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Ramping up wellness



The Rise Above BMX team entertain Voorheesville High School students by performing various tricks in the gymnasium during the district's Wellness Day on Thursday, March 21.

Voorheesville schools invite groups in for Wellness Day to encourage an active, healthy lifestyle

By JOHN PURCELL
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The act of keeping healthy reaches new heights when you do a backflip on a bicycle, or go into the depths of the earth exploring caves.

■ To watch the Rise Above BMX team in action visit spotlightnews.com.

Voorheesville Central School District's Wellness Committee held its second Wellness Day at the high school and middle school Thursday, March 21, which was kicked off



Kim Buckley led a fencing workshop during Wellness Day, where Voorheesville students suited up and practiced their parries and foil attacks.

Photos by John Purcell/Spotlight

with BMX riders soaring into the air off a ramp in the gymnasium. The importance of practicing safety and wearing proper equipment while participating in any sport was stressed, along with not attempting a back

flip like the ones three riders of the Rise Above BMX team performed with ease.

There were also workshops throughout the day featuring

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Tech tenant taxes a hot topic

Decision delayed on abatement for Breonics, potential Vista occupant

By MARCY VELTE
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An expected decision on tax breaks for the first tech tenant at the Vista Technology Campus was delayed when the developer couldn't make an Industrial Development Agency meeting.

Joe Nicolla of Columbia Development sent word to the IDA before its most recent meeting on Friday, March 22 that he would like the proposal to be tabled because he would be unable to attend the meeting. The agency approved his request, and now the project will be voted on either at the IDA's next meeting at the end of April or sooner if a special meeting is convened.

A public hearing on the project was held on Tuesday, March 19. The IDA is in discussions with Breonics Inc., an Albany company specializing in organ regeneration research, to lease space within a new building proposed for a now undeveloped portion of the campus. Breonics is considering the move because the lease at its current location in the state's Harriman Research Center is

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'Development' key word in Glenmont

Housing, shopping, traffic on minds of residents and town officials

By MARCY VELTE
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Many in Bethlehem see the Glenmont area as primed for growth, but some who live there told town officials at a recent community forum they are concerned about the rate of development in the hamlet, and with the traffic that comes along with it.

Bethlehem Supervisor John Clarkson held a second community meeting, this

time in the Glenmont area, on Thursday, March 21, at Glenmont Elementary School on Route 9W. The forum lasted for about two hours and there were about 60 people in attendance. Town officials plan to host a series of such forums, stopping in each of the town's hamlets to discuss matters of interest with residents.

Town officials and staff took questions and comments from the crowd, and presented updates on several development proposals for the area. Topics ranged from the building of several new housing developments, the future of the Route 9W Study and the installation of sidewalks along Feura Bush Road.

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Bethlehem Commissioner of Public Works Erik Deyoe speaks at a community forum held in Glenmont. Town officials and residents focused mostly on the high rate of development in the area.

Marcy Velte/Spotlight

Porco movie drama occurred off screen

Convicted killer wins stay for movie airing, which is then overturned

By MARCY VELTE
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The Lifetime movie about the Christopher Porco murder case aired as planned, but not before some last minute legal wrangling.

Just days before the scheduled airing, the 29-year-old killer obtained an emergency court order to halt its premier.

State Supreme Court Justice Robert J. Muller granted Porco's motion and a temporary restraining order in a Clinton County Court on March 19, according to court documents provided by Lifetime Television. The documents show the motion was granted because the network conceded that parts of the movie were fictionalized.

The movie, called "Romeo Killer: The Chris Porco Story," aired for the first time on Saturday, March 23, at 8 p.m. The movie portrayed the murder, investigation and subsequent court case, along with "flashbacks." The credits had stated the tale is "inspired by a true story."

Porco filed the motion

on his own. His defense lawyer, Terry Kindlon, said he knew nothing about the court order until the morning of the ruling and at that time, expected it would be overturned.

"I'm really surprised Judge Muller let the motion go forward," he said. "It's a form of prior restraint."

Lifetime fought the ruling and eventually won the right to air the movie several days later.

A response filed on behalf of Lifetime by the Greenberg Traurig law firm of Albany and Levine, Sullivan, Koch & Schultz in Manhattan said the court's restraining order was unprecedented and "would cause grave and irreparable damage, not just to Lifetime, but to the constitutional protections of free speech."

Attorney David Sternbach, the New York content and production counsel for A&E Television Networks, said in responding court documents he had reviewed the movie and had access to the same document and records used to create the film.

“Although the movie is dramatized for television, the essential elements of the story are true and accurate,” he said.

He added the movie



Still from the Lifetime Network movie "Romeo Killer: The Christopher Porco Story."

contains a disclaimer and that the case has been the subject of crime shows in the past. Lifetime also argued it has been allowed to air other similar movies in the past without any rights granted by those portrayed to use their likenesses, such as “Justice: Prosecuting Casey Anthony,” or “Amanda Knox: Murder on Trial in Italy.”

Attorney Darci Bailey, the vice president and associate general counsel for A&E Television Networks, said the injunction would have a "devastating financial and

reputational impact” on Lifetime if the decision were not overturned.

“Lifetime has spent over \$2 million acquiring the United States and international rights to the movie. It has spent hundreds of thousands of dollars promoting the premier of the movie on March, 23, 2013,” she said. “The producers stand to lose more than \$1 million.”

Bailey said the timing of the premier was intended to create the "largest audience possible" and the network had sold advertising for the premier based on viewer

projections. If the movie had not aired, the network would have needed to “make good” with its advertisers.

Justice Elizabeth Garry of the Appellate Division of State Supreme Court Justice stayed the order on Friday, March 22, allowing Lifetime to air the movie. The movie was then touted by the network as “the movie Christopher Porco doesn’t want you to see” and in commercials as “the movie Christopher Porco tried to kill.”

Porco was found guilty in 2006 of having murdered his father, Peter, and attempting to murder his mother, Joan, as they slept inside their former Brockley Street home in Delmar in 2004. The incident is presumed to have been over forged co-signatures on a student loan and car loan that Christopher Porco took out without his parents' knowledge.

Production of the

movie began in late 2012 in Vancouver. Porco was played by Matt Barr, who was most recently in the History Channel miniseries "Hatfields and McCoys." Erik McCormick of "Will and Grace" fame played a composite of several Bethlehem police detectives named Joe Sullivan, and actress Lolita Davidovich played Joan Porco.

Following the movie, the network aired a short one-hour special called "Beyond the Headlines: The Real Romeo Killer." The special contained a mixture of both old and new footage, with new interviews from former Bethlehem police Detective Christopher Bowdish, Times Union Reporter Brendan Lyons and Porco's former girlfriend, Sarah Fischer.

The next airing of the movie is set for Saturday, April 13 at 10 p.m.

	
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Colonial Acres operator steps forward

Connecticut golf pro wants to make golf accessible at town course

By MARCY VELTE
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After less than three months of searching, the Town of Bethlehem may soon have a deal in place to lease operation of the Colonial Acres Golf Course to a PGA golf professional.

