former Assemblyman Tim Gordon

he has held for two terms, to Republican Steve McLaughlin in the November election. During the race, McLaughlin's campaign at times utilized a "tracker" armed with a video camera to follow Gordon around.

McLaughlin used some of the footage in campaign ads, and a video that apparently showed Gordon tossing his opponents' lawn signs in a ditch gained

considerable media attention. Gordon said his neighbor had asked him to remove the signs.

As for Gordon's political harassment legislation, the law he drafted would make it illegal to follow a candidate or a member of the candidate's family about in public or to "engage in a course of conduct or repeatedly commit acts which alarm or seriously annoy such candidate ... and



# Of pudding and a mysteriously missing waistline

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My waist is thickening, like pudding that has been left to set in the fridge. This is not the fault of the cookies, pie, potato pancakes, Chinese take-out, eggplant parmesan and buttered popcorn that was the mainstay of my diet for the previous month, although those foods may have exacerbated the situation. Honestly, I have not changed my eating habits over the past year and the thickening began long before the weather turned cold. No, this problem can't be explained away by my holiday-season feeding frenzy.

I'm not even sure there is an explanation, although I feel very strongly that it's not my fault.

That's right - it's not my fault that my middle section is becoming thick like pudding.

My daughter tells me,

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"Pudding isn't thick. It's gloopy."

"Well, gloopy could be used to describe my stomach," I reply.

"And jiggly," she adds. She's still talking about pudding, but jiggly could describe my tummy also.

Earlier we had talked about going to a Zumba class at the gym. She didn't feel like going. I wanted to go to the class, but I also wanted to take a post-work nap on the couch. And I was already stretched out on the couch. So there I stayed.

Normally, on days I plan to go to the gym, I'll come home from

work and immediately change into exercise clothes. Then I don't feel guilty about putting my feet up for 10 or 15 minutes, because all I'll need to do is put on shoes and a coat and head out the door. But if I close my eyes in my work clothes, forget it. I'll be lying there thinking, I should get up and go to the gym, but first I'll have to climb the stairs and change my clothes and who wants to bother with all that.

Perhaps I should drive directly from work to the gym, bypassing the couch altogether. I could warm up, do an hour of weight training and stretches and then take the aerobics class. Of course, odds are I'd forget my gym bag or my sneakers or my knee wrap and then I'd have to drive home anyway and then I'd remember that I was really, really hungry. I'd need to eat something because it's not a good idea to work out on an empty stomach. But it's also not a good idea to exercise immediately after eating.

It may sound like I'm making up excuses or that I don't like to exercise. Quite the opposite is true. I did quite a bit of exercising in 2009. In fact, I had great success combining a low-carb diet and twice-weekly aerobics classes. OK, I was motivated by the need to fit into a slightly-too-snug dress for my daughter's bat mitzvah, but nonetheless I actually enjoyed the exercise.

And then my knee started hurting. Not the knee that I strained in the mid '90s during my step-aerobics craze, but my other knee, my "good" knee. My response to my good knee hurting was to take a five-month hiatus from aerobics classes. I also loosened up on my policing of carbohydrate intake.

Shortly thereafter I learned that it's not a good idea to take a five-month hiatus from aerobics when you are in your mid-forties. That relatively short break was more damaging than the 10-year hiatus I took in my thirties.

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And if all that wasn't punishment enough, I accompanied my 14-year-old daughter to the mall to buy her some skinny jeans.

She'd be standing in the dressing room admiring her long-legged, long-torsoed teenage self in a three-way mirror, while I stood staring with disbelief at the reflection next to hers. Who was that short middle-aged woman with no waist and overgrown bangs?

Mind you I was wearing a fleece vest over a sweatshirt. Certainly removing a few layers of outerwear would have revealed a more flattering figure, although it wouldn't have changed the fact that I was long overdue for a haircut.

"I once wore size five jeans," I told my child. That was back in the day before my thighs preferred a "relaxed fit."

Waxing nostalgic over my teenage figure is clearly unproductive, especially if I do so while enjoying a handful of candied walnuts and cashews.

Clearly I need to spend more time at the gym.

Interestingly, there's been an onslaught of teenage girls taking Zumba class. I've only gotten my daughter to join me a few times. She prefers to spend her time on the track or the treadmill.

It's great that these adolescents have taken an interest in exercise, in the sense that it's good for their overall long-term health. And

yet, I experience a mixed bag of emotions working out with them. I am motivated by their energy and enthusiasm, but also envious of their flat abs. I imagine they all change back into those pre-ripped skinny jeans back in the locker room, although some of them exit the building still wearing their shorty-shorts even when it's 30 degrees outside.

Not me. I pull on my relaxed-fit, stretch-denim jeans and layer up with a sweatshirt, a fleece vest, and my winter jacket, as I think to myself, "I too used to eat French fries without consequence."

My problem isn't so much weight gain as it is weight shift and the aforementioned thickening. The number on the scale hasn't changed, but my parts are getting softer and not in a good way.

"I don't know what's happening," I lament to my older sister. "I haven't changed my eating habits and yet I'm thickening like pudding." My older sister nods knowingly. It's been happening to her for years. We both agree that it's not our fault and no matter what we do nothing seems to help. And yet, we haven't given up hope. We continue to exercise and support one another. For example, one morning I called her as she had just returned from the gym. "I just had a peanut butter cookie for breakfast," I told her. She assured me that she had worked out enough for the both of us.

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Day	High/Year	Low/Year
Wednesday, January 5	64°/1950	-24°/1904
Thursday, January 6	71°/2007	-19°/1996
Friday, January 7	56°/1915	-12°/1878
Saturday, January 8	60°/2008	-18°/1878
Sunday, January 9	62°/2008	-20°/1968
Monday, January 10	53°/1939	-13°/1968
Tuesday, January 11	57°/1975	-25°/1968

**SEASONAL SNOWFALL TO DATE**  
13.0 inches as of Thursday, December 30<sup>th</sup>  
4.6 inches below average

#### This week in weather

January 8<sup>th</sup> 1953 A severe ice storm produced up to four inches of ice in Pennsylvania, and two to three inches in southeastern New York. In southern New England the ice coated a layer of snow up to 20 inches deep. The storm resulted in 31 deaths and 2.5 million dollars damage.

#### Sun & Moon

Day	Sunrise	Sunset
Wednesday	7:25am	4:36pm
Thursday	7:25am	4:37pm
Friday	7:25am	4:38pm
Saturday	7:25am	4:39pm
Sunday	7:25am	4:40pm
Monday	7:25am	4:41pm
Tuesday	7:24am	4:42pm

#### Moon Phases



Planets	When	Where
Saturn	Dawn	High SSE
Venus	Dawn	Bright SE
Jupiter	Evening	Bright SW

### Ski Report

#### Area Ski Conditions

Resort	Base Depth	Lifts	Trails	Resort	Base Depth	Lifts	Trails
Gore Mtn.	17" - 30"	7	38	Stratton Mt.	14" - 26"	8	68
Whiteface	20" - 32"	8	60	Sugarbush	14" - 28"	5	61
Bromley	12" - 26"	4	19	Hunter Mtn.	24" - 60"	8	46
Mt. Snow	12" - 28"	10	47	Jay Peak	10" - 15"	8	54
Okemo	20" - 28"	8	71	Jiminy Peak	15" - 50"	5	42
Belleayre	18" - 45"	5	28	Windham	16" - 38"	4	46
Stowe	18" - 34"	11	65	Smugglers'	16" - 40"	5	48
Killington	18" - 24"	12	103	Bousquet	12" - 24"	2	16

#### Factoid

By this point in January, we've picked up around 15 minutes since the shortest day of the year and are increasing our day's length by 1 to 2 minutes per day.

#### Tides at Albany

Day	High	Low
Wednesday	5:23am, 5:40pm	11:47am, -----
Thursday	6:06am, 6:20pm	12:23am, 12:33pm
Friday	6:48am, 7:00pm	1:06am, 1:19pm
Saturday	7:29am, 7:38pm	1:49am, 2:06pm
Sunday	8:12am, 8:20pm	2:32am, 2:55pm
Monday	8:57am, 9:05pm	3:17am, 3:46pm
Tuesday	9:45am, 9:54pm	4:03am, 4:39pm

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# Unions mourn layoff of 900 workers

## CSEA and PEF members gather for candlelight vigil

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The cold and wind didn't stop nearly 200 New York state workers from holding a candlelight vigil last Wednesday, Dec. 29, to lament close to 900 people losing their jobs.

As one of the many demonstrations both the Civil Service Employees Association and Public Employees Federation have held, the event at West Capital Park was meant to mourn the loss of the 898 state employees former Gov. David A. Paterson told they would have to return to job hunting two weeks before Christmas in an effort to help the cash-strapped state of New York.

"The sad part is that this is sad commentary and this is also the end for those 900 people that are being laid off for nothing more than the governor's viciousness," said CSEA President Danny Donohue. "The only saving grace is he [Paterson] is not going to be here. We hope that the new governor gets the message that public workers are valuable and necessary. And if he wants to come and work with us, we want to work with him."

While Donohue and PEF President Kenneth Brynien expressed a positive outlook on their

working relationship with Gov. Andrew Cuomo, the newly elected executive has already promised during his inauguration that the layoffs will occur.

Some public employees were not so optimistic, as they said Cuomo would most likely just follow in his father's footsteps.

"I'm not very hopeful at all," Tracy Carnavale, president of local CSEA 660 in Albany Office of General Services said. "I think he's going to be laying off a lot of people, I think the numbers are going to increase and I think that's what his mission is. I hope I'm wrong on that one."

Brynien disagreed, and said the unions have and will always fight with the current governor but added that the only way negotiations will work is if the other party will listen and consider the unions' options.

"He [Cuomo] says he wants to reduce waste and he says he wants to partner with the stakeholders to get that done," he said. "Well, we're some of those stakeholders, we've been here and we see the waste in our offices every day. So if you just ask us, we'll share that knowledge with him so he can make an informed decision."

Carnavale, a Colonie resident, said there were several options sent to Paterson as cost cutting measures, such as getting rid of outside consultants, but



Nearly 200 New York state workers held a candlelight vigil last Wednesday, Dec. 29, to lament close to 900 union members losing their jobs.

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said that the governor was not willing to negotiate.

"He's just in for union-busting," he said. "It's not a cost thing with him."

The former governor, however, did offer other options besides the layoffs, such as a lag in pay, where workers would still receive the money when they left, and a delay in bonuses. Serious opposition came when Paterson suggested a one-day-a-week rough in April, but CSEA and PEF were able to block the act in federal court.

Marty Lahait, Vice president of local Albany CSEA 660 OGS, said the average state worker only makes around \$40,000 a year with a \$20,000 pension, nothing like the six figures earned by some of those who work in the governor's office.

"The people he [Paterson] shouldn't get rid of are the state employees,

he should be getting rid of the political appointees," he said. "We are the workforce, we run the state of New York and we're the ones being targeted by the politicians."

Now with negotiations for renewing contracts with union members approaching, Donohue said that people would have to face reality, adding that unions have been able to find alternatives to layoffs over the years.

"We've always been able to find another way because we can negotiate with them [past governors], this governor [Paterson] never gave us that chance," he said. "We hope that when Andrew [Cuomo] gets inaugurated and becomes the governor that he realizes he's the governor and that he not only has to work with the legislature but that he also has to work with us."

# Guilderland school district seeks input

New York state is facing the most significant economic crisis of modern times. From lagging revenues and a loss of federal stimulus funds to skyrocketing employee retirement system contribution rates, state agencies—including school districts—are preparing to tackle unprecedented budgetary challenges. In addition, for the first time in our state's history, school districts will need to address the real potential of a property tax cap.

Based on current projections by Guilderland Central School District, the district is facing a \$4.2 million budget gap heading into the 2011-12 school year.

The district is asking for a thoughtful deliberation of the pros and cons of the choices before it, with an understanding that there

are no easy answers.

To that end, the district would like to invite all district residents and school community members to join it for an upcoming Community Conversation to address some of the tough decisions.

The evening will begin with a brief presentation on the financial outlook for the district followed by small group work sessions to discuss district values and priorities as we move forward with planning for the 2011-12 school year budget. Communications specialists from the Capital Region BOCES will be on hand to help facilitate the small group discussions, with the intent to raise some valuable ideas as we move forward in the budgeting process.

For more information, or to R.S.V.P. for the event, visit [www.guilderlandschools.org](http://www.guilderlandschools.org).

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## Matters of Opinion in The Spotlight

## The year we'd like to see

Last week, in conjunction with the first half of our annual Year in Review feature, *The Spotlight* brought you an editorial titled "The editorial that never was." In it, we highlighted some of the local stories we felt showcased the best qualities of our readers.

This week, we'd like to note some of the things we'd like to see in 2011.

We'd like to see a few more politicians take Ed Koch seriously. Now listen, we're no fans of feel-good pledges and movements that seem to fall like leaves from every political tree in the fall, conveniently when the same politicians pitching or signing them are asking for your vote, but we do believe that Koch's "New York Uprising" campaign to force elected officials to agree to nonpartisan redistricting and budget transparency is a good one. For more information and to see who's signed the pledge, visit [www.nyuprising.org](http://www.nyuprising.org). We just hope our politicians take these issues earnestly in off-election years.

Let's be certain of one thing: The state always gets its money. If you cap property taxes, and the state continues its level of spending, the state will find another avenue to get that money, whether it's from an increased sales tax or bumping the price of cigarettes up another couple of dollars.

Former Gov. David Paterson was arguably at his best when he abandoned any effort for reelection and acted like every day was his last in office. Gov. Andrew Cuomo needs to seriously look at cost-cutting measures and do so in a manner that will best serve the people of New York and not the presidential aspirations the media is ascribing to him less than a week after his inauguration.

We'd like our statewide lawmakers to look to our local leaders for examples of how to do more with less while avoiding the negativity that the Assembly and Legislature seem to thrive on. Our leaders in Albany, Saratoga and Schenectady understand these are tough times, but they also understand that no amount of finger pointing has ever plowed a road.

To reiterate something we've said in the past, to all of New York's lawmakers — to govern and to legislate requires action, not a complacency to blame the other guy.

Finally, we at *The Spotlight* will continue in our quest to be the most discerning source for local news. We constantly strive to better this newspaper and bring you the coverage that you deserve, and that will not change this year.

### Editorial

## Make 2011 your happiest year

By TODD PATKIN

*The writer is the coauthor (along with Dr. Howard Rankin) of the upcoming book "Finding Happiness: One Man's Quest to Beat Depression and Anxiety and — Finally — Let the Sunshine In."*

Happy New Year! Every Jan. 1, in a blur of champagne and party chatter, we toss out those three little words like so much glittering confetti. But how many of us take the time to think about what the phrase truly means? What is happiness, anyway? And—most important of all—how can we achieve it?

We're all longing for happiness. We think we can achieve it by losing 10 pounds or kicking a bad habit or making more money, and that's why we vow to do those things year after year after year.

But I've found that true happiness isn't about those kinds of achievements. Instead, it comes down to learning to love yourself. And there are some very specific things you can start to do now to move in that direction.

I've given it a lot of thought and I've come up with 10 simple things people can do to become happier in 2011. You don't have to do all of them at once — just focus on the three or four that resonate most with you and do those.

- If you don't exercise, start. You already know exercise keeps you healthy and helps you control your weight. But did you know it's also a natural antidepressant? I truly believe in the mood-boosting powers of exercise. And you don't need to run a marathon to reap these benefits. Even a 20-minute walk every other day is great for both your body and mind if you do it consistently.

- Be easier on yourself. A lot of New Year's resolutions are little more than thinly disguised vehicles for beating yourself up. ("I'm too fat—this year I will lose twenty pounds!" Sound familiar?) There's nothing wrong with self-improvement, but it needs to come from a place of love. Yes, you need to love and forgive

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yourself for your mistakes and shortcomings — and that's tough for many Americans.

The American work ethic has made our country great, but it has also made us chronically unhappy. Many of us have a we're-never-good-enough-or-doing-enough mindset that's antithetical to happiness. It's not easy to change these ingrained thought patterns, but it can be done.

- Find some way this year to put your gifts and talents to work. Talent wants to express itself. If your job doesn't allow it to do so, find something that does. Playing to your strengths brings real happiness. And when you combine those strengths with a desire to do something good, it's a double whammy.

- Build richer relationships with loved ones. Too many Americans fail to engage their families in a meaningful way. Not only do you miss out on the joy your loved ones could be bringing you, on top of that you end up feeling guilty about neglecting them. Decide that 2011 is the year you're going to improve these relationships.

- Celebrate your spouse. If your marriage is mired in negativity or characterized by bickering or tension, you'll never be happy. (In fact, if you're married to a negative person who drags you down, you'd be best served by ending the union, but only if you've tried everything else.) Make an effort to speak gently and kindly. Surprise her with a small gift, or do one of his chores, or pick up something special for dinner. Random acts of kindness are always powerful, and that's even truer inside a marriage.

- Let the people you appreciate know it. Yes, of course you need to let your close friends and family members know how you feel about them. That's a given. But what about your coworkers? Your barber? Your child's teacher? Letting people know how grateful you are for what they do makes two people happy: them and you.

- Forgive someone who has

wronged you. This is the other side of the "forgive yourself" coin. Just as you deserve a break, so do other people. And forgiveness is, at its heart, an act of self-love. If you can't let go of pain and anger, you can't be happy.

Whether you call or visit an estranged ex-friend or write a letter to a deceased parent, you may find the gesture immensely liberating.

- Become a giver. Happiness is not about how much you make; it's about how much you share. Your income and/or net worth has nothing to do with happiness. How much you give — of your money, your time, your self — does, however. That's why you should find a way to share your fortune (not necessarily the monetary kind!) with others.

- Take a "baby step" toward finding some faith. This year, make a conscious effort to think a little bit more about your faith, perhaps check out a few different places of worship, or maybe read a couple of spiritual books. Happy people have a connection to a higher power. If you aren't sure there even is one, make this the year you do some honest exploration.

