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Members of the Bethlehem Lutheran Church Quilting Friends will send out close to 100 quilts to those in need before the end of the year.

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Twice as nice

If you haven't checked out the Festival of Trees in Schenectady yet, you're in luck — this year's festival runs twice as long as previous years.

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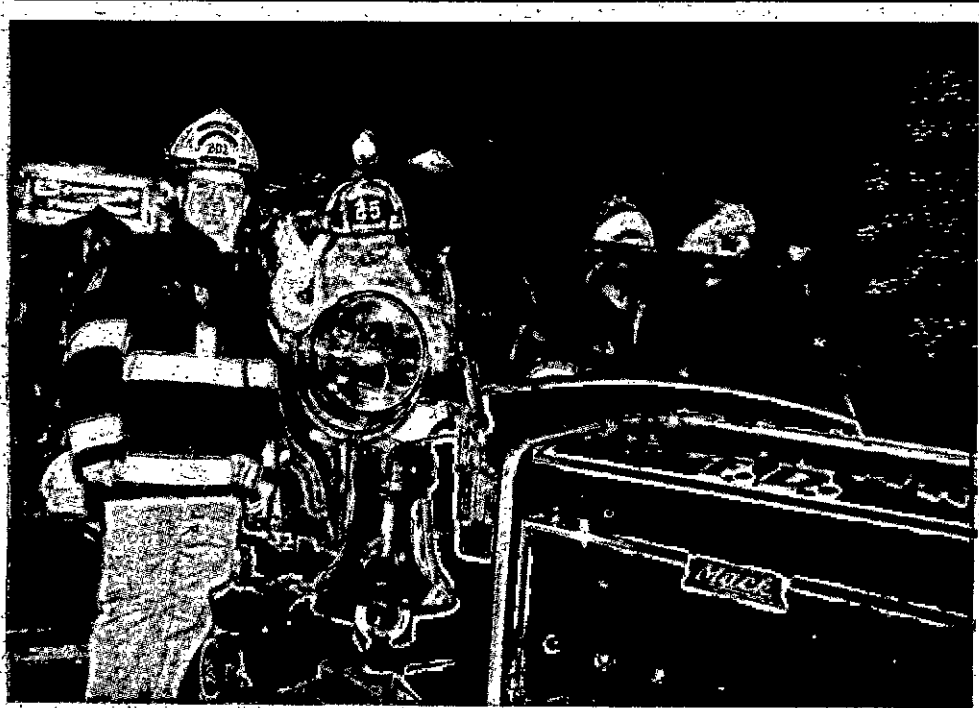
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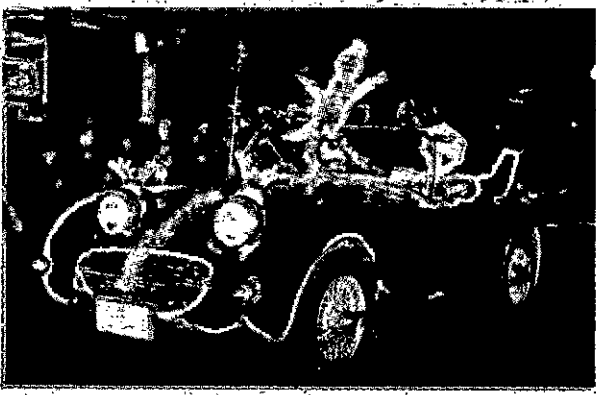
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It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas

Community groups, classic cars and Santa Claus all took part in the Town of Bethlehem's annual Holiday Parade down Delaware Avenue on Friday, Dec. 2. See page 22 for more photos.

Photos by Tom Heffernan Sr. and Greg Fry



Clarksville deal on table

The Bethlehem Central School District's Board of Education will be considering a proposal to use Clarksville Elementary as a substation for the Albany County Sheriff's Office.

Sheriff Craig Apple and Superintendent Michael Tebbano met Dec. 1 to discuss the idea. Apple has proposed using the school for at least five years as a cost-cutting measure for his department.

"Hopefully this will end our negotiations and they'll be able to accept our offer," said Apple.

One stipulation of the agreement is that the Sheriff's Office would provide extra policing at Bethlehem High School

during the final two months of the school year. The district has previously paid the Bethlehem Police Department around \$30,000 for that service.

Apple told The Spotlight in October that the district initially quoted a cost of \$80,000 a year for utilities alone. The sheriff would not disclose the proposal that the board is likely to consider at its meeting Dec. 7, nor would district officials.

The district shuttered Clarksville Elementary at the end of the 2010-2011 school year due to declining enrollment. Tebbano has said it's a priority for the district to be able to reopen that school when enrollment increases.

Public weighs in on hamlet plans

New Scotland meeting shapes future discussions about development

By GREG FRY fryg@spotlightnews.com

Residents of New Scotland are again weighing in on development issues as a renewed effort gets under way to shape the town's future.

At a public meeting held Thursday, Dec. 1, about 60 people involved themselves in the process of developing a New Scotland Hamlet Master Plan.

Using a \$50,000 grant from the Capital District Transportation Committee, a study was completed of existing conditions in the designated hamlet area, roughly centered around the intersection of Routes 85 and 85A. Those findings, including population trends, zoning capacity and more, were presented at the meeting. Attendees then broke into small groups for a 45-minute brainstorming session.

Town Board member Daniel Mackay was encouraged to see many people he didn't recognize at the meeting.

"I don't think there's any hidden agenda here," said Mackay. "There's no intended result that the

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County eyes 2012 budget, cap override

Chairman says move is 'inevitable'

By ALYSSA JUNG junga@spotlightnews.com

The Albany County Legislature planned to vote on overriding the 2 percent tax cap and adopting the proposed 2012 county budget at the Monday, Dec. 5, meeting.

The 2012 budget proposed by County Executive Mike Breslin included a 19.2 percent tax increase, which would mean an increase of \$14.5 million for a property tax levy of \$89.9 million. Breslin cited "the increase in expenditures and loss of revenue" as the reason for the tax increase and said the tax hike was part of a three-year plan to reach the 2 percent tax cap by 2014.

Chairman of the legislature and County Executive-elect Dan McCoy said overriding the 2 percent cap is inevitable.

"There's no way right now we can live within the cap. You can't just walk into an office and

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Your Opinion in The Spotlight

Fair trade market a success

Editor, *The Spotlight*:

To everyone who supported the Black Friday/Saturday Fair Trade Market at Delmar Reformed Church - THANK YOU!

We welcomed one thousand visitors through the doors over the two days. 20 vendors offered a huge range of beautiful, useful and fun handcrafted items. Overall takings to date (we're still counting) have exceeded \$24,000.

The money will support artisans and their communities around the world, including slum-dwellers in Kenya, women and girls rescued from the sex-trade in India and Cambodia, marginalised women in the U.S., minority communities in Guatemala, AIDS widows in Uganda...

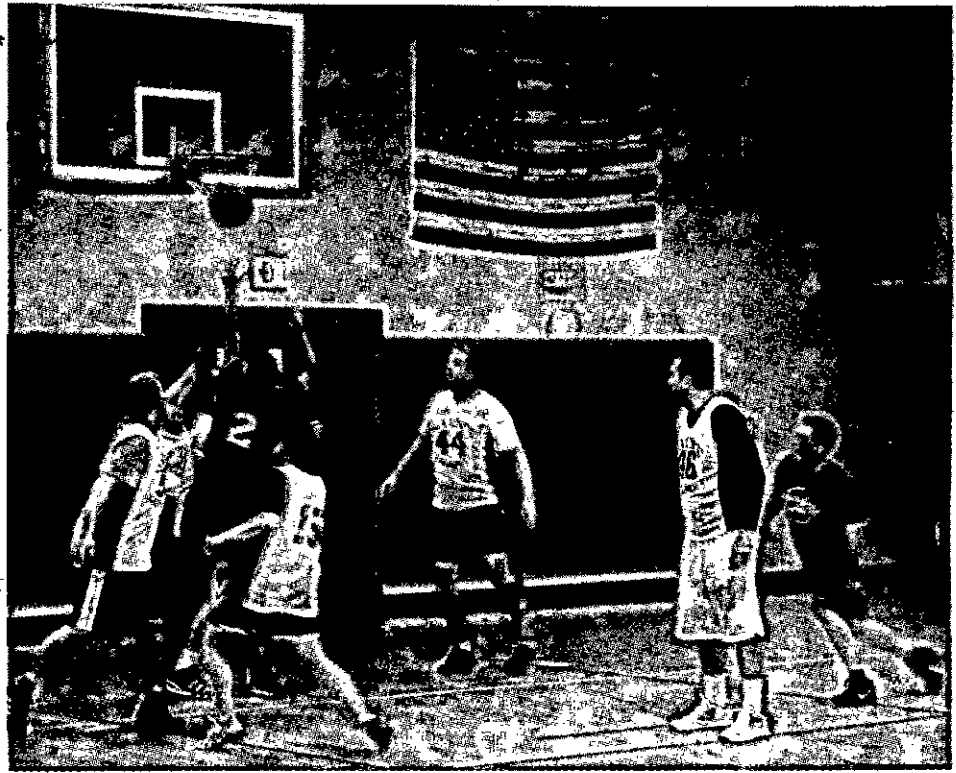
the list goes on.

I think the success of the Fair Trade Market clearly demonstrates that, even in these difficult economic times, people here in our local community care about others in our wider global community. They want to make purchases that also make a difference in the lives of those most in need.

So, very many thanks again - to the vendors, the volunteers and the visitors who made it such a worthwhile and memorable event! Thanks also to Delmar Reformed Church for generously hosting the market.

Anna McMahon
Coordinator, Fair Trade Bethlehem NY

Tipping off for a cause



Sports fans got a little something more with their tickets on Wednesday, Nov. 30: the knowledge their purchase is helping a child. The Saint Gregory's faculty was challenged to a basketball game by the Siena Saint Radio station staff as a fundraiser for Equinox Youth. The Saint Gregory's Faculty managed to defeat the Saint 93 to 58, but over \$600 was also raised to help Equinox Youth.

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District takes steps to address drug incidents

Bethlehem Central School District officials are detailing steps taken in the wake of drug arrests and overdoses at the high school.

Outgoing Superintendent Dr. Michael Tebbano issued a statement Nov. 29 through the district's website. In the statement, Tebbano said that students involved in drug busts and issues were held accountable

by the Student Code of Conduct and by legal authorities of the county. Tebbano urged parents to be actively involved, to be concerned about their child's social activities and to work with family doctors and school counselors if there are signs that children may be using drugs.

Tebbano said the school will be "intensifying efforts to proactively supervise

and manage a difficult situation through enforcement of school rules and regulations, continued education of the student body to reinforce the seriousness of drugs and alcohol abuse and to provide information as to what the district is attempting to do in keeping our students safe."

Tebbano said that assemblies would be held in the near future to discuss recent issues at the high school. He stated there would be continued outreach to the community in order to notify parents and district residents of developments at the school.

Tebbano said he will discuss the recent events with Board of Education members at their monthly meeting Dec. 7. Included in that discussion will be a proposal to purchase more security cameras for the school.

Due to recent events, a dance scheduled for Dec. 2 at Bethlehem High School was postponed. Principal Charles Abba said that the decision was based on concerns over student behavior, recent events and the desire to meet with students to discuss these issues. Abba said in the next week he would meet with students "in an effort to get their thoughts on these issues, review school expectations and consider what steps we need to take to keep BC a great place to learn and grow."

-Greg Fry

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Bringing warmth one stitch at a time

Hundreds of quilts made each year in Bethlehem church

By GREG FRY
fryg@spotlightnews.com

Piles of quilts are stacked up on a table in a room of the Bethlehem Lutheran Church, where a dedicated group is working to keep people warm this winter.

What started roughly 20 years ago as a modest group that made quilts for sale at the church has grown into a group of 24 women who produce between 200 and 300 quilts each year. The quilters carry out their stitching every other Wednesday (and sometimes Saturdays and at home) and their handiwork is then distributed to those in need throughout the region.

The group's founder, Marylou Wahl, said the women donate the quilts to a number of organizations, including the City Rescue Mission in Albany. They also reach out to local hospitals and even to those in Schoharie County who lost everything during Tropical Storm Irene.

"In conjunction with a small friendship quilt group I have, we did quilts for the children at the Gilboa-Conesville School," said Wahl. "There were 30 families left homeless, which involved 56 children."

Wahl said the donations began years ago when they realized that there was a need for quilts throughout the community.

"Sometimes it gets a little overwhelming because there is such a great need," said Wahl. "In fact, this year, what we've done is since September, we've been meeting every Wednesday so that we could make sure that we would meet the needs."

Kathy Riedel, a member of the group, pointed out that the donations go beyond the Capital District.

"We've sent a number of quilts overseas to the troops through people of

"It's not just a ministry of outreach to the community. It's also a ministry to us within the group."

Marylou Wahl

the church that have sons or daughters or nephews in Iraq or Afghanistan," said Riedel.

Wahl estimated that about 100 quilts would be distributed before the end of the year. Recipients will include patients at the children's hospital at Albany Medical Center and those undergoing chemotherapy at St. Peter's Hospital.

The group is able to function through monetary support from the church and donations, specifically from those who have benefited from the group's work. The money helps the women purchase supplies, which are tucked away in a small and overflowing closet of the church.

While the work is admirable, Wahl and Riedel both say that the women get something valuable as well.

"It is definitely a ministry," said Wahl. "It's not just a ministry of outreach to the community. It's also a ministry to us within the group. It's a real good support group for everybody."

Riedel said the group provides everyone with a chance to talk and find out more about what's going on in their lives.

"There's such a disconnection out there with the Internet. Nobody is talking face to face anymore," said Riedel.

Church pastor Mark Mueller joked that sometimes he feels like Santa Claus when he delivers the quilts and that all the elves are back at the workshop making the gifts.

"What a wonderful

gift when people receive something so beautiful, handmade and artistic and to have that and bring that warmth to them whether they are getting chemotherapy, or had a house fire or if they've been flooded, giving table runners to the families that we give food to during the holidays," said Mueller. "It touches lives. It is a wonderful thing that they do and they have fun doing it."

For more information about the group, contact the Bethlehem Lutheran Church at 439-4328.



Marylou Wahl, left, and Kathy Riedel (hold quilts made by members of Bethlehem Lutheran Church Quilting Friends. The group of 24 women will send out close to 100 quilts to those in need before the end of the year.

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IDA board member charged with DWI

Bethlehem police have charged a member of the town's Industrial Development Agency with DWI following a crash Monday, Nov. 28.

Police said Stephen Rosenblatt, 43, of Delmar crashed his car into a utility pole on Elsmere Avenue near Dalton Court. Police arrived a short time later and found Rosenblatt sitting on the ground near his car.



Stephen Rosenblatt

The crash damaged fiber optic lines belonging to Verizon. It's the second DWI charge in a span of two months for Stephen Rosenblatt, 43, of Delmar. Rosenblatt was charged with aggravated DWI on Sept. 30 after police said he was found urinating in the parking lot near Bruegger's Bagels in the Delaware Plaza.

Rosenblatt is on the board of the IDA, which issues incentives to businesses and projects that spur economic and job growth in the town.

Over 800 cited in texting sweep

State Police issued 816 tickets for texting-while-driving during the Thanksgiving holiday.

Three hundred thirty of the tickets were issued as part of "Operation Hang-up," an enforcement campaign conducted Nov. 23-27. The rest were issued during normal patrol operations.

According to a release from Governor Andrew Cuomo's office, during the first half of the year, an average of 429 tickets were issued monthly to drivers for using a handheld electronic device while driving. Since Cuomo signed a law prohibiting the practice, more than 1,000 tickets have been issued

Three to surrender over pot bust

Three men wanted in connection with a large-scale marijuana growing operation discovered in New Scotland are set to turn themselves in, according to authorities.

Acting Albany County Sheriff Craig Apple said John D. Haak, 32, Jason T. Ball, 34, and Jesse O. Galvin, 28, have all agreed to turn themselves in.

Albany County Sheriff's Deputies responded to 161 Beaver Dam Road at around 1:30 a.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 30, after National Grid crews had responded to a fire that had been started using an accelerant. The fire burned a guide wire and eventually an electric pole located in a

wooded area at the location, knocking out the power.

As Sheriff's Deputies began their investigation, they detected a strong odor of marijuana coming from a nearby brick building, which was secured with steel doors. The windows of the building were also blacked out and covered by protective bars.

After obtaining a search warrant, deputies allegedly discovered



Police say a power outage led to the discovery of a marijuana growing operation in the Town of New Scotland.

Submitted photo

hundreds of marijuana plants, approximately \$30,000 in cash, a rifle and other evidence of an illegal growing operation.

Deputies then executed a search warrant at 217

Beaver Dam Road, where they discovered over 10 pounds of harvested marijuana, other drugs and cash. The three men are residents of 217 Beaver Dam Road.

each month.

Other arrests

Bethlehem police have charged Marc Furie, 43, of Albany with DWI following a traffic stop on Tuesday, Nov. 29. Police stopped Furie on New Scotland Road in Slingerlands. Furie said he had been drinking at his place of employment in Albany.

Bethlehem police have charged Beau Melita, 21, of Slingerlands with DWI following a traffic stop Thursday, Nov. 24.

Police allegedly observed Melita crossing the double yellow center line on Delaware Avenue

before he was eventually stopped on Kenwood Avenue in Delmar.

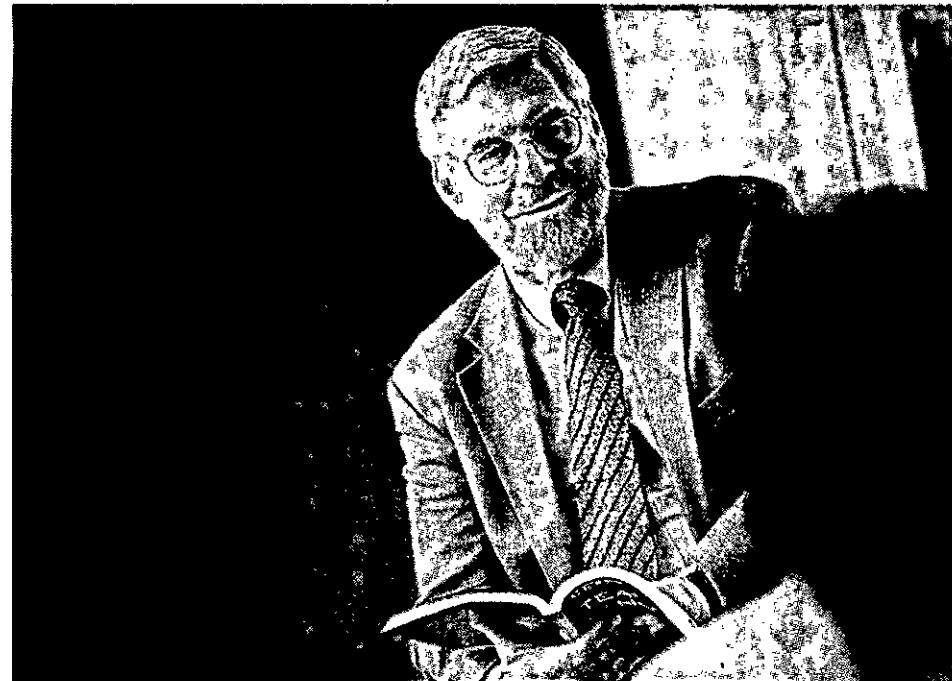
Bethlehem police have found an Arizona man wanted as a fugitive from justice.

Police said Chane Hundley, 28, was arrested by authorities in Maricopa County, Ariz.

Hundley was granted bond and voluntarily turned himself in to Bethlehem police on Tuesday, Nov. 22.

Hundley is charged with four counts of felony identity theft and one count of grand larceny.

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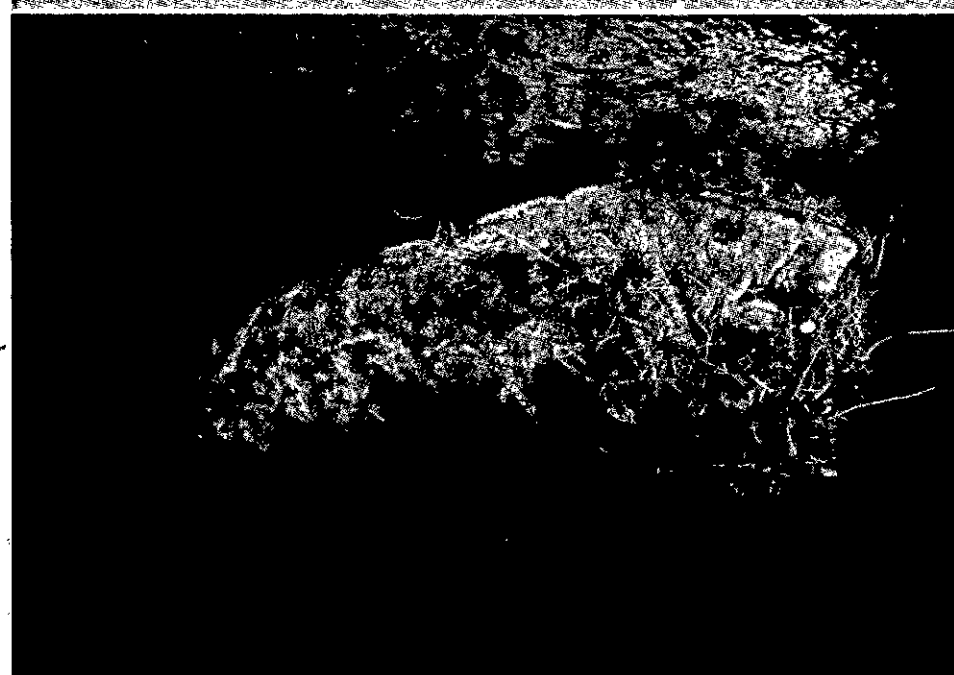
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Wanted: Sheets, omelets, Hanukkah candles

By Robin Shrager Sutor

Commentary:



I went directly from the gym to the mall in search of sheets I saw in a sales flier that had come with the newspaper. It was, of course, the last day of the sale, and also less than two hours before the store's closing time. I was, of course, exhausted, hungry and alone, the same deadly combination as the last time I went shopping for sheets this past summer. Will I ever learn?

Up the escalator I rode, focused on my goal of making a prompt purchase and being back home with my new sheets in less than an hour. And I might have met my goal if not for the shiny cookware that greeted me on the second floor.

"Look at us," squealed the skillets and saucepans as I stepped off the moving stairs. Instead of turning to the right and heading directly to the bedding department, I went the opposite way and began working my way around the perimeter of kitchen stuff.

"Need any help?" asked a sales associate.

"No, I'm just browsing," I told him.

And then I remembered that I wasn't supposed to be browsing cookware; I was supposed to be buying sheets. There was no time to consider omelet pans if I expected to buy sheets and still get

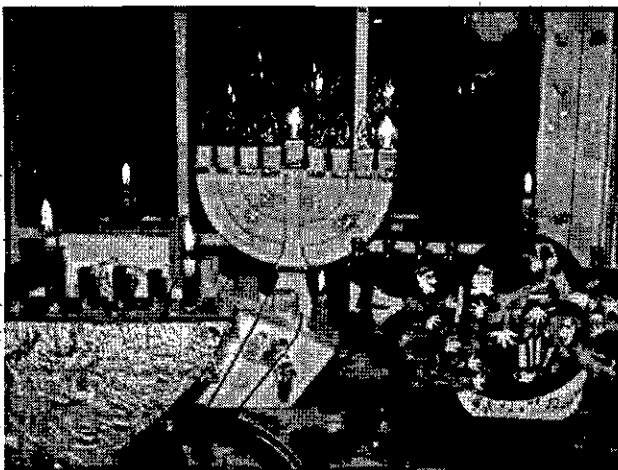
to bed at a decent hour.