Dale Ezyk, a golf pro with 22 years of experience, is expressing intense interest in operating the course, and said he has hammered out a three-year operating agreement with the town.

Ezyk, who was most recently the head golf professional at Brooklyn Country Club in Connecticut, was asked to meet with town officials after approaching Parks and Recreation Director Nan Lanahan in mid-January and submitting a proposal to operate the course. He said he became aware of the opportunity to lease the golf course through the PGA's website, where there are listings for job opportunities. He said he simply loves the game, loves to teach it and wants to continue to make golf an economically viable sport within the town.

"Golf in the U.S. is on the decline. The PGA hired a research firm to find out why people aren't playing as much golf as in the past," he said. "The answers were it takes too long, it's too hard and it's too expensive. Colonial Acres is going to remain affordable ... and with my expert instruction we'll make it not quite so hard."

The town opted to no longer fund operation of the golf course in the 2013 budget. Proposals to run the course were sought beginning in January. In the beginning, officials said 12 people showed interest, but only two seemed serious.

"We did have a number of people come forward and that was very rewarding, however I've learned that this process is not unlike selling a house or car," said Town Supervisor John Clarkson. "A lot of people come forward and kick the tires, but they don't necessarily walk away with a deal."

The town had previously projected the nine-hole, par-three course to run at an annual loss of \$40,000. Additional scheduled capital improvement projects could have seen the town spending up to \$270,000 in the coming years, a figure former Golf Course Superintendent Patrick Blum disputed as the defunding of the course was discussed.

The Bethlehem Town Board first agreed to lease Colonial Acres Golf Course in 2008 for \$1 per year from the Open Space Conservancy. The five-year agreement called for Bethlehem to maintain the 43-acre Colonial Acres property. The lease expired in August of 2012, but the two parties continued on a month-to-month basis.

Ezyk, 62, plans to relocate to Bethlehem during the golf season with his wife, but they will also keep their home in Connecticut. His son, Dale Ezyk, Jr., will also help with operating Colonial Acres. If all goes well, the course should be open as soon as the snow is gone and the place has had some sprucing up.

The golf pro said he wants to focus on teaching the game to new players, and promote golf as a source of family entertainment. Some ideas include couples golf evenings, junior golf, night golfing under the lights and family days. He also said the PGA's primary golf development initiative is a program called "Get Golf Ready," and he plans to offer it



The Town of Bethlehem working on a deal to lease operation of the Colonial Acres Golf course to PGA golf professional, Dale Ezyk.

Spotlight File Photo

at Colonial Acres. It's a package of five golf lessons in a group atmosphere over five weeks for \$99.

"I want to build an atmosphere where there is always going to be a game that anyone can join," he said.

Ezyk said Blum has agreed to stay on at Colonial Acres. Ezyk said he wants to maintain the town's environmentally friendly practices as much as possible, and congratulated Blum for what he was able to accomplish. Colonial Acres has been awarded for its stewardship in past years.

The lease has yet to be finalized, but Ezyk said it will likely involve the town taking a small percentage of the gross income.

Ezyk said he hopes to purchase equipment over several years and make improvements to the course based on need.

The Town Board cannot vote on the proposal without first holding a public hearing on the subject. Residents will have their chance to speak on the proposal at the Town Board meeting on Wednesday, March 27.

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Police Blotter

Police: Burglar caught in the act at Delmar home

Bethlehem police arrested an alleged burglar while he was in the act of robbing a Delmar home.

Police received a call reporting a burglary in progress at a Mason Road home Wednesday, March 6, at around 12:30 p.m., after a neighbor witnessed a man exiting a vehicle and looking into the windows of the residence.

Lacardo R. Pressley, 28, of 526 Clinton St., Apt. 1, Albany, was arrested and charged with burglary in the third degree, a felony, and criminal mischief in the fourth degree.

Police noticed the reported vehicle backed into the home's driveway and then discovered the fence open at the rear of the home. Police then entered the backyard and found the garage door kicked in and allegedly heard noises coming from the garage. A dog was also barking inside the home.

Police entered the garage and allegedly found Pressley in the back left corner of the garage and arrested him without incident.

Pressley was arraigned and bail was set at \$45,000 cash or bond, and he was remanded to the Albany County jail. He was scheduled to return to court on Tuesday, April 2, at 4 p.m.

Albany man arrested for counterfeit bills

The Bethlehem Police Department arrested David L. Pearson, Jr., 50, of Albany, on Wednesday, March 20, at approximately 4:37 p.m., after he allegedly attempted to use counterfeit money at a Mr. Subb.

The clerk at the Glenmont Mr. Subb immediately recognized the counterfeit bills when Pearson attempted to make a

purchase and called police, according to police reports. Pearson was only a short distance from the store when police arrived and arrested him.



David L. Pearson, Jr.

Police allegedly found Pearson in possession of an undisclosed amount of additional counterfeit bills.

Pearson was arraigned in Bethlehem Town Court and remanded to the Albany County Correctional Facility without bail. A

preliminary hearing was scheduled for Tuesday, March 26, in Bethlehem Town Court.

Police are working with the State Police and the Secret Service because Pearson could be responsible for additional complaints throughout the Capital District, police said. Anyone who may have information is asked to call Bethlehem detectives at 439-9973.

Police: Impaired driver causes car crash

Bethlehem police arrested Derek A. Kalish, 20, of 848 Madison Ave., Apt. 1, Albany, and charged him with driving while ability impaired by drugs and failure to keep right on Route 9W in Glenmont Sunday, March 10, at approximately 7:34 a.m.

Police said Kalish crossed into the opposite lane and crashed into another driver, who was transported to the hospital for chest pain and a shoulder injury. Kalish was evaluated by EMS, but refused medical treatment.

Witnesses claimed Kalish was driving erratically and crossed into the northbound lane several times, according to police.

Police said Kalish appeared “very disorientated, very sluggish, had difficulty completing sentences, appeared as if his eyelids were very heavy,” had a dry mouth and glassy, bloodshot eyes.

Kalish allegedly told police he was traveling to see his girlfriend when he received a text message and then looked down to see it. When Kalish looked back up he said, "it was too late," according to police.

Men allegedly found with loaded pistol

Police arrested two men who were allegedly found to have with a loaded pistol during a traffic stop on Albany Street in Colonie on Sunday, March 17.

Albany County Sheriff's deputies pulled over a car at about 3:01 a.m. and allegedly observed an open container of alcohol in the car. Further investigation turned up a loaded Glock 9mm pistol, police said. The pistol was loaded with 13 rounds and was reported stolen in Watervliet, police said.

Both of the car's occupants were arrested and charged. Lorenzo Howard Knoregay Jr., of 126 Water St., Albany, was charged with criminal possession of a weapon on the second and third degrees, criminal possession of stolen property in the fourth degree, drinking alcohol on a highway, failure to keep right, speeding and illegal turn signal.

Daquan Charles, of 288 River Road, Glenmont, was charged with criminal possession of a weapon in the second and fourth degrees, criminal possession of a firearm and drinking alcohol on a highway.