- Make 2011 a year of gratitude. If you make only one change in 2011, make it this one: work to be more appreciative in general. According to an August 2010 article in *TheDailyBeast.com*, a study by a University of California psychology professor found that grateful people are 25 percent happier than their ungrateful brethren. For the most part, becoming more grateful just means opening your eyes to the blessings you already have.

What I'm really talking about is a shift in attitude. All of these tips are simply devices for helping us make that shift.

It's ironic: Most of us have everything we need to be happy. The tragedy is we're sleepwalking through life without really noticing that truth. If we could learn to live with an attitude of gratitude — for our kids, our homes, our friends, our health, the food on our tables — we wouldn't need to worry about finding happiness. We'd be living it every day.

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### Weekly poll

This weeks question:

**What should be at the top of Gov. Andrew Cuomo's agenda?**

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### Last week's poll results:

Question: "Do you make New Year's resolutions?"

- Yes. It's a great way to stay motivated and better yourself.: 18%
- Yes, but they rarely last through January.: 31%
- No. I'm already fantastic!: 50%

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# Beverwyck launches driver fitness center

Seniors in Bethlehem are the beneficiaries of a new collaboration between Beverwyck and Colonie Senior Service Centers (CSSC) to replicate CSSC's innovative Driver Fitness Center. The Driver Fitness Center provides support services to older drivers as well as information and assistance to help identify and address at-risk behaviors by older drivers.

The Driver Fitness Center was unveiled Friday, December 17, 2010 to an audience of seniors at the Beverwyck residence. In attendance were Sue Lauver, Resident Services Advisor for Beverwyck, Roger Dames, Driver Fitness Center Coordinator for CSSC, Edward Neary, Executive Director of Colonie Senior Service Centers, and Officer Jeffrey Vunck of the Bethlehem Police Department. Both Coordinator Dames and Officer Vunck spoke about driving safety, and Roger Dames gave an overview of the Driver Fitness Center and the resources available.

"The Bethlehem Police Department supports the Driver Fitness Center with its creative and effective solutions in helping seniors maintain their independence while ensuring their safety as well as the safety of others on the road," states Louis G. Corsi, Bethlehem Chief of Police. "We look forward to partnering with the Beverwyck in providing opportunities for seniors and our officers to gain a greater appreciation



From left, Rev. Robert Lamiar, Eric Leighton, Monique Roeth, Roger Dames, Officer Jeffrey Vunck, Enid Watsky, Charlotte Zorn, Ed Neary, Sue Lauver, Joan Given and Mary LoGiudice.

and understanding of the challenges and decisions that older drivers and their families must confront."

The Driver Fitness Center is an innovative program for older drivers developed by Colonie Senior Service Centers in collaboration with the Capital Region Older Driver Network. The grant funds received by Colonie Senior Service Centers supported replication and implementation of Driver Fitness Centers in communities throughout Albany County. Beverwyck's Driver Fitness Center is located within the Meeting Hall in the Fitness Center and is open to seniors, their family members and caregivers.

"All too often there is a knee jerk reaction to remove an older driver from the road once he or she shows signs of deteriorating motor skills," said Colonie Senior Service Centers Executive Director Ed Neary. "The fact is many of the challenges faced by seniors are easily corrected. The primary goal of the Driver Fitness Center is to empower and educate older adults with information, tools and resources to driver safer, longer and to maintain their independence and self-sufficiency."

The Driver Fitness Center features a comprehensive repository of information including potential healthcare solutions; peer counseling

options; education such as defensive driving and CarFit® classes sponsored by AAA Hudson Valley and AARP; literature provided by the Albany Police Department, the Department of Motor Vehicles, the New York State Office for the Aging and the Governor's Traffic Safety Committee; driver assessment and rehabilitation services offered by Senior & Special Needs Driving, Sunnyview Rehabilitation Hospital and the Stratton VA Medical Center; and health and wellness programs that address Alzheimer's, diabetes and arthritis concerns.

Submitted photo

## Your Opinion in The Spotlight

### Planet Bethlehem?

Editor, The Spotlight:

Planet Fitness is moving to the Price Chopper Plaza in Glenmont. The building that will be left behind is on Hudson Avenue, close to the intersection with Delaware Avenue, and centrally located. It has large bathrooms with showers and lockers and is handicapped accessible. The space currently housing the exercise machines is large and flexible, with plenty of windows. There is a fair-sized parking lot almost surrounding the building.

My question is whether the Town of Bethlehem would be interested in leasing or buying this facility as a community center. It would be useful as a gathering place for teens, senior citizens, and/or special events for families. Perhaps there is already a plan for this site, but if not, it would be unfortunate to have yet another vacant building in town.

Linda Graf  
Bethlehem

## IN BRIEF

### SEFCU gives to local groups

SEFCU recently announced that it will donate \$220,000 to many struggling city/rescue missions throughout the Capital Region, Binghamton, Buffalo and Syracuse. Representatives of the credit union hand delivered the checks on Dec. 29.

SEFCU gave the following donations local organizations: Capital City Rescue Mission - \$25,000; City Mission of Schenectady - \$25,000; Schenectady Inner City Mission - \$5,000

Center will hold an indoor/outdoor program exploring common misconceptions about wildlife on Saturday, Jan. 29, at 10 a.m.

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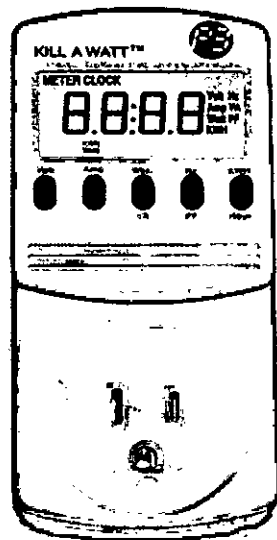
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Happy new year!

Mark Curiale

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Thursday at 2:30; there are no elementary age book discussions in January. Regular storytimes resume on Jan. 11 at 10:15 a.m.

### Fine Free Nine

Start looking for your missing books and CDs! Fine Free Nine runs from Jan. 8 to 16. This annual nine-day occurrence is a time for you to return whatever you can locate that is overdue. We will not be collecting any money and you can clear those fines off your card and your conscience.

Barbara Vink

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Louise Grieco

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Bring a copy of last year's return, all 2010 W-2's, 1099 statements, sold investments' purchase dates and cost basis with supporting documents if itemizing deductions. Taxaide volunteers can't do returns with rental incomes or returns requiring Schedule C (business returns with a net loss, inventory, employees or expenses over \$5,000.) Both taxpayers must be present if filing a joint return, except in case of illness or infirmity.

For appointments, call 456-2400, ext. 7, starting Jan. 10.

**GHS musical news**  
The Guilderland Players' next musical will be "Phantom of the Opera."

Senior Citizens' Night will be March 10 at 7 p.m., and tickets will be available for \$5 each in the Senior Office in late January.

Transportation service will be provided.

## Town of Guilderland SENIOR CALENDAR

**Monday, Jan. 10**  
Scheduled Shopping  
9:00 Aerobics  
9:30 Defensive Driving @ Library  
10:30 OsteoBusters  
10:30 Sr. Fitness  
1:30 OsteoBusters

**Tuesday, Jan. 11**  
9:00 OsteoBusters  
11:30 Luncheon Beef Tips or Cold Plate  
12:00 Food Pantry Raffle  
12:30 Bingo/Games/Billard

**Wednesday, Jan. 12**  
Scheduled Shopping  
9:00 Line Dancing  
9:30 Defensive Driving @ Library  
10:30 OsteoBuster  
10:30 Sr. Fitness  
1:00 Needlecraft  
1:30 OsteoBusters

**Thursday, Jan. 13**  
Scheduled Shopping  
9:00 Osteobusters  
1:00 Pinochle/Mahjogg

**Friday, Jan. 14**  
Scheduled Shopping  
10:00 Painting  
10:30 Bridge  
1:00 Quilting

## Young

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Library introduces its first YOGA for YOUTH classes! YOGA for YOUTH teaches Vinyasa, a fast-paced, flowing yoga done to the sounds of rock and hip hop. The instructor, Maria Bowers, is a certified vinyasa teacher, with a strong background in martial arts and in working with adolescents.

On Wednesday, Jan. 12, students will create a playlist for YOGA for YOUTH Classes from their own favorite music, starting at 4 p.m. in the Library Annex. They can bring recordings to share.

The five weekly classes

that begin Wednesday, Jan. 19, from 4-5 p.m. will increase participants' balance, strength, endurance and inner peace. All lessons will be held on Wednesdays thereafter. For more information and to register, please call 756-2053 or email us at [rscs1@uhls.lib.ny.us](mailto:rscs1@uhls.lib.ny.us).

## LaFarge documents available

NYSDEC Draft Environmental Impact Statement and NYSDOH Public Health Assessment, Phase 1, are available for review at the Library. The public is invited to examine the documents before attending the Legislative Public Hearing on LaFarge's proposed modernization for its

Ravena Cement Plant on Jan. 20, at 6 p.m. in the RCS High School auditorium.

## Story times resume

Add stories, fun and laughter to your little ones' weekly routine this winter. The library offers weekly story times for children from 6 months to pre-school age.

ROMP & READ offers stories, songs and games for toddlers. Tuesday: 10am, at the Selkirk Firehouse and Friday: 10:30am, at the Library.

POSITIVELY PRESCHOOL presents stories and crafts for preschoolers on Thursdays: 10:30am, in the Library Annex.

LIBRARY BABIES enjoy fingerplays, rhymes

## What's new

Young Adult Fiction

"Dash Lily's Book of Dares" by Rachel Cohn

"Guitar Boy" by Mary Jane Auch

"Matched" by Allyson Braithwaite Condie

"Pathfinder" by Orson Scott Card

• All library programming is free (unless otherwise noted) and open to the public. RCS Community Library is located at 15 Mountain Road, Ravena. For information, call 756-2053 or visit [www.uhls.org/RCSC/](http://www.uhls.org/RCSC/).

# Health, wellness program set for Fridays

Bethlehem Senior Services is offering a Health and Wellness program on Fridays from 1 to 2 p.m. through March 25. A different topic will be presented each week.

The program is free and open to all. Reservations are not needed. On Jan. 14, the topic will be "Savor the Season," presented by Sandra Varno of the Cornell Cooperative Extension Program. Cook and sample healthy recipes made from local and seasonal foods. Learn how to use the fruits and vegetables in season now and where to find them. Transportation for those over 60 can be arranged by calling 439-4955, ext 1176.

## Program highlights

**Tuesday, Jan. 1**

• Seniors in Motion: A low level fun aerobic exercise class to music. Bethlehem Town Hall auditorium, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 9 to 10



Town of Bethlehem

a.m. No registration is necessary. \$3 fee per class.

**Wednesday, Jan. 12**

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

**Thursday, Jan. 13**

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

• Bethlehem Senior Citizens Club meets for an afternoon of games and socializing at the Bethlehem Town Hall auditorium, 445 Delaware Ave.,

Delmar at 11:30 am - 3:30 pm. We play bridge, mah jogg, bingo and pinochle. All seniors are welcome. Bring a sandwich and join others for lunch if you wish.

**Friday, Jan. 14**

• "Savor the Season" Health and Wellness Program, 1 to 2 p.m. at the Town Hall Auditorium.

• 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.

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

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

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There are two main treatments for hyperthyroidism in cats. The most common treatment is with an oral medication called methimazole. This medication works by blocking the production of the thyroid hormones. Your veterinarian will want to check the thyroid values approximately 4 weeks after beginning treatment. The frequency of monitoring following the initiation of treatment will depend on the patient's response to medication. Approximately 15% of cats will have an adverse reaction to the oral medication. The most frequent side effects are gastrointestinal and include vomiting and diarrhea. Your veterinarian will discuss other less common side effects when your cat begins treatment. If your cat does not tolerate oral medication, your veterinarian may refer you for radiotherapy as a treatment option. This method of therapy can cure hyperthyroidism with one treatment. There are advantages and disadvantages to this form of treatment that your veterinarian will discuss with you.

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practices were used when collecting Working Families Party signatures. The WFP and the candidates themselves dismiss the charges.

• The public sees plans for a proposed reconstruction of the Washington Avenue Extension/Fuller Road intersection. The most popular plan would involve both the construction of a roundabout and a bridge over the circle for Washington Avenue Extension through traffic. Officials say the project is slated for a fall 2011 start.

• A common teenage prank puts Delmar in the national news when Haswell Farms homeowner Daniel Van Plew is arrested after he allegedly chases a teen playing the game "ding dong ditch" from his house and tackles him. The 14-year-old boy is not charged with a crime due to his age and his father, Robert Madeo, chooses to press charges. For several days lawyers on both sides of the matter exchange barbs and different versions of the story, and citizens far and wide take to the Internet and opinion pages to discuss the case. Albany County

District Attorney David Soares decides to drop the charges.

• The Guilderland Board of Education appoints Marie Wiles as the next superintendent of the district, effective Oct. 1. Wiles succeeds retired superintendent John McGuire, who left the position in June.

• The Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk School District selects Brian Bailey as the new high school principal. Bailey was assistant principal at Guilderland High School for the previous six years.

• The Bethlehem Republican Committee calls out Town Court Justice Ryan Donovan for carrying petitions for Assemblyman Tim Gordon, an apparent violation of The Judicial Campaign Ethics Center's guidelines for judicial candidates. Republican candidate Ralph Ambrosio distances himself from the matter and no one seeks to have the 62 signatures disqualified.

• Author and Delmar resident David Klein releases his first novel, "Stash," about a stay-at-home mom with a perfect life who finds herself in hot water when cops find a small bag of marijuana in her car after an accident.

## August

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Habitat for Humanity holds its 17th annual Tent-a-Thon fundraiser in Tawasentha Park. Participants fundraise for the cause of eradicating homelessness then spend part or all of a week camping out in the park.

• Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce President Marty DeLaney announces she will be leaving her post at the chamber come the end of September. She worked at the chamber for 25 years, and longtime members say she will leave the organization larger, richer and stronger than she found it. Head of membership development Gina Bulman is chosen as interim president.

• The 117th Altamont Fair brings a new ticketing structure that offers patrons unlimited rides and admission to all events for a flat rate. Attendance is up considerably from the previous year and the weather is cooperative, with rain falling only on one day. An 18-year-old Delmar man is arrested in the parking lot of the fair, when police said they found him to be in possession of a rifle.

• Tom Little, an optometrist who maintained a Delmar home, is killed in Afghanistan in a Taliban ambush while providing humanitarian care in the remote regions of that country. The

loss is mourned locally and nationwide and, in November, it is announced Little will posthumously be awarded the Medal of Freedom, the nation's highest civilian honor.

• Bethlehem police arrest a teen who allegedly set fire to a Hasgate Drive home after burglarizing it. Police say 17-year-old Selkirk resident Benjamin P. Van Zandt could have accessed the area by bike or walking path. The arrest was made by staging a FedEx delivery of items Van Zandt ordered with credit cards stolen from the home. He enters a guilty plea in December.

• After a difficult budget process, the Bethlehem Central School District announces it will form a budget "think tank" comprised of district employees and community members to brainstorm big-picture, long-term solutions to the ongoing fiscal crisis.

• Keystone Builders changes its plans for the already approved Verstandig's condominium project on Delaware Avenue in Delmar and approaches the town on building a smaller number of townhomes there. Finding financing and buyers in the shrinking condo market had proven difficult.

• Altamont police look to the public after a prominent statue of a soldier is stolen from outside the Home Front Cafe in the center of the village. Police are puzzled at the overnight removal of the 300-pound figure. The statue is eventually tracked down over a month later and miles away in the Town of Bethlehem, near the Albany line.

• Following a balloon float test, the Bethlehem Planning Board makes a de facto choice on one of two cell phone tower

applications in Delmar, with a consensus ESCO Towers' application to build a tower on private property off of Van Dyke Road showed less visual impact than a proposal by Independent Tower Holdings LLC to build on BC School District land off of Elm Avenue.

• The Town of New Scotland forms an ethics committee months after the need for one arose. The Town Board had served as the committee, but that was found to be in violation of state municipal code.

• Residents take the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority to task for proposing to spend a \$490,000 settlement from Lafarge North America, the operator of the Ravena cement plant, over violations of the Clean Air act in 12 states. Many had hoped that money would go towards controlling emissions at the plant or monitoring air quality at the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk high and middle schools just across the street, but NYSEDA earmarks the money for energy-efficient boilers and take-home science kits for students.

## September

• The seventh annual Capital District Walk for Pancreatic Cancer is held in Elm Avenue Park. Turnout and fundraising outpace the \$49,000 that was raised in 2009.

• The Bethlehem Soccer Club institutes a new format for competitive players. The "Youth Academy at BSC" replaces the Premiere and Travel programs, and officials say it will lower the cost of participation to a standardized \$900 per season.

• An issue that has been put on the back burner

for years comes to the forefront, as the Town of Bethlehem is compelled to make a choice about the future of its water supply in the face of approaching changes in federal regulations. Officials propose delivering water from the Clapper Road Water Treatment Plant to more residential customers, and in the end this is the option that is pursued, as the staunch opposition to the plan that existed a decade ago fails to surface again.

• Bethlehem Supervisor Sam Messina released the tentative 2011 town budget, and it's immediately panned by his colleagues on the Town Board as a collection of accounting tricks, wishful thinking and wrong figures. It takes several last-minute meetings for them to come to a consensus budget.

• The Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk School District decides to use \$300,000 of the district's fund reserve to offset the tax levy in the coming school year budget. The district adopted a contingency budget after voters rejected a plan in May, and the move to use reserves lowered the levy hike by 1.3 percent.

• The Town of Bethlehem Planning Board votes that cell phone tower builder ESCO Towers should pursue a monopine for its tower design, which is masked to look like a pine tree. Taking that step will increase the cost of the project. Meanwhile, ESCO competitor Independent Tower withdraws its application for a nearby tower.