Luckily, the bedding department was just steps away. But where were those king size cotton sheet sets for only \$35? I mean, there were plenty for 60, 80, even 100 bucks, but nothing close to the price I saw advertised.

Not wanting to identify myself as "the woman in the upscale department store looking for really cheap sheets," I did not seek the assistance of any store personnel. Instead, I wasted more of my precious time making a second loop in and around the many display cases...until I finally spotted the sales sign. Yes, the price was \$34.99, and the size was "king," but the product was a bedskirt, not a set of sheets.

Defeated, I walked back to the cookware and began inspecting a set of 10- and 12-inch non-stick Belgique frying pans. I already have pans in those sizes. Where were the sets that include an 8-inch pan?

The young sales associate was happy to guide me a tour of omelet pans even when I confessed to him, "I don't actually need any pans, I just want some." To



Scene from the first night of Hanukkah 2010.

which he replied, "This is a store of wants." Well put.

Following that exchange I made a beeline for the Down Escalator. Must leave store, I thought, as I strode past the dizzying smells of the cosmetics and cologne counters. No, no, I thought, when a rack of sweater sets beckoned to me. Finally, I was back in my car.

Only now, nearly a full month after that episode, do I realize what I should have been shopping for that evening: Hanukkah presents! There were no crowds. There were hardly any people at all. Surely I could have found something for my daughter at Aeropostale. Maybe I would have even come across a unique gift for my husband.

Now Hanukkah is just around the corner, but the stores are super crowded, parking is

tricky, the weather is colder and I'd still much rather clean my toilets than go shopping. Don't worry, I'll do my share of stimulating the economy this holiday season, but not at the sacrifice of my sanity.

Hanukkah, which begins this year on the evening of Dec. 20, commemorates the Jews' victorious fight for religious freedom. Over 2,100 years ago, Antiochus Epiphanes, the Greek King of Syria, declared that all people must worship Greek gods. Jewish rituals were outlawed and the Jews' holy temple was seized and defiled.

The Jews eventually won the long battle against the Syrian

There are certainly many items I covet in the "department store of wants," but none that bring me the same sort of satisfaction as when Jeff, Rachel and I are standing arm in arm, singing the blessings and lighting the candles.

ninth "helper" candle that is used to light the other candles. Over the course of the holiday a total of 44 candles are used for each menorah.

Luckily this Festival of Lights is a fairly simple affair. We've acquired a collection of menorahs over the years and even the most fancy box of candles is relatively inexpensive. The most challenging moments arise when you discover last year's bits of dried wax are preventing this year's candles from easing into place, or when your stomach revolts from eating one too many potato latkes or jelly donuts.

There are certainly many items I covet in the "department store of wants," but none that bring me the same sort of satisfaction as when Jeff, Rachel and I are standing arm in arm, singing the blessings and lighting the candles.

So for now I'll concentrate on getting to bed on time so I won't be out of energy by the time the holiday arrives. I'll slide between my old sheets, drift off to sleep and dream of sizzling latkes, spinning dreidels and joyous songs.

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Time out on blame game

Last week, we reported that three students at Bethlehem Central High School had overdosed on methadone at school, and at around the same time five others were arrested on various drug charges.

Since then, we're told a few more arrests for marijuana possession have been made, searches are being stepped up and the district has discussed exactly how it will be moving forward in addressing this issue publicly and with the student body (for more on that, see our story on page 2).

This is, of course, pretty serious stuff, and for now it seems the district is rightly treating it as such. We could speculate endlessly about the root causes of these incidents and who's ultimately culpable. Parents? Society? Mark Zuckerberg?

As good as that exercise might feel, it would be irresponsible on our part. There are many reasons youngsters stray in many ways. Suffice it to say these students who have made mistakes will hopefully get not only what's coming to them but also the help they need.

That hasn't stopped the debate from raging, though. There are those who take these events, combined with arrests earlier this year for vandalism (some of which was quite serious), to mean BC students are all over privileged, drug-addled troublemakers.

But folks who lambaste students most likely missed our coverage of the pupils who organized a concert to benefit flood victims, or collected coats for the homeless, or who volunteer to work with autistic children or reach new heights of scholastic and athletic achievement.

Maybe it's easy to flip past those stories because we report them so regularly. For every youthful miscreant in our pages, there are 10 others who are working to make the world and themselves better. We report the former because our readers deserve to know what's happening in their communities. We report the latter because it's those stories that make our communities home.

So let's not be too quick to judge. Similarly, those who think this story has no place in the news should reconsider exactly how badly this methadone incident could have turned out, and the media's responsibility to bring objective light to the matter.

So while there's a lot of blame to be passed around from all sides here, it's best to try to keep things in perspective. Bad apples spoiling things for the rest of the bunch is not a new phenomenon, and while these apples are making trouble in new and concerning ways, we feel they're still outnumbered by the good eggs.

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The pleasures of indoor gardening

By Sue Pezzolla

The writer is a community educator for the Albany County chapter of the Cornell Cooperative Extension.

Winter has a habit of being very long in the Northeast so having a few plants indoors can bridge the gap between the seasons, especially for the gardener.

The term "houseplant" is a misnomer as most houseplants are tropical foliage plants that grow outside in warmer climates but readily adapt to life indoors as long as their caretakers know what it takes to make them happy. Check out the light exposure where you want to have a plant and if in doubt, choose something that will tolerate low light levels. An eastern (morning sun) exposure is ideal for many plants. Things get complicated when people want to use plants decoratively which often means placing them in a corner or away from the window.

If you are new to indoor gardening, stick to the easy going plant choices such as pothos, philodendron or snake plant. If you need a plant with some size for a dim area then look for the Cast Iron Plant, *Aspidistra elatior*. A favorite of the Victorians, this humble plant can survive very low light and cool temperatures.

The Chinese Evergreen, *Aglaonema*, is another good low light choice and it will tolerate very dry air. Assess your environment as well as the light exposure to fine tune the right plant for the location.

Try to purchase plants on a temperate day but if the temperature is close to freezing then insist that your new plant be wrapped for protection. Wrapping plants is not done automatically at many stores today so the consumer needs to be wary. Careful wrapping is crucial at holiday time especially when purchasing poinsettias as they are extremely intolerant of cold and the damage will

Point of View

begin to show within a few hours after exposure. It would be wise to warm up the car if it is very cold as even that dip in temperature can affect a wrapped poinsettia.

Many of the indoor flowering plants offer color and interest when the weather is dreary. African violets, streptocarpus and kalanchoe are a few plants that are easy to find and to grow. Be sure to read the plant tags to see what each plant prefers before making your decision.

It is easy to fall in love with a blooming beauty but be sure that you can meet its needs before committing to the relationship. Remember that plants respond to light and when the days are short, many are resting so do not force them by fertilizing. October through March, water only (no fertilizer) and water less frequently but thoroughly. The old rule of thumb is that you can not water a plant too much when it needs water, BUT you can water a plant too frequently resulting in root rot from over watering. Err on the side of caution and let most plants dry out a bit—this may take a week or ten days in the winter.

If the plant is not too big, lift up the pot to see if it is heavy or light. If it is light then it needs water, so water very well until the water comes out of the drainage holes. Cactus would be the exception to this method as they have very specific watering needs and the soil is sandy and always heavy. Cactus make good plants for new indoor gardeners who are busy and forget to water. They are not good choices for those who like to nurture...

An interesting and different indoor plant is the Oxalis, or wood sorrel, which resembles

a giant clover. Common at St. Patrick's Day is the green oxalis which is sold as a "shamrock" plant for those wanting the "luck 'o the Irish." This oxalis flowers for a long period of time with many small white blooms. The purple oxalis — *Oxalis regnellii* — is a favorite at Valentine's Day and it is often sold as the little "Love Plant." A real charmer with purple heart shaped leaves and delicate white blooms, it is native to South America. Both oxalis grow from small rhizomes and when the plant needs dividing the task is as simple as separating out several rhizomes and replanting.

With the holiday close at hand, consider an environmentally friendly gift of a plant. Besides the seasonal star, the poinsettia, take a look at the amaryllis and the Christmas Cactus.

It is hard to beat the drama of the giant amaryllis bulb as it bursts forth with one or more tall stalks each having three to five large trumpet shaped blooms of various colors. A special gift would be to put up three or more of these beauties together for an unbelievable display. Expect to pay in the range of \$6-15 dollars per bulb depending on the size and cultivar.

Kits are common at Holiday time for those who might enjoy the whole planting/growing experience themselves. Thanksgiving and Christmas Cactus both flower when the days are short. These are sold as potted plants or in hanging baskets all budding up and ready to bloom for several weeks. The fun and the challenge lies in growing them on and having them flower each year. For more detailed care instructions for any of these indoor plants, contact your local Cornell University Cooperative Extension. Happy "indoor gardening!"

Weekly poll

Has the issue of drugs in our schools been blown out of proportion?

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Last week's poll results:

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- I'll be spending less. 15%
- About the same amount. 46%

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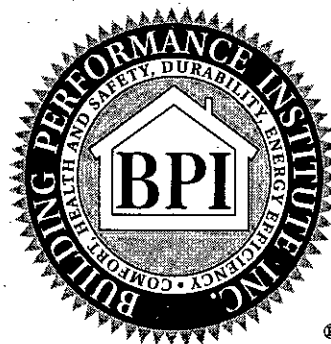
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Concert 'Will' be lots of fun

The Subs(titutes) for Winter, a winter concert featuring The Subs & DJ Will, is taking place Thursday, Dec. 8, at 7 p.m., in the library's Helderberg Room. Rebecca Angel and three local teens perform original folk/rock/pop music, followed by an after-concert dance party with local teen DJ Will (this is going to more fun than you're really supposed to have at a library, so come join the party).

Savor the Spices of Life

Helping you "Savor the Spices of Life" at the Guilderland Public Library on Saturday, Dec. 10, at 1 pm, will be Chef Shaw Rabadi, owner of BFS Restaurant in Albany.

Chef Rabadi will be here to discuss his recent cookbook, "Savor the Spices of Life." Part cookbook, part memoir, Savor is the story of one man's journey to a better life and the recipes that took him there.

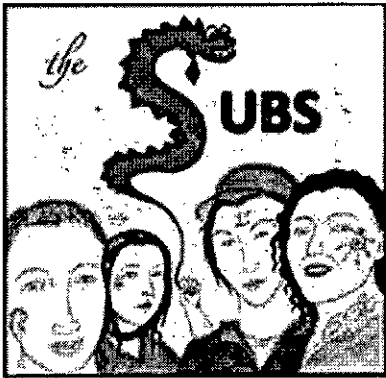
Emphasizing the medically documented benefits of the Mediterranean Diet, Author/Chef Rabadi details a practical yet joyous approach to food, health, and life. In addition to the discussion, Chef Rabadi will bring samples of his cooking to taste!

Seating for this fun two-hour gastronomic event is limited, so you must register to attend. To register, call 456-2400, extension 7.

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All are invited to bring their work to share and also their questions. Bring work on memory cards, USB drives, or CDs.

Better books sale

The library is holding a better books sale on Saturday, Dec. 10, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. From hardcover fiction to select non-fiction titles, here are the books that will keep you warm on these cold December evenings.

Board meeting

The Library's Board of Trustees will hold its next monthly business meeting on Thursday, Jan. 12, at 7:30 p.m., in the library's Tawasentha Room. The Dec. 8 meeting is canceled.

Mark Curiale

For more information on these programs, call the library at 456-2400, or email info@guilpl.org. The Guilderland Public Library is located at 2228 Western Ave., Guilderland. Visit the library's website at www.guilpl.org. Become a Facebook Fan of Guilderland. Library, follow the library on Twitter (@GuilderlandLib), and get music information and downloads on the library's Freegal page. It all starts at guilpl.org.

not so finer) points of digital photography is more important than ever with the Holidays upon us. The last thing you want to do with your digital camera is NOT know how to deal with backlighting, hotspots, odd shadows and other issues involved in getting just the right picture of the relatives from out of town. You know what happens right after you take the shot: There's a chorus of "Lemme see! Let. Me. See!" A washed-out shot of Aunt Gladys is not going to cut it...

Find out what you need to know at the Digital Photo Forum on Thursday, Dec. 15, at 7 pm. Area photographers gather to discuss work they are doing and to share information about how to improve their work. This is an open forum.

Kunstler coming to library to talk

Published in 2008, "A World Made by Hand" by James Howard Kunstler is a fictional depiction of a post-oil American future in upstate New York. The sequel, "The Witch of Hebron," was published last year. Our Writers and Friends series welcomes Kunstler this Sunday, Dec. 11, at 2 p.m.



James Howard Kunstler visits the Bethlehem Public Library on Sunday, Dec. 11, at 2 p.m.

Kunstler is an outspoken critic of global oil dependence. Among his several nonfiction books is *The Long Emergency* (2005), which examines the challenges posed by depletions of global oil reserves, climate change, and other "converging catastrophes of the twenty-first century."

Kunstler is a regular contributor to the *New York Times* Sunday magazine and op-ed page, writing about environmental and economic issues.

Writers and Friends is generously supported by Friends of Bethlehem Public Library.

Join library staff in a discussion of *The Witch of Hebron* next Friday Dec. 16 at 1:30pm.

Dogged hikers

Bookah is a 6-year-old chocolate Labrador retriever. She and her friend Alan Via have a unique claim to fame. Together they have climbed the one hundred highest peaks in the Adirondacks and Catskills.

Bookah and Via will be at the library Thursday, Dec. 8, at 7 p.m. to talk about their adventures

and share some great photographs.

A Slingerlands resident, Via is a long-time outdoorsman, ADK member, and "winter 46er." He is one of only a handful who have climbed the Adirondacks' and Catskills' hundred highest mountains. Bookah is the first dog to do so.

ADK is publishing Via's new book, *The Catskill 67*, which focuses on lesser-known peaks in the interest of reducing environmental impact on more well-known terrain.

Don't miss the story of these mountaineering companions in our midst.

Louise Grieco

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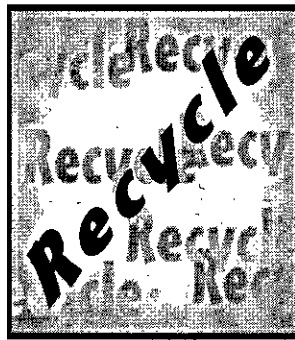
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Stuffed animals invited to sleepover at library

It's a sleepover at the library - for stuffed animals! Here's how it works: Drop your fuzzy friends off at the library by 5 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 9. They will spend the night celebrating the holidays - playing games, reading stories, and doing crafts. We will take pictures of all the fun! Pick your friend up on Saturday, Dec. 10, between noon and 2 p.m. Enjoy a snack while you watch a slideshow of what happened during the sleepover.

For children ages 4 and up. Register your stuffed friend by calling or emailing the library, 756-2053 or info@rcscommunitylibrary.org.

Wii game day

The Library becomes "Wii Game Central" to break up the school vacation week. On Thursday, Dec. 29, from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., tweens, teens and adults can play Wii games in the library annex. Whether you are a new, casual or experienced gamer, this is your chance! Challenge yourself and some friends. Each group of four (or three or two) can reserve half an hour. You can choose among Wii Sports, Wii Music, several Mario games, DecaSports and Super Smash Bros' Brawl. Registration

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is required. Call 756-2053 or email info@rcscommunitylibrary.org.

Computer classes

Classes are free and open to the public. Registration is required for all classes.

• **Book Gift Ideas with Goodreads:** Goodreads.com is a popular source for matching dazzling books with the people on your holiday gift list. In this workshop, you will learn to use the listopia feature for great book recommendations. If you wish, you can learn to set up your own account to track your book collection and create wish lists to share. Basic Internet skills are necessary for this workshop.

Tuesday, Dec. 13 at 6:30 p.m. or Wednesday, Dec. 14, at 11 a.m.

• **eBooks and How to Download Them:** The hot gift this year is bound to be the eReader. Good news: you don't have to buy your eBooks - they may be borrowed through the library. Many devices, including the Amazon Kindle, can download library eBooks and

audiobooks. Learn how simple the process is. Bring your device to the class!

Tuesday, Jan. 3, at 6:30 p.m. or Wednesday, Jan. 4 at 11 a.m.

• **Beginning Facebook:** Social media such as Facebook are being used by people of all generations. With Facebook, you can get in touch with old friends, children or colleagues online. This class is your opportunity to get up to speed in a friendly, relaxed atmosphere.

Tuesday, Jan. 10, at 6:30 p.m. or Wednesday, Jan. 11, at 11 a.m.

Call 756-2053 or email info@rcscommunitylibrary.org to reserve your spot today.

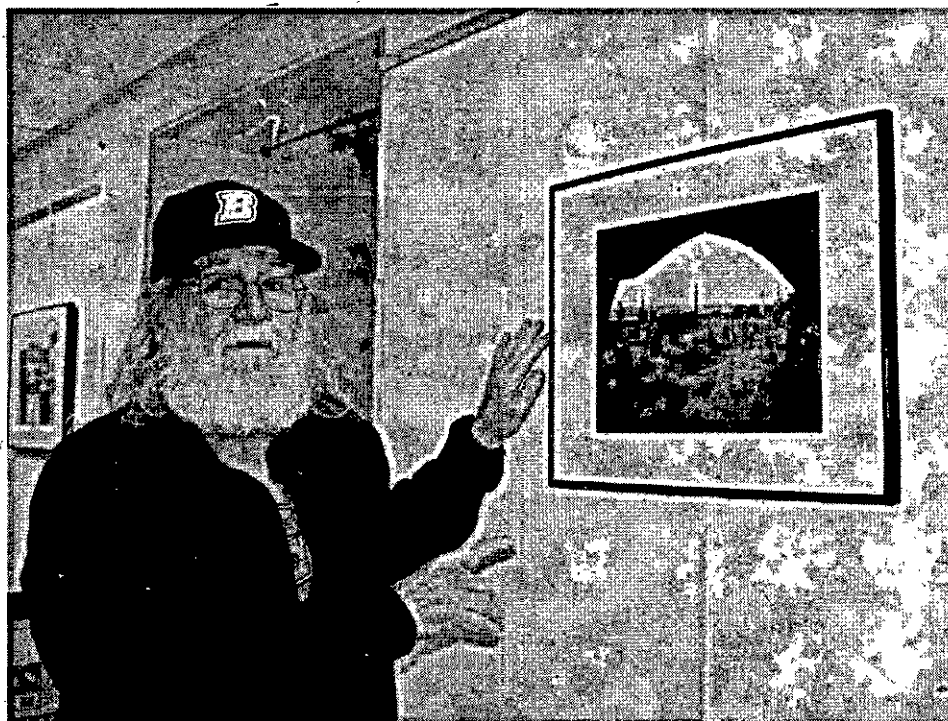
• **Coming this winter:** Introduction to Family History, Introduction to Skype, and Searching for Recipes Online. Watch this space for more information!

What's new

• Adult Fiction

Devil's Gate by Clive Cussler & Graham Brown
Kill Alex Cross by James Patterson

• **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



Dennis Sullivan's pictures from his trips to Ireland are on display at the Voorheesville Public Library during December.

Submitted photo

Voorheesville man captures trips to Ireland in pictures

Dennis Sullivan is an active member of the Voorheesville community; you can check out the book he wrote about from the library. In addition to being a resident of Voorheesville, Dennis is a citizen of the world. Photographs taken by Dennis over several visits to Ireland are on display through December at the library. In an essay, written for the exhibit, Sullivan recounts how his interest in family history



and inherited traits led to an appreciation of his lineage and eventually, dual citizenship. His photographs capture experiences both personal and universal. Sharing a pint with family at the local pub or peering across the cliffs of Moher, the exhibit is a love letter to Ireland and her people.

Sullivan is a poet,

village historian, and author of the book, "Voorheesville, NY: A Sketch of the Beginnings of a Nineteenth Century Railroad Town."

Holiday cookie exchange

Saturday December 10 at 10:30 a.m. Do you love a wide assortment of cookies for the holidays, but don't have time to bake ALL your favorites?

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A holiday cookie exchange may be just what you're looking for! Bring in four dozen of your favorite holiday cookie recipe. Cookies that can later be frozen are best. Arrange cookies on a platter or in a basket and bring a large container to carry away your cookies. During the cookie exchange, children will have the opportunity to decorate holiday sugar cookies.

Family storytimes with Miss Amy

On Tuesday, Dec. 13 at 6:30 p.m., we'll be making a gingerbread house!

Quality family time can be hard to come by

these days but not in our library. Join Miss Amy for an evening of family fun! Each month offers a new adventure through books, flannel boards and songs. From your littlest little one to your oldest, all are welcome to join in this program aimed at children in preschool through second grade. The ending craft activity is a great way to get out those last bits of energy before the day is done!

Barbara Vink

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

ESP ice rink to open in January

The Empire State Plaza ice rink will open to the public for the first time since 2007. The popular outdoor rink will open in early January and is anticipated to remain open for the remainder of the winter. The rink will be open in the afternoons and evenings, seven days per week, and skating will be free.

The New York State Office of General Services and Olympic Regional Development Authority are partnering with the Lake Placid Regional Winter Sports Committee, which will underwrite the ice rink operations by contributing \$100,000 for the 2012 winter season. The funds will support the mission of the organization to enhance New York State's economy, quality of life, image and development of regional, national and international sports and will be used at the Empire State Plaza to sponsor skating clinics

for inner-city youth to promote an active lifestyle and as a recruitment tool for potential world-class athletes. Funding will also be used to attract visitors to events and activities in the Lake Placid region including world-class bobsledding, professional figure skating, the Empire State Games, and skiing and snowboarding at Whiteface Mountain and Gore Mountain.

"We are thrilled to bring skating back to the Plaza. Because our new partners in Lake Placid offer some of the best winter activities in the state, they are the perfect complement to the ice rink," Commissioner Destito said.

The ice rink originally opened on Dec. 17, 1976, when the Office of General Services held the first holiday festival at the Empire State Plaza. The three-day event drew over 60,000 people to see the lighting of the tree, fireworks, and the dedication of rink.

Come out for some candy and lunch

Shop for Christmas or Hanukkah candy at Krause's Homemade Candy in Colonie on Tuesday, Dec. 13. You will find extraordinary chocolates and other sweet treats. After shopping, we will have lunch at Smokey Bones Bar and Grill featuring barbeque and other lunch selections. Cost is on your own. Senior transportation will leave Town Hall at 9:30 am. Home pick up can be arranged. Suggested van donation: \$5.

Join us for "Man of La Mancha" at Capital Repertory Theater on Thursday, Dec. 15 at 10:00 am. The show tells the story of Don Quixote and the Spanish Inquisition. After the show, we will have lunch at Panera Bread in Glenmont. The cost of the play is \$12 payable to Town of Bethlehem. Lunch cost is on your own. Transportation will



leave Town Hall at 8:45 am. Home pick up is available. Suggested van donation: \$5.

Call 439-4955 ext. 1176 to make reservations for either or both of the above trips.

Our outreach workers are available to assist you with Home Energy Assistance Program (H.E.A.P.) applications for help with heating related bills. Call 439-4955, ext. 1173, 1174, or 1175, to make an appointment.

Bethlehem Senior Services and Bethlehem Senior Projects, Inc., provide transportation for town residents, age 60 and over, to medical, dental, therapy, and clinic appointments.

Call 439-5770 to make reservations.

Monday, Dec. 12

Food Stamp and Medicaid assistance is available from 10:00 am to noon at the Bethlehem Town Hall. Call 439-4955, ext. 1176 to make an appointment with a representative from the Albany County Legal Aid Society or the Albany County Department of Social Services Medicaid Office.

Wednesday, Dec. 14

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

Thursday, Dec. 15

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

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

Friday, Dec. 16

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.