Both men were arraigned in Colonie Justice Court and remanded to the Albany County jail without bail.

Other arrests

- Guilderland police arrested Ronald Arjune Brooks-Singh, 30, and charged him with felony DWI, aggravated unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle in the first degree, a felony, aggravated unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle in the second degree and using another's vehicle without an interlock device on Saturday, March 16.

- Bethlehem police arrested Andrea M. Lopez, 27, of 50 South Main St., Coeymans, and charged her with DWI, failure to keep right and failure to use designated lane on River Road in Glenmont Sunday, March 17, at approximately 12:36 a.m.

Police allegedly observed the vehicle cross the double yellow line on three separate occasions between 237 and 380 River Road. She allegedly overcorrected twice and drove over the white fog line, nearly hitting the guardrail.

Lopez allegedly had bloodshot, watery eyes and a strong odor of alcohol on her breath. Police said she had a BAC of 0.15 percent. She was processed and released, with a court appearance scheduled for April 16.

- Guilderland police arrested Kirk W. Smith, 46, and charged him with DWI, reckless driving and speeding on Sunday, March 17.

- Guilderland police arrested David C. Mason, 30, and charged him with DWI, making an unsafe turn and a traffic device violation on Saturday, March 16.

- Guilderland police arrested Joel Manuel Perez, 26, and charged him with DWI and failure to keep right on a two-lane road on Sunday, March 17.

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Wood frog’s awakening signals spring

By PAUL C. DOYLE

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You probably recognize these as the five most significant dates of the last five years. Well, OK, the most important days in the life of a wood frog. OK, OK, the most important five days in the life of a wood frog in the vernal pond near my house.

The first time I heard the wood frog (*Rana sylvatica*), I thought, “Oh no, someone is strangling ducks in the pond!” Alas, it was not ducks, it was the unusual call of the male wood frog announcing to the female wood frogs the start of their explosive breeding season.

For me, the call of the wood frog represents the true sign that spring has arrived. Like the spring peeper (*Pseudacris crucifer*) and the grey tree frog (*Hyla versicolor*), the wood frog is freeze tolerant, releasing glucose (sugars) to protect vital organs during Winter. When the temperature rises above freezing, the wood frogs defrost and head off to

breed. The wood frog and the spring peeper are the first frogs that I hear each spring, usually within a few days of each other, but the peepers’ peeping does not peak for a few weeks, while the wood frog chorus is practically immediate.

The wood frog has many amazing characteristics, but the most amazing one that I have observed is their patience.

Wood frogs are explosive breeders. This means that the breeding takes place over a very short time, from a few days to a few weeks depending on weather conditions. The females lay their eggs at the same time in the same location. This large mass of eggs contains a few hundred to a few thousand eggs. Presumably, the wood frogs do not want anyone or anything to know where their egg mass is for obvious protection. No matter how silently I approach the pool, under the cover of darkness, when I get about 50 yards from the water, the frogs all go silent. Quietly, I slip into the edge of the water, make my way to a clump of sedge and lean against a tree. There I stand, unmoving and

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silent. Fifteen minutes. Thirty minutes. Forty-five minutes. No matter how still I remain, the wood frogs do not make another sound. They will outwait me. Usually, I am forced to give up and leave the water without seeing a single frog.

The eggs in the mass act like tiny magnifying glasses refracting the sun’s light and heating the area around the eggs several degrees warmer than the pond water. This increases water circulation, bringing more oxygen and nutrients to the eggs. A symbiotic alga also grows on the eggs, producing oxygen in exchange for carbon dioxide and other waste the embryos want to get rid of. This alga in turn becomes food for newly hatched tadpoles. Eggs hatch in



The wood frog is recognized by its brown color and distinctive raccoon-like dark mask around the eyes.

Submitted photo

2-4 weeks and tadpoles metamorphosize into frogs in 2-3 months

The wood frog is recognized by its brown color and distinctive raccoon-like dark mask around the eyes. Adult females are larger than males and can turn a pinkish beige during mating season, while the males turn darker brown.

Adult diet includes flies, gnats, beetles, caterpillars, spiders, snails and slugs. Snakes, raccoons and waterfowl predate on wood frogs. Adult habitat is generally deciduous forests with moist shaded forest floor.

The author is a licensed NY State Hiking and Camping Guide

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It's no secret taxes are high here in New York state.

Anyone who works a job, owns a home or raises a family here is more than likely acquainted with this fact of life. But seeing as how taxes are one of those life certainties, how much does that really matter? How bad is it, really?

Well, according to the Tax Foundation in Washington, D.C., our taxes matter for about four months a year. According to the independent group, May 1 is New York's "Tax Freedom Day," or the day of the year on which workers have earned enough to pay off all their federal, state and local taxes for the year. Only one state (Connecticut) has a later Tax Freedom Day than New York. The earliest falls on March 31, in Tennessee.

That is pretty much how the entirety of the Tax Foundation's just-released annual report reads. It presents all kinds of information on all manner of taxes, state-by-state. For us here in the Empire State, the results absolutely confirm what is a common perception: New Yorkers are overtaxed, plain and simple.

Editorial

Here is a sampling of our dubious honors: No. 1 in combined state-local tax burden as a percentage of state income (12.8 percent as of 2010); No. 1 in state individual income tax collections per capita (\$1,864); No. 7 in sales tax rates (the average combined rate is 8.48 percent); No. 1 in gasoline taxes; No. 1 in cigarette taxes; No. 3 in cell phone tax rates (17.85 percent)... and it just goes on and on like that.

There is one category in which New York is not in the upper echelons, however: the business tax climate index, in which we rank dead last.

On the plus side, we don't do halfway bad when it comes to spirit taxes (ranked 20th highest), taxes on wine (ranked 40th) or beer taxes (39th). It's almost as if there's a tacit admission you just might be driven to drink by all these rays of sunshine.

And even with all this money in the form

of taxes, New York still manages to carry the highest amount of state and local debt per capita: \$16,364 worth of debt for every person. Perhaps this is because so many of our tax dollars have to be given away as incentives for companies to locate in New York. In a sort of self-fulfilling prophecy, companies are invited to locate here through state or local tax breaks, leaving the infrastructure and support services they consume to be paid for by residents.

Sadly, the shift away from the status quo cannot be realized through a quick fix or minor adjustment. It has to be a fundamental paradigm shift in the way our government and people do things. Some might say it is impossible in New York, that ultra-high taxes are just the way of things in this state.

We don't think that's the case. But the solution will start with an informed and involved constituency that is willing to face this problem instead of simply shrugging and saying, "It's New York. What do you expect?"

To put it simply: Better.

The word on the street

Did you watch "Romeo Killer: The Christopher Porco Story?" What did you think?



Christopher Najewicz, Selkirk

"I was kind of curious because of all the controversy around it. I would probably watch it if I could figure out where it was on and when it was on. ... I am sure that they embellish a lot."