• Capital Region Special Surgery holds its second Race for Hope in Slingerlands. The race still benefits a patient fund at the St. Peter's Hospital Cancer Care

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# 'Amongst people who understand'

## Friendship Circle's Winter Camp pairs special needs children with local teens

By CHARLES WIFF  
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Lauren Kasper's son, Ari, doesn't get many chances for playdates, trips out or hanging out with his peers. Her 13-year-old son is autistic and, like many other children in the Capital District, lives in a world where his state of being is often under scrutiny.

But for one week in December, Ari and other children with special needs get to spend their days in a caring environment with no expectations at The Friendship Circle of the Capital District's Winter Camp program.

"He's amongst people who understand his autism," Kasper said, adding that the value of the camp for her son and his peers is "complete acceptance."

Winter Camp is where Ari and many other children can come every year during their time off of school. Handling that week off can be problematic for any working parent, but for those whose children have special needs finding proper care can be especially troublesome. But at Winter Camp, which starts in the morning and ends in the afternoon, parents can drop their child off secure in the knowledge they will have a stress-free day under proper supervision.

"There's no other program like it in the Capital District," said Friendship Circle Director Liba Andrusier.

What's perhaps most remarkable about the program, though, is that

almost all of what the Friendship Circle does, including Winter Camp, is made possible through teen volunteers, who are paired with children to become their special buddies.

Winter Camp is held in space donated by The Hebrew Academy of the Capital District, though the group also makes field trips throughout the week. The school's gym is a flurry of activity on camp afternoons, with kids and their buddies playing games, doing arts and crafts and listening to music.

For many of the kids, having an environment where their needs are not under constant scrutiny and they can interact with their peers can be uniquely liberating.

"They can be themselves and not be judged," said 19-year-old volunteer Helena Rosenstrauch. "Everything is at their level."

This is Rosenstrauch's fifth year volunteering at Friendship Circle. She's spending much of her winter break from the University at Buffalo at the Winter Camp.

"It's just really rewarding...building a relationship with them. Over time I become a familiar face," she said.

Rosenstrauch is studying speech and hearing science, and her work with the Friendship Circle meshes with that subject matter, giving her real world experience.

Indeed, the Friendship Circle can provide a lot of benefit to the volunteers themselves, who are so often in need



ABOVE: Sarah Mangoled plays a game of "Simon Says" with campers and their teen buddies.

RIGHT: Arts and crafts time at the Friendship Circle's Winter Camp program. The organization holds special events for families of children with special needs, and also pairs those children up with teen buddies who spend time with them.

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of references, community service experience and college application boosters. Volunteering with Friendship Circle also gives them an opportunity to see the good they're doing close up, said Andrusier.

"There are so many benefits for the teens," she said. "So many of the teens gain more than the kids."

In this way, the program is a really a win-win-win, with families, children and volunteers all benefiting.

Kasper, of Delmar, has been volunteering for the Circle for its six years in the Capital District. One afternoon at Winter Camp, she was presiding over a long table filled with markers, paints, glitter and other arts and crafts. Kasper spent the evening before at Michaels buying the supplies.

It's the volunteers like Kasper who make the Friendship Circle work, said Andrusier. The program, like other not-for-profits, has felt the impact of a poor economy, but having so many dedicated volunteers makes it possible to keep things rolling.

"Our ideology is you do the program first, you fundraise after," she said.

Besides running the winter camp, the Friendship Circle pairs special needs children with teen volunteers who will make regular visits to them at home; organizes field trips to go apple picking or have holiday parties; holds regular Moms' Night Out events; and has a bowling league at Del Lanes.

To find out more about the Capital District chapter of the Friendship Circle, visit [www.capitalfriends.org](http://www.capitalfriends.org).

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Sarah Mangoled holds a karate demonstration with a child in the Friendship Circle's Winter Camp program. Each year, teens volunteer their time over winter break to look after children with special needs.

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## The Year in Pictures



**ABOVE:** In September, 458 runners step off for the second Capital Region Special Surgery Race For Hope 5K. The event raised \$55,078 for a patient fund at the St. Peter's Hospital Cancer Care Center and the Ronald McDonald House.



**ABOVE:** The Bethlehem Middle School Garden Club meets after school to construct scarecrows in front of the Middle School on Kenwood Avenue.

**RIGHT:** Town Board members pore over figures in the 2011 budget. The board holds numerous meetings in the summer and fall to work out disagreements over the budget.



**LEFT:** BC Middle School students work after school to bring in the Garden Club's fall harvest. This was the second year the club maintained a garden.

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# Year

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Center for uninsured and underinsured patients, but organizers add another beneficiary in the Ronald McDonald House Charities of the Capital Region.

• **Cutbacks** at the Department of Environmental Conservation mean the staff at the Five Rivers Environmental Education Center has been dramatically reduced, and there's talk of abandoning a seven-day-a-week program.

• A developer presents plans to convert the site of the old Saratoga Shoe Depot building on the corner of Delaware and Elsmere avenues. Columbia Development wants to build a Berkshire Bank branch and space for two other businesses on the property. Town planners raise issues with the parking lot design, though.

• **Sen. Neil Breslin** defeats challenger Luke Martland on primary night, securing his spot on the Democratic party line for the general election for the 46th state senate district.

• **Incumbent Bethlehem Town Justice Ryan Donovan** defeats challenger Ralph Ambrosio in two primary races, securing all but one line on the general election ballot.

• **Christopher Porco** wins the right to appeal his conviction to the highest court in the state. Porco is serving a sentence of 50 years to life for murdering his father and attacking his mother with an ax in 2004.

• **The Fair Trade**

Delmar campaign changes its name to the Fair Trade Bethlehem. Organizers say the change is to reflect that the group is inclusive for all in town.

• **The Bethlehem Central School District** institutes new rules for younger students attending sporting events. Under the new policy, students before the ninth grade have to be accompanied by an adult when attending any outdoor athletic game. Incidents of misconduct and inappropriate behavior are cited as reasons for the change.

• **The Clarksville Elementary School** community mourns the passing of Principal Dorothy McDonald, who died unexpectedly at the age of 61. Those who worked with her agree McDonald's eight years heading up Clarksville had an indelible effect on that institution and those who worked and learned there.

• **The first weeks** of the school year bring a bevy of complaints to the Bethlehem Central Transportation Department about new bus stops. The district had acted to consolidate stops after hearing calls to reform the system from the community. The stops are largely changed back after the department receives over 1,000 complaints, though.

• **The Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce's** September Golf Outing is held at Colonial Acres Golf Course to benefit the Parker D. Mathusa Memorial Scholarship Fund, which honors a graduating senior each year who has volunteered for the community. The outing also features a Taste of Bethlehem event following the day at the

links, with area restaurants offering samples of their fare.

## October

• **Albany County** prepares a new volunteer initiative aimed at keeping recently hospitalized seniors from revisiting emergency care. Under the Community Supports Navigator Program, volunteers are paired with recently discharged seniors to help them at home and get them to followup appointments. The program is an joint initiative for Albany County's NY Connects, Community Caregivers in Guilderland and Northeast Health.

• **The Bethlehem Pathways to Homes, Hamlets and Healthy Hearts Committee** presents a network map and project evaluation process aimed to help planners make the town more bicycle and pedestrian friendly.

• **Residents of the Glenmont developments** Hasmont Farms and The Enclave meet with Bethlehem Police and town officials to discuss crime in their suburban neighborhoods, including two recent burglaries. Many residents say youthful pranks are an increasing nuisance, which police argue is a common trouble for large developments and promise to step up patrols and work to establish a neighborhood watch.

• **Twenty-one BC High School** students compete for the title of Iron Chef in the school's first cooking competition. The contest is judged by area chefs and principal Chuck Abba, and a Giambotta Vegetable stew with Crustini and

veggie chips prepared by Rachel Musiker, Rachael Micelli and Moriah Greenstein takes the cake as best dish.

• **An agenda attachment** release policy is voted into law in the Town of Bethlehem. The law requires the town to release documents normally provided to Town Board members before meeting to the public through the town's Web site before Town Board meetings, or to provide a pertinent reason information is withheld (for privacy or legal reasons, for example).

• **Albany County Executive Michael Breslin's** executive budget for the year 2011 becomes a hot topic when members of the public and the county legislature tear into its proposal to lay off more than 500 employees and sell the county nursing home. Dozens of residents, employees and advocates take to the microphone during a legislature meeting, and many call for the nursing home to be kept open at any cost.

• **Two valves in the Town of Bethlehem** are turned to begin delivering water produced by the Clapper Road Water Treatment Plant to more of the town, completing a plan more than a decade in the making and allowing the town to put off replacing the New Salem Water Treatment Plant.

• **The developer who** built the Price Chopper Plaza in Slingerlands brings forward plans for an apartment complex adjacent to the shopping center. The working name for the complex of 50 apartment units is The Hamlet.

• **The Bethlehem Central School District**

is awarded a bond rating of AA, one step below the highest rating possible, following an analysis of its finances through the end of last school year.

• **A coach on the Delmar Track and Field Club** is arrested by Bethlehem police on charges he sent emails to a 14-year-old girl in the club inviting the minor to engage in sexual contact with him. Chad N. Davey, who is also a teacher in the City of Troy, is 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.

• **The Bethlehem Town Board** holds a workshop to go over the 2011 budget, and a frank discussion between board members and the supervisor on wants, needs and projections for the next years ensues. In a subsequent meeting, more cuts are applied to the budget to lessen the need to use the town's savings.

• **The Bethlehem Industrial Development Agency** adopts a \$60,021 budget for 2011. Most notably, attorney to the group Tom Connolly agrees to accept a reduced compensation as the group's savings dwindle. The IDA has struck no significant deals in the past few years and thus has no revenue.

• **The Bethlehem Town Board** approves building a fishing pier at Henry Hudson Park. 75 percent of the cost will be supplied by a state grant.

## November

• **The election** sees

little shakeup in area state representation, despite much talk of an anti-incumbent backlash. Sen. Neil Breslin easily holds on to his state Senate seat, besting Republican Bob Domenici and Reform Party candidate Michael Carey. Jack McEneny is elected to his tenth term in the Assembly over Tea Party-backed Deborah Busch. But Tim Gordon is unseated from the 108th Assembly District by Steve McLaughlin, who had taken Gordon on in the previous election and lost. In Bethlehem, Town Justice Ryan Donovan wins a second term.

• **In a counterintuitive** meeting, the Guilderland Town Board votes 3-2 against adopting Supervisor Ken Runion's budget, but also resigns to the fact that plan will become the 2011 budget since there is no other proposal on the table. The \$30.5 million plan for 2011 includes no increase in the town's general tax rate, largely avoided by dipping into savings. Opponents of the budget argue its revenue projections are too high and say they've been left out of the process.

• **Public television station WMHT** announces its "Our Town" series will be coming to Bethlehem. Residents are welcomed to tape their stories on what Bethlehem means to them for a 90-minute program that's scheduled to air in March.

• **New Scotland** approves a \$5.4 million budget proposal that includes a 3 percent tax hike. The 2010 budget actually lowered taxes 5 percent. The town also plans to make use of savings.

• **The Bethlehem Police**

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Department is recertified as an accredited agency, and also marks 20 years in that Division of Criminal Justice Services program.

• The Town of Bethlehem adopts a \$39.7 million 2011 town budget. Leaders made many cuts during two last-minute workshops on the plan, which carries a 1.64 percent tax levy increase. That's effectively a .02 percent hike on tax bills since the tax base has increased. The Town Board said the budget process was one of compromise and cooperation after getting off to a rocky start.

• A Glenmont couple petitions the Town of Bethlehem's fire departments to consider ways to mitigate smoke from vehicle burn training at the Kevin M. Shea Fire Training Facility, such as by purchasing a vehicle fire simulator. Carl and Julie Kirk say the training and other burns don't bother them, but they worry about possible toxins in the smoke from burning vehicles.

• Bethlehem Police dispatcher Eric Kerr, who was arrested in April on charges he pointed a handgun at his ex-girlfriend during a domestic dispute, has the charges against him dropped. The district attorney's office says they were unable to secure key testimony in the case.

• The Delmar Boy Scout Troop 75's 38th annual SportsMart event is considered a success. Hundreds come to the Bethlehem Central High School to shop used and discounted sporting gear and support the scouts.

• The Benderson Development Company of Buffalo brings to the Town of Bethlehem preliminary plans to build two standalone restaurants

at the Glenmont Shopping Plaza. A representative says the eateries would not be fast food, though one would sport a drive thru.

• The Fair Trade Bethlehem campaign holds its second fair trade market, this time scheduling it on Black Friday and the following Saturday. Organizers consider the event a success, with retailers from all over the area coming to the Delmar Reformed Church.

• The Town of Bethlehem launches a new information line to be used in times of emergency. The line, accessible by dialing Town Hall at 439-4955, extension 1999, features either a recorded message or town personnel armed with information for residents calling in. It's not designed as a replacement or alternative to calling 911, but rather to lift the load on those dispatchers during emergencies so they can focus on more serious matters.

• Planet Fitness in Delmar announces it will be pulling up stakes and moving to Glenmont and roomier digs in the Town Square Plaza. The owner says a lack of parking and floor space are limiting factors at the current Hudson Avenue location.

• The Town of Bethlehem will become the site of two future studies: a DOT look at roundabout lighting and a Saratoga PLAN-Mohawk Hudson Land Conservancy exploration of transfer of development rights in Saratoga and Albany counties.

• The Bethlehem Central School District budget "think tank" releases its final study after three meetings. Though its findings are not conclusive, many of the board clearly think managing the district's fiscal future will hinge on use of facilities. Closing an

elementary school or the district offices are among the ideas bandied about.

• The Town of Bethlehem authorizes a study to be conducted on the Henry Hudson Park's shoreline. The town has long known erosion issues threaten the banks of the river there.

• Guilderland resident Derek Martin starts as the new executive director of the Bethlehem YMCA. He said he hopes to incorporate some of the Guilderland Y's programs at the Bethlehem branch and strengthen bonds with area schools.

• Bethlehem police arrest Jason Sanchez, of the Cherry Arms Apartments in Delmar, for allegedly storing a collection of chemicals in the basement police say could pose a danger to his neighbors. Police also locate a 400-pound vacuum chamber in the basement storage area. Jason Sanchez's brother, Keenan Sanchez, was badly burned in an explosion at the family's Adams Place home in December of 2009. Firefighters allowed the fire to consume the house due to the possibility chemicals were involved, and a police investigation stalled when Keenan Sanchez and his mother refused to talk to police about the incident.

## December

• Over 300 march, ride or walk in the Town of Bethlehem's Holiday Parade. Often billed as the shortest parade of the season at .35-miles, nearly 30 community groups take part. Santa Claus lights the tree at the Four Corners to culminate the parade and nearby businesses hold celebrations and specials for the crowds.

• The Marine Corps League gives \$600 to Uncle Shawn's Hugs. The organization makes blankets for needy

children in remembrance of Shawn Martin, who was killed in action in 2007. His mother, Dawn Martin, gives the blankets through the Corps' Toys for Tots train, and the group makes 500 for the holiday run.

• The Albany County Legislature passes a 2011 budget that keeps the county nursing home open and reinstates most of the layoffs County Executive Michael Breslin had proposed in his budget. Only two votes are cast against the Legislature's plan, while Breslin and others question the feasibility of many of the revenue items contained in it.

• A Department of Health study on the Lafarge cement plant in Ravena is released. Community members criticize the department's methodology and scope in a public meeting, but DOH representatives say a second phase will look at more detailed information. Still, many advocates want on-the-ground samples to be studied.

• Lafarge North America submits to the Department of Environmental Conservation an environmental impact statement on the modernization project for its Ravena cement plant. The report is a major step on the road to implementing the \$400 million plan, which the company hopes to have completed in 2014.

• The Bethlehem Planning Board signs off on Keystone Builder's new plans to build townhomes instead of condominiums at the site of Verstandig's Florist on

Delaware Avenue. The project is now known as The Gables at Delmar, and it's hoped to have work on infrastructure and a model home begin soon.

• Delmar residents Dave and Linda Burtis climb much of Mount Kilimanjaro in Tanzania along with an international expedition raising money for the Laureus Sport for Good Foundation of America. The journey received international attention, much due to the presence of tennis star Martina Navratilova, who was evacuated by stretcher partway through the ascent. The Burtises don't make the summit, but say the journey was still an amazing and enjoyable experience.

• Bethlehem Police Officer Christopher Hughes files a lawsuit against the Town of Bethlehem and Police Chief Louis Corsi alleging the department retaliated against Hughes for his union involvement and for going to the press and town leaders with allegations. Chief Corsi had uttered a racial slur on a taped phone conversation from his office. The suit asks the town "fairly consider [Hughes] for positions for which he qualifies without retaliation," indicating Hughes may be trying to rejoin the force.

• Selkirk teenager Benjamin Van Zandt admits to setting fire to a Delmar home in August. He faces four to 12 years in state prison and full repayment of \$455,000 in restitution.

• The Hot Harry's burrito restaurant franchise appears before the town to obtain variances necessary to

locate in Center Square in Glenmont. The chain has only five locations open nationwide, including locations in Schenectady and East Greenbush.

• The Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce holds its first ever Holiday Shopping Expo. A full three dozen local businesses set up shop at the American Legion Post on Poplar Drive to sell their wares and promote their businesses.

• Fiske Construction unveils plans to build a multiple-housing-type subdivision in North Bethlehem. If approved, the project would consist of 33 units: nine homes would be larger, colonial-style homes similar to those found in the adjoining Indian Hills, eight would be twin homes and the 20 lots closest to Russell Road would have smaller cottage style homes.

• Verizon makes a public presentation on its FiOS television, phone and Internet service it hopes to roll out in the Town of Bethlehem in February or March. A public hearing on whether to let the company take on Time Warner Cable, the sole existing cable provider, is scheduled for January.

• The region sees its first significant snowfall late in the season, when upwards of seven inches falls on Dec. 26 and 27, accompanied by strong winds. Though many face a rough morning commute the storm is more of an inconvenience for holiday travelers, as flights and even bus routes are canceled up and down the eastern U.S. Locally, several localities declare snow emergencies.