Wilma DeLucco, Bethlehem Senior Projects, Inc. Board Member

HEAP program can help with heating bills

Cold months approach. Heating costs increase. People with monthly incomes under: \$2,146 for one person, or \$2,806 for two people, etc. are eligible for the Heating Assistance Program called HEAP. This grant can be received each heating season and goes directly to the heating company. The amount of the payment to each person is determined by income, living expenses and type of fuel used. Applications to the program should now be available in the Senior Office.

If you need assistance, please set up an appointment with Cindy or Mary Ann.

Town of Guilderland SENIOR CALENDAR

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Will you soon be 65, or are you already enrolled in Medicare but still have questions about your coverage options? There are Medicare counselors trained to help you understand your choices and options. Attend a presentation designed to provide you with an understanding of Medicare and the choices available to you.

Thinking about changing your current Medicare coverage? This is a great time to get a better understanding of the whole picture. The enrollment change

period will begin in October and end early in December.

Having trouble paying your Medicare premium or related medical expenses? Find out if you may qualify for Federal assistance with your medical expenses.

You're almost 65? Come learn about how Medicare works. You'll probably be surprised by the number of choices available to you and all the factors that you should consider when making your choices.

Monday, Dec. 5

Scheduled Shopping 9 a.m. Aerobics 10:30 a.m. OsteoBusters 10:30 a.m. Sr. Fitness 1:30 p.m. OsteoBusters

Tuesday, Dec. 6

9 a.m. OsteoBusters

11:30 a.m. Luncheon Roast Turkey or Cold Plate

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

Wednesday, Dec. 7

9 a.m. Line Dancing 10:30 a.m. OsteoBuster 10:30 a.m. Sr. Fitness 1 p.m. Needlecraft 1:30 p.m. OsteoBusters

Thursday, Dec. 8

Scheduled Shopping 9 a.m. OsteoBusters 9 a.m. Aerobics 1 p.m. Mahjongg 1:15 Pinochle

Friday, Dec. 9

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Bethlehem's future financial footing

Outgoing comptroller speaks about state of town's finances

By GREG FRY
 fryg@spotlightnews.com

In a year when municipalities have struggled to stay within the parameters of a 2 percent property tax cap, the Town of Bethlehem fared relatively well.

Moving forward, however, the task may not be as easy.

In November, the Town Board adopted a 2012 budget totaling \$38.6 million, which increased the tax levy by 1.27 percent. Right now, Town Comptroller Suzanne Traylor is convinced that Bethlehem is "well-situated."

"We're in good shape," said Traylor, who is stepping down from her position this month and moving overseas. "We've been watching what's been going on in the county. We have lived within our means. I'm feeling good. If you look at my budgeting and the situation I inherited when I landed here, I think all is pretty good

for Bethlehem."

That doesn't mean the town doesn't face challenges and major decisions. Lawmakers will have to decide how to make up more than a million dollars in payments that will no longer come from Selkirk Cogen.

The company's ten-year PILOT agreement, or payment in lieu of taxes, expires at the end of 2012. Traylor explained it as a "unique" agreement in which the company hardly paid anything at the beginning on the deal. In recent years, the company has paid more than they would if they were simply paying their assessed tax share with no benefits.

"As a result, when that PILOT ends, it goes back on the tax rolls," said Traylor. "It's that big number that you keep hearing about that's there in 2012 that will affect us."

The end of the agreement will essentially leave the town with two choices - raise taxes to make up for the loss, or find ways to compensate through reductions in other town functions.

Traylor said the decision would be up to the town board, but added that the state property tax cap does allow for one-time tax increases to make up for expiring PILOTs.

"The town has the ability to levy a tax that's essentially the lost PILOT revenue," said Traylor. "We could be made whole through this formula, but that would mean that your taxes would go up."

There are concerns about Albany County's financial situation, but one benefit the town will receive from the county is more sales tax revenue. That's because of census data that shows a seven percent growth in Bethlehem's population, which will lead to a bigger piece of the sales tax pie for the town.

Traylor will leave her second-floor office before a new supervisor, John Clarkson, takes office in January. Traylor said Clarkson's experience working for the State Comptroller's Office and State Division of the Budget would benefit the town as officials try to create multi-year budgeting plans. Traylor

added that it is difficult without more staff to develop the analysis needed for multi-year projections, but said some of that work has already begun.

"If you look at our budgeting, we actually used a type of capital plan in making our predictions for next year, based on where we expect to be in the next three or four years," said Traylor.

However, Traylor warned that the projections would only take the town so far.

"Every year you have to revisit it," Traylor cautioned. "Every year you have to make some predictions about where you think you're going to be spending your money. If you have another Hurricane Irene next year, that changes everything."

Traylor said the Town Board would consider a policy regarding maintenance of its fund balance during a meeting this month. She said the town has had a policy for budgeting purposes, but has not adopted a formal policy in the past.

IN BRIEF

Driving courses scheduled

The Safety and Health Council, a chapter of the National Safety Council, has announced its schedule of Defensive Driving Courses for the month of December.

The course, which consists of six hours of classroom instructions, is held at the Council's offices at 45 Colvin Ave., Albany. Participants may take the program all at once, in a full-day session, or over two evenings in three-hour segments.

The on-day courses will be held Sunday, Dec. 11, Saturday, Dec. 17, or Tuesday, Dec. 20, from 9 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. The two part course will be held on Thursdays, Dec. 8 and 15 from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Completion of the course entitles motorists to a 10 percent reduction on the base rate of their automobile liability and collision insurance - for a three year period - as long as the motorist is listed as the principal operator of the vehicle.

In addition to the

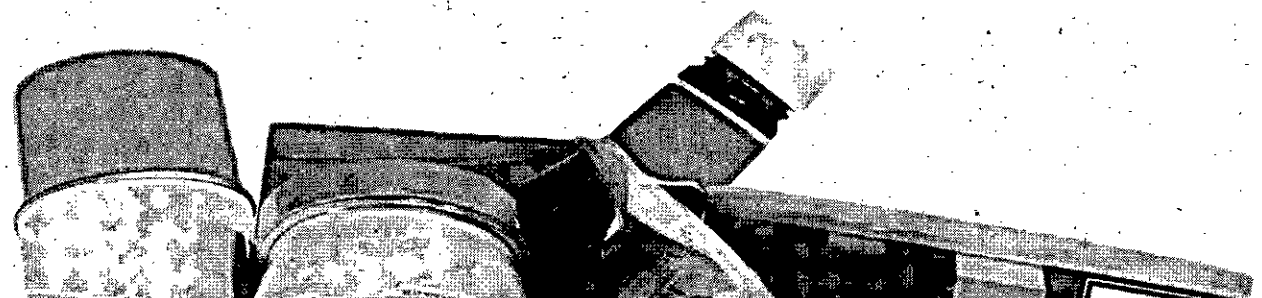
insurance savings, the course also allows participants a four point reduction of traffic violations occurring during the past 18 months.

Pre-payment of \$40 is required, to register call the Safety and Health Council at 438-2365 between 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

Lupus Support Group to meet

The Lupus Alliance of America, Upstate NY Branch, has a Lupus Support Group that will meet on Thursday, Jan. 5, in the conference room at The Center for Rheumatology, 1367 Washington Ave., Albany, from 6-7:30 p.m.

The support group will provide attendees with an opportunity to discuss issues about coping with lupus and other aspects of dealing with a chronic illness. Family and friends of those affected by lupus are also welcome. For more information you can call the Lupus Alliance of America Upstate NY affiliate at 800-300-4198 or email info@lupusupstateny.org, or check www.lupusupstateny.org



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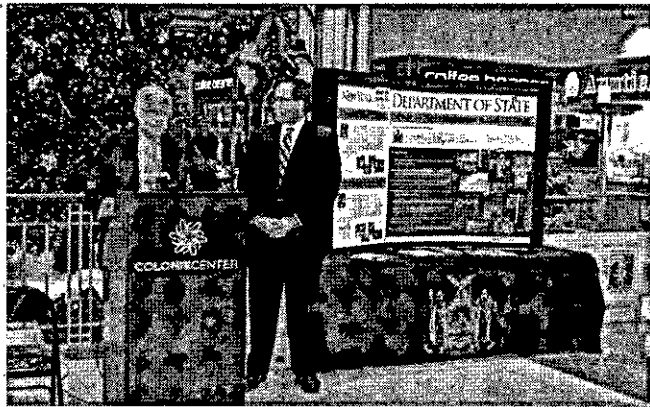
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Secretary of State Cesar A. Perales, left, and Executive Vice President of the Retail Council of New York Ted Potrikus, right, talked at Colonie Center on Wednesday, Nov. 30, to give shoppers tips on conquering the shopping world this holiday season.

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Shop safely this season

Colonie Center talk focuses on consumers' rights

By ALYSSA JUNG
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Shoppers at Colonie Center on Wednesday, Nov. 30, got a crash course on safe and smart holiday shopping from Secretary of State Cesar A. Perales and Executive Vice President of the Retail Council of New York Ted Potrikus.

"Given today's tough economic climate, many families are operating on tight budgets. That's why it's so important to be properly armed with information that will help make your holiday shopping less stressful and more rewarding," said Perales.

The brief presentation, held in a central area on the first floor of the mall, laid out shoppers' rights in the marketplace by explaining rules regarding gift cards, refunds and layaway policies. Representatives from the Division of Consumer Protection offered tips for navigating the fine print of advertisements and how to successfully shop online and shared the latest information on toy safety and recalls.

"We want to make sure that consumers are properly informed about toy and other product

recalls to help reduce the risk of injury," said Perales.

Some tips for holiday shopping include creating a shopping list and determining a budget before heading to the stores, look at store advertisements before going out, consider a layaway plan, bring advertised prices from competitor retailers and ask about price matching, get the details on extended warranties, about gift cards and return policies before purchasing and more.

Information about everything presented and distributed is available online at www.dos.ny.gov.

The Division of Consumer Protection, previously known as the Consumer Protection Board, merged with the department of state in March and exists to "inform, educate and protect" New Yorkers in the marketplace, as well as serve as a "voice for the consumers," according to Chris Valens, assistant public information officer for the department of state.

The Division of Consumer Protection conducts outreach and education to reach consumers by holding presentations and distributing printed and electronic materials. Shoppers had several

brochures available to them at the Wednesday event, including a toy safety inventory checklist to help organize and catalogue the products in their own homes; help choosing and responsibly using credit cards, things to keep in mind when doing holiday shopping and a guide to identity theft.

"The ... department of state gives the shopping public more access than ever before to information about the products they want to purchase and about their rights as shoppers," said Potrikus. "We're pleased to work with Secretary Perales in those efforts to help our customers make good shopping choices and to make sure they're pleased every time they walk out of our stores after making a purchase."

The holiday season is important for the state's economy, said Potrikus, who also encouraged shopping locally.

"Gov. Cuomo, Secretary Perales and the department of state's Division of Consumer Protection know that New York's retail industry is an important part of the state's economy, particularly during the holiday shopping season when we welcome people from all over the world to stores across New York State," said Potrikus.

Pine Bush plans activities

The Albany Pine Bush Discovery Center offers several hands-on activities during Dec.

• **That's a Wrap!** Homemade wrapping paper craft
Saturday Dec. 10, 10:30 a.m. to noon

Did you know that during the holiday season, Americans throw out an extra 5 million tons of waste, 4 million of which is wrapping paper and shopping bags? There is something we can each do to help reduce the amount of paper entering the waste stream this holiday season and throughout the year - create new wrapping paper out of used paper bags. Join us for a late morning craft where we'll use paper bags, potatoes and paint to create beautiful and unique wrapping paper for any occasion!

Location: Albany Pine Bush Discovery Center, 195 New Karner Road, Albany

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• **Discover the Pine Bush**
Sunday Dec. 11, 1 to 2 p.m.

An extraordinary journey into the Albany Pine Bush, the best remaining example in the world of an inland pine barrens. Our experts will guide you through this one mile hike over rolling sand dunes where you will discover Pine Bush natural history, seasonal surprises and transformations. Please remember to wear sturdy walking shoes, long pants and bring drinking water. Snowshoes will be provided as weather dictates. For all ages.

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• **Winter Solstice**
Wednesday Dec. 21, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Daylight has waned to a minimum on the shortest days of the year. What better time for a night hike through the Albany Pine Bush Preserve? Walk with us along the trails without light and test your senses at night. We will also explore how nocturnal animals utilize the nighttime for their survival. Our hike will conclude with hot cocoa.

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• **GPS Adventure**
Tuesday, Dec. 27, 10:30 a.m. to noon, also 1 to 2:30 p.m.

Search for hidden objects using a handheld Global Positioning System (GPS) unit that will help you navigate the trails. Learn which buttons do what, how to locate your position on Earth, and how to find your way back to places you've been! GPS units are provided. This program is best for students over grade 3, but all are welcome!

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• **CSI (Critter Scene Investigation) Pine Bush**
Wednesday Dec. 28, 10:30 a.m. to noon

How are your detective skills? Do you have what it takes to be on a team of nature investigators, solving Pine Bush mysteries, by examining evidence? Join us for a 30-minute indoor introduction followed by a 60-minute outdoor trek to look for clues and evidence of what lives in the Pine Bush. Our trek will be on snowshoes if enough snow is available. Dress for outdoors.

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• **Winter's Tale: A Musical Puppet Show**
Thursday, Dec. 29, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

The snow-covered dunes of the Pine Bush set the scene for this winter's tale. Join us in the Discovery Center for a musical puppet adventure for the whole family.

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Concerned parents hear of new drug trends

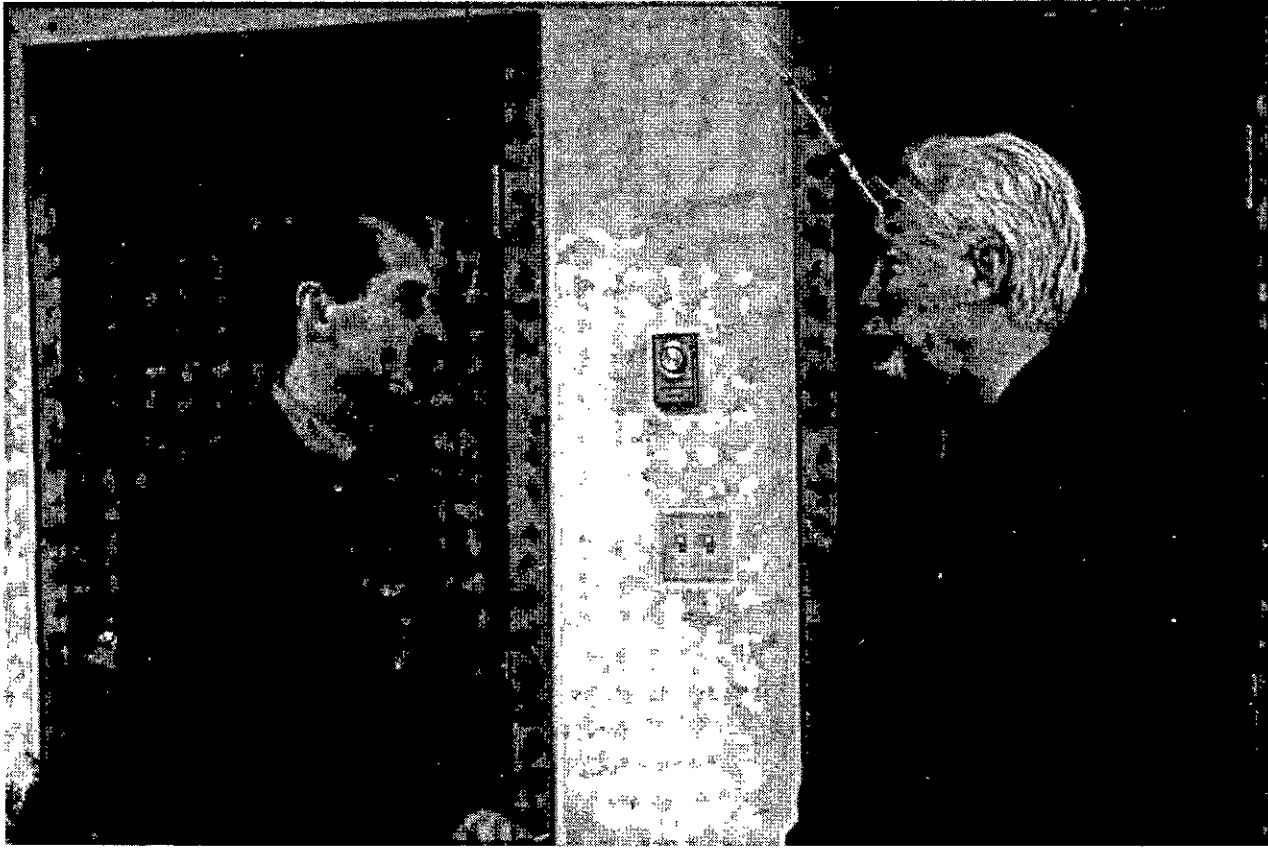
Presentation follows recent drug busts at Bethlehem High

By GREG FRY
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Due to recent concerns about drug possession and use within Bethlehem High School, Phil Mullett's recent presentation on teen substance abuse to the community may have taken on extra significance.

Mullett, a certified mental health counselor, planned to discuss non-drug items that teens are using to simulate getting high during a presentation Tuesday, Nov. 29, at the Delmar Presbyterian Church. While Mullett detailed peculiar trends such as teens sniffing nutmeg and pouring vodka into their eyes, there wasn't a discussion had among the 25 parents and community members in attendance that didn't relate to recent developments at the high school.

During the week of the Thanksgiving holiday, five teens were arrested at Bethlehem High School for charges relating to possession of methadone and marijuana. Three teens were also rushed to the



Reverend Robert Foltz-Morrison (left) of the Delmar Presbyterian Church and mental health counselor Phil Mullett (right) speak after Mullett's presentation Tuesday, Nov. 30. Mullett spoke about non-drug items that teens are using to simulate getting high and also addressed recent concerns over drug usage among Bethlehem teens.

Greg Fry/Spotlight

hospital after apparent overdoses.

One parent posed a concise question to Mullett during the hour-long presentation.

"Where would you see the next step for us as a community given the recent events of the past week?" she said.

Mullett, who most recently worked with

kids in Pittsfield, Mass., stressed the importance of the entire community getting involved.

"I think it would be helpful to set up some counseling outside of school hours at another location, maybe working with churches or other agencies in the community," said Mullett, who added that it is important for

kids to talk about what happened.

Mixed in with conversations of the increased use of synthetic marijuana, sold under names like K2 or Spice, parents and community members expressed concerns about what they've seen in the community.

"There are numerous teenagers in the middle of the day, during school time, that are at the end of the road smoking, drinking, and some of them are just congregating and not necessarily doing something illegal," said one Delmar resident who lives near the high school.

Others spoke of "pill parties," where teens bring prescription or

over-the-counter drugs and share them with classmates. Along with new trends, teens are also depending on more familiar sources to get high, such as paint fumes, airplane glue and gasoline fumes.

Mullett said that high-profile incidents like the ones at Bethlehem High School stir up emotions in a community.

"That's very much a typical response," said Mullett. "When there's a crisis situation, people tend to think, 'Oh my, it happens here.' The reality is that there are kids suffering from substance abuse, whether it is legal substances or illegal substances."

Rev. Robert Foltz-Morrison said that teenagers will hang out

on the church's property at times and said that he will sometimes engage them to see what they are talking about and what they've heard. That was part of the inspiration for the forum.

"We need to talk to each other," said Foltz-Morrison. "We don't necessarily have the budget always available to do this, but if we have the will to talk to each other, I think that's important that we all be engaged about the concerns we have for our community and how we can all help each other."

Many in the audience expressed how difficult it is to get everyone – the district, police, residents and students – on the same page and working together. Mullett urged the audience to keep in touch with the district and to request that community issues be addressed.

"I think the biggest thing as parents that you can do is push the schools and say, 'Hey, can we open the schools and have a discussion about the substances?'" said Mullett. "Because, if my son or daughter or grandchild or neighbor or somebody's kid is struggling, they can't be the only one. Talk about it. Bring the issues out."

Mullett warned the audience that in many communities, it is easier to find marijuana in a school than it is to find a cigarette. He told those in attendance that because of the economy, many teens are turning to cheaper alternatives to simulate the sensation of being high, such as sniffing nutmeg or pepper.

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Preventing a repeat of Tropical Storm Irene

Meeting held to gather info from storm victims

By GREG FRY
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Houses were destroyed, roads were washed out and lives were lost when Tropical Storm Irene barreled through upstate New York.

As hard as it is to believe, it will happen again and may be worse the next time.

That was just one of the messages from members of the Onesquethaw-Coeymans Watershed Council, who sponsored a meeting Wednesday, Nov. 30, at the CSX Auditorium in Selkirk.

The council examines issues along the Onesquethaw and Coeymans creeks and throughout the watershed, which runs

through New Scotland, Bethlehem, Coeymans and Ravena.

One of the goals of the meeting was to hear from area residents who felt the impacts of the once-in-a-lifetime flooding.

David Coe of Glenmont attended the meeting on behalf of his sister and her husband, who live along Old Ravena Road in the Selkirk area and sustained damage to their more than 200-year-old home.

"The water came up exactly to the first floor level," said Coe. "They were extremely lucky it didn't come in any higher than that, just a little bit of leakage inside the house. It totally flooded out the basement. There were trees in the basement, and it blew out some windows."

Coe said once the Coeymans Creek filled up, the water changed

course in a matter of a "couple of minutes" and took aim at his sister's home. He explained what it's taken for the family to get the house back in order.

"It took about two months of volunteer effort with family and friends to put that back together again, just in time for winter," said Coe. "They moved most of their equipment and cars up to high ground, so that was ok."

New Scotland Supervisor Thomas Dolin attended the meeting as a town official and also a citizen "interested in the preservation and restoration of the creek." Dolin said damages from the storm could approach \$1.5 million just for New Scotland.

"One of the interesting questions is what will it take financially to do some kind of mitigation," said Dolin. "I'm here to learn a little bit about the future of the creek and the restoration of it."

Many, including Dolin, were concerned that flooding and damage could be even worse during significant storms in the future.

"If this is going to be a reoccurring event every few years, the town



The Onesquethaw Coeymans Watershed Council sponsored a meeting Wednesday, Nov. 30, at the CSX Auditorium in Selkirk. Residents from Ravena to New Scotland came to discuss flooding concerns and problems they experienced during Tropical Storm Irene.

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is going to have to do some kind of planning in terms of prevention and protecting, maybe with different kinds of bridge and road designs," said Dolin.

Sander Bonvell, a volunteer with the council, said he heard information and suggestions from the roughly two dozen people in attendance. However, Bonvell said he did not hear as many stories as he had hoped.

"The bottom line is, will people volunteer to

do something or are they going to be in denial and wait until something happens, and see if they can get the town to come back or FEMA?" said Bonvell.

After meeting in two smaller groups, those in attendance came together and talked about ideas such as working with other volunteer organizations to help clean up the creeks and creating phone trees in case of emergencies like Tropical Storm Irene. Bonvell said the problem

is that there isn't a large enough group of people involved.

"If you're going to get 20 people on a phone tree, you really need a much larger group to choose from. It's a little more involved than just having a phone tree for a soccer game for the kids. You have to be there, because people could die."

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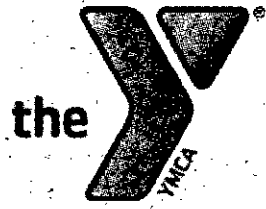
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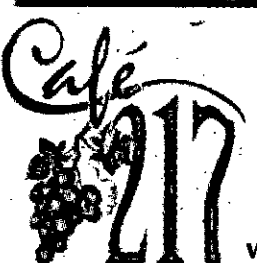
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SEFCU hands over the keys to a new van following theft.

By ALYSSA JUNG
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Someone stole a Meals on Wheels delivery van just before Thanksgiving on Monday, Nov. 21, delivering a shocking blow to the already stretched program.