Michael Kirby, Albany

"I did not watch it ... I really don't like those docudramas. I'd rather watch an actual documentary on it."



George Rubinchuk, Slingerlands

"It's true ... it was a good movie."

Asked Monday, March 25, at Delmar's Four Corners.

What do you think?

Go to spotlightnews.com to take the poll.

Guest opinion

SUNY facing a critical crossroads

By PHILLIP H. SMITH

The writer is president of United University Professions, the union representing 35,000 faculty and professional staff at SUNY's 29 state-operated campuses.

The State University of New York (SUNY) is facing a critical crossroads, a choice between fulfilling its mission and failing to live up to its promise.

SUNY is the nation's largest public higher education system. Its mission is to provide "... the people of New York educational services of the highest quality, with the broadest possible access, fully representative of all segments of the population in a complete range of academic, professional and vocational postsecondary program."

The mission promises that everyone who is academically qualified has the chance to earn a college degree, regardless of his or her income.

What's your point?

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Threats to SUNY's mission

SUNY is in the midst of a crisis, which threatens its fundamental mission. In a four-year period, SUNY lost nearly \$700 million in state support through a series of budget cuts. SUNY's level of support was flat in last year's budget and is flat again in the one proposed for this year, even though costs are increasing.

That loss of nearly \$700 million, combined with flat funding, has left SUNY without the funding necessary to maintain or improve quality. That is unfair to students, who pay more in tuition each year under a program approved by SUNY and the Legislature.

In effect, the state has shifted the bulk of the responsibility for public higher education onto students and their families. Today, nearly 75 percent of SUNY's operating budget comes from tuition and fees, compared to a decade ago when 75 percent of its budget came from the state. As more and more funding for SUNY is coming from tuition and fees, an even greater financial burden is being placed on lower- and middle-income families.

The promise of access to a quality, affordable higher education is being compromised. Programs at many SUNY campuses have been affected, threatening academic quality and access. Many SUNY campuses have closed programs and courses and dramatically increased class sizes. These factors combined have delayed graduations, postponed students' employment earnings and increased their debts.

If SUNY's state-operated campuses do not get increased state support, they may be forced to reduce programs and

courses further. That would be bad, not only for students but also for local economies. Fewer programs will eventually lead to fewer students. Declines in student populations will decrease demand for housing in SUNY communities, and reduce the number of students patronizing local businesses.

SUNY needs more state support

The state must reinvest in SUNY to help it grow and continue to fulfill its mission of ensuring access to eligible students. We urge state lawmakers to amend the 2013-14 proposed budget and increase state support for SUNY's state-operated campuses by \$25 million. The state must make this investment to help SUNY keep the promise of making higher education accessible to all qualified students. It would also shift the balance of state support back to a more equitable share.

It is in all of our best interests to help the thousands of SUNY students and to protect the economic well-being of communities that house SUNY campuses.

I urge you to visit United University Professions' website at www.uupuinfo.org. There, you can send letters to your state lawmakers asking them to amend the budget and add \$25 million in state support for SUNY.

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Your Opinion in The Spotlight

Public comment: Your right to speak, but not to be heard

Editor, *The Spotlight*:

On Wednesday, March 13, during the public comment section of the Bethlehem Town Board meeting, I along with eight or nine other citizens, spoke on the number of voting sites and the date of the public referendum on eliminating the elected position of highway superintendent. All of the speakers had some reservations about the resolution put forth by Town Supervisor John Clarkson, to hold the referendum vote on April 30, and limit the voting sites to just the Town Hall.

Not a single person, with the exception of Supervisor Clarkson and Board Member Reinhardt, spoke in favor of this resolution. Public sentiment was overwhelmingly opposed, yet on a vote of 3-to-1 the resolution was adopted. Were there other alternatives to this resolution? Yes, one alternative proposed by speakers included holding the referendum vote during the general election in November. This would have saved the cost of a special election and allowed all 21 voting sites to be open, thereby maximizing voter participation. This idea is the true measure of public comment.

This futile exercise in open government begs the question, “Why have public comment in a representative government?” Isn’t it to obtain the opinions of the citizens you represent on a particular issue and allow their input into the decision making process? If not, then why have public comment?

Admittedly, our elected officials, and I include myself as an Albany County legislator, are faced with difficult, often complex issues, which can have a dramatic effect on the people we serve. Recognizing this responsibility, shouldn’t public input be considered in our decisions? Clearly when there are equally compelling arguments on both sides of an issue, the decision is difficult and often comes down to a judgment call. However, that was not the situation at Wednesday’s Town Board meeting. The citizens who spoke were solidly against the idea. In the face of such strong opposition, shouldn’t the supervisor and Town Board have tabled their preconceived idea and rethought the concept?

It is unfortunate, while our town officials talk about “participation in government,” it has become a hollow catch phrase. At the Feb. 26 Town Board Meeting, Town Board Member Jeffery Kuhn attempted to push through a resolution in support of the Governor’s “SAFE Act” without any public comment. Now the Town Board has passed a resolution with overwhelming citizen opposition.

If public comment is nothing more than a sham to make the citizens feel good about participatory government, but is not a basis for making decisions, then why go through the charade?

Richard Mendick
Albany County legislator, Selkirk

Keep out School’s Out

Editor, *The Spotlight*:

After having attended the Bethlehem Zoning Board of Appeals meeting on Wednesday, March 20, I am vehemently opposed to School’s Out purchasing the property at 90 Adams Place, the former home of BSCD School Administration. At this four-hour meeting which brought out many folks in the neighborhood, the sentiment was overwhelmingly against rezoning 90 Adams Place from residential to commercial to accommodate School’s Out.

School’s Out relocating to 90 Adams Place would unquestionably be commercial usage in a residential area. The negative impact on what is now quintessential “Old Delmar,” a lovely quiet residential neighborhood, would be huge. Not to mention the negative impact on home values closest to the daycare. Sixteen buses and numerous private cars would be dropping off and picking up 80 children per day. That’s a lot of noise and commotion in what has always been a quiet and peaceful neighborhood, one that people purchased homes in for that very reason.

In addition, the parking and outdoor play space at 90 Adams Place is grossly inadequate. This type of business should be located in a true commercial area such the current site of School’s Out or for example, at the former site of Planet Fitness on Hudson Avenue. That building now sits vacant, has lots of parking and even plenty of land on which to build a playground and where the children could run and play. The 90 Adams Place location has no place to put a playground and no place for the children to run and play. I’d like to hear what the American Academy of Pediatrics would say about that!

Also, at the Zoning Board of Appeals meeting, I learned that a small medical office had put in a similar bid on the property but then backed off when they learned of the cost of legal fees associated with rezoning the property to commercial. But for some reason when School’s Out put in their offer, BCSO offered to cover the associated costs (at taxpayer expense). According to the latest public information as of 12/31/10, School’s Out had \$1.6 million in cash and investments. Couldn’t they have covered the costs associated with rezoning?

Bonnie P. Goldsmith
Delmar

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Keep the Rail Trail clean for all

Editor, *The Spotlight*:

As a frequent user of the Rail Trail, and one of its stewards, I’d like to bring an issue to the attention of dog walkers who use the trail.