## IN BRIEF

### H&V sponsors hockey contest

H&V Collision Center has joined with the Albany Devils hockey team to sponsor a contest that enables fans to win Devils hockey jerseys during the 2010-2011 season.

The "H&V Collision of the Game" allows fans to vote on player collisions during Devils' home games at the Times Union center. Voting is conducted on the official website for the team, [www.thealbanydevils.com](http://www.thealbanydevils.com).

By voting, fans are automatically eligible to win an Albany Devils jersey, with a jersey drawing to be held each month during the 2010 AHL hockey season.

Founded in Troy in the early 1970s, H&V opened a third location in spring

2010 on Central Avenue in Colonie. The opening of the third location in Colonie came two years after H&V opened a shop in Queensbury.

### College plans info session

Empire State College will hold a public information session about its associate and bachelor's degree programs at its North East Center location, 21 British American Boulevard, Latham, on Wednesday, Jan. 12 at 5:45 p.m.

Empire State College offers adult learners the opportunity to earn associate, bachelor's and master's degrees from the State University of New York. Students learn through independent studies, seminars, residencies and online

courses. They also may earn credit for prior college-level learning from work and life experience.

To reserve a space for an upcoming information session visit [www.esc.edu](http://www.esc.edu) or call 783-6203.

### Maple Ridge plans ski-a-thon

Maple Ski Ridge will hold its annual 24-hour ski-a-thon to benefit the American Heart Association next month.

The ski-a-thon will begin at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 5, and conclude on Sunday, Feb. 6 at 11 a.m. To register for The Ridge Goes Red, contact the American Heart Association's Meredith Cohn at [Meredith.cohn@heart.org](mailto:Meredith.cohn@heart.org) or 869-4042 or Maple Ski Ridge at 381-4700.

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The Year in Pictures



A home on Hasgate Drive in Delmar burns in August. Police arrest Selkirk teen Benjamin Van Zandt and charge him with burglarizing the house before setting fire to it, crimes he admits to in December.



ABOVE: More than 300 people take part in the Town of Bethlehem's Holiday Parade. The procession culminated in the lighting of the holiday tree at the Four Corners.



LEFT: Sen. Neil Breslin thanks voters after winning another term representing the 46th state Senate District. Capital District voters largely returned incumbents to office.

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## Entertainment in the Spotlight



The Salutations of the Season celebration at Schuyler Mansion will feature an 18th century refreshment table with drinks and snacks typical of the times.

Live music is a staple at the Salutations of the Season event.



Re-enactors are a key element of the Salutations of the Season event, depicting life as it was when Philip Schuyler lived in the mansion.

# A last hurrah for the holidays

Schuyler Mansion will hold a Twelfth Night celebration with a historical flair

**T**he holidays might be winding down, but there's at least one more chance to enjoy the merriment. On Saturday, Jan. 8, the Schuyler Mansion will hold a "Salutations of the Season" celebration from 4 to 7 p.m.

After all, that's how it was done in the days of Philip Schuyler, the home's namesake.

"We celebrate Twelfth Night as it was celebrated in the 18th century in Albany," Michelle Mavigliano, the mansion's historic site interpreter, said. "This is how it could have happened at the mansion."

Twelfth Night, also known as the Feast of Epiphany, was one of the traditional holidays celebrated by Dutch and English families of the time. The mansion's annual re-creation takes pains to accurately portray the period and its people, with re-enactors standing in as the Schuyler family. Philip Schuyler was a U.S. senator, an acclaimed Revolutionary War general and an entrepreneur, and the mansion played a key role in his life. Schuyler networked, strategized and socialized there. This year's Twelfth Night celebration is set in January 1778, which Mavigliano described as a "very tumultuous time."

A year earlier, Schuyler had been a commanding general, working to ward off British invasions into

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New York. But Schuyler fell ill, so he passed on command of one of the posts he was hoping to protect, Fort Ticonderoga, to Arthur St. Clair. It was a fateful decision; when the British swarmed Ticonderoga on July 5, 1777, St. Clair gave it up without so much as a gunshot. Congress replaced Schuyler with General Horatio Gates, who accused Schuyler of dereliction of duty.

In 1778, Schuyler was preparing to answer a court martial he had requested to refute Gates' charges (he was eventually cleared). He was also busy working with the Board of Indian Commissioners, trying to convince Native Americans to join America's side in the war, a proposition that was met with plenty of resistance.

It might not sound like the most jubilant setting for a party, but Mavigliano said the story is simply background. If visitors want to know who re-enactors are or what was going on at the time, they'll get answers.

"People ask a lot of questions, from 'What's that?' to 'Who are you?'" Mavigliano said. "We're trying to teach history in a fun way."

There is more traditional fun on tap, too. The celebration will feature holiday food, live music, bonfires and wassail toasts. Mavigliano said one of

the highlights is an 18th century refreshment table featuring wines, juices and other items served in Schuyler's time. The mansion has had the table at other celebrations, but it was more for show than for congregating. That's different this year; people will be encouraged to spend time at the table.

The second floor boasts a salon, the era's equivalent of a ballroom, Mavigliano said. There will be dancing and a king and queen will be crowned. Downstairs, meanwhile, will host the "drunken wassailers" and the live music.

Whereas the mansion typically takes visitors through on guided tours, the celebration will have an open house format, Mavigliano said. People are welcome to walk through and mingle at their own pace.

The celebration wouldn't be possible without the re-enactors who come from the Capital District and beyond. Mavigliano said most belong to regional re-enactment groups that portray certain militias. Others are local actors.

"They're instrumental in helping us," she said.

The celebration is one of the mansion's biggest draws, along with its July 4 program. Admission is \$6 for adults, \$5 for seniors and students and \$2 for children 12 and older. The mansion is at 32 Catherine St. in Albany.

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Local historic re-enactors, as well as some community actors, are "instrumental" parts of the celebration, according to Michelle Mavigliano, who works as a historic site interpreter at the mansion.

## Milestones



Tracy-Renee and Walter H. Rogowski

## Scagnelli and Rogowski wed

Tracy-Renee Scagnelli, daughter of Peter J. and Dawn Scagnelli of Niskayuna, N.Y. married Walter H. Rogowski, son of Joseph and Mable Rogowski of North Adams, MA on August 28, 2010.

The Wedding Ceremony took place at St. Helen's Church in Niskayuna. Father Robert Longobucco officiated. A Reception followed at The Stockade Inn in Schenectady.

The Maid of Honor was Keysha Scagnelli, sister of the bride. The Bridesmaid was Kristin Gregory, niece of the groom. The Jr. Bridesmaid was Cara-Mia Piccione, cousin of the bride. The Flower girl was Julia Sawyer, niece of the groom.

The Best Man was Eric Pause, childhood friend of the groom. The

Groomsman was Brandon Gregory, nephew of the groom. The Ring bearer was Adrian Rogowski, the couple's son.

The bride is a graduate of Notre Dame - Bishop Gibbons High School in Schenectady. She earned a BA in English/Writing Communications from Massachusetts College of the Liberal Arts. She is an Administrative Assistant at Orthotics & Prosthetics Laboratories in Pittsfield, MA.

The groom is a graduate of McCann Technical School in North Adams. He is a delivery driver at E. Osterman Propane in North Adams.

The couple took a honeymoon trip to Old Orchard Beach, Maine. They reside in North Adams, MA.

# Program seeks to spread love

Women hope to dispel stereotypes about Islam

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Tamin Khan, Samin Khan and the rest of the Ahmadiyya Muslim community want to make sure everyone knows the truth about Islam.

"People don't realize that Islam means peace and that's what we stand for," said Tamin Khan, president of the Women's Auxiliary of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Association in Albany. "Our slogan is love for all, hatred for none."

Tamin Khan is part of several local organizations that have banded together to host a program at Temple Sinai at 509 Broadway in Saratoga Springs on Saturday, Jan. 9, where they hope to dispel common misconceptions by encouraging people to come and ask questions.

"We want people to ask any question at all, really what they have on their hearts, put it out there so we can discuss it," said Samin Khan. "Even if it's politically incorrect, we're not going to be adverse to it."

Programs like this, which promote discussion, education and, most important of all, peace, are events both women said are necessary and that they try to offer as often as they can.

"We are reclaiming our religion back; giving people the truth and reality of Islam," said Tamin Khan. "We want to create harmony and

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Samin Khan

love in the world because there's so much trouble and angst and so many misconceptions among faiths."

Common "facts" that people frequently get very wrong are that Muslim women are downtrodden and that they're forced into arranged marriages with no rights of their own.

"Islam is the only religion that gives women rights. If a woman goes to work, the money she earns is her own money to do as she sees fit. The husband, on the other hand, is the one that has to earn money for the family. That's his responsibility," said Tamin Khan. "Women are given the freedom to choose, whoever they want to marry. If they're given the name of someone and they say 'no,' there is no way, according to Islamic law, that marriage is allowed to go ahead."

Perhaps the most critical and dangerous misconception is that all Muslims are terrorists.

"There are 73-plus denominations in Islam and terrorists are a fraction. People muddy the waters; no religion will propagate hatred, it's not godly. Our religion is literally being

hijacked by people trying to gain control and be politically maneuvering and use religion as an excuse," said Tamin Khan. "Those people who dare say [they murder] in the name of Islam ... we are reclaiming our faith and saying this is not going to be tolerated."

Tamin Khan said she hopes that people will come to the event and either realize or reaffirm their belief that "we are all brothers and sisters."

"We have so much in common with one another and there's very little that actually divides us; themes and mottos are really running in all the same direction," said Tamin Khan. "The main brushstrokes of every religion is the same ... we're all part of the same community and that's what makes America such a beautiful place to live in. We're all part of the same canvas, all intertwined with each other."

Both women know how false information, turned into the broad misconceptions they seek to address.

"2001 was the first time that America was under attack by a foreign force since the second World War. It was something

so horrific, not only to Americans but everyone around the world, and as an American Muslim to witness that was so dreadful that even now I have goose bumps thinking about it," said Tamin Khan. "I hope the silver lining is to reclaim this evil, get rid of it and get goodness and purity back in the world. That's not Islam, it's Islam being blackened by these evil people. It's not part of our faith, it's against it."

And though the fallacies most certainly exist, Tamin Khan said she rarely finds herself in volatile or insulting situations.

"Truthfully, American people are wonderful; very loving and open and that's one reason I'm proud to be an American. You rarely come up against somebody that's belligerent," said Tamin Khan. "In the few instances we have trouble, most American people would stand shoulder to shoulder with us and try to help us with it."

The event on Jan. 9 is at 5:30 p.m. at Temple Sinai at 509 Broadway. After the questions and discussion, there will be a vegetarian, potluck supper. Space is limited and pre-registration can be made by calling Linda LeTendre at 533-4781 or e-mailing templesinai@gmail.com. Other peace and faith groups sponsoring the program are The Saratoga Peace Alliance, Temple Sinai, the Kairos Community, the Presbyterian-New England Congregational Church, Saratoga Quakers and Unitarians.

## Storyteller to give free talk at A.L.L.

The Academy for Lifelong Learning at Saratoga Springs (A.L.L.) continues its free brown bag lunch and learn series on Wednesday, Jan. 12, with storyteller Joe Peck presenting "Johnny Appleseed and other Farm Stories."

The program begins at noon in Empire State College Room 126 (the Rotunda) at 2 Union Ave., Saratoga Springs. The program will be canceled if Saratoga Springs city schools are closed.

Peck, with his son

David, milks 100 registered Holsteins at Peckhaven Farm, near Saratoga Springs. He has shared his adventures in two books, "A Cow in the Pool" and "Udder Humorous Farm Stories, A Tractor in the House."



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# Arts and Entertainment

## Theater

### FIDDLER ON THE ROOF

Classic Broadway musical, Proctors Theatre, 432 State St., Schenectady, through Jan. 9, \$20-\$60. Information, 346-6204.

### I LOVE YOU, YOU'RE PERFECT, NOW CHANGE

An original comedy, presented by Class Act Productions, Hilton Center at Westgate Plaza, Central Avenue, Albany, Jan. 7-9 and 13-16, \$15. Information, 248-2618.

### WORDS, WORDS, WORDS (AND WIT)

Staged reading of comic bits by Ives, Durang and others, presented by Schenectady Civic Players, 2:30 p.m., Jan. 9, Schenectady Civic Playhouse, 12 South Church St., Schenectady, free. Information, 382-2081.

## Music

### MARK BAPTISTE

Mix of folk, traditional and American pop music, Jan. 6, 8 p.m., Moon and River Cafe, 115 South Ferry St., Schenectady, free. Information, 382-1938.

### GARY BERNADINI

Originals and covers, Jan. 7, 7 p.m., Emack and Bolio's, 366 Delaware Ave., Albany, free. Information, 512-5100.

### BEAUCOUP BLUE

Father-son Americana duo, Jan. 7, 8 p.m., Caffè Lena, 47 Phila St., Saratoga Springs, advance tickets \$15, door price \$17. Information, 583-0022.

### SYBIL ALLYSON

Folk singer, with special guest Mike Harrison, Jan. 7, 8 p.m., Moon and River Cafe, 115 South Ferry St., Schenectady, free. Information, 382-1938.

### 3 QUARTER NORTH

Bluegrass/Americana band, Jan. 8, 7 p.m., Emack and Bolio's, 366 Delaware Ave., Albany, free. Information, 512-5100.

### LUSTRE KINGS

Performing their annual tribute show to Elvis Presley, with Johnny Rabb and other special guests, Jan. 8, 8 p.m., WAMC Performing Arts Studio, 339 Central Ave., Albany, \$20. Information, 465-5233, ext. 4.

### STEVE GILLETTE & CINDY MANGSEN

Country/folk artists, Jan. 8, 8 p.m., Caffè Lena, 47 Phila St., Saratoga Springs, advance tickets \$15, door price \$17. Information, 583-0022.

### EAST COAST CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

Performing works by Ginastera, Shostakovich, Janacek and Corelli/Geminiani, Jan. 9, 3 p.m., Memorial Chapel, Union College, Schenectady, general admission \$20, students \$8. Information, 388-6080.

### BLACK MOUNTAIN SYMPHONY

Eclectic Capital District rock band, Jan. 9, 7 p.m., Caffè Lena, 47 Phila St., Saratoga Springs, advance tickets \$10, door price \$12, student rush tickets \$5 at door. Information, 583-0022.

## Comedy

### JO KOY

Rising comedian, Jan. 7, 8 p.m., Hart Theater, The Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany, \$28. Information, 473-1845.

### MOP AND BUCKET COMPANY

Weekly show of improvised comedy and music, Jan. 7, 8 p.m., Proctors Underground, 432 State St., Schenectady, adults \$14, students/seniors \$6. Information, 346-6204.

### WIT&WILL THEATRE

"Resolution #9 - Laugh More!" a show of improvised comedy, song, dance and poetry, Jan. 8, 8 p.m., Zu Zu's Wonderful Life Inc., 299-301 Hamilton St., Albany, advance tickets adults \$10, students/seniors \$6; door prices adults \$12, students/seniors/military \$8. Information, 439-7698.

## Visual Arts

### NEW YORK STATE MUSEUM

"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

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

### ALBANY AIRPORT GALLERY

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

### CLEMENT ART GALLERY

"Group Show 3," featuring works by Robbin Rosenthal, Denise Saint-Onge, Randi Martin-Kish, Scott Hotaling, Jon Geron,

### CHAPEL + CULTURAL CENTER

Presenting the Blind Artists Society's exhibition featuring works by Emilia Beer, Jonathan Beer, Anne Carrabis, Alleen Cinquemani, Bill Edmonston, Joel Foster, Barbara Garro, Ian McKay, Dick Morrill, Barbara Romain and Arlissa Vaughn, through Feb. 25, 2125 Burdett Ave., Troy, Information, 274-7793.

### NATIONAL MUSEUM OF DANCE

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

### SARATOGA AUTOMOBILE MUSEUM

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

### SCHEENECTADY MUSEUM AND PLANETARIUM

"Our Favorite Things," through April 23; plus "FETCHI Lab" and "Fueling the Future," ongoing; Nott Terrace Heights, Schenectady. Information, 382-7890.

### TANG TEACHING MUSEUM AND GALLERY

"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.

### CLARK ART INSTITUTE

"The Strange World of Albrecht-Durer," through March 13; 225 South St., Williamstown, Mass. Information, (413) 458-9545.

### MASS MOCA

"Everything That Rises Must Converge," through February 2011; plus "Material World: Sculpture to Environment," through Feb. 27, 2011; "one floor up more highly," an installation by Katharina Grosse, through Oct. 2011; "Sol LeWitt: A Wall Drawing Retrospective," ongoing; 87 Marshall St., North Adams, Mass. Information, (413) 664-4481.

### ARKELL MUSEUM

"Look With Your Own Eyes: Landscapes, Portraits & Pastimes in American Paintings," through February; plus "2010 Arkell Annual Juried Show," through Jan. 30; and "Arkell's Inspiration: the Marking of Beech-Nut and Art for the People," ongoing; Canajoharie. Information, 673-2314.

## Call for Artists

### SCHEENECTADY CIVIC PLAYERS

Holding auditions for "The Musical of Musicals (The Musical)" Jan. 6, 7:30 p.m., Schenectady Civic Playhouse, 12 South Church St., Schenectady, singing roles for two men and two women age 25-55 playing various roles, bring and be prepared to sing a number from a musical, accompanist is provided. Information, 374-6190.

### CAPITAL REPERTORY THEATRE

Looking for an African-American actress who looks like she is 16 years old and can act, dance and sing with equal skill to play the role of Yolanda in the spring production of "Crowns," the role also calls for versatility in singing styles from rap to gospel, submit photo and resume by e-mail to casting@capitalrep.org by Jan. 8. Information, 462-4531, ext. 310.

### NOT SO COMMON PLAYERS

Holding auditions for spring production of "Anyone Can Whistle," 6:30 p.m., Jan. 12 and 13, Hannaford Plaza next to Toys 'R Us, Clifton Park, prepare 16 bars of a Broadway show tune and bring sheet music, and wear comfortable clothes for a brief movement audition.