But a week later on Wednesday, Nov. 30, SEFCU replaced that pilfered clunker with a brand new one.

"To me, it's unconscionable that someone would steal anything, let alone a van that services those in need and especially the day before Thanksgiving," said SEFCU President and CEO Michael Castellana.

With the help of Jim Morrell of Albany Dodge, SEFCU purchased a

2012 Dodge Grand Caravan for Senior Services of Albany, which runs MOW.

"We've been fortunate to have the community step up to the plate and really help us out in this crunch," said Donna Vancavage, director of development at Senior Services of Albany. "It was a hardship to have a vehicle stolen and we're extremely grateful for the community and support they can give us in helping us provide these vital services to seniors."

ShopRite also donated 1,000 emergency meals for seniors, which are used during the winter months if bad weather prevents MOW from making deliveries.

"That's money we don't have to spend out. ... As reimbursements

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Michael Castellana of SEFCU, right, Tom Urtz of ShopRite, middle, and Shannon Cruz of ShopRite, left, joined members of Seniors Services of Albany and MOW to present a new 2012 Dodge Grand Caravan, donated by Jim Morrell of Albany Dodge after a Meals on Wheels van was stolen just prior to Thanksgiving. ShopRite also donated 1,000 emergency meals to be used if bad weather-prevents meal delivery.

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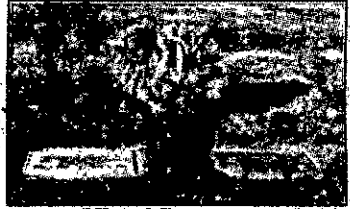
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Wheels

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from the government and government support continue to go down, we have to do a lot more in terms of fundraising to make up for that deficit," said Vancavage. "Not having to spend money on something being donated is huge savings to us."

Helping neighbors in need is all part of SEFCU's mission, said Castellana.

"We view our mission as to support people in our communities and work very hard to be a top notch financial institution to allow us to be able to do that," said Castellana. "We have a long history of giving and while much of it is planned, this issue that came out of nowhere warranted our jumping in to help."

Before the theft, MOW had a delivery fleet of 13 vehicles. Many of those are old with lots of miles, though, so the newly donated van is an even sweeter surprise.

"Having a newer vehicle helps us, especially in winter months. We don't have to worry about vehicles breaking down now with a reliable means of transportation," said Vancavage.

Without SEFCU's donation, Vancavage said Senior Services would have had to "hit the pavement" to solicit community help.

"We would have just gone out ... talking to the community about the support we need for vehicles, which we're always doing," said Vancavage.

In fact, most of the vehicles are donated by people who no longer need them, which is why they tend to be older models. MOW has a fleet of 13 and Senior Services has a fleet of seven vehicles to drive clients to appointments, the store or to visit friends.

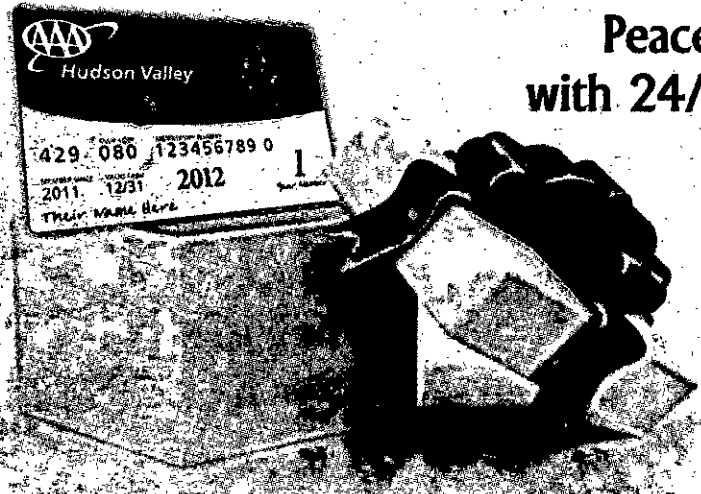
"Typically, once a vehicle really gets worn out on the transportation side, if it's replaced by something newer, that older vehicle will go over as just a delivery vehicle for MOW if it works out," said Vancavage.

The MOW fleet travel at least 1,500 miles a day to deliver about 1,000 meals and Senior Services provides about 25,000 transportation trips to seniors each year, said Vancavage.

What Senior Services does in the community each day far outweighs SEFCU's own contribution to the organization, said Castellana.

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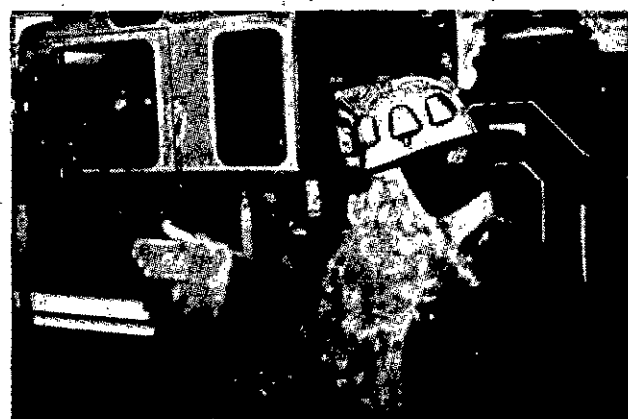
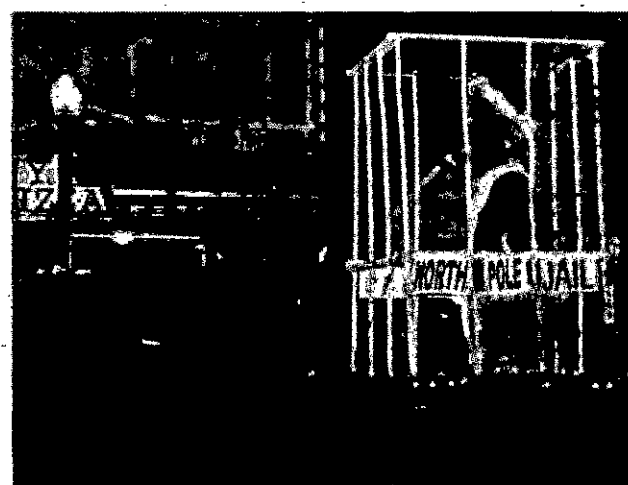
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Finance in the Spotlight

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By ANTHONY LANZILLO,
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You're at lunch. The server comes to the table to clear your dishes away and asks, "Can I interest you in anything else? Coffee or dessert? Our cheesecake is delicious."

It sounds good, but you're ready to say no. Then the person you're having lunch with says cheesecake sounds great, and it does sound great, so you order a slice as well. That diet you started earlier... it can wait until tomorrow.

The not-so-funny reality is we do this with many things in our lives. The truth is, tomorrow is easier than today, because tomorrow does not require action, just the thought of action. And at no time of the year is taking action today harder than it is now. We pack so much into the time between Thanksgiving and New Year's that we overwhelm ourselves. It's easier to ignore the accumulation of expenses and our growing waistline and increased stress. We think, "I just need a fresh start." And come midnight, December 31, that's what we think we have. Unfortunately, the "stroke of midnight" is not a magic eraser. When we wake up on New Year's Day, there's real work to be done. Just how much work depends upon how vigilant we are in maintaining order between Thanksgiving and the dropping of the ball—especially when it comes to managing our finances.

Smart money management begins with staying in the present

If there is one golden rule to follow during this holiday season it is this: **spend what you can afford to spend and nothing more.**

In theory, this sounds easy. It's simple budgeting. However, once you start shopping, it's easy to get emotional. On paper, \$15 for a co-worker might sound good, but when push comes to shove you begin to think about the loaf of cranberry bread she brought in for you last week, the snowflake-decorated tie and nice scarf she thoughtfully gave to you and your spouse last holiday season and the homemade biscuits she made for your dog over the summer. Suddenly

\$15 doesn't seem nearly enough. So you stretch it to \$22. Then there's Aunt May. She deserves a little extra, too. After all she was extremely generous with her graduation gift for your daughter. Before you know



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it, the budget is busted, and instead of tightening up, which would be the wise thing to do, most of us just throw up our arms and concede. Charge it now, we say, and pay it later.

Unfortunately, many of us never get around to the pay it later part. A Consumer Reports survey shows that more than 13.5 million consumers have not fully paid off last holiday season's debt.

Stretch your dollars by shopping for savings and limiting spending

Time may be money, but a penny saved is still a penny earned, and this holiday season there is no better way to save money than by taking the time to find the best deals available for the purchases you want to make. Here are some tips on how you can shop smart and limit spending:

- Before you purchase, plan. Make a list. Who do you need to shop for, and what are you getting them?
- Set a limit on how much you will spend for each person, and aim to beat that number by doing an Internet search to identify the best deals.
- Ship early. Waiting too long to make sure your gift arrives on time can cost you big bucks.
- Don't be afraid of plastic. If you set a budget and stick to it, using credit cards can earn you money back and/or valuable discounts. Just make sure you can pay your balance off in full at the end of the month.
- Say no. You don't have to go to every party, and you will never, ever be able to get your kids everything they want. It's okay for people to be a little disappointed once in a while.
- Even if you've missed Black Friday and Cyber Monday, many stores still offer great prices on excess inventory. Look online for coupons and special savings.
- Book travel as early as possible. The holidays are the busiest travel times of the year, and airlines raise prices knowing seats will be filled.

Trim your giving list. You don't need to spend money to show someone you care.

Staying in the present is easier if you have a plan

Consumer Reports revealed that more than 50 percent of gift givers have

holiday spending budgets. Of that 50 percent, 45 percent will exceed it.

The problem: most people don't account for holiday spending in their long-term financial planning strategy. What this means is that for most people, holiday spending is not aligned with their financial goals, so there is

little incentive to keep spending in balance.

The larger problem is that six weeks of excess can completely derail a financial plan. This is why it is so important to make holiday spending part of your year-round budget. And don't wait until tomorrow or New Year's to get resolute about

managing your money. Tomorrow is an excuse. Today is action.

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Five tips for getting back on track after a budget-busting holiday

According to Consumer Reports, consumers who use credit cards for holiday purchases spend 30 percent more than those who use cash, and 6 percent of the population is still paying off last year's holiday debt. So if you've already gone a little overboard this holiday season, fear not. You are not alone, and you are not doomed. The following tips can help you recover from your holiday spending spree and get your financial house back in order:

1. Stop spending. It's easy to give in if you feel overwhelmed. Don't. While it's true you can't hide from the debt you may
2. Make regular payments greater than the minimum balance due on your credit cards.
3. Impose a spending freeze. Do not make any unnecessary purchases for the first month or 60 days of the New Year. Apply all savings to pay off holiday debt.
4. Work on an annual budget, which includes holiday and gift spending. A financial planner

have accumulated, you haven't lost. With time and effort you can fix your finances and be stronger than ever.

5. Get a part-time job and commit all earnings to paying of your holiday debt.

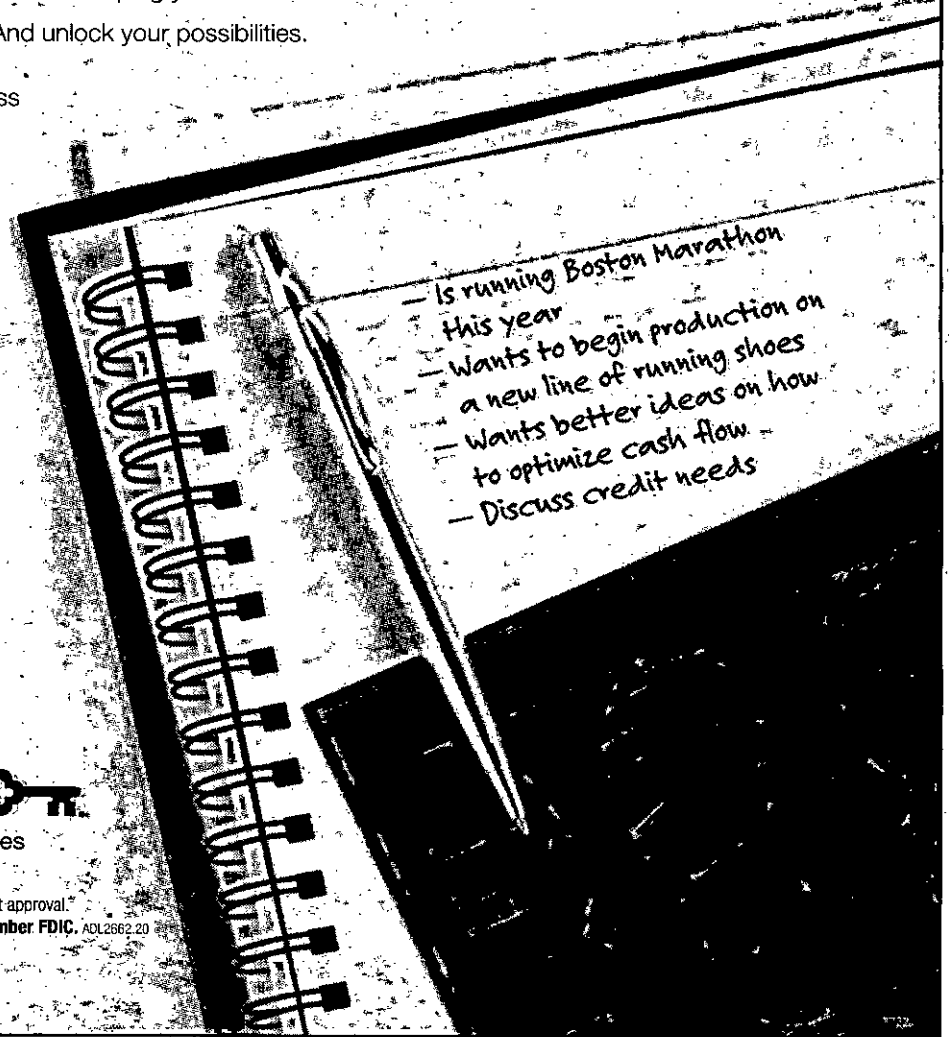
Unfortunately, there is no quick and easy way to undo the overspending that's been done. But you can't ignore it. The sooner you take charge the quicker you will get your financial life back on track. And always remember, the holidays are not about gifts. The holidays are about relationships and spending time with and appreciating the people we love. Managing your finances better will allow you to do more of both.

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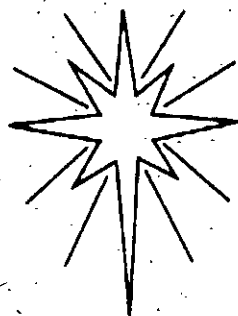


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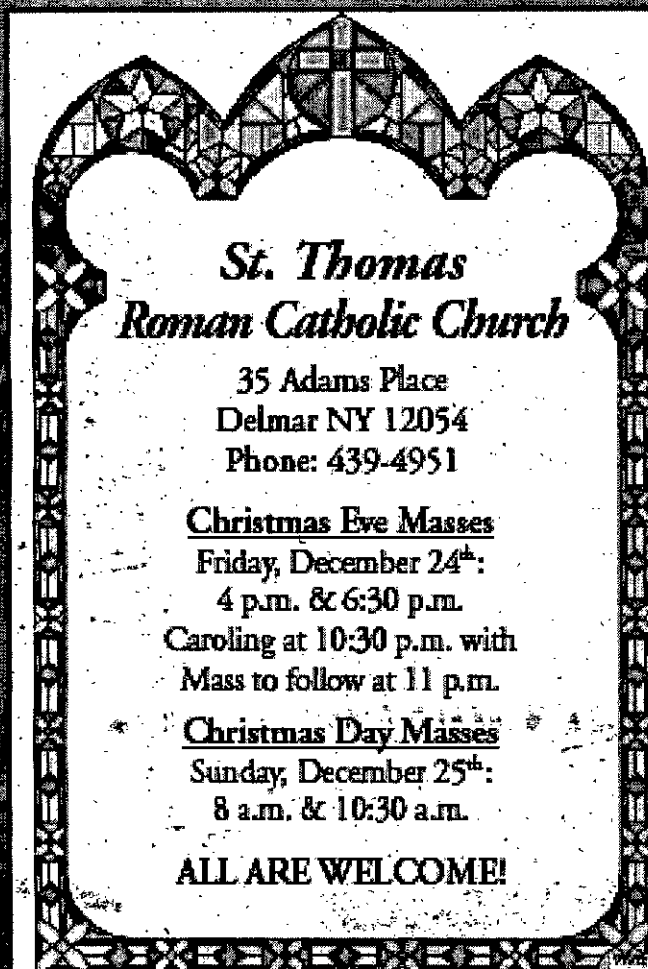
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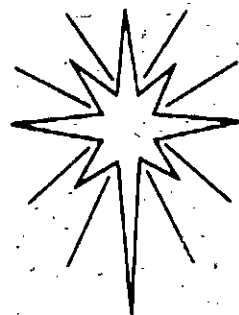
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Solving the donating dilemma

'Giving Map' organizes dropoff spots

By JOHN PURCELL
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Have you ever wanted to donate something but didn't know where to go?

Schenectady-based Fountains Spatial, Inc. has a solution for the donating dilemma: its "Giving Map." For the 10 years, the geographic information system consulting company has offered a map system that allows people to easily find where to make charitable donations and volunteer.

At first, the map was a hard copy hung up on the business's storefront window on Jay Street in Schenectady. Utilizing modern technology, the Giving Map now runs off the Google Maps framework, allowing anyone to access it online.

Austin Fisher, vice president of Fountains Spatial, said there are various reasons the company makes the map every year, but the main hope is that it helps spur additional donations and encourages other businesses to be charitable.

"It might encourage you to do something that

you weren't doing before," said Fisher. "I think it is a good example that we are not the only ones doing it. Hopefully it will encourage other business to offer their services for the good of the community."

There are several businesses serving as donation points for various charities on the map, and Fisher said it helps the public realize companies are not solely working for profit.

He added it also helps people realize what technologies are present and could lead to different uses of the map-based technology.

"The technology that supports this it has been around a long time, but it is not all that well-known," he said. "It helps to educate people on what is possible."

The software could also be used to, say, point out different locations where blood drives are being held or where crime is happening, he said.

Each year, the company refreshes the data, which takes one of 15 employees around a week or two to contact previous listings and add new ones. Organizations or individuals can also email the company through the website to add a location not currently listed.

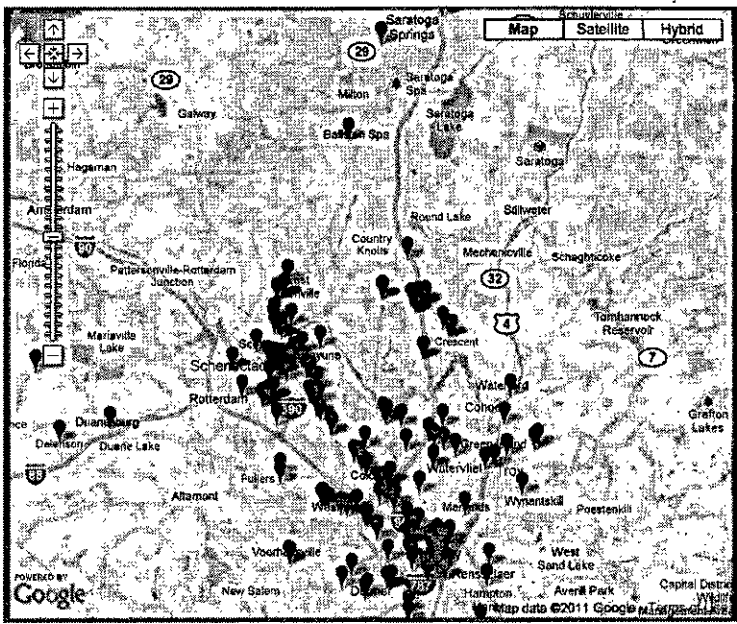
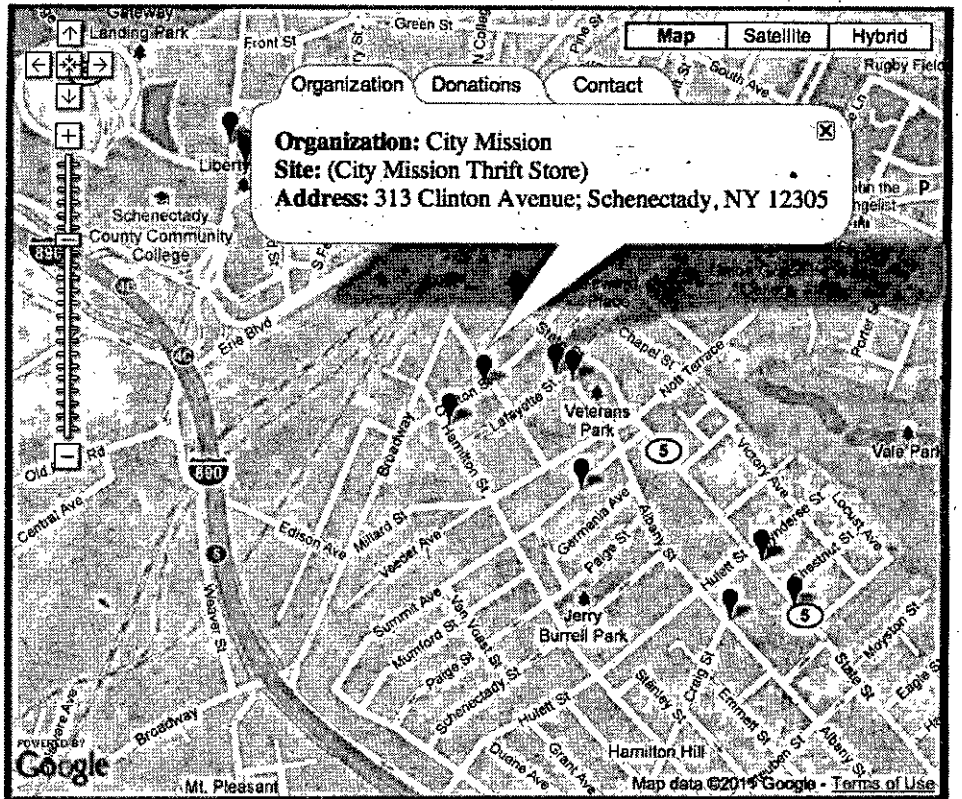
By clicking on one of the blue donation markers, people can find out what organization the donations site is affiliated with and its street address. Also, the pop-up text bubble for each site has two additional tabs. The "Donations" tab reveals what types of donations are being accepted, or if volunteers are needed, and what times donations can be dropped off. The "Contact" tab provides information to get in touch with the organization or business.

When the map was started there were less than 100 locations listed, but now there are around 200 spots throughout the Capital District. The map is a natural project for the company, which provides customized mapping services.

Although the holiday season is the peak time for donations, the map is up and running all year long.

Even though the map does take some time to put together, Fisher said the company is more than willing to help spur and encourage charitable activity.

To view the map, visit Fountains Spatial's website at www.fountainsspatial.com and scroll down the home page to view a link to it.



The "Giving Map" shows many donation and volunteer locations throughout the Capital District, such as the City Mission in Schenectady. The system for making it easier to find donation drop-off sites is powered by Google Maps.

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SPAC turns to cyberspace, passes budget

Venue aims to keep patrons engaged in the off season

By MARCY VELTE
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In an effort to keep its patrons engaged throughout the year, the Saratoga Performing Arts Center will now release new information about the coming season each week on its website.

The new initiative, called "The Building of a Season," is meant to give event-goers a look behind the scenes and provide a "seamless transition" into the off season.

"Our major goal for 2012 is to keep our audience connected," said SPAC's President and Executive Director Marcia White at the final board of director's meeting of the year. "But we have a problem with trying to keep the audience engaged. There's a long period between the time the curtain falls and when the curtain rises for the next season."

The board saw demonstrations of the types of announcements that would now be made to the public digitally at its Dec. 1 meeting at the Desmond Hotel in Colonie.