With the melting snow, it’s much more apparent that many users are not picking up after their dogs. When the trail was just a path through the woods, there was less concentrated use by walkers, runners, xc skiers and snowshoers. Now that more and more sections are opening, the trail is seeing a significant increase in usage.

I’d like to remind all dog owners to please remove dog waste so that they don’t inadvertently spoil the trail for others.

Alan Via
Slingerlands

A thank you to Bethlehem voters

Editor, *The Spotlight*:

On behalf of the Board of Education, the BC staff and educational community, I wanted to thank everyone who participated in last week’s facilities bond vote.

A whopping 4,774 people voted last Tuesday. We’ve said all along that our goal was for the community to be involved in this process, and I’m grateful that so many people took the time to do so. After a record turnout at last year’s budget vote, it was refreshing and heartening to see that momentum carry through to last week.

For the past year, we’ve engaged in the process of creating a plan for preserving the future of Bethlehem schools and providing our students with improved facilities.

The track and field improvements were brought to the board by a number of residents and we made a commitment to them to let the greater BC community have its say. We appreciate everyone’s involvement in this process.

Additionally, more than 700 of you participated in our anonymous exit survey. We are fortunate to have such an involved community that is willing to provide their time and honest feedback. I am especially proud that over 93 percent of respondent felt that they have been informed about this referendum. Ultimately, that has been the districts’ primary goal.

I want to say again, though, Thank You. This is, and has always been, our school district.

Determining what is best for the Bethlehem community when it comes to the education of its children does not rest solely with me or with the board of education. That right belongs to you, the voters.

As you may know, we are in the midst of crafting the spending plan for the 2013-14 school year. We invite all of you in the BC community to join us in this process and, of course, to vote on May 21. Information on the budget process and a schedule of Board of Education meetings can be found at www.bethlehemschools.org.

We hope to see you soon.

Dr. Thomas J. Douglas
Superintendent of Bethlehem Central School District

BCCF’s March Madness a success

Editor, *The Spotlight*:

The Bethlehem community was the big winner at the BC March Madness Basketball game on Friday, March 1. More than \$5,000 was raised which will be used to award classroom innovation grants, sponsor community events, and manage scholarships through the Bethlehem Central Community Foundation (BCCF).

The Board of BCCF would like to thank all who participated, especially: the players representing every school in the district; referees Superintendent Douglas, Packy McGraw, Wil von Wedel and Chuck Clas; announcers Bobby Trosset and Brian Rhatigan; student singers; the Hooligans pep band; student volunteers; and the hundreds of children and adults who came out to enjoy a great evening.

Highlights of the night included a flash mob/dance party, free shot frenzy, and students singing the national anthem and “Some Nights.” In between all that fun, four teams of BC staff played both a wacky and a more competitive basketball game.

You can learn more about BCCF, make a donation, or join our group at <http://www.bccommunityfoundation.org/>.

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Your Community in The Spotlight

School to hold lip synch show

The Glenmont PTA invites you to join the 2013 Lip Sync Show on May 10 at 6:30 p.m. in the middle school auditorium. Any Glenmont student is eligible. Due to the number of acts, groups must have a minimum of four students. All permission forms must be submitted to Glenmont's main office by April 10. We'll need all of the group's permission forms handed in together in one envelope marked "Lip Sync."

Contact Ann Burdick at 859-9573 or aburdick1960@gmail.com or Robin Battista at 813-9780 or jbattista@nycap.rr.com with any questions.

Wellness in the workplace discussion

On Friday, April 5, GCC's First Friday Business Breakfast presents a wellness in the workplace panel discussion with the Tobacco Free Coalition, Dr. Joe Gulyas from Northeast Spine and Wellness and Theresa Adams from ANB Fitness at Providence in Stuyvesant Plaza, 1475 Western Ave.

Learn how your workplace and employees can be healthier, learn strategies for moving and stretching at your desk, learn how the Tobacco-free Coalition assists businesses to reduce or remove smoking from the building or premises, learn ergonomically correct posture and much more. \$10 admission includes coffee and healthy breakfast. Sponsored by Northeast Spine and Wellness. Call 456-6611 or register online at www.guilderlandchamber.com.

Graduation celebration plans underway

One of the highlights of BCHS graduation season for the past 20 years has been graduation celebration, an all night, alcohol-free party that follows graduation. This year's event will be at the high school starting late on Friday, June 21, and running into the early morning hours. It's a great party with food, music, games and great prizes in a safe environment.

Parent volunteers are needed for pre-event work on Graduation Celebration Committees, such as games, prizes, food and decorations. It is tradition that parents of juniors work the night of the event. To volunteer please contact Jayne Deane White at jdeanesk8@verizon.net or 222-3886 and/or Hannah



Eagle students take first place in competition

On Saturday, March 23, a team of Eagle Elementary fifth-graders took first place at the NY State Odyssey of the Mind competition. They now move on to compete at the Odyssey of the Mind World Finals in May at Michigan State University.

Submitted Photo

Shuman at shumanites@aol.com or 441-0610.

Monetary donations will help defray the costs of the event and will also be used towards cash prizes for the graduates. Donations can be made payable to Bethlehem Senior Celebration, PO Box 532, Delmar, NY 12054.

For more information and to see pictures of last years celebration, like us on Facebook: Bethlehem 2013 Graduation Celebration.

Teens sought for Maccabi Games

The Albany JCC is seeking three Jewish teens between 13-16 years old to attend the JCC Maccabi Games in Orange County, California from August 4 to 9.

Participants will become part of the Albany/Schenectady delegation, joining over 1,000 other Jewish teens from around the county for a week of Olympic Style games, musical and artistic competitions, charitable work and a wide variety of evening social events.

For more information, please contact Drew Katz at AndrewK@saajcc.org or 438-6651, ext. 113.

Volunteers needed for celebration

Planning is underway for the second Summer Solstice Celebration, "Fireflies and Fairy Tales" along the

Heldeberg-Hudson Rail Trail on June 20.

The celebration will take place between Stewarts on Delaware Avenue in Delmar, and the Slingerlands Firehouse in Slingerlands. If you're great at planning, have a special talent you'd like to contribute such as music, dancing, storytelling, craft making, food or beverages, or would just like to help out, contact the Mohawk-Hudson Land Conservancy at 436-6346 or mhlc@mohawkhudson.org.

Thatcher Park presentation

On Tuesday, April 2, at 7:30 p.m., Timothy J. Albright will speak on the topic of "Thatcher Park - A Gift to the People for 99 years" for the New Scotland Historical Association (NSHA) monthly program at the Wyman Osterhout Community Center, New Salem. His power point presentation includes all new photographs of the park and will tell the story of how a wilderness area became a State Park. He co-authored the book, "John Boyd Thatcher State Park and the Indian Ladder Region."