### THE CHORALERS

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

### ETUDE CLUB

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

### SARATOGA ARTS

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

### CAPITALAND CHORUS

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

### TANGO FUSION DANCE COMPANY

Auditioning professional dancers by appointment at Arthur Murray Dance Studio, 75 Woodlawn Ave., Saratoga Springs. Information, 306-4173.

### ADIRONDACK PASTEL SOCIETY

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

### DELMAR COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA

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

### COLONIE TOWN BAND

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

### COLONIE CENTENNIAL BRASS CHOIR

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

**Spotlight on poetry**

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### Stopping by Baggage Claim on a Snowy Evening by Karen Watkins

Whose bag this is I do not know  
It moves along molasses-slow  
It's my bag's color, size and style  
Without my floppy orange bow.  
The other folks must think it queer  
An hour later, I'm still here

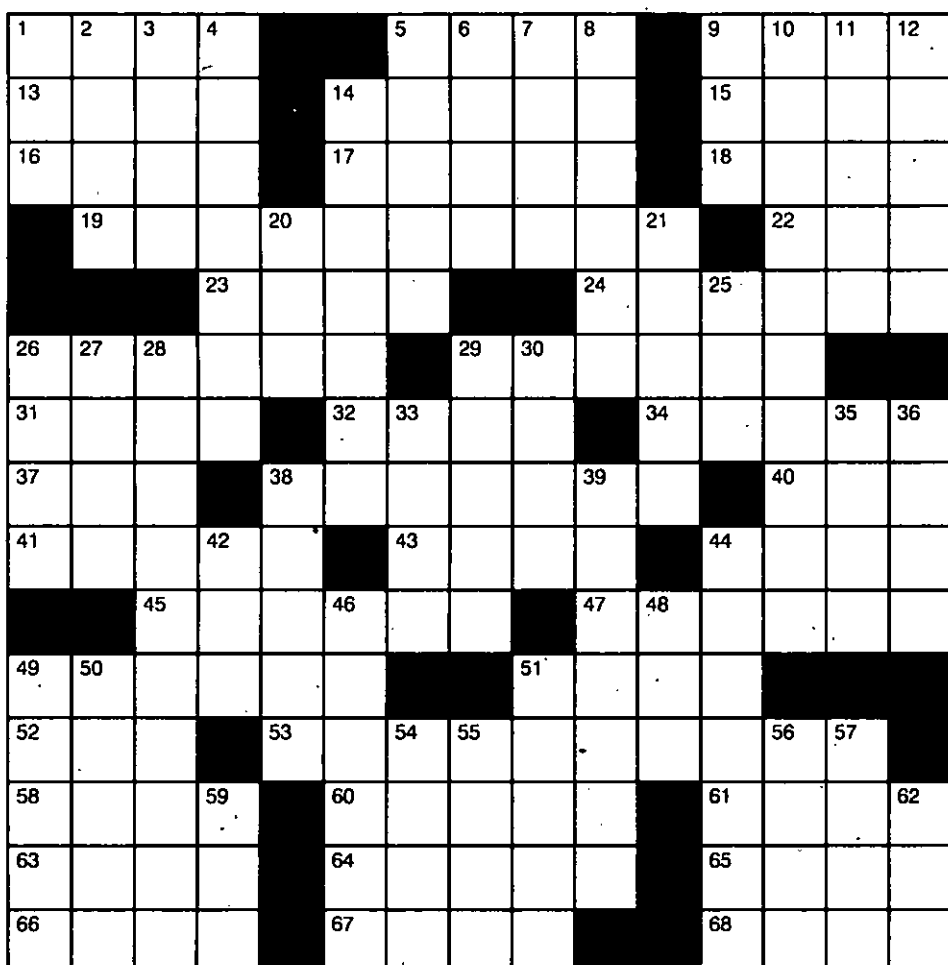
I watch the belt move all the while  
My bag's not coming, it's now clear.  
The airport's empty, dark and deep  
But I've connecting flights to keep  
And miles to go before I sleep  
And miles to go before I sleep.

This parody of Robert Frost's *Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening* is a delight. The poet captures the frustration of air travel while wrapping it in a "floppy orange bow" of familiarity. It's a gift to be able to capture the rhythm and cadence of Frost, and yet make it her own.

Karen Watkins is proud to be a native Schenectadian. An opera buff and lover of the printed word, she now devotes her time to book groups, library activities, a church bell choir, the Union College Academy for Lifelong Learning, and her friends and family, whom she loves to entertain with her essays and parodies.

## Weekly Crossword

### A CERTAIN PLACE



### ACROSS

- 1 Nile snakes
- 5 Attention getter
- 9 Partly open
- 13 Gambit
- 14 Candidate list
- 15 Wall decoration
- 16 Clod
- 17 Young horses
- 18 One of a Latin trio
- 19 Candidate's goal
- 22 Big head
- 23 One of Columbus' trio
- 24 Board cleaner
- 26 Top of the orbit
- 29 Edible red root
- 31 Airplane maneuver
- 32 Paper measure
- 34 Task
- 37 One \_\_\_\_ time
- 38 Orderly methods
- 40 Large
- 41 Mediterranean island
- 43 Actress Garr
- 44 Fourth of July sound
- 45 Shots
- 47 Activities

### DOWN

- 49 White water fan
- 51 Hebrew month
- 52 TV alien
- 53 Beauty spot at 19 Across
- 58 Footnote abbreviation
- 60 Board game
- 61 Tear
- 63 Art \_\_\_\_
- 64 Wise ones
- 65 Stare rudely
- 66 Viewed
- 67 Gaelic
- 68 Hired gun
- 1 Police call, for short
- 2 Highway advisory
- 3 Winnie the \_\_\_\_
- 4 Nurse's instrument
- 5 Hilo hello
- 6 Saint's aura
- 7 "\_\_\_\_, Brute!"
- 8 Was sloppy
- 9 Nabokov novel
- 10 Designer of 19 Across
- 11 Old saw
- 12 Helicopter part

### 14 Play background

- 20 Even score
- 21 The Red, and others
- 25 Fire remains
- 26 Our father
- 27 Pocket bread
- 28 Shapely space, at 19 Across
- 29 Tax percentages
- 30 Of the US
- 33 Noble Italian house
- 35 Phone
- 36 Hen's pride
- 38 More lucid
- 39 Noons
- 42 Word of disapproval
- 44 Trail closely
- 46 La \_\_\_\_, Wis.
- 48 Crewman
- 49 Forays
- 50 Dramatist Edward
- 51 Assent
- 54 Fly high
- 55 Work units
- 56 Therefore
- 57 \_\_\_\_ contendere
- 59 Put on
- 62 Write

## Wood

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are actually far less stringent than what the department had originally conceived. When the review process began earlier this year, the intent was to require a phasing out of older boilers for newer, cleaner ones, and to put seasonal limitations on when boilers could be operated.

"We limited the earlier proposal significantly, just because of the amount of comments we received," Severino said.

She added the department would be reexamining regulations for existing boilers in 2011.

Those who had originally opposed the restrictions did not find their disagreement sated by a more limited ruling, though. The New York

Farm Bureau has long been speaking against any regulations.

"These regulations come at a time when fuel oil prices are skyrocketing and with a harsh winter forecast," said bureau President Dean Norton after the decision. "The public outcry against DEC over the past week should have convinced them that trying to push these regulations through at the last minute before a new administration takes office is completely disingenuous."

He vowed the bureau would continue to fight against further restrictions.

In addition to the emissions standards, the regulations also require a minimum setback of 100 feet from property lines for wood boilers and place an 18-foot minimum smokestack height, both

requirements that are designed to keep smoke away from neighbors. More stringent limits will also be placed on fuel sources, outlawing sources other than clean wood and wood pellets.

It's already illegal to burn garbage in all but the least populated areas of the state, but these are often the places where boilers are more popular.

Assemblyman Tony Jordan, R-Jackson, said he'd like to see the DEC aggressively enforce fuel source rules rather than making other standards. The assemblyman, who has a wood burning heater in his basement, said an 18-foot smokestack is far too tall for most residential boiler units.

"The regulations that were proposed were flawed in a significant way," he said. "I think what the DEC should

have done is focus more on the rules we already have rather than create new ones."

He also cautioned that plans to phase out older boilers would not be well received by his rural constituents.

"These units are not inexpensive," Jordan said. "None of these people who are proposing these regulations probably have an outdoor wood furnace."

A 2008 report from the Attorney General's office found 14,500 outdoor wood boilers had been sold in New York state between 1999 and 2007. The boilers, which typically heat water in a structure removed from the house which is then pumped in for heat, can be a more economical option for some homeowners and farmers than purchasing oil or gas.

Another report from that office described outdoor wood boilers as "among the dirtiest and least economical modes of heating, especially when improperly used."

Some municipalities in the state have already have their own laws governing where and how outdoor wood boilers may be used, and other northeast states like Vermont and Massachusetts have passed regulations. Severino said the complaints the DEC and other agencies receive about smoke blowing into neighboring homes or across roadways easily rival the quantity of opposition to regulation.

"Standards needed to be set for these," she said. "The overall goal of this is to be protective of peoples' public health and the state air quality."

## IN BRIEF

### V'ville VFD hosts BBQ

The Voorheesville Volunteer Fire Dept. will be hosting a Brooks BBQ on Thursday, Jan. 13 from 3:30 till 6:30 p.m. at the firehouse on Altamont Road.

Come and enjoy take out chicken and ribs.

### Fish and Game Club hosts breakfast

The Onesquesthaw Fish & Game Club, Inc. will be having a Breakfast on Sunday, Jan. 9, at 2032 Tarrytown Road, Clarksville from 7 a.m. to noon.

The breakfast will include pancakes, whole wheat pancakes, blueberry pancakes, eggs, bacon, home fries, toast, sausage and homemade sausage gravy.

The cost will be \$7, free for those under 5 years old.

For more information call Carol at 768-2320. Take Outs are available by calling Carol on Sunday at 366-0583. The proceeds will go towards sending a child to NYSDEC Summer Camp and to purchase educational shooting sports equipment.

The club has a new website at [www.onesquesthawfgc.webs.com](http://www.onesquesthawfgc.webs.com). Please check this site frequently for gun club news and updates.

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## Law

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of duty by passing traffic.

Ambrose was killed in 2002 on the Thruway by an intoxicated driver who struck the rear of his patrol car. In that incident, the driver and a person in the car that was originally pulled over were also killed.

Searles in 2003 was struck as he helped a motorist by a minivan driver experiencing chest pains.

"The highways is one of the most dangerous environments faced by law enforcement," said state police Acting

Superintendent John Melville. "Unfortunately, too many motorists either ignore or fail to perceive the dangers associated with driving too close to emergency vehicles that are stopped on the side of the road."

Local emergency agencies are sounding off in praise of the new law.

"Our police officers, firefighters and EMTs have no choice but to work in those dangerous conditions," said Sean Maguire, of the Town of Guilderland Fire Chiefs Association. "I have experienced my own close calls as a volunteer firefighter and emergency medical technician

working along our area's roads due to vehicles traveling fast and close to an emergency scene."

Bethlehem Police Chief Louis Corsi said he hopes the new law will remind drivers to exercise caution when they see emergency lights ahead — not just because it's the law, but because it's the responsible thing to do.

"This law really addresses the most dangerous environments that are faced by law enforcement," he said. "It's really a common sense law."

Bethlehem has not had any officers struck by passing vehicles, but there have been other close

calls.

"We have had patrol cars rear ended by people who for one reason or another were not paying attention," Corsi said. "The potential for catastrophe exists, not just here in Bethlehem but everywhere."

The Colonie Police Department, like Bethlehem, reported several incidents of patrol cars being struck. Just last year, two officers were injured when a drunk driver ran into a transport van at a traffic stop, said Traffic Safety Lt. Ken Pero.

"It's one of the most dangerous things a police officer does, is stepping out of the car when he makes

traffic stops," he said.

Pero said he hopes to dispatch an extra patrol car to the scene of traffic stops in the coming weeks to make sure drivers are complying with the new law.

Under the Ambrose-Searles Act, motorists must reduce speed and use caution when approaching a stopped emergency vehicle with its lights activated. On roadways with multiple lanes, drivers must also move from the lane adjacent from the emergency vehicle unless traffic or other conditions make it unsafe to do so.

Violators of the new law can face a fine of up to \$275 and two points on their licenses.

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## Your Community in The Spotlight

### Library to show film

Bethlehem Neighbors for Peace will sponsor a screening of the film "Plunder: The Crime of Our Time," Thursday, Jan. 6, at 6:45 p.m. at Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave.

Filmmaker Danny Schechter explores how the financial crisis was built on a foundation of criminal activity, uncovering the connection between the collapse of the housing market and the economic catastrophe that followed.

A discussion will follow the film. For information, call 466-1192.

### Five Rivers to host snowshoeing

Five Rivers Environmental Education Center will hold a snowshoe outing Saturday, Jan. 29, at 2 p.m.

Five Rivers naturalists will demonstrate basic snowshoeing technique indoors, then lead snowshoers along center trails for some wholesome aerobic exercise, looking for animal tracks, chewed cones, dens and other signs of winter wildlife along the way.

The program is open to the public free of charge. Call the center at 475-0291 by Thursday, Jan. 27, to register or for more information.

### Museum plans programs

The state museum has planned the following programs for Jan. 6 to 12:

#### Story Art

Friday, Jan. 7, 11 a.m. Kid's Cove, toddlers and preschoolers Free. Pick up tickets at the Main Lobby Desk.

Enjoy the museum by listening to a story, exploring objects from the teaching collection, and creating a fun art project. Themes will be announced on the day of the program.

#### Furry Tales and Touchables

Saturday, Jan. 8, 11 a.m. Meet at Discovery Place Recommended for children 4 to 6. Free.

Stories come to life as youngsters touch real

animal skins, bones, plants and more while listening to a storybook reading.

#### Quilling Jewelry Workshop

Saturday, Jan. 8, 1 to 4 p.m. Student center. Adults only/minimum 10 participants. Fee: \$25/museum members, \$29/nonmembers.

Quilling is an art form that involves the use of strips of paper that are rolled, shaped, and glued together to create decorative designs. Participants will be introduced to this art form and create various ornamental patterns that will be fashioned into earrings, a pendant or a pin. Beginner tool kit, paper strips, and earring hardware are all included. Instructor: Peggy Steinbach. Call 473-7154 or e-mail psteinba@mail.nysed.gov.

#### Children's program

"Rain or Shine ... It's Reading Time." Second and last Wednesdays of the month (Jan. 12, 26; Feb. 9, 23; March 9, 30). 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Meet at Kids' Cove. Preschoolers. Free.

Read a story with museum staff and visit a special exhibit to learn more about New York state.

#### Music Jam

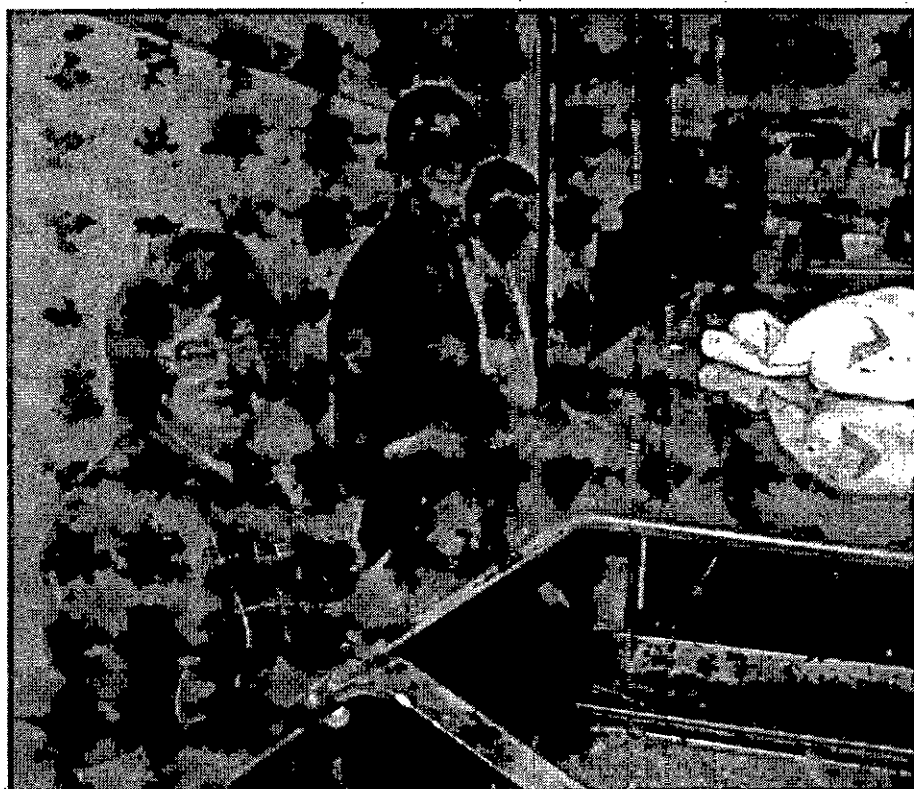
Every Thursday, noon to 2 p.m. Fourth floor. Free.

Take a lunch-time musical break or join the musicians as they play acoustic music inspired by the Celtic tradition of jigs, reels, waltzes, hornpipes, and marches, as well as occasional popular songs, jazz standards, and early music. All levels of skill on any acoustic instruments are welcome. Please bring several copies of sheet music for those who do not play by ear or for the tunes that are not commonly known. For more information, e-mail pkernan@mail.nysed.gov or call 486-2024.

### Stewart's gives \$25K to HVCC

The Hudson Valley Community College Foundation received a \$25,000 gift from Stewart's Shops to boost the number of nursing students educated at the college by 32 each year for the

## CRFCU employees serve holiday meal to shelter drop-ins



Employees from Community Resource Federal Credit Union volunteered to serve a holiday meal for clients of Interfaith Partnership for the Homeless. Pictured from left are Betsy Kindlon, CEO and Jeff Gallo, Accounting Clerk at Community Resource Federal Credit Union, and Zachary McDowell from the Four Corners Luncheonette in Delmar.