Each Thursday, starting on Dec. 8, Building of a Season components will be released on SPAC's website and will feature information on new artists or programs lined up for the coming season. White said that unlike announcements made in the past, providing the programming information online allows SPAC to highlight the artists using photos, videos and other digital media.

"Making the arts more accessible and interactive has been one of our most important goals in recent years," said White. "Building a Season



Freihofer's Saratoga Jazz Festival is one of the Saratoga Performing Arts Center's biggest summer events. The venue is hoping to keep excitement up in the off season by making weekly releases on its website.

takes us further in that direction by giving the public a virtual front row seat to our programming process."

She said the performing arts center currently does not provide previews of attractions to come and "to not take advantage of that opportunity is mind-boggling."

The new digital initiative is part of a larger marketing effort. Interact@SPAC was started last year to further immerse patrons into the SPAC experience.

According to White, those involved in the entertainment industry understand the "strategic need" to implement visuals. For SPAC, vacant or "dead" space is an issue prior to performances and in between acts.

"There's no sense of welcome, there's no encouragement to continue audience education, and clearly we have to warm-up our audience to better participate and continue the experience of the performance," said White.

Board Chairman Bill Dake agreed with

the new efforts to keep audiences involved long term. He said studies show that for acts to grow with the audience "they must interact and they (the performers) must educate" during shows. But although conductors and directors often explain the piece of music or dance that is about to be performed, he feels SPAC has "only scratched the surface with what can be done."

To help, money for a new three-chip digital projector, a long-zoom lens, a rear projector and new server was donated by the Dake Family Foundation. The equipment will be installed before the summer season.

At the meeting, Dake announced he would step down as chairman and state Court of Appeals Judge Susan Phillips Read would take his place in May. Dake, who is also chairman of the board of Stewart's Shops has held his position with SPAC since 2005.

Although outreach and promotion of SPAC was the focus of the meeting, the board also voted to adopt the budget for the

2012 season.

Rick Geary, the facility's chief financial officer, recommended a budget of \$8.3 million, a 6 percent increase from last year. The arts organization broke even last year and Geary said he foresees a similar outcome for 2012.

However, the cost to keep acts like the Philadelphia Orchestra and New York City Ballet have increased. To regain the revenue, Geary suggested the possibility of increasing ticket prices — something that has not been done since 2008

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-SPAC President and Executive Director Marcia White

— increasing the rent to Live Nation for concerts or placing a surcharge on all tickets that are given for free to sponsors.

In addition, the Saratoga County Board of Supervisors plans to completely cut all funding to SPAC from its budget because of cost saving measures. The \$18,000 grant makes up all of SPAC's marketing budget for the annual jazz festival and officials plan to lobby to get the money restored. Although the jazz festival is in its 35th year, attendance numbers are continually dropping, so White said marketing is important.

"Something different has to be done," said White "Artists don't want to perform to an empty theater."

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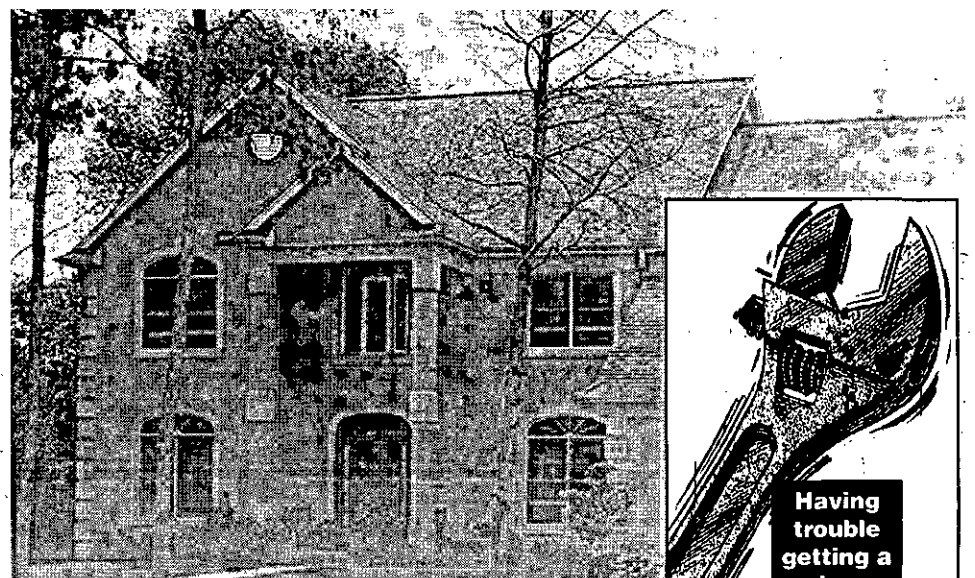
Chorus picked for concert

A. W. Becker Elementary School's Fifth Grade Chorus has been selected to be part of the upcoming "Music for the Holidays" 2011 production on WMHT. The Music for the Holidays program is a yearly show that features the vocal talents of students in area schools.

The show is one hour in length with 18 area school choruses—elementary through high school—being represented. The show will be broadcasted on Sunday, Dec. 18 at 8 a.m., Monday, Dec. 19 at 5 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 22 at 8 p.m., Friday, Dec. 23 at 5 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 25 at 4 p.m. The show will also be available on WMHT-FM's Classical Radio Station on Sunday, Dec. 25 at 6 p.m.

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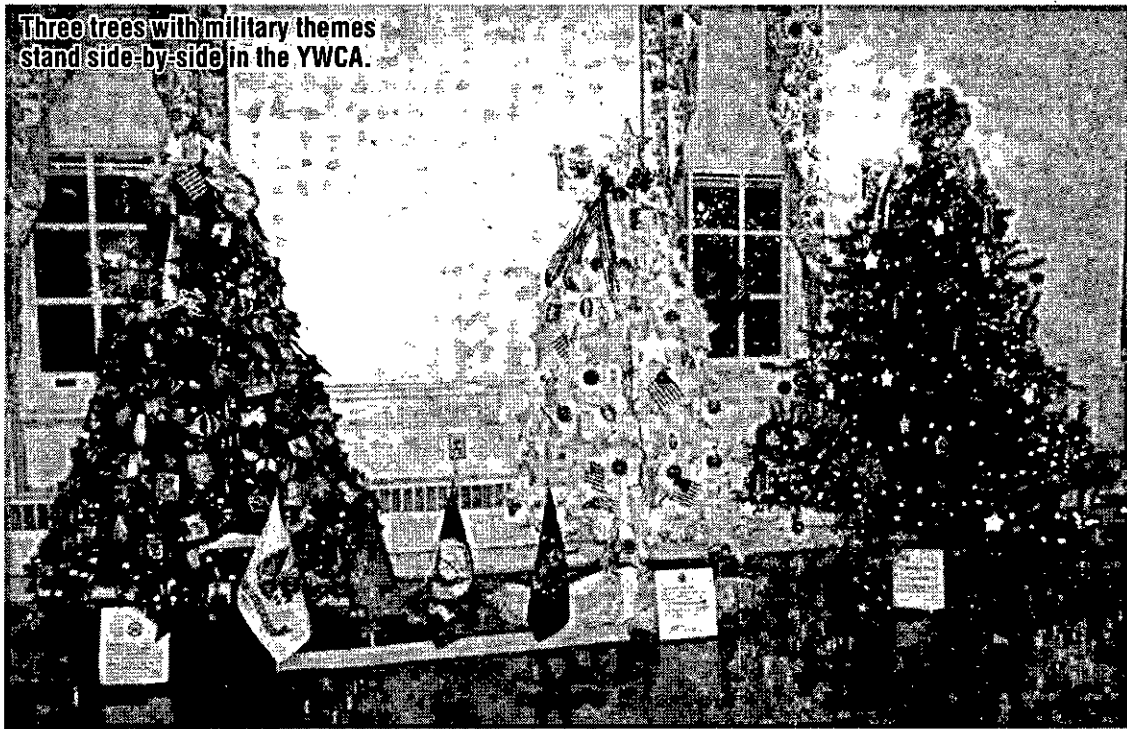
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Entertainment in the Spotlight



Three trees with military themes stand side-by-side in the YWCA.



This tree is purple in support of domestic violence awareness.

Holiday trees ring in the season

Festival of Trees display period extended, features 50 firs

By JOHN PURCELL
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The annual Festival of Trees has spread festive cheer for nearly a week, but unlike previous shows, you haven't missed out just yet.

In response to comments that a week wasn't long enough, the 5th annual Festival of Trees is lasting over two weeks and showcases around 50 trees. The Schenectady County Historical Society and the Schenectady YWCA host the annual holiday event, which features Christmas trees prepared by local business and community groups on display at the Historical Society's headquarters and the YWCA.

Both locations are a snowball throw from each other on Washington Avenue in Schenectady. The event kicked off on Friday, Nov. 25, and there are daily showings until Sunday, Dec. 11.

"We have had others comments over the years that it is really too short, so having it over two weeks is really nice," said JoAnne Rafalik, director of development and communications at the YWCA.

Local businesses and community groups are given free rein to create

whatever kind of holiday tree they imagine. Sometimes a tree will have a certain theme relating the group and trees are often decorated in ways you wouldn't normally see in someone's living room.

Ryan Mahoney, curator for the Historical Society, said the event allows businesses to connect with residents in a different way. He added it brings new people into the society's building.

"Businesses get to promote themselves on the ways they decorate the trees. It is a great relationship with the community and local businesses," said Mahoney. "We get a great attendance, which is awesome because you get a whole different type of crowd coming to the society that wouldn't normally come here."

Rafalik said the event brings some people into the YWCA for the first time. She noted the building has been in Schenectady since 1933.

"It always amazes me how many people haven't been in the building. It is really a neat building to explore," she said. "As they look around they will ask questions about the different programs we have."

A similar event was previously hosted at Proctors, but once the event stopped at that location the Historical Society and YWCA came together to continue

hosting the event.

"It is a wonderful tradition and it gets people in the holiday spirit," said Rafalik. "There is always that feeling that maybe people are learning something new about the Schenectady community, which is always so important."

She added the trees at the YWCA are mostly from businesses and organizations while the society showcases some older ornaments and historical items relating to Schenectady.

"We have one tree from a group at Draper Middle School that is made from all recycled material," she said. "We have another tree from Schenectady

Day Nursery that has wonderfully smelling little gingerbread boys and girls on it."

When looking closely at Draper's tree, she said the little details on the student's handmade ornaments show how things were recycled.

"The ornaments are terrific ... the kids did a good job with it," she said.

There are also trees that are being raffled off and the

Historical Society is selling delft ornaments, which are traditional Dutch-style ornaments originating out of the delft community.

"There is a lot of work involved, but it is just something fun to be able to do," said Mahoney.

The admission fee for the Festival of Trees, which includes the displays at both buildings, is \$5 for adults and \$2 for children 6 to 12 years old. Children

5 years old and younger are free. The proceeds are split evenly between the Historical Society and the YWCA.

Display hours are Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 5 p.m., with the event ending on Sunday, Dec. 11. For information on the event visit the Historical Society's website at www.schist.org.





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Christmas tale, GE Theatre at Proctors, 432 State St., Schenectady, Dec. 9-18, shows 7:30 p.m. Thursday through Sat-

urday and 2 p.m. Sunday, adults \$17.50, students/seniors \$14.50. Information: 346-6204.

PETER PAN
Classic children's tale, presented by the Theater Institute at Sage, Schacht Fine Arts Center, Russell Sage College, Troy, Dec. 9-11, shows at 2 p.m. Dec. 11 and 7 p.m. Dec. 9 and 10, adults \$10, students/seniors \$8. Information: 244-2248.

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George Kaufman and Edna Ferber's comedy about the drama-filled lives of a theatrical family, presented by Schenectady Civic Players, Schenectady Civic Playhouse, 12 South Church St., Schenectady, Dec. 7-11, showtimes 7:30 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 2:30 p.m. Sunday, \$15. Information: 382-2081.

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Annual holiday show performed by Christopher Shaw and Bridget Ball, 8 p.m. Dec. 10 and 2 p.m. Dec. 11, Swyer Theater, The Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany, \$24. Information: 473-1845.

LADIES AUXILIARY UKULELE ORCHESTRA
All-female trio playing a wide variety of musical styles from Mozart to Radiohead, Dec. 10, 8 p.m., Caffe Lena, 47 Phila St., Saratoga Springs, advance tickets \$16, door price \$18. Information: 583-0022.

LYLE LOVETT
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"Making Time: Voyage to Vietnam," through Feb. 25; "From the Collections," through April 1; "New York Remembers: Reflecting on September 11," through April 28; 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
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ALBANY AIRPORT GALLERY
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BROOKSIDE MUSEUM
"The Threads of Time," through Jan. 31, 6 Charlton St., Ballston Spa. Information: 885-4000.

MABEE FARM HISTORIC SITE
"A Journey Through History: The Artistic Works of Len Tantillo," through Dec. 18, 1080 Main St., Rotterdam Junction. Information: 877-5073.

NATIONAL MUSEUM OF DANCE
"Postage Paid: Dance Around the World," through fall 2012; plus a Michael Jackson tribute, a "Dancing with the Stars" exhibit and the C.V. Whitney Hall of Fame, 99 South Broadway, Saratoga Springs. Information: 584-2225.

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ARKELL MUSEUM
"Rising from the Sea: The Art of Jay Hall Connaway," through May 27, 2012; plus "Arkell's Inspiration: the Marketing of Beech-Nut and Art for the People," ongoing; Canajoharie. Information: 673-2314.

THE HYDE COLLECTION
"Draw Me a Story: A Century of Children's Book Illustrations," through Jan. 7, 161 Warren St., Glens Falls. Information: 792-1761.

Call for Artists

CAPITAL COMMUNITY VOICES
Non-audition choral group seeking singers in all voice parts for its December concert, rehearsals are Tuesdays at 7 p.m. at Columbia High School, 962 Luther Road, East Greenbush. Information: 370-5434.

THURSDAY MUSICAL CLUB
Women's singing group, entering its 99th year, practices held Wednesdays from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., concerts on Dec. 2 and April 1. Information: 765-4536.

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Openings in the string, horn and percussion sections. Information: 813-4299 or e-mail delmarcommunityorchestra@gmail.com.

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Here's How It Works:

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

Weekly Crossword

Mixed Emotions

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- 1 ___ Jessica Parker
- 6 Luggage fastener
- 10 Point of entry
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- 16 Novelist Wiesel
- 17 Song of mixed emotions
- 20 Ash Wednesday monogram
- 21 Italian stringed instrument
- 22 Julia's old beau
- 23 Indigo product
- 24 The O'Hara's' place
- 25 Weight
- 28 Moses' spy in Canaan
- 30 Diamond, of gangdom
- 34 Kiss-off
- 36 Spiny-leafed plant
- 38 Dairy line
- 39 Song of mixed emotions
- 43 Kind of badge or horn
- 44 Ernie's TV partner
- 45 Gone, a la Jaws
- 46 Kisses off
- 48 Honeymoon, e.g.

- 51 ___ Warm for May
- 52 Into the Woods role
- 54 Japanned metal
- 56 ___ del Sarto
- 59 Horse or gum
- 60 Line from Annie
- 63 Presley's TV debut number
- 66 Kind of naut
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- 68 Dining enticement
- 69 Concoct
- 70 Facility
- 71 Settle a debt

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- 1 Nelson crew member
- 2 Freeman Gosden role
- 3 Tour around
- 4 Part of to be
- 5 Mr. Macho
- 6 Ballyhoo
- 7 Pearl Mosque site
- 8 Dèjeuner seasoning
- 9 Baby's game
- 10 Make public
- 11 A as in ___
- 12 Copycat
- 13 Parliamentarian
- 18 Playwright Bogosian
- 19 Mien

- 23 Suit to ___
- 24 See 10 Down
- 25 Impatience
- 26 Booth, the actor
- 27 Wicked one
- 29 Joins the bucket brigade
- 31 Ham it up
- 32 Champion, of dance
- 33 Liston, in the ring
- 35 All-around truck
- 37 Ram's inamorata
- 40 You're ___
- 41 Padres or Braves
- 42 Talk show host
- 47 Down feeling
- 49 Petroleum by-product
- 50 Didn't swing, at Fenway
- 53 Snare, on TV
- 55 Merry Widow composer
- 56 Jezebel's husband
- 57 No way! to Burns
- 58 Go for it
- 59 Answers a raise
- 60 ___ smasher
- 61 Scale syllables
- 62 Dorchester digs
- 64 River inlet
- 65 Comstock find

Your Community in The Spotlight

Second Milers to hear chorus

The Bethlehem Senior Chorus will be featured at the Wednesday, Dec. 14 meeting of the Second Milers club following lunch at the Normanside Country Club restaurant. Members are invited to bring their wives or other guests for this special occasion.

The group, consisting of retired men from the Bethlehem area, meets on the second Wednesday of each month. There are no dues or any other obligations and new members are welcome. For further information, call Bob Mulligan at 439-3802 or John Alden at 475-1864.

Q.U.I.L.T. Inc. holiday meeting

Q.U.I.L.T. Inc. will meet on Friday, Dec. 9 at the Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., Delmar. The general meeting starts at 9:45 a.m. but doors will open at 9:15 a.m. There is a \$5 visitor donation. There will be a gift and cookie exchange, the holiday block challenge and giant show and share. For information, call 393-2284 or visit www.quiltinc.org.

Jr. Birder's Bird Votive

On Sunday, Dec. 11, at 1 p.m., come to Thatcher Nature Center to make a de-"Light"-ful holiday votive candle holder to grace dining room tables or give as a gift.

This tin-punch project has a \$3 materials fee. Participants will count birds, share journal sightings and play bird-related games. Pre-registration is required for this program. Call 872-0800 for more information.

Dance Flurry family dance

On Sunday, Dec. 11, at 4 p.m., there will be participatory contra, square and international folk dancing, singing and party games at Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., Delmar. All dances are taught and no experience or partner needed.

Caller Paul Rosenberg with live string band music by Tame Rutabaga. Donations from \$1 to \$5

Showing off their skating skills

The Achilles Edge Intermediate Synchronized Skating Team takes to the ice during the Albany Figure Skating Club's Winter Ice Show, which was held at the Bethlehem YMCA on Sunday, Nov. 27. The program featured skating groups and individual figure skaters showcasing their skills.

Submitted photo

will be accepted Call 482-9255 or visit www.danceflurry.org for more information.

Spina bifida fundraiser set

The Spina Bifida Association of Northeastern New York will be hosting "Go to the Theatre for SBANENY! Fundraising event on Thursday, Dec. 15, at Capital Repertory Theatre in Albany. Families affected by spina bifida, friends, community businesses and supporters are working together to raise funds for the organization while increasing awareness about Spina bifida and prevention of the disability.

"This event is the cornerstone of our fundraising initiatives and has greatly enhanced our ability to provide critical services for individuals with spina bifida throughout northeastern New York State," said Jim Gallagher, Fundraising Co-Chair of the organization.

Anyone interested in attending can purchase tickets by calling the chapter at 399-9151 or emailing sbaneny@aol.com. All proceeds raised will benefit SBA of Northeastern New York. Charitable donations

should be sent to the SBA of Northeastern New York, 123 Saratoga Road, Scotia.

For more information on spina bifida, "Go to the Theatre for SBANENY." To learn how you can get involved in the organization, please visit the Spina Bifida Association of Northeastern New York website at www.sbaneny.org or call 399-9151.

Holiday gifts at Thacher

Pick up last minute gifts for children and adults without going to the mall. On Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 17 and 18, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., buy gift certificates for snowshoe rentals and Made-in-the-USA wooden toys, find local history and geology books, all kinds of field guides, children's books, jewelry, birding CDs, wildlife posters, bird nest boxes, T-shirts, and stocking stuffers.

Call 872-0800 for more information.

Bring a canned good to concert

Concertgoers attending Albany Pro Musica's holiday shows Dec. 10 and 11 are invited to bring donations of canned food items to

help out local victims of Hurricane Irene.

All donations collected at the concerts will be sent to the Regional Food Bank of Northeastern New York, which has been distributing food to area families in need since the storm hit.

The holiday concerts, titled "Behold the Star," will include classic pieces, Christmas favorites, contemporary compositions and even some sing-alongs. There will be two performances: 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 10, and 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 11, at the Carondelet Hospitality Center, 385 Watervliet-Shaker Road, Latham. Premium seats at \$35, regular seats at \$25 and student seats at \$10 can be purchased at www.albanypromusica.org or by calling 346-6204.

Albany Pro Musica recently released "Sing We Now of Christmas," a CD of live recordings from the choral group's holiday concerts over the past four years. It includes familiar songs such as "Good King Wenceslas," "Holly and the Ivy," "Chestnuts Roasting on an Open Fire," "Carol of the Bells," "Lo, How a Rose" and "The First Noel." There are also a handful of English carols by Vaughan Williams, John Rutter and David Willcocks, as well as

some unusual carols by Stephen Paulus and Ola Gjeilo.

Albany Pro Musica formed in 1981 when David Griggs-Janower, a music professor at the University at Albany, and a group of area singers decided to assemble a chorus capable of performing to professional standards. Today the group performs a wide range of popular and classical music in various types of venues - from concert halls, to cathedrals, to barns. Its goal is to present choral music in new ways, exposing audiences to a variety of musical and acoustical experiences.

Shakespeare shows at BCHS

An annual Bethlehem tradition is in the final stages of preparation as the high school's Shakespearean company prepares to stage the 23rd annual Shakespeare production, running this year from Dec. 9 to 11 and Dec. 16 to 18.

Forty students make up this year's cast and tech crew. Casting took place in September, and rehearsals began shortly thereafter.

"Romeo and Juliet" is a romantic tragedy written early in the career of playwright William

Shakespeare. It is about the famous "star cross'd lovers" of two enemy families who fall in love. It was among Shakespeare's most popular stories of young love.

"Romeo and Juliet" will be performed Friday through Sunday, Dec. 9 to 11, and Dec. 16 to 18 in the auditorium at Bethlehem Central High School, 700 Delaware Ave., Delmar. Friday shows are at 7 p.m.; Saturday shows are at 1 and 7 p.m. and Sunday shows are at 2 p.m. Admission costs \$10 for adults, \$6 for students, senior citizens and military personnel. Tickets will be available at the door or can be reserved at theatrewithoutanet.org.

Moonlight Walk at Thacher

Come out for an evening walk by the light of the full moon on Saturday, Dec. 10 at 7 p.m. With clear skies and a bright moon, participants can leave the flashlights behind and use night vision. Leaders will choose trails based on conditions. Adults and children over 14 accompanied by a parent are welcome. Call 872-0800 to register and for a meeting place. In case of inclement weather, call ahead to confirm a program before 5 p.m.

Sunday Four Poetry Open Mic

On Sunday, Dec. 18 at 3 p.m., Dennis Sullivan, Mike Burke and Edie Adams will host a poetry open mic at Old Songs Community Arts Center, 37 S. Main St., Voorheesville featuring Cheryl Rice. For more information call 469-0202 or email dsullivan6@nycap.rr.com.

Voorheesville FD breakfast

The Voorheesville Fire Department will hold its annual "Breakfast With Santa" on Sunday, Dec. 11, from 7 a.m. to noon. Menu items include eggs cooked to order, pancakes, French toast, sausage, toast, coffee, tea and juice. Children 5 and under are free, children 6 to 11 years are \$3.50 and adults are \$7. Proceeds help the Albany County Hilltown Sheriff's Christmas Fund and the New Scotland Food Pantry.

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Getting Christmas on track

Man's display has brought joy to young and old for decades

By MARCY VELTE
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The circus is special for Don Erlenbush.

When he was younger, the bright lights and funny music coming from the big top fascinated him, like they would any child. But as he grew older, it all held another meaning. The show reminded him of his family and the innocence of being a kid again.