Timothy Albright developed an interest in Thatcher Park as a child and in 1984 discovered a post card of the Indian Ladder which started his research into the Park. Tim is a past president of the NSHA and a life member. He has worked at Indian Ladder Farms since 1979, and has been Orchard Manager for the past 16-

17 years. When he was 13 years old he drew the seal for the Town of New Scotland and his drawing was accepted by the Town the next year.

The program is free and open to the public. For further information, please call 765-4212.

Concert to be held at church

The Jubilate Singers and Orchestra will present a concert of sacred music titled "Alleluia" on Sunday, April 14, at 7 p.m., at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., Delmar. The "Alleluia" concert features Conductor Ralph C. Schultz, soprano soloists Holly McCormack and Diane Mineau, and tenor soloist Brian Bailey.

Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$10 for seniors and students and children 12 and under free. Tickets are available by calling 478-9476. Patrons are always appreciated. For more information, go to www.blcdelmar.com

Walk for mental health

The third annal walk for mental health awareness will take place on Saturday, April 27, at 11 a.m., at Saratoga Spa State Park. Registration, raffles and silent auction start at 9 a.m. at Carlsbad Pavillion. Support the Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance (DBSA) of Saratoga County by walking for mental health awareness.

All proceeds of the

walk will go to funding the DBSA activities, including support group meetings, special events, training and advocacy efforts. For more information about registration or to donate, go to www.DBSA.saratogacounty.com or call Chris at 580-1064.

Non-profit and RCS help seniors

STARS Intergen, a nonprofit agency in Glenmont that provides intergenerational programs for the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk (RCS) School District and older adults in local communities, has been awarded a \$7,500 grant from the Albert J. and Elsbeth Field Foundation.

The grant which is administered by the Bank of America, will provide utilitarian items to brighten the lives of financially needy Albany County residents who are 65 years of age or older, disabled or homebound.

All requests must be made through senior service providers who can verify the eligibility of recipients. RCS high school students will participate in the purchase and delivery of items whenever possible.

This is the third round of funding that STARS Intergen has received from the Albert J. and Elsbeth Field Foundation. The agency used past grant monies to purchase air conditioners, twin beds, recliners and other needed items for 67 recipients in Delmar, Feura Bush, Ravena, Albany, Watervliet and

Cohoes.

For further information, contact STARS Intergen at 439-1505 or starsintergen@gmail.com.

Earth day cleanup planned

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation's Five Rivers Environmental Education Center cordially invites local scouts and other volunteers to spruce up the historic crabapple plantation at the center, 56 Game Farm Road, Delmar on Saturday, April 20, from 10 a.m. to noon.

In celebration of Earth Day, staff naturalists and volunteers will clean up winter tree damage and prepare the soil for the following weekend's Arbor Day planting of additional crabapple trees, continuing the center's ongoing stewardship of the orchard. Cuttings from this experimental plantation, established in the mid-1960s, were used to stock state wildlife management areas throughout New York.

The trees supplied wildlife with a reliable crop of small fruits which persisted into late March and early April, typically a period of food scarcity. Garden gloves recommended.

Please call Five Rivers at 518-475-0291 to register by Wednesday, April 17. In case of inclement weather, this project will be postponed until Saturday, April 27.

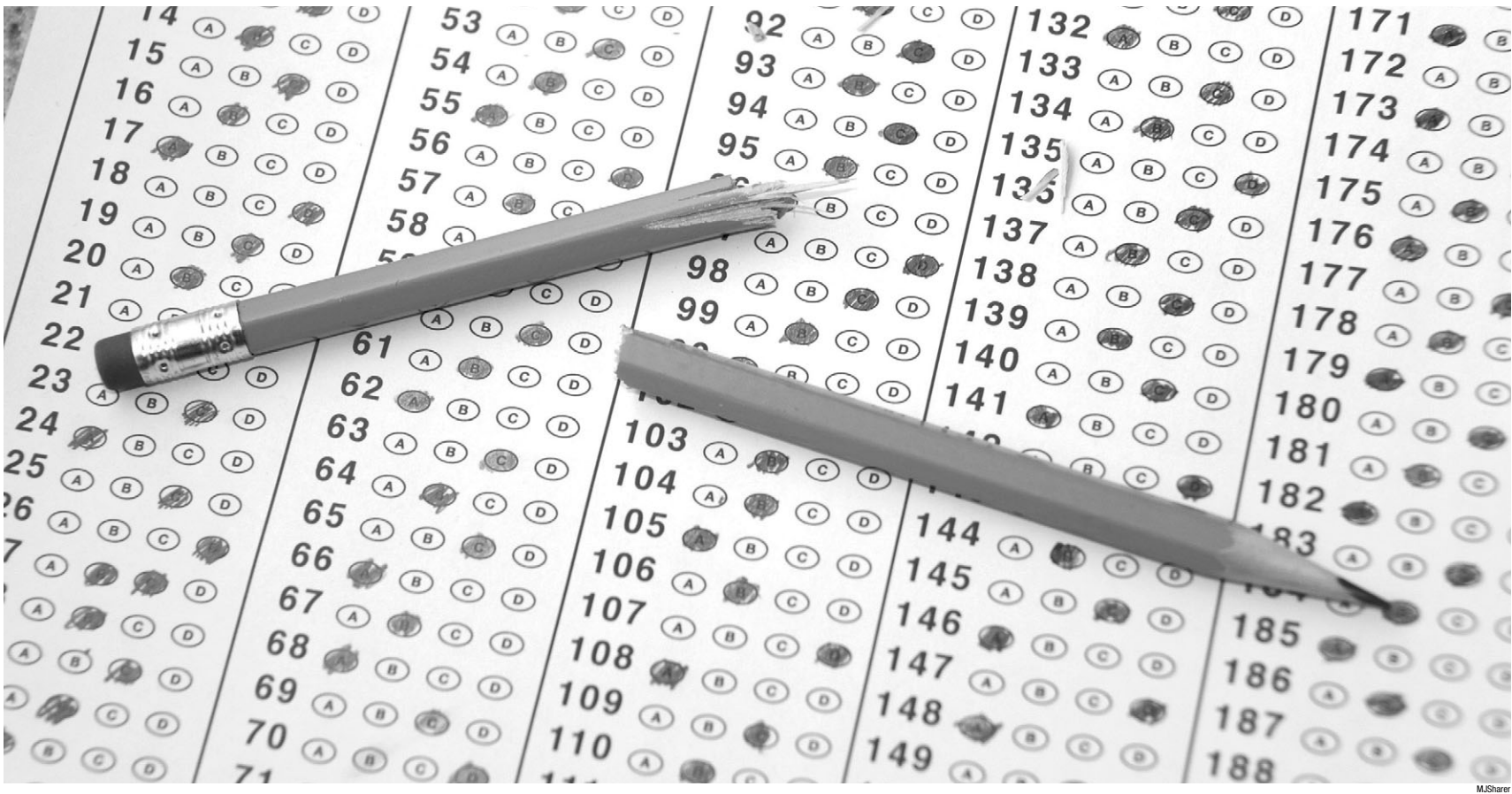
Fellowship luncheon

The Food and Fellowship luncheon for April will be held Wednesday, April 10, from noon to 2 p.m. at the New Baltimore Reformed Church located on the corner of Route 144 and Church Street in the hamlet.