Submitted photo

Employees of Community Resource Federal Credit Union volunteered their time during the busy holiday season to serve a meal for clients of Interfaith Partnership for the Homeless's Sheridan Hollow Drop-In Center.

"We were all so moved by this heart-warming and unforgettable experience," said Betsy Kindlon, Community Resource's CEO. "Afterward, as I dealt with the hectic preparations for Christmas, thoughts of our afternoon at Interfaith brought me back to the real meaning of Christmas and its spiritual importance," she added.

David Heffley owner of the Four Corners Luncheonette in Delmar catered the Holiday Dinner, which has been organized by Grassroots Givers for the past four years. Over 100 people

were served at the event that included a full meal and dessert with flip-flops and umbrellas as take-home gifts.

"The Holiday Dinner is a bright spot in an otherwise difficult time of year for many of our guests, especially those who do not have family or friends to share the holiday season with," said Kathy Leyden, Program Director for the Sheridan Hollow Drop-in Center.

Community Resource was chartered on November 27, 1935 as a credit union to serve the employees of National Grid. In 2000, the Credit Union was approved for a community charter to serve those who live, work, worship, or attend school in Albany County and their families. Community Resource has grown to 6,100 members and \$64 million in assets.

next 10 years.

Each year, Hudson Valley's nursing program graduates approximately 60 registered nurses who move into positions at hospitals, extended-care facilities and other health-related settings. Approximately 400 students enroll in the program each year.

The United States is in the midst of a serious shortage of nurses and the Capital Region is not immune, according to UAlbany's Center for Workforce Studies. The CWS says the shortage of nurses will continue to have a detrimental effect

on the quality of health care.

Anyone interested in establishing a scholarship can call the Hudson Valley Community College Foundation at 629-8012 or visit [www.hvcc.edu/giving/scholarships.html](http://www.hvcc.edu/giving/scholarships.html).

### Mendelssohn Club to hold auditions

The Mendelssohn Club of Albany will hold auditions in January for male singers interested in joining the club for the

second half of its current season.

Tenors and basses are invited to rehearse with the Club on Wednesday, Jan. 5, and Wednesday, Jan. 12, at 7:15 p.m. at the New Covenant Presbyterian Church, 916 Western Ave., Albany.

Prospective members are invited to sing with the club during the first few rehearsals in 2011. Rehearsals are held every Wednesday, and final auditions will take place near the end of January.

The Mendelssohn Club will perform its annual spring concert on Friday, May 13. The

concert, "New Favorites for Spring," will be held at Chancellor's Hall in the State Education Building.

The Mendelssohn Club, a 65-voice male chorus, is the area's longest continuously performing arts group. It is composed of men from the Capital District, Hudson Valley and Berkshire regions, and performs a full range of male choral selections from around the world. For more information, visit [www.mendelssohn.org](http://www.mendelssohn.org) or contact David Flanagan at 813-9246 or [flans@nycap.rr.com](mailto:flans@nycap.rr.com)

### CDWBA holds holiday party

The Capital District Women's Bar Association ended 2010 with a charitable holiday party and a member wine tasting.

On Nov. 30, more than 45 CDWBA members attended the annual CDWBA Holiday Party. Guests were asked to bring new toys, which were then donated to the Ronald McDonald House Charities of the Capital Region, Inc.

On Dec. 14, a dozen CDWBA members attended a wine tasting held at Yono's Restaurant in Albany. Attendees learned about wines from around the world, grape varietals and food pairings.

CDWBA events planned for 2011 include a member luncheon at New World Bistro in Albany, Continuing Legal Education programs, and a diversity program focusing on women in the judiciary.

Founded in 1978, CDWBA is the local chapter of the Women's Bar Association of the State of New York. CDWBA is comprised of over 300 members dedicated to promoting the advancement of women in the Capital Region who are involved in or affected by the legal system; encouraging the fair and impartial administration of justice; providing public service and community education; and offering forums which enable members to foster legal, business, and personal relationships.

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# From hardship to a 'better life'

## Malta man pens inspirational book

By ALYSSA JUNG  
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Daniel J. Jones has come a long way from where he was just three short years ago. Back then, things seemed to be on a constant downward spiral. First the family (a wife and two children) couldn't sell their condo, then came foreclosure and debt collectors calling at all hours of the day, all while he was jobless and getting ready to graduate from seminary. Things got so bad that the family of four's only plan was to live out of their minivan until life turned around.

"We were going to put a tent in the back of the minivan and live out of there," said Jones, recalling his darkest hour.

But just as the family was packing all their belongings into what they expected to be their mobile residence for awhile, Jones got a call for an engineering job he'd

applied for and the family moved from Virginia to Malta.

"Now we're doing fine," said Jones.

Things have taken a turn for the better, especially with Jones' latest accomplishment, the publishing of his book "Better for Life: Turning Financial Hardship into Your Finest Hour," a collection of everything he learned while struggling. It's a faith-driven book he wished he had to help him navigate.

"I went to the bookstore and looked at books to help somebody like me [during that time] and couldn't find any. I went online and couldn't find any there; anywhere. I said this is just silly, I have to do what I can to get myself through this," said Jones.

Jones draws on his faith to provide encouragement, tips and solutions for those who may be struggling financially, and even to those who are just plain

struggling. There is a portion of the book that takes a look at possible reasons why an individual might be going through difficult times, which he explains using biblical characters to see what they did and their ultimate purpose. The second section lays out what individuals can do about their troubles.

"One chapter is about being thankful. I found that whenever I would pray I would be asking God to fix this problem, that problem, all of a sudden I found I wasn't thankful anymore," said Jones. "I read in the book of Daniel how he prayed and thanked God three times a day, so I took a minute in the morning, one at lunch and one at night to do nothing but thank God."

He said people who feel hopeless should try what he did and take a few moments every day to reflect on what they have to be thankful for, the things that are going right in their life. Hopefully,

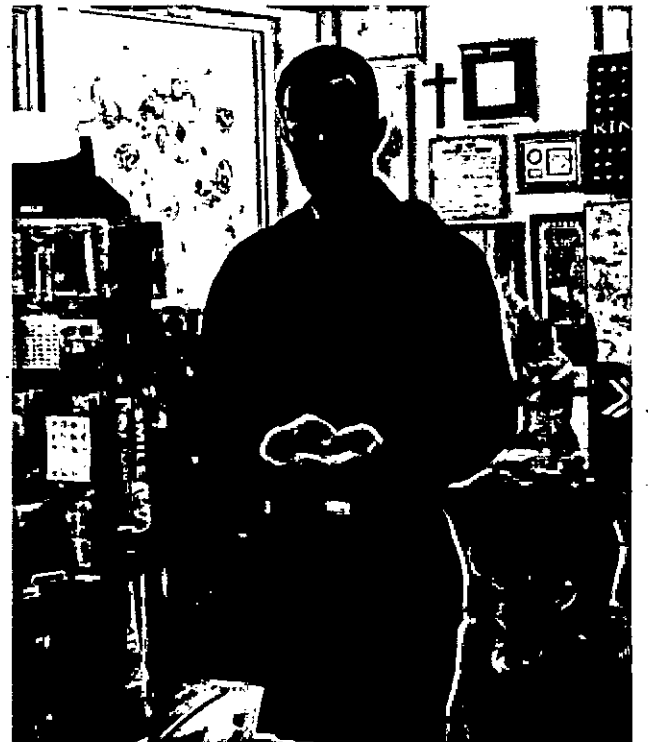
he said, their list will grow by the days just like his did.

"I couldn't find anything to thank [God] for so I would thank him for air to breathe and the sun. The next day I'd think of a few more things and at the end of a couple weeks I found myself wanting to thank God for so much stuff and stopped complaining and giving him a list of demands," said Jones.

Something else Jones wrote about and that he still does today, is to give.

"There are people around each one of us that is worse off than we are; no matter where we find ourselves in life or income, there's other people hurting worse," said Jones. "It's easy to focus on ourselves and the book gets people to look around and see who you can help... we set aside a certain portion of our income a month to help out family and friends not doing as well as we are right now."

Jones hopes people will



Daniel J. Jones wrote the book "Better for Life: Turning Financial Hardship into Your Finest Hour," which uses faith to explain why difficult times happen and what people can do to get through the struggle.

read his book and take something away from it. If it directly impacts how they deal with financial hardship, that's great, he said; but what he wants most is it to inspire.

Purchase information

for "Better for Life: Turning Financial Hardship into Your Finest Hour" is available at [www.betterforlifebook.com](http://www.betterforlifebook.com) and it's also available on [amazon.com](http://amazon.com) and at the Borders in Saratoga Springs.

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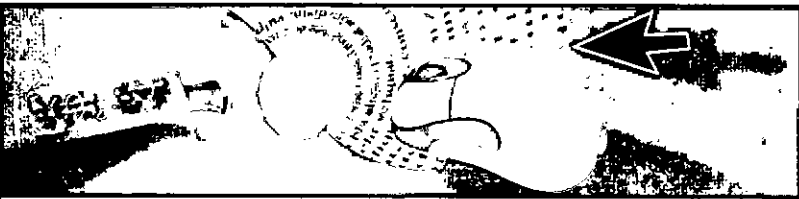
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SSNY on 11/17/10. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 68035 (D) (January 5, 2011)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of a Limited Liability Company (LLC) for the transaction of business in the State of New York pursuant to Limited Liability Law Section 206(a)(8)(b). Name: Lorenc Holdings, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 11/16/10. Office location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to: C/O Lorenc Holdings, LLC, Dreyer Boyajian LLP, 75 Columbia Street, Albany, New York 12210. No Specific date of dissolution. To engage in any business under the laws of the State of New York. 68042 (D) (January 5, 2011)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation Arthur Cooper, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 11/19/2010. 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. 68046 (D) (January 5, 2011)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation BFC 21 STREET LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 11/23/2010. 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. 68047 (D) (January 5, 2011)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation Adequate Images, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 11/23/2010. 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. 68048 (D) (January 5, 2011)

## LEGAL NOTICE

LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY  
Notice of Formation of Limited Liability Company (LLC)  
Name: ALBANY ATHLETIC CENTER, LLC  
Articles of Organization filed by the Department of State of New York on: 10/08/2010  
Office location: County of Albany Purpose: any and all lawful activities: Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to: Bally Total Fitness 1 Crossgates Mall Road Albany, NY 12203 (January 5, 2011)

## LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF C.H. WILK COMPANY, LLC a domestic Limited Liability Company organized under the laws of New York whose Articles of Organiza-

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tion were filed on November 12, 2010 with the New York Secretary of State. 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 42 Turner Lane, Loudonville, New York 12211. New York Office Location: Albany County. Purpose: All lawful activities. 68049A (D) (January 5, 2011)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Y.U.P. CONTRACTING LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 11/18/10. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 68051 (D) (January 5, 2011)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Byy Star, LLC. Arts. Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 7/26/10. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Registered Agent upon whom process may be served: 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Purpose: any lawful activity. 68117 (D) (January 5, 2011)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Oli Architecture PLLC. Arts. Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/9/10. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of PLLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Registered Agent upon whom process may be served: 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Purpose: Profession of Architecture. 68118 (D) (January 5, 2011)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Llacadabra Enterprises LLC. Arts. Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/8/10. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Registered Agent upon whom process may be served: 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Purpose: any lawful activity. 68119 (D) (January 5, 2011)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Gan Chassidim LLC. Arts. Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/28/10. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Registered Agent upon whom process may be served: 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Purpose: any lawful activity. 68120 (D) (January 5, 2011)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Stewart/Stand Design Store, LLC. Arts. Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY)

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on 11/9/10. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Registered Agent upon whom process may be served: 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Purpose: any lawful activity. 68121 (D) (January 5, 2011)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Michael P R Moran, LLC. Arts. Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/9/10. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Registered Agent upon whom process may be served: 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Purpose: any lawful activity. 68122 (D) (January 5, 2011)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Premiere PRS, LLC. Arts. Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 9/7/10. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Registered Agent upon whom process may be served: 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Purpose: any lawful activity. 68123 (D) (January 5, 2011)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Free For All, LLC. Arts. Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 7/22/09. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 295 Madison Ave., Ste. 1010, NY, NY 10017. Registered Agent upon whom process may be served: 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Purpose: any lawful activity. 68124 (D) (January 5, 2011)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Juniper Arts LLC. Arts. Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/16/10. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Registered Agent upon whom process may be served: 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Purpose: any lawful activity. 68201 (D) (January 5, 2011)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 2031 Bedford LLC. Arts. Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/18/10. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Registered Agent upon whom process may be served: 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Purpose: any lawful activity. 68202 (D) (January 5, 2011)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of SATSKY & GEFTER CORPORATE LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on

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11/17/10. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 68203 (D) (January 5, 2011)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation Simpson Innovative Business and Legal, PLLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 11/29/2010. 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. 68206 (D) (January 5, 2011)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of MJC HVAC, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 3/10/10. Office location: Schenectady County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Corporation Service Company, 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207, registered agent upon whom process may be served. Purpose: any lawful activity. 68207 (D) (January 5, 2011)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of QUATRON MGMT LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 11/24/10. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 68208 (D) (January 5, 2011)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of UNIT 5 REALTY LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 11/26/10. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 68209 (D) (January 5, 2011)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of DALLOW REALTY OF LONG ISLAND LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 11/26/10. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 68210 (D) (January 5, 2011)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of DALLOW REALTY OF FARMINGDALE LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 11/26/10. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 68211 (D) (January 5, 2011)

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Notice of Qualification of MSDW 2000-LIFE2 155 Bellwood, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/18/10. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 11/16/10. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Capitol Services, Inc. (CSI), 1218 Central Ave., Ste. 100, Albany, NY 12205. DE address of LLC: CSI, 615 S. DuPont Hwy., Dover, DE 19901. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, PO Box 898, Dover, DE 19903. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. 68218 (D) (January 5, 2011)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of RUMINATION SOFTWARE LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 10/4/10. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 68213 (D) (January 5, 2011)

## LEGAL NOTICE

On September 29, 2010, Vanguard Solutions, LLC, which is located at 12 Princess Lane in the City and County of Albany, filed its Articles of Organization with the New York Department of State. The Secretary of State has been designated the agent of the company upon which process may be served. The business purpose of the company is to engage in any and all business activities permitted under the laws of the State of New York, including, but not limited to, the provision of technical consulting services. 68214 (D) (January 5, 2011)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of formation of COMPLETE TITLE SERVICES LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 01/04/10. Off. Loc.: Albany Co. SSNY design. as agt. upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 936 Kings Highway, 2nd Fl., Brooklyn, NY 11223. Purpose: Any Lawful purposes. 68215 (D) (January 5, 2011)

## LEGAL NOTICE

ONTARIO STREET ONE, LLC (the "LLC") filed Articles of Organization with the NY Secretary of State ("SOS") on 6/4/10. LLC office is in Albany County. SOS was designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SOS shall mail copy of process served to 773 Madison Avenue, Albany, NY 12208. The purpose is any lawful act or activity. 68216 (D) (January 5, 2011)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Cole HN Buffalo NY, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/23/10. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 11/8/10. 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. DE address of LLC: 1209 Orange St., Wilmington, DE 19801. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: all

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lawful purposes. 68217 (D) (January 5, 2011)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of RNJ Capital LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/23/10. Office location: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Harvard Business Services, Inc., 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 805A, Albany, NY 12210. Purpose: any lawful activities. 68219 (D) (January 5, 2011)

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Notice of Formation of Latin Markets Brazil LLC. Arts. Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/15/10. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Registered Agent upon whom process may be served: 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Purpose: any lawful activity. 68220 (D) (January 5, 2011)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Madison Transporter Of NY, LLC. Arts. Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/29/10. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Registered Agent upon whom process may be served: 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Purpose: any lawful activity. 68221 (D) (January 5, 2011)

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Notice of Formation of AM 118 LLC. Arts. Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/13/10. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Registered Agent upon whom process may be served: 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Purpose: any lawful activity. 68222 (D) (January 5, 2011)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 64.St. James Realty LLC. Arts. Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 9/16/10. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Registered Agent upon whom process may be served: 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Purpose: any lawful activity. 68223 (D) (January 5, 2011)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Feldman Family Realty LLC. Arts. Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 6/16/10. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Registered Agent upon whom process may be served: 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Purpose: any lawful activity. 68224 (D) (January 5, 2011)

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Notice of Formation of Jacinrocc Property Management LLC. Arts Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/15/10. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Registered Agent upon whom process may be served: 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Purpose: any lawful activity. 68225 (D) (January 5, 2011)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 4802 121A, LLC. Arts Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/16/10. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Registered Agent upon whom process may be served: 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Purpose: any lawful activity. 68226 (D) (January 5, 2011)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of a Formation of a Limited Liability Company (LLC): Name: CAPITOL COMMUNICATIONS LLC, Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 11/23/10. Office Location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to: C/O CAPITOL COMMUNICATIONS LLC, 175 Swift Road Voorheesville, NY 12186. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose. Latest date upon which LLC is to dissolve: No Specific date. 68538 (D) (January 5, 2011)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of a Formation of a Limited Liability Company (LLC): Name: AJ CONSULTING SERVICES LLC, Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 11/24/10. Office Location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to: C/O AJ CONSULTING SERVICES LLC, 175 Swift Road Voorheesville, NY 12186. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose. Latest date upon which LLC is to dissolve: No Specific date. 68539 (D) (January 5, 2011)

## LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY ABDALLAH JEWELERS, LLC (LLC) Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on November 4, 2010. NY office location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as an agent upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon it is 1022 25th St., Watervliet, NY 12189. The purpose of the LLC is any purpose for which a limited liability company may be organized under applicable law. 68541 (D) (January 5, 2011)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of RPB CREATIVE, LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 12/1/10. Office location: Albany County. SSNY