For the past 55 years, Erlenbush has been a model circus and train builder. Since 2005, he has brought his display to the Saratoga County Fair, often allowing children to have a turn operating his tiny trains. This year he is one of the main attractions at the Saratoga Festival of Trees.

"My great uncle and father were both circus fans," he said. "They started building when they were kids and so I just sort of grew up doing it, too."

For a time, Erlenbush

helped his uncle and father build the models while growing up in Illinois. When he turned 18 he started making them himself.

Erlenbush can't remember which piece of the display is the oldest. He knows his family began building the models around 1935, concentrating on the train that transported the animals and the circus itself. His uncle built the meal circus wagon placed toward the end of the display.

Over the years, the Ballston Spa resident has added the tents, individual acts and even carnival rides.

"My dad went into the carnival business for a few years, so that's how that all got added," said Erlenbush, acknowledging the difference between the carnival and the circus.

His father joined a traveling carnival in the late 1940s, when Erlenbush was around 10 years old. He traveled with his father, and when he became of age, got a job at an amusement park. Soon rides were added to

the display, like a Ferris Wheel, Merry-Go-Round, and swinging Pirate Ship, all of which move.

Erlenbush is unsure how much the now 8-by-10 foot display is worth or how much money has been put into the project over the years. At first most of the pieces were hand crafted. Now, model kits are used or bits of material are formed to make the smaller details, like people.

"There are some items you can't find anymore," he said. "But I look at it this way: almost anything can be fixed."

For three years now, Erlenbush has allowed children to drive the trains on his display when he shows it in public. There have been some accidents, but he explained it's all worth it just to see the enjoyment on a child's face.

"I was skeptical at first, but I have gotten nothing but great compliments for the past six years, even from teens," he said, explaining how each year he likes to add a new element to the display. "Last year, more



Don Erlenbush helps 3-year-old Logan Phelps run the model trains on his display.

Marcy Velte/Spotlight

people came to talk to me about it than ever before. People of all ages seem to enjoy it."

The display takes about two and a half days to set up every time it's shown.

At the City Center on Dec. 1, the night of the city's Victorian Street Walk, children and their parents crowded around the display outside of the Festival of Trees. For nearly eight hours, the 73-year-old helped smiling kids run the small trains. Erlenbush said he hopes it might get kids into the hobby of making models.

"I don't expect them to start tomorrow, but I hope

I put the spark there for later," he said.

One day he hopes to pass the display on to one of his granddaughters to continue building. He has four of them, but they are currently too young to care about the models.

People of all ages seemed mesmerized by the display.

Cheryl Cross of South Glens Falls said her neighbors were in the circus when she was a little girl and the models brought back memories from when she was a kid.

"I wish was little again so I could go play with it, too," she said.

Debbie Weddell, who just moved to Saratoga with her family from Glasgow, Scotland, called the detail "amazing." She looked on while her 4-year-old son Jay operated the trains.

All of the proceeds from the Festival of Trees go to help fund Catholic Charities for Saratoga, Warren and Washington counties. The money goes towards the organization's human service agencies, counseling programs and shelters.

Catholic Charities Executive Director Sister Charla Commins said Erlenbush's display helped to draw in the crowds as the event's newest attraction.

In its 16th year, the Festival of Trees usually helps raise nearly \$100,000 through corporate sponsorships and groups who pay to decorate a Christmas tree. The artificial trees are then sold to the public to decorate their homes for years to come.

"I was happy to lend a hand," said Erlenbush. "I enjoy just sitting and watching the kids have a good time, but of course the parents always do too."

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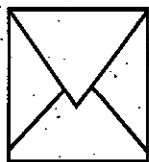


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Notice of Formation of MY-TRAVEL INSIDER LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 10/19/11. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 77119 (D) (December 7, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

Court Street Vision Express LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 10/20/11. Off. Loc.: Albany Co. SSNY design. as agt. upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 2504 Flatbush Ave., Brooklyn, NY 11234. General Purposes. 77116 (D) (December 7, 2011)

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Island Smokes XVII LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 09/28/11. Off. Loc.: Albany Co. SSNY design. as agt. upon whom process may be served. A. Almonte, Esq. P.C., 119 Washington Ave., 101, Albany, NY 12210 will be desig. as agt. upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o A. Almonte, Esq. P.C., 119 Washington Ave., 101, Albany, NY 12210. General Purposes. 77115 (D) (December 7, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

Island Smokes XIII LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 09/28/11. Off. Loc.: Albany Co. SSNY design. as agt. upon whom process may be served. A. Almonte, Esq. P.C., 119 Washington Ave., 101, Albany, NY 12210 will be desig. as agt. upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o A. Almonte, Esq. P.C., 119 Washington Ave., 101, Albany, NY 12210. General Purposes. 77114 (D) (December 7, 2011)

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Island Smokes XXI LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 10/6/11. Off. Loc.: Albany Co. SSNY design. as agt. upon whom process may be served. A. Almonte, Esq. P.C., 119 Washington Ave., 101, Albany, NY 12210 will be desig. as agt. upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o A. Almonte, Esq. P.C., 119 Washington Ave., 101, Albany, NY 12210. General Purposes. 77113 (D) (December 7, 2011)

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Notice of Formation of Universal Food Solutions, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/24/11. Office location: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Jorge Morales, 1200 Brickell Bay Dr., Unit 3915, Miami, FL, 33131. Purpose: any lawful activities. 77112 (D) (December 7, 2011)

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Notice of Formation of Audition NYC LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/20/11. 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, 11 North Pearl St., Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: any lawful activity. 77111 (D) (December 7, 2011)

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Notice of Formation of mile-sperhour LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/20/11. 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, 11 North Pearl St., Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: any lawful activity. 77110 (D) (December 7, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of JOY-RIDER FILMS, LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 10/25/11. 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. 77107 (D) (December 7, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FILING OF ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION IN NEW YORK BY A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY Name: Bloomah's Delights, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with sec. of state of NY(SOS) on 9/14/11. Office location: Albany County. SOS is designated as agent of LLC for service of process. SOS shall mail copy of process to 102 Gullane Drive, Slingerlands, New York 12159. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity. 77450 (D) (December 7, 2011)

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NOTICE OF FILING OF ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION IN NEW YORK BY A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY Name: Northeast Green Center, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with sec. of state of NY(SOS) on 9/23/11. Office location: Rensselaer County. SOS is designated as agent of LLC for service of process. SOS shall mail copy of process to 215 Oakwood Avenue, Troy, NY 12182. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity. 77449 (D) (December 7, 2011)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY Name: Sweeney Holdings, LLC (LLC). Articles of Organization filed with NY Dept. of State on 10/26/11. 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 8 Interstate Avenue, Albany, New York 12205. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity. 77448 (D) (December 7, 2011)

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Notice of Formation of Rubin Productions, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/17/11. 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, 143 W. 72nd St., NY, NY 10023. Purpose: any lawful activity. 77447 (D) (December 7, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LLC Stonebridge Enclave LLC, filed Articles of Organization with the New York Secretary of State on 10/11/11. Its office is located in Albany

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County. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent upon whom process may be served and shall mail a copy of any process served on him or her to the LLC, at LLC, c/o Dawn Homes Management, LLC, 20 Corporate Woods Blvd. 5th Floor, Albany, NY 12211. The street address of the principal business location is c/o Dawn Homes Management, LLC, 20 Corporate Woods Blvd., 5th Floor, Albany, NY 12211. Its business is to engage in any lawful activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under Section 203 of the New York Limited Liability Company Act. 77446 (D) (December 7, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of formation of OHD-LIBERTY GARDENS II LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. of State(SSNY) on 10/27/2011. Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: I. David Swawite, 40 Beaver St., Albany NY 12207. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. 77444 (D) (December 7, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FILING OF ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION IN NEW YORK BY A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY Name: Fore Sight, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with sec. of state of NY(SOS) on 11/1/11. Office location: Albany County. Corporation Service Company is designated as agent of LLC for service of process. SOS shall mail copy of process to 116 Wolf Road, Albany, NY 12205. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity. 77443 (D) (December 7, 2011)

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Notice of Formation of THE HAYMARKET ANNEX II, LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 10/31/11. 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. 77442 (D) (December 7, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Endorphin Business Center LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 10/20/11. Office location: Albany County. Sec. of State designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: c/o Erik Bunaes, 22 Schuyler Hills Road, Albany, NY 12211. Purpose: any lawful activity. 77440 (D) (December 7, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation Allrich Trans LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 11/4/2011. 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. 77430 (D) (December 7, 2011)

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Notice of Formation HGS Properties LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 11/3/2011. Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY

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shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 911 Central Ave., #101, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: all lawful activities. 77429 (D) (December 7, 2011)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF Drain You LLC. Art. of Org. filed w/Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/18/11. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent for service of process. SSNY shall mail process to 305 Broadway, 14 Fl., NY, NY 10007. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 77426 (D) (December 7, 2011)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION of Crackerman LLC. Art. of Org. filed w/Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/18/11. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent for service of process. SSNY shall mail process to 305 Broadway, 14 Fl., NY, NY 10007. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 77425 (D) (December 7, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION of Bab's Uvula LLC. Art. of Org. filed w/Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/18/11. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent for service of process. SSNY shall mail process to 305 Broadway, 14 Fl., NY, NY 10007. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 77424 (D) (December 7, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

RealSource, LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 11/1/11. Office in Albany Co. SSNY design. agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to Attn: Scott C. Paton, Esq., c/o McName, Lochner, Titus & Williams, P.C., PO Box 459, Albany, NY 12201-0459. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. 77423 (D) (December 7, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Diabetes Care Club, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 9/30/11. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Tennessee (TN) on 2/21/02. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o National Registered Agents, Inc., 875 Ave. of the Americas, Ste. 501, NY, NY 10001. Address to be maintained in DE: 6840 Carothers Pkwy, Ste. 600, Franklin, TN 37067, also the principal office address. Arts of Org. filed with the TN Secretary of State, 312 Rosa L. Parks Ave., 6th Fl., Snodgrass Tower, Nashville, TN 37243-1102. Purpose: any lawful activities. 77422 (D) (December 7, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of AY-SAAR LLC, a domestic LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 07/01/2011. office location Albany. SSNY has been designated for service of process. SSNY shall mail process served to: The LLC 4 New Hyde Park Road, Ste #14 Franklin Square, NY 11010 Purpose any lawful act. 77420 (D) (December 7, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of formation of Proven Network Solutions LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 10/24/2011. Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 420 Bullock Road, Slingerlands, NY 12159. Purpose: all lawful activities. 77692 (D) (December 7, 2011)

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Notice of Formation of Dynamic Enterprises, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/13/11. 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, 610 Park Ave., Apt. 2 B-C, NY, NY 10068. Registered agent: Robert Pildes, 610 Park Ave., Apt. 2 B-C, NY, NY 10068. Purpose: any lawful activities. 77418 (D) (December 7, 2011)

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Brooklyn Suite LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 11/8/10. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 1650 Eastern Pkwy Ste 212, Brooklyn, NY 11233. Purpose: any lawful activity. 77419 (D) (December 7, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of BFGSE, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/27/11. 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, 610 Park Ave., Apt. 2 B-C, NY, NY 10068. Registered agent: Robert Pildes, 610 Park Ave., Apt. 2 B-C, NY, NY 10068. Purpose: any lawful activities. 77418 (D) (December 7, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Dynamite Enterprises, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/13/11. 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, 511 W. 54th St., NY, NY 10019. Purpose: any lawful activity. 77413 (D) (December 7, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY 1. The name of the Limited Liability Company is MARK R. LASSONDE, LLC 2. The Articles of organization of the Limited Liability Company were filed on November 1, 2011 with the New York Secretary of State. 3. The office of the Limited Liability Company is located in Albany County. 4. The Secretary of State is designated as agent of the Limited Liability Company upon whom process against it may be served. 5. The Secretary of State shall mail a copy of process served to the Limited Liability Company to 6348 French's Hollow Road, Altamont, NY 12009. 6. The latest date to dissolve is indefinite. 7. The purpose of the Limited Liability Company is to conduct all lawful activity. 77412 (D) (December 7, 2011)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY 1. The name of the Limited Liability Company is 288 Morton Ave, LLC 2. The Articles of organization of the Limited Liability Company were filed on November 2, 2011 with the New York Secretary of State. 3. The office of the Limited Liability Company is located in Albany County. 4. The Secretary of State is designated as agent of the Limited Liability Company upon whom process against it may be served. 5. The Secretary of State shall mail a copy of process served to the Limited Liability Company to 2039 Indian Fields Road, Feura Bush, NY 12067. 6. The latest date to dissolve is indefinite. 7. The purpose of the Limited Liability Company is to conduct all lawful activity. 77690 (D) (December 7, 2011)

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Notice of Formation of Proven Network Solutions LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 10/24/2011. Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 420 Bullock Road, Slingerlands, NY 12159. Purpose: all lawful activities. 77692 (D) (December 7, 2011)

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process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 420 Bullock Road, Slingerlands, NY 12159. Purpose: all lawful activities. 77692 (D) (December 7, 2011)

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Notice of Formation The Port NYC LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 10/21/2011. 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. 77693 (D) (December 7, 2011)

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Notice of Formation James McDonald Construction Services, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 10/28/2011. Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 64 Krikor Drive, North Falmouth, MA 02556. Purpose: all lawful activities. 77694 (D) (December 7, 2011)

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Notice of Formation of USA SUPPLEMENTS LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 11/7/11. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 77695 (D) (December 7, 2011)

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Notice of Formation of FRUIT ARRANGEMENTS 11238 LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 11/7/11. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 77700 (D) (December 7, 2011)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). Name: COLUMBIA BETHLEHEM BERK LLC. Articles of Organization filed with NY Secretary of State, August 25, 2011. Purpose: to engage in any lawful act or activity. Office: in Albany County. Secretary of State is agent for process against LLC and shall mail copy to 302 Washington Avenue Ext., Albany, NY 12203. 77699 (D) (December 7, 2011)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). Name: COLUMBIA BETHLEHEM SEF LLC. Articles of Organization filed with NY Secretary of State, August 25, 2011. Purpose: to engage in any lawful act or activity. Office: in Albany County. Secretary of State is agent for process against LLC and shall mail copy to 302 Washington Avenue Ext., Albany, NY 12203. 77701 (D) (December 7, 2011)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). Name: 1529 WESTERN, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with NY Secretary of State, September

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ber 22, 2011. Purpose: to engage in any lawful act or activity. Office: in Albany County. Secretary of State is agent for process against LLC and shall mail copy to 2050 Western Ave., Suite 201, Guiderland, NY 12084. 77703 (D) (December 7, 2011)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). Name: FDC 1529 WESTERN LLC. Articles of Organization filed with NY Secretary of State, September 22, 2011. Purpose: to engage in any lawful act or activity. Office: in Albany County. Secretary of State is agent for process against LLC and shall mail copy to 2050 Western Ave., Suite 201, Guiderland, NY 12084. 77704 (D) (December 7, 2011)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). Name: FRESH TREATS GUILDERLAND LLC. Articles of Organization filed with NY Secretary of State, July 22, 2011. Purpose: to engage in any lawful act or activity. Office: in Albany County. Secretary of State is agent for process against LLC and shall mail copy to 1512 Western Avenue, Albany, NY 12203. 77705 (D) (December 7, 2011)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). Name: FRESH TREATS HOLDINGS LLC. Articles of Organization filed with NY Secretary of State, July 22, 2011. Purpose: to engage in any lawful act or activity. Office: in Albany County. Secretary of State is agent for process against LLC and shall mail copy to 1512 Western Avenue, Albany, NY 12203. 77706 (D) (December 7, 2011)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). Name: VF 1529 WESTERN, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with NY Secretary of State, September 22, 2011. Purpose: to engage in any lawful act or activity. Office: in Albany County. Secretary of State is agent for process against LLC and shall mail copy to 2050 Western Ave., Suite 201, Guiderland, NY 12084. 77707 (D) (December 7, 2011)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF DIAMOND CUSTOM INTERIOR RENOVATIONS, LLC. Art. of Org. filed w/Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 9/16/11. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent for service of process. SSNY shall mail process to 54 Hudson Ave., Delmar, NY 12054. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 77726 (D) (December 7, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LLC Stonebridge DHC LLC, filed Articles of Organization with the New York Secretary of State on 11/04/11. Its office is located in Albany County. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent upon whom process may be served and shall mail a copy of any process served on him or her to the LLC, at LLC, c/o Dawn Homes Management,

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LLC, 20 Corporate Woods Blvd. 5th Floor, Albany, NY 12211. The street address of the principal business location is c/o Dawn Homes Management, LLC, 20 Corporate Woods Blvd., 5th Floor, Albany, NY 12211. Its business is to engage in any lawful activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under Section 203 of the New York Limited Liability Company Act. 77727 (D) (December 7, 2011)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). Name: JESSIE ALBERT, RECEIVER LLC. Articles of Organization filed with NY Secretary of State, November 10, 2011. Purpose: to engage in any lawful act or activity. Office: in Albany County. Secretary of State is agent for process against LLC and shall mail copy to 20 Corporate Woods Blvd., Albany, NY 12211. 77728 (D) (December 7, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of SDA REALTY GROUP, LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 11/8/11. 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. 77853 (D) (December 7, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Limited Liability Company Pursuant to Section 206 of the New York Limited Liability Law

a. The name of the Limited Liability Company is Genesis Associates II, LLC.

b. The Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State on September 30, 2011.

c. The office of the Limited Liability Company will be located in Albany County.

d. The Secretary of State is designated as agent of the Limited Liability Company upon whom process against it may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the Limited Liability Company served upon him or her: Anthony Grasso
1 Arizona Avenue
Sherwood Park
Rensselaer, New York 12144.

e. The Limited Liability Company is formed for any lawful business purpose or purposes. 77854 (D) (December 7, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of ACUMEN ASSOCIATES LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 11/9/11. 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. 77856 (D) (December 7, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Petron Energy, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/4/11. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 7/26/10. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: InCorp Services, Inc., One Commerce Plaza - 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 805-A, Albany,

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NY 12210-2822. Address to be maintained in DE: 2711 Centerville Rd., Ste. 400, Wilmington, DE 19808. Arts. of Org. filed with the DE Secretary of State, 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activities. 77859 (D) (December 7, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of TARA LAURENCE HOLDINGS, LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 11/10/11. 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. 77860 (D) (December 7, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of GIOVANNI CONTRACTING LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 8/2/11. 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. 77861 (D) (December 7, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY The name of the limited liability company is LIBRARY CAPITAL ADVISORS, LLC, and the Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State on October 26, 2011. The county within this state in which the office of the limited liability company is to be located is Albany. The Secretary of State is designated as agent of the limited liability company upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address within or without this state to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the limited liability company served upon him is 402 Feura Bush Road Glenmont, NY 12077-2984. The limited liability company is to be managed by one or more members. The purpose for which this limited liability company is formed is to engage in any lawful act or activity in which a limited liability company may engage under the laws of the State of New York, all subject to, and in accordance with, applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations. 77862 (D) (December 7, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of formation Precision Risk Solutions LLC of org filed with SSNY 10/6/2011. Off. Loc. Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 135 Kennewick Circle Slingerlands, NY 12159. Purpose: all lawful activities. 77863 (D) (December 7, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of CASTLE RESTORATION LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 11/14/11. 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

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the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 77865 (D) (December 7, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of SALAA, LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 11/14/11. 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. 77866 (D) (December 7, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of formation of LIBERTY GARDENS ASSOCIATES II, L.P. Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. of State (SSNY) on 11/3/2011. Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Liberty Gardens Associates II, L.P., c/o Omni Housing Development LLC, 40 Beaver St. 5th Fl., Albany NY 12207. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. 77867 (D) (December 7, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation The Law Firm of Daniel M. O'Hara PLLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 11/8/2011. 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. 77869 (D) (December 7, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation CGB Realty Holdings LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 11/15/2011. 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. 77870 (D) (December 7, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation 163 Fourth Ave Realty LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 11/14/2011. 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. 77871 (D) (December 7, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of formation of Yellow Dog Media, LLC (the "LLC"). Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York ("SSNY") on November 15, 2011. Office Location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy to 3049 Evelyn Avenue, Schenectady, New York 12303. Duration: Perpetual. Purpose: to conduct any lawful act or activity for which limited liabilities may be formed under the law. 77878 (D) (December 7, 2011)

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Notice of Qualification of Kenneth Gibbons L.L.C. (a foreign professional service limited liability company) App. for Authority filed with Sec of State NY (SSNY) on 9/26/11. NY Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in New Jersey on

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11/5/10. SSNY designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and SSNY shall mail process to its foreign add: 7 Riggs Place West Orange NJ 07052. Arts. of Org filed with NJ Sec of State Division of Revenue 33 West State Street 5th Fl Trenton NJ 08608. The purpose for which the LLC is formed is to practice the profession of public accounting. 77879 (D) (December 7, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LLC CBM Farm LLC, filed Articles of Organization with the New York Secretary of State on 11/15/11. Its office is located in Albany County. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent upon whom process may be served and shall mail a copy of any process served on him or her to the LLC, at LLC, 60 Meriam Street, Lexington, Massachusetts 02420. The street address of the principal business location is 348-350 Albany Hill Rd., Rensselaerville, NY. Its business is to engage in any lawful activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under Section 203 of the New York Limited Liability Company Act. 77880 (D) (December 7, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: THINKING HORSES LLC. Art. of Org. filed with Sec'y of State of NY on 11/3/2011. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC, 110 Salisbury Rd, Delmar, NY 12054. Purpose: any lawful activity. 77881 (D) (December 7, 2011)

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Notice of Formation of HELEN OF TROY ANTIQUITIES, LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 11/18/11. 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. 77882 (D) (December 7, 2011)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY Articles of Organization of Success Symbols, LLC ("LLC") filed with the Secretary of State of New York ("SSNY") on October 11, 2011, effective on the date of filing. Office Location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY may mail a copy of any process to the LLC at 28 Upper Wedgewood Lane, Voorheesville, New York 12186, which is the principal business location. The purpose for which the LLC is formed is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under the NYS Limited Liability Company Law. 77883 (D) (December 7, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of INCBERT INSURANCE BROKERAGE LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 11/21/11. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 77987 (D) (December 7, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Lakeshore Holdings Group LLC, Art. of Org. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 9/19/11. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served.