The menu will feature vegetable lasagna, tossed salad, homemade rolls and butter with cannoli for dessert. Entertainment will be provided by well known percussionist Brian Melick.

This luncheon is open to all members of the community. To facilitate with planning, reservations are encouraged. Call the church office at 756-8764 and leave your name, contact number and the number of reservations you are making. Additionally, if you require transportation, please leave that information as well. Dining space is limited to 60 seats.

Free will offerings are graciously accepted to offset food costs.



An open letter about testing: what parents and community members need to know

Next month, our students in grades 3-8 will take state tests based on the new Common Core standards adopted by the State Education Department. Parents and educators have raised serious concerns about the timing and preparation for these new standardized exams. As president of NYSUT, I am writing to let you know why teachers are so concerned.

Let me be clear: Teachers support the principle of Common Core standards. Done right, implementation of quality Common Core standards can enrich and expand student learning, critical thinking and creativity.

And we fully support the principle of accountability for students and educators. Done right, standardized tests can be one of many measures that can strengthen teaching and learning.

But the problem is: **Testing in New York state isn't being done right.**

No experienced teacher would test students on material before it's been taught — and yet that's the scenario the state has created in its rush to roll out new standardized tests. Two-thirds of teachers surveyed statewide say their students lack books and materials aligned with the new Common Core standards. As recently as last month, the state was still rolling out materials and instructions on Common Core, while expecting students to have mastered new curriculum by April. Too many students have not had time to prepare for what will be a whole new set of challenging standardized exams in math and English Language Arts. Not surprisingly, everyone from U.S. Education Secretary Arne Duncan to State Education Commissioner John King has acknowledged that students' test scores will likely drop significantly — some estimates say up to 30 percent. Yet the state is allowing this year's scores to be used to unfairly label students and to inaccurately measure teacher effectiveness.

As parents know, it's wrong to impose "high stakes" on too many tests, given too frequently, and before teachers have had the opportunity to properly prepare their students. It's wrong for children to come home crying after taking a test. Thousands of educators are "telling it like it is" and sharing these concerns about student stress and anxiety in detailed, heart-felt letters to Commissioner King and the Regents.

Here's what we're saying: Let's get this right.

Patience, time and resources are required to implement new and challenging Common Core standards. This year's exams should be used to measure the state's progress in introducing Common Core standards — not for high-stakes decisions.

Just like you, educators support high standards. **Our commitment is to get it done right.**

Respectfully,

Richard C. Iannuzzi
President, New York State United Teachers



Join us by signing a petition that calls on the state to get testing right. Go to www.nysut.org/testing.

An afternoon of improv for tweens

If you're at least 8 years old but not quite 13 and have ever wanted to explore acting (and do it in a safe, non-judgmental atmosphere surrounded by like-minded peers), then you need to come to "An Afternoon of Improv for Tweens" at the Guilderland Public Library on Tuesday, April 2, at 2 p.m.

This two-hour opportunity to release your inner actor is designed just for you (and you know who you are). You'll play theatre games, try roles you're comfortable with and do it all surrounded by people your own age who are taking a chance too. Never acted before? So what? Give it a shot. Just give us a call at 456-2400, ext. 4, and let us know you're going to be there.

Itsy Bitsy Yoga

Itsy Bitsy Yoga, on Monday, April 1, at 10:30 a.m., is for parents and babies age 12 weeks to almost crawling. It demonstrates dozens of yoga poses designed to support baby's development and calming, nurturing ways to enhance bonding and support baby's sleep. It's a great way to mark Stress Awareness Month.

You'll have a chance to meet other new parents in the community and practice some yoga relaxation and breathing techniques. No previous yoga experience required. Please bring a baby blanket. This class is taught by Linda Gallagher, a trained and certified Itsy Bitsy Yoga facilitator. Please register by calling 456-2400, ext. 4.

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Mo Willems Book Party and Film Fest

All of the kids in kindergarten and first grade who come to the Guilderland Public Library on Monday, April 1, at 7 p.m., can make a pigeon craft, listen to and talk about a Mo Willems book and even watch three Mo Willems films.

The pigeon is just one character to emerge from the imagination of prolific children's writer and illustrator Mo Willems, whose bio condenses to his work in children's books, animation, television, theater and bubble gum card painting has garnered him three Caldecott Honors, two Geisel Medals, six Emmy Awards, three Geisel Honors and multiple bubble gum cards, according to Willems' website. Register by calling 456-2400, ext. 4.

Drawing Comics for Beginners

Accomplished author/illustrator Sylvie Kantorovitz is eager to share her knowledge and techniques for drawing graphic novel with young students in grades one through four who come to "Drawing Comics for Beginners" at the Guilderland Public Library on Wednesday, April 3, at 1 p.m.

Kantorovitz shows you easy-to-learn techniques that anyone can use to start writing and drawing their own fun panel stories. Learn about faces and expressions, characters

in motion and what to do with the words. We supply the pencils and paper; you supply the imagination!

Comics Connect, a collaborative project of the Mohawk Valley Library System and the Upper Hudson Library System, is supported by funds from the New York State Library's Family Literacy Library Services grant program. Register for this program by calling 456-2400, ext. 4.

Classic Film: "The Jester of the Court"

The Jester of the Court (we can't advertise the actual name, but you get the idea, right?), the 1956 classic starring Danny Kaye and Glynis Johns, is the Classic Film of the Month that the Guilderland Public Library will show on Wednesday, April 3, at 6:30 p.m.

Set in the 12th century, the story revolves around Kaye as a court jester who gets involved—as only Danny Kaye can—with outlaws trying to overthrow the king. Kay's singing, dancing and clowning keep him one step away from disaster, yet he still finds time for jousting, duels and rescuing damsels in distress. And Glynis Johns? She's an absolute hoot. There will be popcorn, there will be laughter, and you'll have a good time.

The Guilderland Public Library is located at 2228 Western Ave., Guilderland.

Parent workshop focuses on building life-skills

"Raising a Resilient Child," a program for parents and caregivers, will be offered Thursday, March 28, at 7 p.m. Sarah Gould from the Capital District Child Care Council leads this workshop on life skills that help all children from infants to teens grow into self-directed, engaged learners able and willing to thrive in today's world. Find out how to encourage your children's focus, self-control, perspective, communication and critical thinking.

Vacation week highlights

Students in grade three and up are invited stop by for Minecraft Overload Friday, March 29, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. One-hour blocks of time will be offered on a first-come, first-served basis. Space is limited.

Take up our Spaghetti and Marshmallow Building Challenge next Wednesday, April 3, at 2 p.m. Kids in grades 1-5 get 20 minutes to be creative with twenty sticks of spaghetti and ten marshmallows. Demonstrate your engineering skills and compete for prizes.



Check It Out

Time challenges continue for teens in grades 6-12 next Tuesday, April 2, from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Compete in a variety of crazy games. There's only one catch you've got only 60 seconds to win.