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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. 68542 (D) (January 5, 2011)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of PLANET AUTO CARS LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 12/1/10. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 68543 (D) (January 5, 2011)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Name of For. LLC: Transit Image LLC. App. for Auth. filed NY Dept. of State: 11/10/10. Jurisd. and date of org.: DE 12/1/09. Cty off. loc.: Albany Cty. Princ. bus. loc.: 3275 West Lambert Road, Weatherford, TX 76088. Sec. of State designated as agent of foreign LLC upon whom process against it may be served. Sec. of State shall mail copy of process to: National Corporate Research, Ltd. (NCR), 10 E. 40th St., NY, NY 10016. Addr. of foreign LLC in DE is: NCR, 615 S. DuPont Hwy., Dover, DE 19901. Auth. officer in DE where Cert. of Form. filed: DE Sec. of State, 401 Federal St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity. 68544 (D) (January 5, 2011)

## LEGAL NOTICE

CHARIOT GUILDERLAND LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 10/28/2010. Office in Albany Co. SSNY design. agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: c/o Kenneth R. Bruno Esq., Bruno Law Offices PLLC, 3991 NY Rte. 2, Cropseyville, NY 12052. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. Principal business location: 5180 Western Tpke., Altamont, NY 12009. 68545 (D) (January 5, 2011)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of FAZAL REALTY #1 LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 12/2/10. 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. 68546 (D) (January 5, 2011)

## LEGAL NOTICE

D'Camera Group, LLC was filed with the SSNY on 11-29-2010. 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: Dean M. D'Camera D'Camera Group, LLC 1410 Forest Drive, Ste. 33 Annapolis, MD 21403 Purpose: Any lawful purpose. 68547 (D) (January 5, 2011)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Delta Auto Repair LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 12/6/2010. Off. Loc.: Albany

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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. 68550 (D) (January 5, 2011)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation Croftex Solutions LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 12/6/2010. Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. The reg. agent is: Accumera LLC at same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 68551 (D) (January 5, 2011)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation Bexcom LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 12/3/2010. Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. The reg. agent is: Accumera LLC at same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 68552 (D) (January 5, 2011)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation Millfair LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 12/3/2010. Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. The reg. agent is: Accumera LLC at same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 68553 (D) (January 5, 2011)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation Lee & Associates Attorneys at Law PLLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 12/6/2010. 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. 68554 (D) (January 5, 2011)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 43 B.A. Partners, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/30/10. Office location: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 20 Corporate Woods Blvd., 3rd Fl., Albany, NY 12211. Registered agent: Louis W. Pierro, 20 Corporate Woods Blvd., 3rd Fl., Albany, NY 12211. Purpose: any lawful activities. 68556 (D) (January 5, 2011)

## LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC) The name of the LLC is CONTAINER, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on 12/1/2010. The purpose of the LLC is to own, operate and manage a publishing company, and also to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the LLC is to be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against the LLC may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is 11 Peel Street,

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Selkirk, NY 12158. 68568 (D) (January 5, 2011)

## LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC) The name of the LLC is THECITESOURCE, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on 12/1/2010. The purpose of the LLC is to own, operate and manage an online research company, and also to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the LLC is to be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against the LLC may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is 11 Peel Street, Selkirk, NY 12158. 68569 (D) (January 5, 2011)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Name of LLC: SCOTIA PARTNERS, LLC. Art. of Org. filed Dept. of State of NY on 11/19/2010. Off. Loc. in NY: Albany Cty. Secy. of State designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. Sec. of State shall mail a copy of process to princ. bus. loc.: 250 Van Rensselaer Blvd., Menands, NY 12204. Purpose: any lawful activity. 68570 (D) (January 5, 2011)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of formation of AC-COUNTING & TAX GENIUS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 10/14/10. Off. Loc.: Albany-Co. SSNY design. as agt. upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 1761 W 5th St., Apt. C1, Brooklyn, NY 11223. Purpose: Any Lawful purposes. 68571 (D) (January 5, 2011)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of formation of CONCORD BUSINESS MANAGEMENT 26A, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 06/22/10. 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. 68572 (D) (January 5, 2011)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of formation of LM REALTY 23H, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 06/21/10. 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. 68573 (D) (January 5, 2011)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of formation of LM REALTY 20A, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 06/21/10. 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. 68574 (D) (January 5, 2011)

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Notice of formation of SP REALTY PH3, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 06/21/10. Off. Loc.: Albany Co. SSNY design. as agt. upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail

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process to: The LLC, 40 Rector St., Ste 1502, New York, NY 10006. Purpose: Any Lawful purposes. 68575 (D) (January 5, 2011)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of SWEPI LP. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/3/2010. Office location: Albany County. LP formed in Delaware (DE) on 8/1/1983. SSNY designated as agent of LP 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. DE address of LP: c/o The Corporation Trust Company, 1209 Orange St., Wilmington, DE 19801. Name/address of each genl. ptr. available from SSNY. Cert. of LP filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any and all lawful purposes. 68576 (D) (January 5, 2011)

## LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). Name: CD RIDGEHILL LLC. Articles of Organization filed with NY Secretary of State, December 10, 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 c/o Seigel, Goldman, Mazzotta & Siegel, P.C., 9 Washington Square, Albany, NY 12205. 68577 (D) (January 5, 2011)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Farient Advisors, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/22/10. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 9/13/07. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 2600 Mission St., Ste. 201, San Marino, CA 91108. Address to be maintained in DE: 3500 South 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 activities. 68578 (D) (January 5, 2011)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of AEG CONSULTING, LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 12/8/10. 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. 68579 (D) (January 5, 2011)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of formation of JCRF, LLC, a limited liability company (the "LLC"). Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (the "SSNY") on November 18, 2010. Office location: Albany County. The SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC, upon whom process against it may be served. The SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to the LLC, at 7 Executive Centre Drive, Albany, New York 12203. The purposes of the LLC are to engage in any lawful purposes; to incur indebtedness, secured and unsecured; to enter into and perform contracts and agreements of any kind necessary to, in connection with or incidental to the business of the LLC; and to

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carry on any other activities necessary to, in connection with or incidental to the foregoing, as the Members in their discretion may deem desirable. 68580 (D) (January 5, 2011)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Outland Renewable Energy Field Services, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/9/10. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Minnesota (MN) on 2/18/09. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o National Registered Agents, Inc., 875 Ave. of the Americas, Ste. 501, NY, NY 10001. Address to be maintained in MN: 302 1st St., E. Canby, MN 56220. Arts. of Org. filed with MN Secy. Of State, 60 Empire Dr., Ste. 100, St. Paul, MN 55103. Purpose: any lawful activities. 68582 (D) (January 5, 2011)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Genesis Networks Integration Services, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/7/10. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 8/27/10. 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 S. DuPont Hwy., Dover, DE 19901. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, PO Box 898, Dover, DE 19903. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. 68583 (D) (January 5, 2011)

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Name of For. LLC: Keehus Capital, LLC. App. for Auth. filed NY Dept. of State: 11/15/10. Jurisd. and date of org.: DE 4/18/06. Cty 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 princ. bus. loc.: 1184 Troy Schenectady Road, Latham, NY 12110. Addr. of foreign LLC in DE is: c/o National Corporate Research, Ltd., 615 South DuPont Hwy., Dover, DE 19901. Auth. officer in DE where Cert. of Form. filed: DE Sec. of State, PO Box 898, Dover, DE 19903. Purpose: any lawful activity. 68584 (D) (January 5, 2011)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Lamar Central Outdoor, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/2/2010. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 8/18/1999. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Mr. James R. McIlwain, General Counsel, The Lamar Companies, 5551 Corporate Blvd., Ste. 2A, Baton Rouge, LA 70809. 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. 68585 (D) (January 5, 2011)

## LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: LABRAT SOFTWARE, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 11/22/10. The latest date of dissolution is

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12/31/2110. 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, 2338 Shirl Avenue, Niskayuna, New York 12309. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. 68586 (D) (January 5, 2011)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of TOP DOG RECYCLING, LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 12/13/10. 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. 68587 (D) (January 5, 2011)

## LEGAL NOTICE

WEST AMAZONS LLC was filed with the SSNY on 12/09/10. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. The P.O. address which SSNY shall mail any process against the LLC served upon him: c/o Paracorp Incorporated, One Commerce Plaza, 99 Washington Ave, Albany, NY 12210-2822. Purpose: any lawful purpose. 68589 (D) (January 5, 2011)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of formation of KFG PROPERTIES, LLC, pursuant to NY Limited Liability Law 203, Art. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 11 / 23 / 2010. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to: c/o the LLC, 16 Cloverfield Drive, Loudonville, NY 12211. Purpose: To engage in any lawful act or activity. 68590 (D) (January 5, 2011)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY Name: ALP Property Management, LLC (LLC). Articles of Organization filed with NY Dept. of State on 12/13/10. 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 195 Lark St., Albany, NY 12210. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity. 68591 (D) (January 5, 2011)

## LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: RNR RESTAURANT GROUP LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 12/08/10. 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, 1021 Tolgate Lane, Schenectady, New York 12303. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. 68592 (D) (January 5, 2011)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC) Name: FILTECH LLC. Articles of Organization filed with New York Secre-



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tary of State (SSNY) on: 11/15/2010.  
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 c/o James R. Schultz, Esq., Maynard, O'Connor, Smith & Catalinotto, LLP, 6 Tower Place, Albany, New York.  
Term: N/A.  
Purpose: Any lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be organized.  
68598 (D)  
(January 5, 2011)

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**SUMMONS AND NOTICE OF OBJECT OF ACTION STATE OF NEW YORK SUPREME COURT: COUNTY OF SCHENECTADY ACTION TO FORECLOSE A MORTGAGE INDEX NO.: 387/10 WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO WELLS FARGO HOME MORTGAGE, INC. Plaintiff, vs. JOHN W. STOLK, JEANNINE M. STOLK, ET AL. Defendant(s). MORTGAGED PREMISES: 241 VLEY ROAD SCOTIA, NY 12302 SBL #: 29.76-1-15.1 TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANT:** You are hereby summoned to answer the Complaint in this action, and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the Complaint is not served with this Summons, to serve a notice of appearance, on the Plaintiff(s) attorney(s) within twenty days after the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after the service is complete if this Summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York). In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. The Attorney for Plaintiff has an office for business in the County of Erie. Trial to be held in the County of Schenectady. The basis of the venue designated above is the location of the Mortgaged Premises. Dated this 13th day of December, 2010, Steven J. Baum, P.C., Attorney(s) For Plaintiff(s), 220 Northpointe Parkway Suite G, Amherst, NY 14228 TO: JOHN W. STOLK, Defendant(s) In this Action. The foregoing Summons is served upon you by publication, pursuant to an order of HON. BARRY D. KRAMER of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, dated the 3rd day of December, 2010 and filed with the Complaint in the Office of the Schenectady County Clerk, in the City of Schenectady. The object of this action is to foreclose a mortgage upon the premises described below, executed by JEANNINE M. STOLK and JOHN W. STOLK dated the 22nd day of August, 2003, to secure the sum of \$77,002.00, and recorded at Liber 3190 of Mortgages at Page 624 in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Schenectady, on the 2nd day of September, 2003; which mortgage was duly assigned by assignment dated the 22nd day of August, 2003, and recorded on the 2nd day of September, 2003, in the Office of the Clerk of Schenectady County at Liber 3190, Page 630; said mortgage was modified or consolidated by a Loan Modification Agreement in the amount of \$19,776.12 dated August 12, 2008 and recorded October 24, 2008 at Book 3977 and Page 611 to form a single lien in the amount of \$85,872.51; The property in question is described as follows: 241 VLEY ROAD, SCOTIA, NY 12302 SEE FOLLOWING DESCRIPTION ALL THOSE CERTAIN LOTS OF LAND, situate, lying and being in the Village of Scotia, County of Schenectady and State of New York, known and designated as Lots Numbers two (2) and one (1) on Map of Property belonging to G.H. Brewster, Vley road, Town of Glenville, County of Schenectady and State of New York, dated July, 1904, and filed in the Schenectady County Clerk's Office September 28, 1904. ALSO, ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND, situate in The Village of Scotia, County of Schenectady and State of New York, with the buildings thereon, bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at a point in the westerly line of the Vley Road, at the north corner of Lot No. 2, on a "Map of Property of G. H. Brewster, Town of Glenville, Schenectady County, N.Y., No. 1" runs thence westerly along said Lot No. 2, to Lot No. 67; Thence northerly parallel with Vley Road, forty (40) feet; Thence easterly, parallel with first described line to the said line of Vley Road; Thence southerly along the same, forty (40) feet to the place of beginning. Said premises being Lot No. 3, on said map (for conveyance purposes only, not to be insured) and being forty (40) feet, front and rear and one hundred and fifty (150) feet in depth. ALSO, ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND situated in the Village of Scotia, County of Schenectady and State of New York, known and distinguished as Lot No. 4 as more fully shown on a "Map of Property of G.H. Brewster, Town of Glenville, Schenectady County, N.Y., No. 1" and duly filed, bounded as follows: BEGINNING at a point in the westerly line of Vley Road at the northeast corner of Lot No. 3, and runs thence westerly along said Lot No. 3 to Lot No. 67; THENCE northerly parallel with Vley Road, forty (40) feet; THENCE easterly parallel with the first described line to the said line of Vley; Thence southerly along the Vley Road, forty (40) feet to the place of beginning. (For conveyance purposes only, not to be insured) being forty (40) feet wide, front and rear and about one hundred and fifty (150) feet in depth. Excepting and reserving therefrom all that parcel of land with the buildings thereon, situate in the Village of Scotia, County of Schenectady, N.Y. known and distinguished as Lot No. 4, and a portion of Lot No. 3, as more fully shown on a "Map of Property of G.H. Brewster, Town of Glenville, Schenectady County, N.Y., No. 1" and duly filed. Said parcel of being more particularly bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at a point in the westerly line of Vley Road at the northeast corner of Lot No. 3 and runs thence westerly along said Lot No. 3, a distance of 72 feet to a point; Thence southerly parallel to Vley Road a distance of 14 feet to a point; Thence westerly on a line parallel with the northerly line of said Lot No. 3, and at a distance of 14 feet therefrom, a distance of 78 feet to a point in the rear boundary line of said Lot No. 3; Thence northerly along a portion of the rear line of said lot no. 3 and all of the rear line of Lot No. 4, a distance of 54 feet to a point in the southerly boundary of Lot No. 5; Thence easterly along the southerly boundary of Lot No. 5, 150 feet to the westerly line of said Vley Road; Thence southerly along the westerly line of Vley Road 40 feet to the point of beginning. HELP FOR HOMEOWNERS IN FORECLOSURE NEW YORK STATE LAW REQUIRES THAT WE SEND YOU THIS NOTICE ABOUT THE FORECLOSURE PROCESS. PLEASE READ IT CAREFULLY. SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME. IF YOU FAIL TO RESPOND TO THE SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT IN THIS FORECLOSURE ACTION, YOU MAY LOSE YOUR HOME. PLEASE READ THE SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT IMMEDIATELY. YOU SHOULD CONTACT AN ATTORNEY OR YOUR LOCAL LEGAL AID OFFICE TO OBTAIN ADVICE ON HOW TO PROTECT YOURSELF. SOURCES OF INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE The state encour-

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ages you to become informed about your options in foreclosure. In addition to seeking assistance from an attorney or legal aid office, there are government agencies and non-profit organizations that you may contact for information about possible options, including trying to work with your lender during this process. To locate an entity near you, you may call the toll-free helpline maintained by the New York State Banking Department at 1-877-BANK-NYS (1-877-226-5697) or visit the department's website at WWW.BANKING.STATE.NY.US. FORECLOSURE RESCUE SCAMS Be careful of people who approach you with offers to "save" your home. There are individuals who watch for notices of foreclosure actions in order to unfairly profit from a homeowner's distress. You should be extremely careful about any such promises and any suggestions that you pay them a fee or sign over your deed. State law requires anyone offering such services for profit to enter into a contract which fully describes the services they will perform and fees they will charge, and which prohibits them from taking any money from you until they have completed all such promised services. § 1303 NOTICE NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to your mortgage company will not stop this foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. DATED: December 13, 2010 Steven J. Baum, P.C. Attorney(s) For Plaintiff(s) 220 Northpointe Parkway Suite G Amherst, NY 14228 The law firm of Steven J. Baum, P.C. and the attorneys whom it employs are debt collectors who are attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained by them will be used for that purpose.  
68911 (S)  
(January 5, 2011)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Nooy Properties LLC. Arts Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 6/29/10. 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, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Registered Agent upon whom process may be served: 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Purpose: any lawful activity.  
68913 (D)  
(January 5, 2011)

## LEGAL NOTICE

NANI ELLI LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 12/13/10 under the name RB 8 LLC. Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. The reg. agent is: Accumera LLC at same address. Purpose: all lawful activities.  
68915 (D)  
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## LEGAL NOTICE

UNIVERSAL SOLUTIONS LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 12/3/10 under the name CORFEX SOLUTIONS LLC. Off. Loc.: Albany

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Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. The reg. agent is: Accumera LLC at same address. Purpose: all lawful activities.  
68916 (D)  
(January 5, 2011)

## LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION BIRDSALL STREET LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 12/17/2010 Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. The reg. agent is: Accumera LLC at same address. Purpose: all lawful activities.  
68917 (D)  
(January 5, 2011)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 7271 HYLAN BLVD, LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 12/16/10. 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.  
68918 (D)  
(January 5, 2011)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 2504 EAST 64 STREET, LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 12/16/10. 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.  
68919 (D)  
(January 5, 2011)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 32 PARK STREET, LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 12/16/10. 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.  
68920 (D)  
(January 5, 2011)

## LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC) The name of the LLC is House Check, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on 12/14/10. The purpose of the LLC is to own, operate and manage a home inspection company, and also to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the LLC is to be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against the LLC may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is 12 Rigi Court, Selkirk, NY 12158.  
68922 (D)  
(January 5, 2011)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF NEW YORK PROFESSIONAL LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY 1. The name of the limited liability company is Michelle Bacares, M.D., PLLC. 2. The Articles of Organi-