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SSNY shall mail copy of process to PO Box 1933, Latham, NY 12110. Purpose: any lawful activities. Latest date 1/1/2109. 77886 (D) (December 7, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Jan's Wash and Wax, LLC, Art. of Org. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 10/18/11. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to 56 Haswell Rd., Watervliet, NY 12189. Purpose: any lawful activities. Latest date 12/31/2110. 77980 (D) (December 7, 2011)

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Notice of Formation of Digital Age Distribution, LLC, Art. of Org. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 10/28/11. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to 12 Petra Lane, Albany, NY 12205. Purpose: any lawful activities. 77981 (D) (December 7, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qual. of CSP Albany LLC, Auth. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 10/31/11. Office loc.: Albany County. LLC org. in DE 10/20/11. SSNY design. as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of proc. to Robert Heidenberg, Lerner-Heidenberg Properties, 234 Closter Dock Rd., Closter, NJ 07624. DE off. addr.: 160 Greentree Dr., Ste. 101, Dover, DE 19904. Cert. of Form. on file: SSDE 19901. Purp.: any lawful activities. 77982 (D) (December 7, 2011)

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Notice of Formation 40 Butler St Realty LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 11/23/2011. 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. 77983 (D) (December 7, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation Rare Books Consulting LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 11/22/2011. 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. 77984 (D) (December 7, 2011)

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Notice of Formation of INCBERT INSURANCE BROKERAGE LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 11/21/11. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 77987 (D) (December 7, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of HELTER LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 11/28/11. 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,

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46 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 77994 (D) (December 7, 2011)

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Notice of Qualification of GLC Advisors & Co. Holdings, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/26/11. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 3/10/11. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Global Leveraged Capital, 451 Jackson St., 2nd Fl., San Francisco, CA 94111, also the principal office address. Address to be maintained in DE: 3500 S. DuPont Hwy, Dover, DE 19901. Arts. of Org. filed with the DE Secretary of State, 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activities. 77995 (D) (December 7, 2011)

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Notice of Qualification of Global Leveraged Capital Holdings, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/26/11. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in California (CA) on 1/31/11. 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: 655 Mariners Island Blvd., Ste. 304, San Mateo, CA 94404. Address to be maintained in CA: 868 Folsom St., San Francisco, CA 94107. Arts. of Org. filed with the CA Secretary of State, 1500 11th St., Sacramento, CA 95814. Purpose: any lawful activities. 77996 (D) (December 7, 2011)

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Notice of Qualification of AMBIT MARKETING, LLC. App. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/21/11. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Texas (TX) on 9/27/11. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Capitol Services, Inc., 1218 Central Ave., Ste. 100, Albany, NY 12205. TX address of LLC: 1801 N. Lamar St., Ste. 200, Dallas, TX 75202. Arts. of Org. filed with TX Secy. of State, 1901 Brazos, Austin, TX 78701. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. 77998 (C) (December 7, 2011)

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sNotice of Qualification of Global Leveraged Capital Partners & Co, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/26/11. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 3/18/08. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Global Leveraged Capital, 451 Jackson St., 2nd Fl., San Francisco, CA 94111, also the principal office address. Address to be maintained in DE: 3500 S. DuPont Hwy, Dover, DE 19901. Arts. of Org. filed with the DE Secretary of State, 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activities. 77999 (D) (December 7, 2011)

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Notice of Qualification of GLC Investment Advisors, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/26/11. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 3/18/08. SSNY designated

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as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Global Leveraged Capital, 451 Jackson St., 2nd Fl., San Francisco, CA 94111, also the principal office address. Address to be maintained in DE: 3500 S. DuPont Hwy, Dover, DE 19901. Arts. of Org. filed with the DE Secretary of State, 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activities. 78000 (D) (December 7, 2011)

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Notice of Formation of ATIO-GLU JEWELRY LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 11/23/11. 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. 78002 (D) (December 7, 2011)

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Notice of Qualification of CBM MGMT LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/16/11. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in California (CA) on 1/31/11. 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: 655 Mariners Island Blvd., Ste. 304, San Mateo, CA 94404. Address to be maintained in CA: 868 Folsom St., San Francisco, CA 94107. Arts. of Org. filed with the CA Secretary of State, 1500 11th St., Sacramento, CA 95814. Purpose: any lawful activities. 78004 (D) (December 7, 2011)

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Notice of Qualification of AES MGMT LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/16/11. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in California (CA) on 1/31/11. 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: 655 Mariners Island Blvd., Ste. 304, San Mateo, CA 94404. Address to be maintained in CA: 868 Folsom St., San Francisco, CA 94107. Arts. of Org. filed with the CA Secretary of State, 1500 11th St., Sacramento, CA 95814. Purpose: any lawful activities. 78005 (D) (December 7, 2011)

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Notice of Qualification of LTF Lease Company, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/23/11. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 8/24/11. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o National Registered Agents, Inc., 875 Ave. of the Americas, Ste. 501, NY, NY 10001. Address to be maintained in DE: 160 Greentree Dr., Ste. 101, Dover, DE 19904. Arts. of Org. filed with the DE Secretary of State, 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activities. 78006 (D) (December 7, 2011)

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SPINFORWARD, LLC (the "LLC") filed Articles of Organization with the NY Secretary of State ("SSNY") on 11/22/11. LLC office is in

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shut the lights off without being responsible," said McCoy, who added he was planning to vote in favor of overriding the tax cap but was unsure about whether or not the budget was balanced enough for him to vote for adopting it.

The budget and tax cap is "tricky" and hard to explain to people, said McCoy, but to put it in perspective, with a 2 percent cap, the county doesn't even have enough money to fund Medicaid, which increased by \$11 million.

McCoy said he put together a transition team to come up with recommendations for creating a balanced budget while maintaining

services the county cannot afford to eliminate.

"We'll merge some departments. ... We know we have to operate differently and start treating this like a business," said McCoy, adding the county is already looking at a deficit of \$5 million for 2013.

"We're not even into 2012 so we need to find a long-term plan. With no unfunded mandate relief coming, we have to be creative and being creative isn't just laying off 700 people. That's not the responsible thing to do," said McCoy.

There's been a lot of outcry over the possibility of cutting services deemed necessary for county residents and McCoy said that's because of his request for a list of what would have to happen to

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Chairman of the legislature and County Executive-elect Dan McCoy

live within the 2 percent cap.

"This body requested from the county executive's office ... what we'd have to close, so they put a quick list together saying these are the drastic cuts; close the nursing home, decommission beds in the jail, close office of mental health," said McCoy.

At a public hearing on additions or deletions to the budget on Tuesday, Nov. 29, many people spoke out in favor of the nursing home and keeping it open, while others addressed the issue of maintaining dental care through the Albany County Health Department's dental clinic, which serves children ages 2 to 18.

"Closing this program would have a disastrous effect on the children of Albany County," said

Charlene Ryan, supervisor of dental services at the county health department.

Ryan said the clinic provided 5,183 pediatric dental care visits in 2010, with about 10 percent of those children being uninsured. She also said the clinic sees a high percentage of children covered by Medicaid and that bad tooth decay is regularly exhibited.

"Children 2 to 5 regularly present to the dental clinic baby bottle tooth decay so severe their front teeth are not visible. ... Many children served do not have benefits of fluorinated water," said Ryan. "The need for a dental clinic is crucial. We treat children other dental practices cannot and will not treat."

There was also a public hearing on overriding the 2 percent cap on

Tuesday, Nov. 29, and the legislature heard from people who were both in favor, and against the override.

Deborah Busch, an incoming legislator for District 39, said "people voted for the 2 percent cap when they elected Andrew Cuomo governor" so it "behooves the legislature to honor that."

She said the 19.2 percent tax increase proposed by Breslin was "like a heart attack waiting to happen on the taxpayers' chests" and that overriding the cap would be "unfair" to taxpayers.

She provided some recommendations to get the budget balanced without exceeding the cap, which included repairing the nursing home instead of building a brand new one and eliminating the coroner's office (Busch ran for position of county coroner three years ago).

"The coroner's office is \$2 million across the budget. We don't need them. They're antiquated; we shouldn't be paying

for them when we have medical examiners," said Busch. "We need to start consolidating and decide what are essential services and what aren't."

Busch also said she thought the legislature should keep in mind Cuomo's incentive for staying within the 2 percent cap.

"Gov. Cuomo said if [we] stay under the 2 percent cap he would give some unfunded mandate monies back and we need to look at that," said Busch.

Victoria Miller of the Civil Service Employees Association (CSEA) said the union supported overriding the 2 percent cap.

"CSEA supports the initial budget proposal of County Executive Breslin because it preserves jobs and maintains services," said Miller. "... It's inevitable this legislature must vote to override the state tax cap to prevent job loss and continue the standards of services residents expect."



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Albany County. SOS was designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SOS shall mail copy of any process served to 134 Fernbank Ave., Albany, NY 12054. The purpose of the LLC is any lawful act or activity. 78007 (D) (December 7, 2011)

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the amount of \$15,982.80 and return of disbursements incurred by WEITZ & LUXENBERG, P.C. in the amount of \$2,051.59 having been approved by order of the Supreme Court, New York County, dated May 21, 2011, leaving net settlement proceeds of \$31,965.61, it being respectfully requested that this Court determine the allocation and distribution of the net settlement proceeds as set forth herein; To allocate fifty percent (50%) of the net settlement proceeds to the cause of action for conscious pain and suffering and fifty percent (50%) of the net settlement proceeds to the cause of action for wrongful death against the aforementioned defendant; To allocate the net sum of \$15,982.81, representing fifty percent (50%) of the net settlement proceeds, to the conscious pain and suffering claim belonging to the decedent's Estate, to be distributed in accordance with EPTL Section 4-1.1: TO: NAME To: DOROTHY D. THOMPSON, as and for her share as surviving spouse and distributee of said decedent, pursuant to Section 4-1.1 of the Estates, Powers and Trusts Law, equal to 100% of net conscious pain and suffering proceeds (spouse is entitled to \$50,000.00 + 1/2 remainder; spouse received \$3,480.00 by prior Decree of this Court dated October 28, 2008; spouse has received \$100.98 from a prior settlement) AMOUNT: \$15,982.81 TOTAL: \$15,982.81 To allocate the net sum of \$15,982.80, representing fifty percent (50%) of the net settlement proceeds, to the wrongful death of said decedent, to be distributed pursuant to EPTL Section 5-4.4 as follows: TO: NAME To: DOROTHY D. THOMPSON, as and for her share as surviving spouse and beneficiary of said decedent, pursuant to Section 5-4.4 of the Estates, Powers and Trusts Law, equal to 100% of net wrongful

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death proceeds AMOUNT: \$15,982.80 TOTAL: \$15,982.80 To remove and/or modify the restrictions in the Limited Letters of Administration issued to DOROTHY D. THOMPSON, petitioner as such Administratrix, to the extent necessary to carry out the provisions of such decree; To dispense with the filing of a bond; To discontinue this action against the defendant, PFIZER INCORPORATED, listed herein, and to continue against all other non-settling defendants; and To judicially settle and allow petitioner's account with respect to the total amount of \$50,000.00 and to grant such other and further relief as may be just and proper. HON. Ava S. Raphael Surrogate Dated, Attested and Sealed, Allyn F. Campbell November 4, 2011 Deputy Chief Clerk (Seal) WEITZ & LUXENBERG, P.C. Telephone Number: (212) 558-5687 Attorney for Petitioner 700 Broadway, New York, NY 10003 Address of Attorney (Note: This citation is served upon you as required by law. You are not required to appear. If you fail to appear it will be assumed you do not object to the relief requested. You have a right to have an attorney appear for you.) 77724 (D) (December 7, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF ANNUAL ELECTION AND SPECIAL REFERENDUM SLINGERLANDS FIRE DISTRICT, IN THE TOWNS OF BETHLEHEM AND NEW SCOTLAND, ALBANY COUNTY, NEW YORK DECEMBER 13, 2011 PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that the Annual Election of the Slingerlands Fire District will take place on December 13, 2011, between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. at the firehouse located at 1520 New Scotland Road, Slingerlands, New York for the purpose of: 1) Electing one Commissioner for a 5-year term commencing on January 1, 2012 and ending on December 31, 2016. All duly

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registered residents of the Slingerlands Fire District shall be eligible to vote. All individuals who wish to be candidates must file a petition with the Fire District Secretary at 628 Kenwood Avenue, Delmar, New York, with 25 signatures of resident electors of the district by November 23rd, 2011; and 2) Electing one Treasurer for a 3-year term commencing on January 1, 2012 and ending on December 31, 2014. All duly registered residents of the Slingerlands Fire District shall be eligible to vote. All individuals who wish to be candidates must file a petition with the Fire District Secretary at 628 Kenwood Avenue, Delmar, New York, with 25 signatures of resident electors of the district by November 23rd, 2011. PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that pursuant to the resolution duly adopted on October 11, 2011 by the Board of Fire Commissioners of Slingerlands Fire District, in the Towns of Bethlehem and New Scotland, Albany County, New York, a Special Referendum at the Annual Election of the qualified voters of said Fire District, will be held at the fire station located at 1520 New Scotland Road, in the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York, in said Fire District, on December 13, 2011, at 6:00 o'clock P.M. (Prevailing Time) and the polls to remain open until 9:00 o'clock P.M. (Prevailing Time) or as much longer as may be necessary to enable the voters then present to cast their votes to vote upon the following Proposition: PROPOSITION NO. 1 SHALL the bond resolution of Slingerlands Fire District, in the Towns of Bethlehem and New Scotland, Albany County, New York, entitled: "A BOND RESOLUTION, DATED OCTOBER 11, 2011, OF THE SLINGERLANDS FIRE DISTRICT, IN THE TOWNS OF BETHLEHEM AND NEW SCOTLAND, ALBANY COUNTY, NEW YORK (THE "FIRE DISTRICT"), AUTHORIZING THE UNDERTAKING OF A CAPITAL PROJECT CONSISTING OF THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN ADDITION TO AND RECONSTRUCTION OF THE EXISTING FIRE STATION OF THE FIRE DISTRICT LOCATED AT 1520 NEW SCOTLAND ROAD IN THE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM, STATING THE ESTIMATED MAXIMUM COST THEREOF IS \$1,800,000; APPROPRIATING SAID AMOUNT THEREFOR; AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,800,000 OF SERIAL BONDS OF THE FIRE DISTRICT TO FINANCE THE BALANCE OF SAID APPROPRIATION, OFFSET BY ANY FEDERAL, STATE, COUNTY, AND/OR LOCAL FUNDS RECEIVED; AND DELEGATING THE POWER TO ISSUE SUCH BONDS AND BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE SALE OF SUCH BONDS TO THE FIRE DISTRICT TREASURER; AND PROVIDING FOR THE LEVY OF A TAX TO BE COLLECTED TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON SAID BONDS", be approved? Such Proposition shall appear on the ballot labels at said Special Referendum at the Annual Election in substantially the following form: PROPOSITION NO. 1 YES: _____ NO: _____ SHALL the bond resolution of Slingerlands Fire District, in the Towns of Bethlehem and New Scotland, Albany County, New York, entitled: "A BOND RESOLUTION, DATED OCTOBER 11, 2011, OF THE SLINGERLANDS FIRE DISTRICT, IN THE TOWNS OF BETHLEHEM AND NEW SCOTLAND, ALBANY COUNTY, NEW YORK (THE "FIRE DISTRICT"), AUTHORIZING THE UNDERTAKING OF A CAPITAL PROJECT CONSISTING OF THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN ADDITION TO AND RECONSTRUCTION OF THE EXISTING FIRE STATION OF THE FIRE DISTRICT LOCATED AT 1520 NEW SCOTLAND ROAD IN THE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM, STATING THE ESTIMATED MAXIMUM COST THEREOF IS \$1,800,000; APPROPRIATING SAID AMOUNT THEREFOR; AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,800,000 OF SERIAL BONDS OF THE FIRE DISTRICT TO FINANCE THE BALANCE OF SAID APPROPRIATION, OFFSET BY ANY FEDERAL, STATE, COUNTY, AND/OR LOCAL FUNDS RECEIVED; AND DELEGATING THE POWER TO ISSUE SUCH BONDS AND BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE SALE OF SUCH BONDS TO THE FIRE DISTRICT TREASURER; AND PROVIDING

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FOR THE LEVY OF A TAX TO BE COLLECTED TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON SAID BONDS", be approved? The voting will be conducted by machine ballot as provided by law and the polls will remain open from 6:00 o'clock P.M. (Prevailing Time) to 9:00 o'clock P.M. (Prevailing Time) and as much longer as may be necessary to enable the voters then present to cast their ballots. NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN every elector of the Town who shall be a registered voter and who shall have resided in the Fire District for the period of 30 days prior to such Special Referendum at the Annual Election shall be eligible to vote. NOTE: As at all public Fire Commissioner's meetings, reasonable accommodations and access are available. BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS DATED: 2011 /s/ Gayle A. Griffiths FIRE DISTRICT SECRETARY 77725 (D) (December 7, 2011)

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FOR THE LEVY OF A TAX TO BE COLLECTED TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON SAID BONDS", be approved? The voting will be conducted by machine ballot as provided by law and the polls will remain open from 6:00 o'clock P.M. (Prevailing Time) to 9:00 o'clock P.M. (Prevailing Time) and as much longer as may be necessary to enable the voters then present to cast their ballots. NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN every elector of the Town who shall be a registered voter and who shall have resided in the Fire District for the period of 30 days prior to such Special Referendum at the Annual Election shall be eligible to vote. NOTE: As at all public Fire Commissioner's meetings, reasonable accommodations and access are available. BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS DATED: 2011 /s/ Gayle A. Griffiths FIRE DISTRICT SECRETARY 77725 (D) (December 7, 2011)

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by the Albany County Department for Aging on matters relating to the preparation and submission of its Annual Implementation Plan for community services for the elderly. All interested parties are invited to attend and be heard on the following: Federal Older Americans Act (Titles III-B, III-C(1), III-C(2), III-F, and Title V) United States Department of Agriculture Commodity Food Subsidy Program The United States Energy and Assistance Act of 1980 The New York State Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program for the Elderly New York State Expanded In-Home Services for the Elderly Program The New York State Community Services for the Elderly Act New York State Health Programs New York State Congregate Services Initiative The hearings will be held: LOCATION: Thursday December 15, 2011 10:45-11:30am Watervliet Senior Citizens Center 1501 Broadway Watervliet, NY 12189 78008 (D/C) (December 7, 2011)

LEGAL NOTICE

PUBLIC ELECTION NOTICE Notice is hereby given that the Selkirk Board of Fire Commissioners of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, State of New York, will hold the Annual Public Election for the position of (1) Commissioner, for the term of five years commencing January 1, 2012. The election will be held at Fire Station No. 1, 126 Maple Avenue, Selkirk, on Tuesday, December 13, 2011 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Note, as with public commissioner meetings, reasonable accommodations and access are available. Stephanie E. Sellers District Secretary, Selkirk Fire District Board of Fire Commissioners 77722 (D) (December 7, 2011)

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PUBLIC NOTICE PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that at the next meeting of the Planning Commission of the Village of Voorheesville the Board will hold PUBLIC HEARINGS on the following applications from: James Cramer: for a Special Use Permit to convert office space into a retail business (proposed auto electronics installation) in an industrial zone, the bldg. is located at 10 North Main St. Jim Cillis: for Final Plat Plan approval of a 2-lot subdivision of 5.44 acres at the end of Moss Road. Tom Dolin: for Final Plat Plan approval of a 2-lot subdivision of 4.3 acres (for residential purposes) located at 32 Swift Road. The meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 13, 2011 at 7 PM at the Village Hall, 29 Voorheesville Ave., Voorheesville, NY 12186. BY ORDER OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION Georgia Gray, Chairperson Dated: November 28, 2011 78009 (D) (December 7, 2011)

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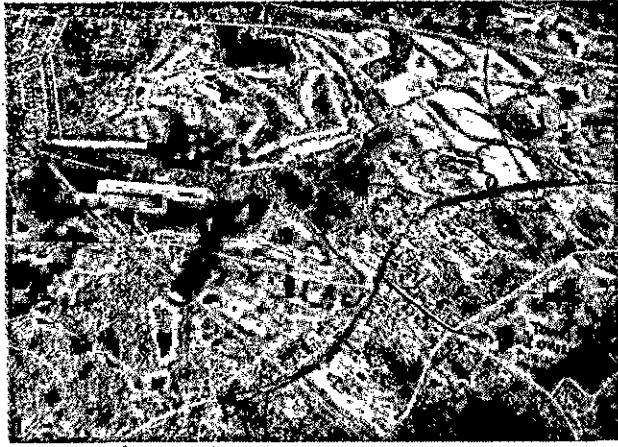
committee has at this point.”

Committees were previously formed in 2005 and 2008 to examine the issue of development within the hamlet area. As part of the latest effort, many residents expressed that they don't want large chain retailers incorporated into the town's plans – an issue that has proved controversial in the past.

“Right now, I think everyone still has the past two years in mind,” said resident Bridget McManus, “about retail having to mean whatever big box store it may be, whereas retail could be someone selling pottery, or someone selling bike pumps.”

A developer's desire to build a Target store played a huge role in the 2009 town elections, and a proposal to impose a size cap on commercial buildings was narrowly defeated shortly after that race. The size cap issue has periodically rumbled to the surface since then.

The ideas suggested by residents at Thursday's meeting varied greatly. Some residents expressed interest in creating more pedestrian and bicycle access, specifically for



those trying to get to shops along Route 85. Others expressed a desire to see more moderate-priced housing for young families, and there was even a proposal for the establishment of a brewery within the town.

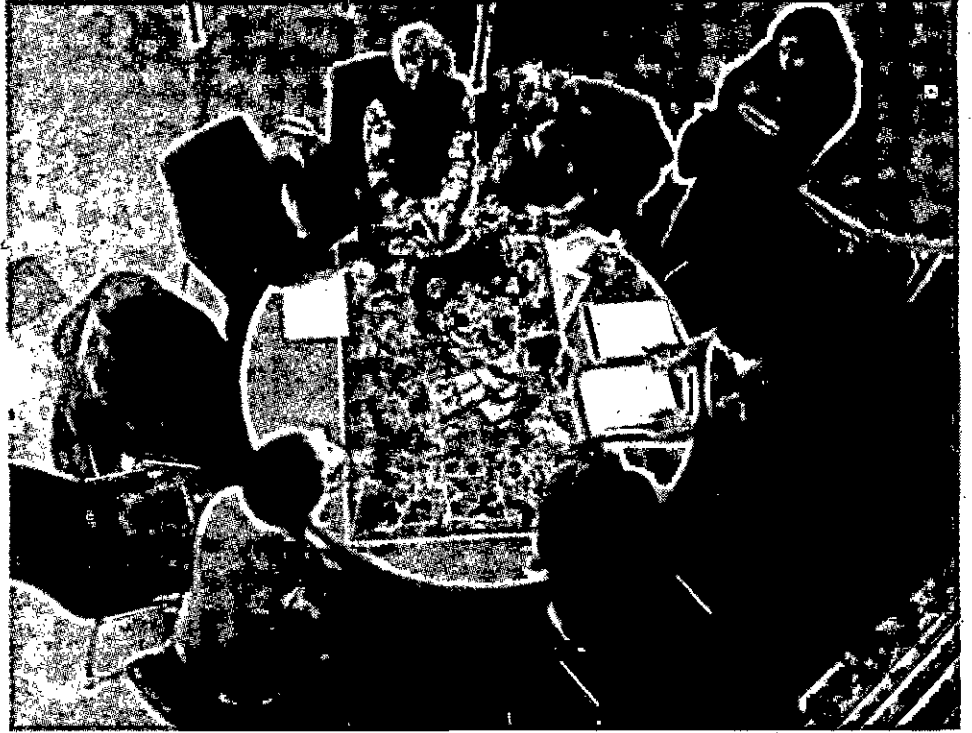
Town planners said one major obstacle for the town to overcome is a lack of sewer and water infrastructure, which is a hurdle for more significant projects.

Resident Dan Byrnes was positive about the two-hour meeting and said moving forward at a slow pace could have benefits.

“I think we'll see small things, and if it can develop more into a plan that will lead to something successful down the road initially, but they are small, then bigger things will come down in four or five years that will be really successful and fit into the plan,” said Byrnes.

Representatives from Behan Planning, which conducted the hamlet area study, presented a variety of designs for residential and commercial properties that could be considered down the road.

Long-time resident Steven Schreiber was



Residents of New Scotland put their suggestions for future development on paper during a meeting Thursday, Dec. 1, at Voorheesville High School. About 60 residents came together to discuss a New Scotland Hamlet Master Plan.

Greg Fry/Spotlight

interested in keeping the character of the study area, which includes a number of parcels of land used for agriculture.

“A solid majority still want to have a neighborhood-focused commercial or retail type of operation here, not something that's going to be drawing people from throughout the region,” said Schreiber. “If people believe that, then that imposes some very serious limitations on some of these plans being thrown around, like

eateries and breweries.”

The meeting served primarily as a fact-finding mission for those working with planners to come up with detailed plans moving forward.

“I think this is a critical and appropriate part of the process,” said Mackay. “What the study committee will be challenged to do is to incorporate the feedback and the suggestions and the ideas that come out of this.”

Most in attendance were pleased to see a solid

turnout for the meeting, but they wanted to see even more people involved in the process.