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zation creating the limited liability company were filed in the Office of the Secretary of State on December 14, 2010: 3. The principal office of the limited liability company is in Albany County. 4. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the limited liability company upon whom process against it may be served and the post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail any copy of process against it is: Michelle K. Bacares, M.D., c/o Northeast Psychological Associates, 435 New Karner Road, Albany, New York 12205. 5. The limited liability company is formed for the purpose of engaging in the practice of medicine.  
68923 (C)  
(January 5, 2011)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of CTC Trading Group, L.L.C. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/14/10. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 11/16/10. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o National Registered Agents, Inc., 875 Ave. of the Americas, Ste. 501, NY, NY 10001. Principal office address: 440 S. LaSalle St., 4th Fl., Chicago, IL 60605. Address to be maintained in DE: c/o National Registered Agents, Inc., 160 Greentree Dr., Ste. 101, Dover, DE 19904. Arts of Org. filed with DE Secy. Of State, 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activities.  
68924 (D)  
(January 5, 2011)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Concept Builders LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/15/10. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Capitol Services, Inc., 1218 Central Ave., Ste. 100, Albany, NY 12205. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.  
68925 (D)  
(January 5, 2011)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of GARNET LAKE LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 12/15/10. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 12/7/10. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Moses & Singer LLP, 405 Lexington Ave., NY, NY 10174, Attn: Daniel S. Rubin, Esq. DE address of LLC: c/o United Corporate Services, Inc., 874 Walker Road, Suite C, Dover, DE 19904. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, Townsend Bldg., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity.  
68926 (D)  
(January 5, 2011)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of AX NY Office L.P. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/20/10. Office location: Albany County. LP formed in Delaware (DE) on 12/16/10. SSNY designated as agent of LP upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o National Registered Agents, Inc., 875 Avenue of the Americas, Ste. 501, NY, NY 10001. DE address of LP: 160 Greentree Dr., St 101, Dover, DE 19904. Name/address of genl. ptr. available from SSNY. Cert. of LP filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activities.  
68927 (D)  
(January 5, 2011)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Grass Valley USA, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/14/10. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 10/19/10. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Registered Agent Solutions, Inc., 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 1008, Albany, NY 12260. Principal office address: 400 Providence Mine Rd., Nevada City, CA 95959. Address to be maintained in DE: c/o 2711 Centerville Rd., Ste. 400, Wilmington, DE 19808. Arts of Org. filed with DE Secy. Of State, 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activities.  
68928 (D)  
(January 5, 2011)

## LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION OF GLOBAL GAME CHANGERS, LLC On December 10, 2010, Global Game Changers, LLC (the "LLC") filed Articles of Organization with the New York State Department of State. The principal business location of the LLC is 12 Barnet Street Albany County, Albany, New York, The New York Secretary of State is designated as the agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. The post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him or her to the LLC, is 12 Barnet Street, Albany, New York 12208. The LLC is organized for the purpose of using sports to bridge divides and teach life skills and any other lawful business.  
68933 (D)  
(January 5, 2011)

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Troy Miller: who is seeking approval of a preliminary plat plan for a 5-lot subdivision of property located on Prospect Street.  
The meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 11 at 7 PM at the Village Hall, 29 Voorheesville Ave., Voorheesville, NY 12186.

BY ORDER OF THE  
PLANNING COMMISSION  
Georgia Gray, Chairperson  
Dated: December 27, 2010  
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## Council

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Mohonasen (4-1) and Columbia (4-1) have been on Bethlehem's heels since the start of the season, thanks in large part to having balanced offenses. Guilderland (2-3) has a great scorer in Cameron Dobbs (17.1 points per game), but the Dutchmen lack a strong supporting cast. Colonie (1-4) and Averill Park (0-5) are struggling through rebuilding projects.

Switching to the girls basketball side, we see many of the same Suburban Council schools leading the pack. Shen (5-0) and Shaker (4-1) rule the North Division, while Colonie (4-1), Mohonasen (4-1) and Bethlehem (3-2) lead the way in the South.

Shen's one-two punch of Emily Weber and Allie Setter have been more than enough to keep the Plainswomen ahead of the North Division pack, but Shaker is staying close thanks to sisters Mackenzie and Madison Rowland, as well as Lauren Woods and Adrienne Devine. It should be interesting to see if the Blue Bison can catch Shen when they meet again Feb. 1.

The rest of the North Division isn't chopped liver, either. Niskayuna (2-3) has a talented duo in Kayla Treanor and Ashley McCaughan, while Maria Allocco leads the way for a young BH-BL (2-3) squad. Saratoga (1-4) and Ballston Spa (1-4) haven't hit their strides, but the Scotties have a potent offensive force in junior forward Geena Gallo, who is averaging 16 points per game.

The battle for first in the South Division will be interesting, too. Colonie possesses a lot of depth – moreso than Mohonasen and Bethlehem. However, Bethlehem and Mohon play tough defense and have strong floor leaders in Bridget Murphy and Lea McLain, respectively. It may not be enough to overcome Colonie's dynamic duo of Tehresa Coles and Sydnie Rosales in a head-to-head match-up, but it is enough to keep Bethlehem and Mohonasen on Colonie's heels.

The other half of the South Division – Columbia

(2-3), Guilderland (1-4) and Averill Park (1-4) – all have challenges ahead of them in their quest to be competitive. Columbia has struggled to score more than 40 points in a game all season, while Guilderland and Averill Park are going through growing pains with their young rosters.

Ultimately, here is how I see the standings shaking out when the regular season ends in mid February:

Boys standings – North: 1. Shen, 2. Shaker, 3. Niskayuna, 4. Saratoga, 5. BH-BL, 6. Ballston Spa; South: 1. Bethlehem, 2. Mohonasen, 3. Columbia, 4. Guilderland, 5. Colonie, 6. Averill Park

Girls standings – North: 1. Shen, 2. Shaker, 3. Niskayuna, 4. BH-BL, 5. Ballston Spa, 6. Saratoga; South: 1. Colonie, 2. Bethlehem, 3. Mohonasen, 4. Columbia, 5. Guilderland, 6. Averill Park

Disclaimer: This is how I see the league standings turning out at the beginning of January. This is not a guarantee that it will wind up looking like this. I am not Nostradamus.

• Kudos to the Adirondack Phantoms for winning six of their last eight games after winning four of their first 29 AHL contests. That's a heck of a turnaround for a franchise that seemed destined to challenge the 1989-90 Binghamton Whalers AHL record for fewest wins in a season (11).

The streak has helped the Phantoms crawl within six points of seventh place in the eight-team East Division. And who would be in seventh place right now? Yep, the Albany Devils. So basically, the Capital District is home to the two worst teams in the AHL.

Meanwhile, the team formerly known as the Albany River Rats – the Charlotte Checkers – are tied for second place with the Norfolk Admirals in the East Division, six points behind first-place Wilkes-Barre/Scranton.

It would be sad if it weren't for the fact that so few people around this region care about minor league hockey, which is equally sad but something that I've grown to accept.

(Side note: the Albany Devils are celebrating Devil

Dawg's birthday Friday night when they host the Charlotte Checkers. There is a rumor that Rowdy the River Rat will sneak into the building wearing a Checkers jersey, but you didn't hear that from me.)

• Since Christmas, two more NFL coaches have been fired – Mike Singletary (San Francisco) and Eric Mangini (Cleveland) – and one (Carolina's John Fox) has been told his contract won't be renewed for next season.

Of the six coaches who have been fired since the start of the 2010 season, I'd say maybe one (Fox) will get another head coaching job in the league next year. Singletary, Wade Phillips and Brad Childress could get coordinator positions somewhere else, while Mangini and Josh McDaniels might be better off begging New England's Bill Belichick to take them back in as coordinators.

As for who replaces the newly-fired coaches, I'd say Jon Gruden gets the Cleveland job if Mike Holmgren doesn't take it for himself, San Francisco may have to go to Plan B if Stanford's Jim Harbaugh goes to Michigan and Carolina will bring in another defensive-minded coach to guide the Panthers – perhaps New York Giants' defensive coordinator Perry Fewell.

Notice I didn't mention Bill Cowher's name. That's because he'll likely take his talents to South Beach if the Miami Dolphins fire Tony Sparano.

• Finally, I have only one New Year's resolution – to get to as many high school games with my video camera and post the videos to [www.spotlightnews.com](http://www.spotlightnews.com) through our YouTube channel (TheSpotlightSports). So if you see me at your games, go to our Web site later that evening to see what I captured on my camera.

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## Fun

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titles ended at four after Bethlehem defeated the Spartans 3-0 in the Section II Class A final. Bethlehem advanced to the state tournament, where the Eagles finished with a 1-5 record in pool play.

• Section II soccer teams struggled to get out of regional play in 2010. One of the few to get through was the BH-BL girls squad, who defeated Jamesville-DeWitt and Massena in Class A regionals before losing to Long Island champion Garden City 2-0 in the state semifinals.

The Bethlehem girls defeated Shenendehowa 1-0 in the Section II Class AA finals for their third straight trip to regionals. The ride ended in Syracuse, though, as Section III champion Baldwinsville defeated the Lady Eagles 3-0.

On the boys' side, Saratoga won its first Sectional title by defeating Ballston Spa on penalty kicks in the Class AA final. The Blue Streaks' season ended with a 3-2 loss to Baldwinsville in regionals.

### Eagles lose to Middletown

The Bethlehem boys basketball team lost to Middletown 72-70 in last Thursday's consolation game of the Christian Brothers Academy Tournament in Colonie.

Jordan Sperber scored 24 points, and Bryan Dolan contributed 11 points for the Eagles (5-2), who led 42-38 at halftime.

Scotia-Glenville captured the Class A sectional crown by pulling out a 4-3 victory over Ichabod Crane. The Tartans then shut out Franklin Academy 3-0 in the regional semifinals before falling to Jamesville-DeWitt 3-2 in the regional final.

• In girls swimming, Niskayuna edged Shen by one point to win the Section II Division I team title.

The meet was decided in the 400-meter relay. Niskayuna cruised to

victory to earn six more points than Shen, which finished second in the event.

Niskayuna was led by sophomore Kina Zhou, who went on to win the 100-meter freestyle title at the state championships. Zhou also placed second in the 200-meter freestyle.

Guilderville's Jenna Bickel picked up an individual title at the state meet, too. The junior won the 100-meter backstroke with a time of 56.24 seconds.

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## Sports in the Spotlight



A horse works out early one summer morning at Saratoga Race Course. The 2010 Spa season was nearly cancelled when the New York Racing Association threatened to shut down without a state loan, but the loan came through and the meet went on as scheduled.

Robert Goo/Spotlight

## Fun in the sun and fall

### Saratoga stays open for top horses; Shaker wins title

By ROB JONAS  
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Still two seasons to go in our annual year in review, so let's get to it.

#### Summer

- After threatening to close without a state loan in the spring, the New York Racing Association held its annual summer meet at Saratoga Race Course.

The season began a little earlier than normal, as NYRA opened the venerable track on the third Friday in July to offer a six-and-a-half week racing schedule. Fans didn't flock to the track as they had on previous Opening Days, but the crowd (23,178) was far bigger than what NYRA drew at Belmont on the same day last year.

The highlight during the Saratoga season was Rachel Alexandra's return to the Spa City for the Personal Ensign Stakes. The "Graveyard of Champions" lived up to its billing, though, as Persistently defeated the 2009 Horse of the Year.

Saratoga also claimed Kentucky Derby champion Super Saver, as he finished 10<sup>th</sup> in the Travers Stakes. Affleet Express won the Mid-Summer Derby over Fly Down.

When the dust settled on Labor Day, Saratoga saw a mild drop in attendance and daily handle, but it was still a rousing success. And as far as the locals were concerned, it was good to have racing back in the Spa City after a spring of uncertainty.

- The Empire State Games had a brief renewal in 2010, and the Adirondack Region took advantage of it. Adirondack placed fourth in the overall medal count with 118.

The most important medal was bronze as Adirondack's scholastic women's lacrosse team finished third with an 11-6 victory over Central. Despite a recent history of statewide success in high school lacrosse, the Adirondack Region had never made the medal round at the

Empire State Games until 2010.

Adirondack won gold medals in scholastic women's soccer and masters women's rugby. The open men's soccer and volleyball teams both earned silver medals, as did the masters men's rugby team.

Any hope Adirondack had of improving on its performance ended when the state pulled the plug on the Empire State Games in November. Lake Placid stepped in to keep the Empire State Winter Games going, but the larger summer games were not saved.

- The Tri-City ValleyCats made

defeating Warwick Valley 58-78 at Lakeside Park in Pawling.

"To win a state championship is pretty big," said Shaker coach Ed Springstead, who guided the Colonie boys team to the state title in the early 1960s. "I knew all year long that I had a pretty good team, and they got better and better as the season went on."

Shaker was led for much of the regular season by Mike Libruk and Jon Vallecorsa, but it was Christian Delago who stepped up in the big meets. Delago won the Section II Class AA title and placed sixth at the state meet.

The Saratoga Springs girls cross country team peaked toward the end of the season. The Blue Streaks won the Federation meet and placed second to Fayetteville-Manlius at the Nike Team Nationals in Portland, Ore.

- It was another stellar year for Section II football as two teams – Troy and Schalmont – reached the state finals.

Troy had the lead on Rush-Henrietta in the Class AA final before the Royal Comets rallied for a 40-28 victory and their first state title – denying Troy coach Jack Burger his third championship.

Schalmont's hopes for its first state title ended abruptly against Section V's Hornell. The Red Raiders scored twice late in the second quarter to break open a close game on their way to a 50-20 victory over the Sabres.

Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake's drive for a third consecutive trip to the Class A state final ended with a 17-7 loss to Harrison in the semifinals.

- BH-BL continued its dominance in girls volleyball as it won its ninth straight Section II title and reached the state finals before losing to Pittsford Sutherland in four games. Voorheesville got to the Class C state championship match, where it lost to Section VI's Falconer 3-1. Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk went to its third straight state tournament after earning the Class B sectional and regional titles, while Shenendehowa defeated Bethlehem for the Class AA sectional championship.

BH-BL's streak of boys volleyball



a big run over the last six weeks of the regular season to win the Stedler Division of the New York-Penn League. Then, they won their first-ever league title by beating the Brooklyn Cyclones in the three-game championship series.

Manager Jim Pankovits received his reward a short time later by being hired to coach the Seattle Mariners' Double A affiliate. Tri-City then hired Stubby Clapp to manage in 2011.

- Albany-based Blackwatch Soccer Club sponsored a team in the USL's Premier Development League last summer. The Highlanders – featuring several former Section II standouts and coached by Gunderland High School graduate F.J. Zwicklbauer – challenged for the Northeast Division title for much of the regular season before fading to a third-place finish behind Ottawa and Portland.

- Albany-Saratoga Speedway in Malta reverted back to an asphalt track after spending several years as a dirt oval. The switch initially led to complaints by some of the drivers, but the asphalt surface helped Albany-Saratoga offer more races than before.

#### Fall

- The Shaker boys cross country team earned its first state title by

## An unwanted vacation

### Scheduling quirk has Bethlehem off until Jan. 15

By ROB JONAS  
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It's an odd time for a two-week layoff, but that's what the Bethlehem hockey team is facing.

While many Section II squads are gearing up for an active weekend of Capital District High School Hockey League action, the Eagles (6-0-0 league, 7-2-1 overall) are off until Jan. 15 when they host Shaker-Colonie in their annual "Big Orange Freakout" game at the Bethlehem Area YMCA.

"It's not ideal when you're on a roll and playing good hockey," said Bethlehem coach Andre Rodrigue.

To cope with the layoff, Rodrigue said he plans to keep his team busy during practices. "It's my job to keep things fresh so that we don't come out flat in our first weekend back," he said.

That first weekend back also features Bethlehem's only meeting of the season with defending Section II champion Saratoga Springs. The Blue Streaks (5-1-0, 8-1-0) begin this week one point behind the Eagles in the race for first

place in the CDHSHL.

"They're clearly the best team in Section II," Rodrigue said of Saratoga. "They're ranked No. 2 in the state, they beat Shenendehowa and they've beaten some other good teams. In my mind, they are the Section II champions until someone dethrones them."

Bethlehem had piled up some impressive victories during a recent seven-game winning streak, including a 5-2 win against Cicero-North Syracuse in the opening round of last week's Winter Classic Tournament in Delmar. Section IX power Monroe-Woodbury ended the Eagles' streak with a 5-4 overtime victory in last Thursday's championship game.

"Since Day 1 until now, we've improved tremendously," said Rodrigue. "These kids work really hard, and they trust me as a coach and they trust each other."

The question now is can Bethlehem keep up its strong play following its two-week layoff?

"There is still a lot of hockey left," said Rodrigue. "We only have eight [standings] points out of a possible 22 points. That's a lot of points left on the table."

## Mid-season council b'ball predictions

Here's a list of non-playoff NFL teams who have a better record than the NFC West champion Seattle Seahawks (7-9):

New York Giants (10-6), Tampa Bay Buccaneers (10-6), San Diego Chargers (9-7), Jacksonville Jaguars (8-8) and Oakland Raiders (8-8).

Not exactly a long list, is it? OK, moving on...

- We're not quite at the midway point of the Suburban Council basketball season, but there is more than enough information available to have a good grasp of the divisional races.

Let's start with the boys' side. In the North Division, Shenendehowa (5-0 league) is the clear favorite to hold off the competition for first place. Jose Reyes (the Shen basketball player, not the New York Mets shortstop) has done a great job taking up the scorer's role from Matt Miner, and he has a solid supporting cast including Brandon Miller and Jackson Shea.

Niskayuna (4-1) is now at full strength with guard Kyle Bayly back in the lineup, while Shaker (3-2) remains a factor in the North with its strong defense. Saratoga (1-4) is searching for a more well-rounded attack, and Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake (1-4) is hoping its perimeter shooters hit their shots on a more consistent basis. Ballston Spa (0-5) is just searching for a league win.

Bethlehem (5-0) is living up to its pre-season billing as the South Division's top team. Guard Jordan Sperber has excelled so far for the Eagles, while forwards Scott Clas and Ryan Stempsey have helped out in the low post.