“I thought there would be more people here tonight,” said McManus. “I'm happy to see the turnout that we have, but I want the rest of the community to have a voice.”

A second public meeting will likely be held in late winter or early spring. More information about the study can be found at newscotlandhamletstudy.wordpress.com.



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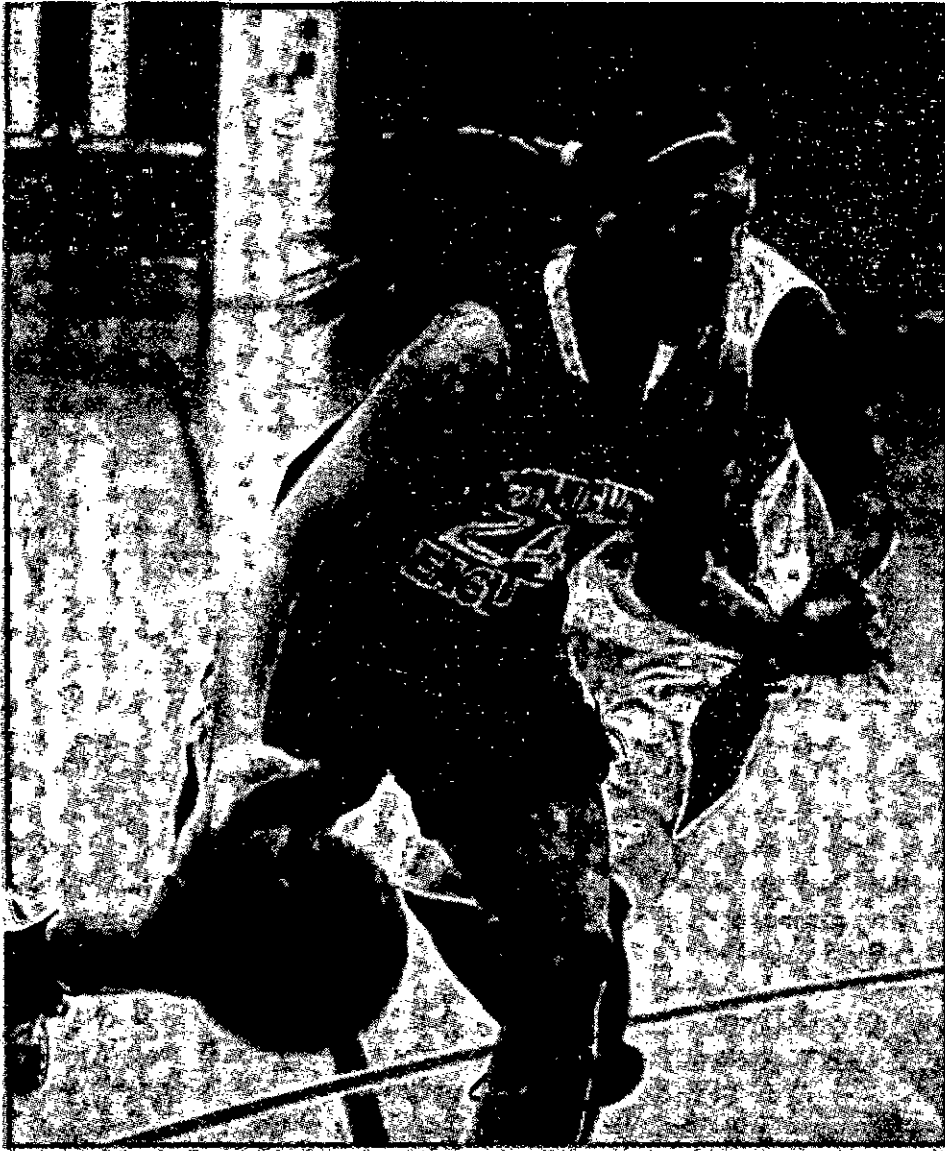
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Bethlehem's Gabby Giacone heads towards the basket during last Saturday's opening-round game of the Lady Falcons Tournament at Albany High School. Rob Jonas/Spotlight

Eagles

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last year's junior varsity team. "She has really good instincts on where she needs to be and where the ball needs to be."

Bethlehem's lone issue during the Lady Falcons Tournament was holding on to the basketball. The Lady Eagles committed 23 turnovers in Saturday's 10-point loss to Albany, but they corrected that Sunday against Schenectady.

"I was happy with our start [against Albany], but when they kind of picked up their defensive pressure a bit, we made too many mistakes," said Bixby.

Bixby said the turnovers might have been the

result of opening game jitters from his team, which features several newcomers. But, the way Bethlehem stayed with Albany was emblematic of the team's determination, he added.

"We haven't been together as a team for very long, but the one thing that's been obvious thus far is that they have a lot of heart and a lot of fight," said Bixby.

Junior guard Bridget Murphy also turned in a strong performance during the Lady Falcons Tournament. Murphy netted 14 points in Saturday's loss to Albany and scored 16 points to lead three Lady Eagles in double figures against Schenectady Sunday.

Bixby said he's hoping to see Murphy and Giacone form a strong inside-outside attack for his team as it begins its Suburban Council season.

"That should hopefully be a nice one-two combination for us," said Bixby.

The Lady Eagles began their league schedule Tuesday by playing defending Section II Class A champion Averill Park. And according to Bixby, the Warriors are one of several South Division teams that will test his Bethlehem squad this season.

"I think our division is going to be tough," said Bixby. "I'm not sure where we're going to fit in, but I know that we are going to compete."

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over the last four seasons, including a pair of 24-win seasons. They have made the national semifinals each year in that stretch - something none of the major Capital District collegiate sports programs (i.e. Siena basketball, RPI hockey, University at Albany football) can claim.

Saint Rose's future looks bright, too. Puopolo - who led the Golden Knights with 19 goals - and goaltender Jessica Gerski are both sophomores. Freshman Brittany Barry was the team's second-leading scorer with 14 goals and three assists, and sophomore Sydney Bond was fourth on the team with 11 goals. They should form a strong nucleus that can lead Saint Rose back to the NCAA Tournament again.

And should the Golden

Knights get back to the Final Four in 2012, they won't have a string of semifinal losses hanging over them anymore. Instead, they'll have a target hanging on them as the defending national champions.

Something tells me that the Golden Knights will be just fine with that.

On another front, Ken Strube became the second long-time member of Shenendehowa's coaching staff to announce his retirement effective at the end of the year.

Strube made his announcement last Friday, four days before his Shen girls basketball team opened its Suburban Council season with a game against Niskayuna. Football coach Brent Steuerwald announced that this would be his last season in August.

"The timing was right," said Strube, who has coached the Shen girls team since 1980. "The

program is healthy all the way down to the third grade."

Strube's list of accomplishments is long, to say the least. The Capital District and New York State Basketball Hall of Fame member enters this season with a 571-153 career record, 10 Section II championships and four state titles. Eleven of his players have been named the Suburban Council Player of the Year, and three Plainswomen - Jennifer Scanlon and Laura and Debbie Barnes - were named the state's top player. And that's just a small sample of what Strube's teams have done.

As difficult as it is for Shen athletic director Chris Culnan to have to replace one legend (Steuerwald), he now has to replace a second legend in Strube. The list of candidates should be fairly lengthy and high-quality, though, which will help Culnan.

"We would like to find people who are both quality coaches and classy individuals, which is what Brent [Steuerwald] and Kenny [Strube] both are," said Culnan.

As for this girls basketball season, Strube's players will try to do for him what Steuerwald's players did for him - send him out with no less than a league and Section II title.

"We definitely have the speed and the talent this year, but we want to take it one game at a time," said senior guard Emily Weber.

Finally, a salute to the Saratoga girls cross country team for finishing second to Fayetteville-Manlius at Saturday's Nike Team Nationals in Portland, Ore. Running as Kinetic Cross Country, Saratoga finished with 84 points, 24 points behind the national champs from the Syracuse suburbs. It just goes to prove that New York is still the best state for girls high school cross country.

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BC hockey wins in Potsdam

The Bethlehem hockey team continued its early season run by winning last weekend's Potsdam Tournament.

The Eagles (4-0-0) defeated Canton 4-1 in Friday's opening round and then held on for a 2-1 victory over Potsdam Saturday to complete the sweep.

Bethlehem jumped out to a 1-0 lead on Potsdam late in the first period on Sam Vincent's goal,

and RJ Diego doubled the advantage by tallying with 1:03 left the second period. Potsdam's Travel Keleher scored 50 seconds into the third period to cut Bethlehem's lead in half, but goaltender Zach Sanchez made several saves after that to seal the victory. Sanchez finished with 20 saves.

In Friday's tournament opener, John Gosstola and Chris Caswell scored in the first period to give

the Eagles a 2-0 lead on Canton. Jay Proulx tallied 3:48 into the second period for Canton before Gosstola struck again for Bethlehem. Vincent rounded out the scoring with a third-period goal.

Kevin Cooley stopped 18 shots on goal for Bethlehem.

The Eagles play their home opener Friday against Section I's Rye at the Bethlehem Area YMCA.

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Dobbs

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I wasn't scoring," said Dobbs.

"He's seeing the floor better than he did last year, and he's making better decisions with the ball," said Osinski.

Dobbs helped Guilderland get off to a fast start against John Jay with a pair of three-pointers and several transition lay-ups that gave the Dutchmen a 25-11 lead. John Jay put together a small rally in the second quarter before Cerutti, Gaines and the other Guilderland players hit their stride to help Dobbs when he started struggling from the field.

"We came out, and we

ran well," said Osinski. "We didn't know anything about John Jay, so I thought that's what we had to do."

Dobbs went back to being Guilderland's first option on offense in Saturday's championship game against Glens Falls, but he had some help in junior guard Brian Crupi, who finished with 13 points.

Glens Falls' attack was more balanced than Guilderland's offense, as Lee Girard scored 20 points and Cam Girard contributed 16 points. Ultimately, it was the Dutchmen's 26-14 run in the second quarter that decided the outcome, as the Indians' rally fell short.

Guilderland began its Suburban Council

season Tuesday by visiting Columbia for a South Division game. The Dutchmen meet Bethlehem Friday in Delmar before playing their first home game Dec. 13 against Mohonasen.

Notes: Osinski had been in a holding pattern for his 400th career win for several months before getting the milestone victory last Friday.

"There were a couple of games [last year] where we had a shot at it," said Osinski. "It doesn't seem possible."

"It feels good to get him that win," said Dobbs. "He gives us a lot of heat and tells us to work hard, and it's great to repay all that hard work by giving him this win."



Guilderland's Alex Gaines drives against a John Jay-East Fishkill defender during last Friday's opening-round game of the Saratoga Tournament. Rob Jonas/Spotlight

Four receive 1st team honors

Two Bethlehem players and two Guilderland players received first team all-league honors from the Suburban Council girls soccer coaches.

Bethlehem's Tara Teal and Katie Nickles were named as first team all-stars, as were Guilderland's Laurie Knapp and Lauren Kogelmann.

Teal led Bethlehem to the Section II Class AA title and a state semifinal appearance with 21 goals and eight assists, while Nickles provided the backbone of the Lady Eagles' defense with a .910 save percentage in goal; Nickles made a total of 207 saves.

Kogelmann and Knapp

were the leaders of Guilderland's high-octane offense this season. Kogelmann, a sophomore midfielder, had 11 goals and four assists, while Knapp was second on the team with nine goals and five assists.

Guilderland won the South Division title with a 12-2-2 record. The Lady Dutch outscored their opponents 55-17.

Bethlehem's Dana Donnelly and Autumn Fetterolf earned second team all-league honors, as did Guilderland's Jenna Cubello.

Fetterolf scored four goals and added three assists for Bethlehem, while Donnelly helped with the team's defensive

effort. Cubello started the majority of Guilderland's games in goal and posted a .880 save percentage.

Five Guilderland players received honorable mentions in all-league voting: Kara Carman, Marissa Cubillos, Emily Center, Kim Weinberg and Jess Capone.

Capone had eight goals and two assists for the Lady Dutch, and Cubillos led Guilderland with six assists to go along with four goals. Carman contributed four goals this season.

Bethlehem's Briana Swete was also an honorable mention in the all-league voting.

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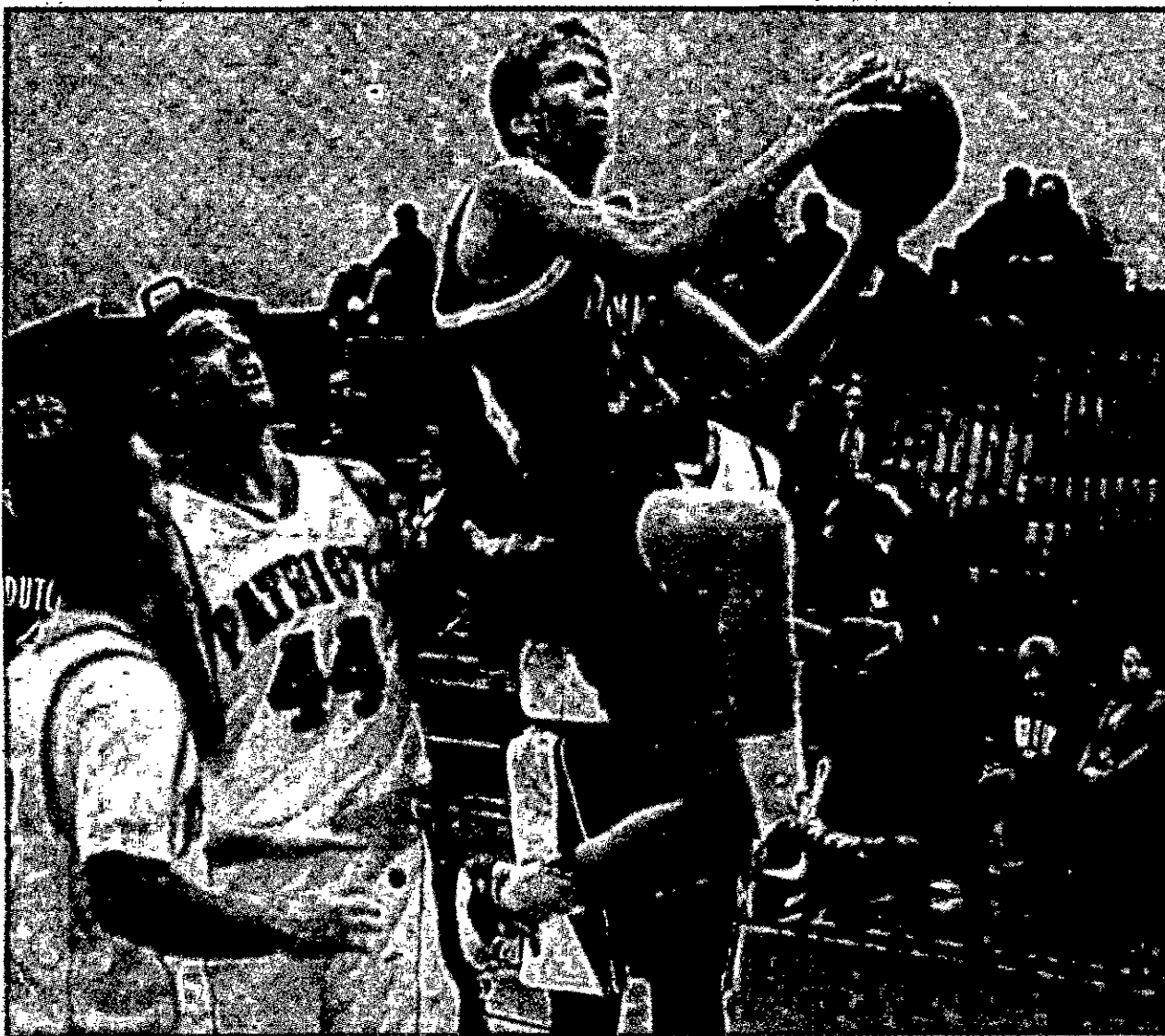
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Sports in the Spotlight

Dobbs leads Dutch to tourney title



Guilderland's Matt Cerutti soars past the John Jay-East Fishkill-defenders for a layup during last Friday's opening-round game at the Saratoga Tournament. Cerutti scored 20 points in the 76-52 victory.

Senior guard scores 35 in final against G. Falls

By ROB JONAS
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Cameron Dobbs is in a unique position this season.

The Guilderland senior can take over a basketball game whenever he has to, but he'll have the luxury of not having to do so every game.

That much became clear when Dobbs and his Guilderland teammates played in last weekend's Saratoga Tournament. Dobbs scored 14 of his game-high 22 points in the first quarter before giving his teammates a chance to shine in Friday's 76-52 victory over John Jay-East Fishkill, but he handled the primary shooting duties during Saturday's 67-63 championship game victory over Glens Falls.

Dobbs scored 35 points to help the Dutchmen (2-0) fend off a second-half rally by the Indians (1-1) and claim the tournament title.

of assistance in last Friday's opening round game against John Jay. Sophomore forward Matt Cerutti pumped in 20 points, while senior forward Alex Gaines and senior guard Michael Doynow both contributed several points to help Guilderland pull away for coach Ron Osinski's 400th career win.

"I knew the defense was going to try to stop me, so I knew I had to look for my teammates," said Dobbs. "That was just me laying back and looking for my teammates to help me."

"It's very important [for others to step up]," said Cerutti, one of two sophomores on the varsity roster. "Defenses are going to be keying on Cameron, so we have to pick up the slack."

Dobbs often didn't have help from his teammates last year, as he shouldered the offensive load on a Guilderland squad that struggled to score more than 50 points in a game.

"It was such a good feeling to see the other players stepping up when

Dobbs received plenty

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Saint Rose finally gets its NCAA title

The College of Saint Rose women's soccer team now knows how it feels to end the season on top.

The Golden Knights ended three years of NCAA Tournament futility by beating two-time defending national champion Grand Valley State 2-1 in Saturday's Division II championship game in Pensacola, Fla.

There was some poetic justice involved with this win. Two years ago, Grand Valley State rallied from a 2-0 deficit to beat Saint Rose 3-2 in overtime in the national semifinals.

Saint Rose turned the tables on Grand Valley State this time. After falling behind 1-0, the Golden Knights got two goals from Carmelino Puopolo early in the second half and held on to beat the Lakers for the Albany school's first NCAA team title in any sport.

It can be argued that Saint Rose has been building towards this moment since head coach Laurie Darling Gutheil took charge 15 years ago. Gutheil has built a program that has been to the NCAA tournament nine times in the last 10 years, including four straight Division II Final Four appearances.


Trying to get top-notch players to come to Saint Rose probably wasn't easy at the outset. There was no on-campus facility to show prospective recruits. Home games were played at area private schools such as Albany Academy for Girls and Holy Names.

Gutheil was able to overcome that early recruiting handicap, and now she's built a program where players from New York to Washington and Europe want to come to play. And she also has a top-notch facility to show prospective recruits in the Plumeri Sports Complex (which isn't on campus, but it's one that Saint Rose can call its own).

You can see the results of Gutheil's efforts in what Saint Rose has accomplished with its current senior class. The Golden Knights have posted a record of 91-74

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Lady Eagles earn split

BC bounces back from opening loss to beat Sch'dy

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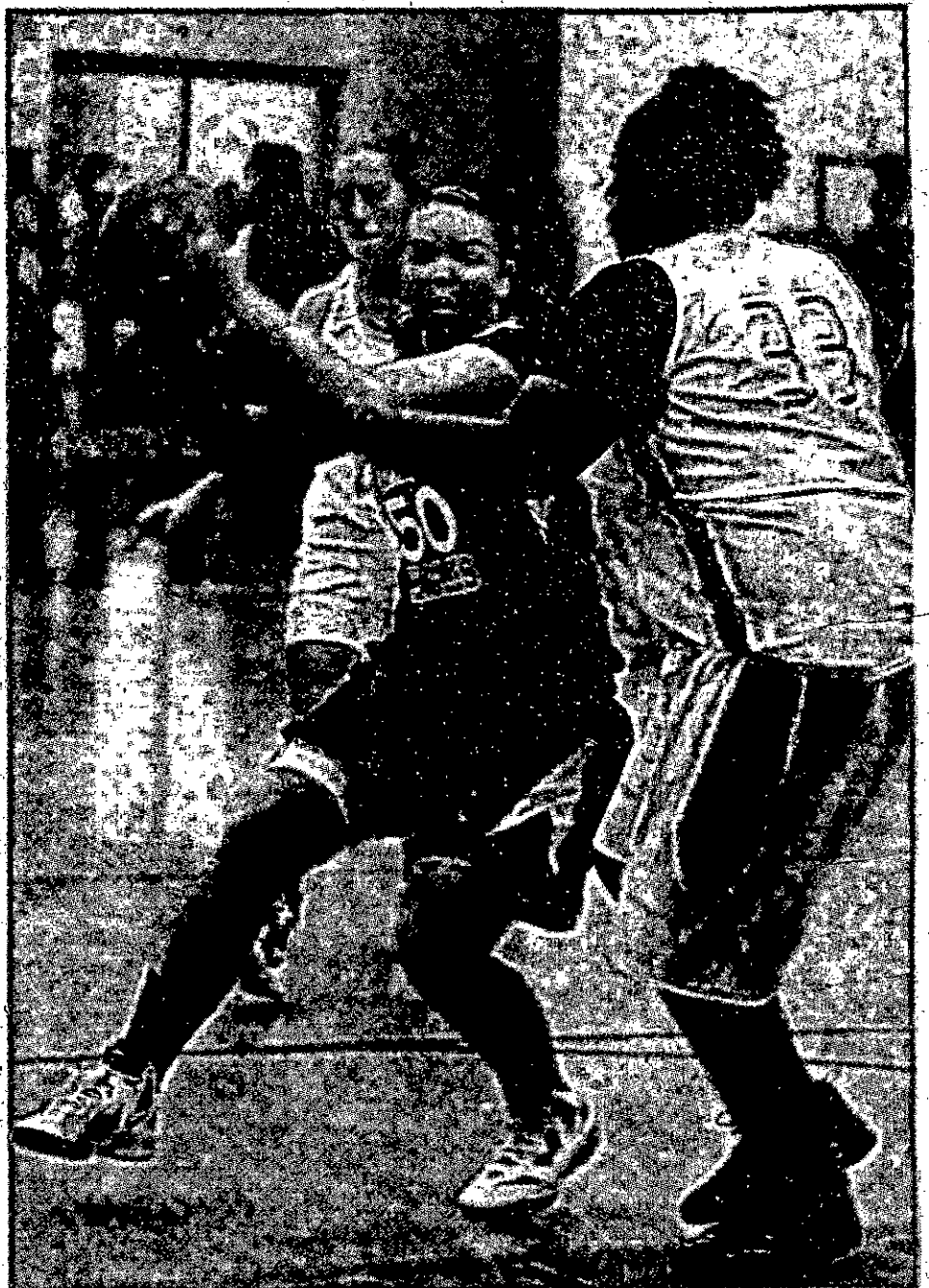
The Bethlehem girls basketball team turned in a promising performance at last weekend's Lady Falcons Tournament at Albany High School.

The Lady Eagles (1-1) fell to defending Big 10 champion Albany 51-41 in Saturday's opening round before bouncing Schenectady 72-35 in Sunday's consolation game.

"It would have been easy after a tough game on Saturday for us to come out and play a step slow on Sunday, but they didn't do that at all," said Bethlehem coach Matt Bixby. "They came out with a lot of energy."

Freshman swingman Gabby Giacone turned in two strong efforts for the Lady Eagles. Giacone scored a team-high 18 points in her varsity debut Saturday against Albany and chipped in 14 points in Sunday's victory over Schenectady.

"She just has a knack for the game of basketball," Bixby said of Giacone, one of three freshmen up from



Bethlehem's Erin O'Donnell (50) drives against an Albany defender during last Saturday's opening-round game at the Lady Falcons Tournament.

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