Thursday, April 4, from 10 a.m. to noon, teens will bake sugar cookies for a kids' program later in the afternoon. Of course, you'll have to test them first quality control and all that.

All our vacation week programs are listed in the March/April edition of our newsletter footnotes, available in the library and online at www.bethlehempublib.org.

Give a hoot

New York Wildlife Rescue Center founder Wes Laraway, has a long history of helping all kinds of animals. A licensed wildlife rehabilitator, he will share his knowledge about owls next Friday, April 5, at 1 p.m. He will bring some of his feathered

charges to the program. Since it will be school vacation week, folks of all ages are welcome. The program is cosponsored by Bethlehem Senior Projects, Inc.

Holiday closing

A reminder that the library will be closed Sunday, March 31, for the Easter holiday. Regular hours resume Monday, April 1, at 9 a.m. We're always open online. Visit us there to access a variety of services and information.

Scrabble Day

Friday, April 12, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Play the original board game or bring your phone or iPad. Strive for your best-ever score. Try playing Giant Scrabble. Grades 6-12.

Teen Advisory Group

Monday, April 15, 7 p.m. TAG meets monthly to talk about teen programs and activities at the library. We'll also make an earbud holder and other crafts out of recycled materials. Grades 6-12.

-Louise Grieco

Illustrator holds kid's event

George O'Connor's first graphic novel was "Journey into Mohawk Country." His many picture books include the best-selling "Kapow." He illustrated the "Captain Awesome" series. In "Olympians," he retells classic Greek myths through comics.

On Thursday, April 4, at 1:30 p.m., he will show how he draws his characters and discuss his creative process. This event is for kids of all ages, but registration is required.

Healthcare overhaul discussion

How will the Affordable Care Act affect you? On March 27, at 7 p.m., you can ask your lawmaker. Congressman Paul Tonko will explain the many changes in health insurance that are now underway, including the new Health Insurance Marketplace that is set to open this fall. Learn about choices, protections, potential impact, navigating the new system and how to get assistance when you need it.

Buck-A-Bag book sale

On Sunday, April 7, from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m., Friends of the Library

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will sell donated books by the bagful, including several nice reference sets. Bring a bag, fill it up and purchase its contents for just \$1.

Comics Connect: Sylvie Kantorovitz

On Wednesday, April 3, at 10:30 a.m., Kantorovitz, the author and illustrator of more than 20 children's books, will read "Go to Bed Monster." Through drawing games she'll teach about faces, expressions and characters in motion. This event is for kids of all ages and skill levels. No registration is necessary.

Finding the right college at the right price

On Tuesday, April 9, at 6:30 p.m., college admissions expert Dr. Dean Skarlis will present a workshop for the families of high school students planning to enter college.

Special Toddler Town

On Thursday, March 28, Lisa Russo will present a musical program that engages children with instruments, movement and songs.

Pancakes, Pancakes!

A special storytime for preschool to grade two children and their families. This program begins at 10:15 a.m., Tuesday, April 2, and features a heap of pancake-themed books, activities and golden brown pancakes smothered in maple syrup and butter.

Ongoing Children's Programs

Babygarden is on Thursday, April 4, and April 18. Preschool Storytime is on Tuesday, April 9, and April 16. Toddler Town is on Thursday, April 11, and April 25. All programs start at 10:15 a.m.

Thursday Afternoon at the Movies

On March 28, watch the Irving Berlin musical "Top Hat" at 1:30 p.m.

Kid's Movie Matinee

"Wreck-It Ralph" will be screened Friday, April 5, at 1 p.m. A video game villain goes on a quest to be a hero. Popcorn, too.

Poet's Night

Every Other Thursday Night Poets will meet on March 28, at 6:30 p.m.

Spotlight on REAL ESTATE



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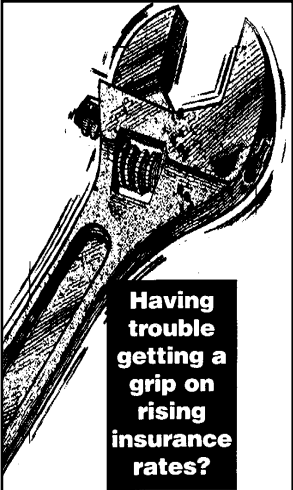
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Americana roots to conclude library concert

Americana Roots music concludes this season's Acoustic Doorways concert series on Friday, April 12, at 7:30 p.m. in the First Reformed Church in Selkirk.

Performers are Adirondack storyteller Chris Shaw on guitar; John Kirk, a one-person orchestra who plays banjo, mandolin, violin and sings and Brian Melick, percussionist extraordinaire.

Tickets will be on sale at the library and at the door the evening of the concert. Tickets are \$5 each.

Shaw is the proprietor of the annual Mountain Snow and Mistletoe holiday shows at the Egg. Kirk and his band

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Mountain Quickstep recently returned from a tour of Eastern Europe under State Department sponsorship. He performed for us with Trish Miller and Sara Milonovich during the 2011 Acoustic Doorways season.

What's new?

Adult Fiction

"The Accused" by Joyce Carol Oates, "The Boyfriend" by Thomas Perry, "Calculated in Death" by J.D. Robb, "The Obituary Writer" by Ann Hood, "The Storyteller"

by Jodi Picoult, "The Striker" by Clive Cussler & Justin Scott, "The Teleportation Accident" by Ned Beaman, "Three Sisters" by Susan Mallery.

Library petitions available at desk

It's nomination season for RCS Community Library's Board of Trustees. Six seats will be open. Three are three-year terms, two are two-year terms and one is a one-year term.

Petitions are available at the circulation desk and online at www.rcscommunitylibrary.org and require 65 signatures, which is 2 percent of the 2012 vote total. Completed and

notarized petitions are due at the library by 5 p.m. on April 20.

Candidates and petition signers must be eligible to vote in the school district referendum on May 21.

A qualified voter is a citizen of the United States of America, 18 years of age or older and a resident of the School District for at least 30 days preceding the annual vote.

The referendum is on Tuesday, May 21. For more information, call Library Director Judith Felsten at 756-2053 or email Board President Antonio Booth, using the About Us/ Board of Trustees links at the website.

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The cost is \$17 for AARP members and \$19 for non-members.

Wednesday, April 3

• Senior Discussion Group, led by Jane Sanders, targets current news events, human interest stories and reminisces about the past. The meeting is at Town Hall from 10:30 a.m. to noon. Call 439-5770 for transportation.

Tax counseling

A . A . R . P . tax counseling service is available on Wednesdays at Town Hall through April 10.

Call 439-4955, ext. 1176, to make an appointment. Bring last year's tax returns, 2012 W-2 and 1099

forms, and receipts for contributions, interest, medical bills and property and school taxes.

Weekly meeting

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, from 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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-Wilma DeLucco



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Vista

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ending in August.

Breonics would occupy part of a 27,000-square-foot building on a plot behind the ShopRite grocery store at 65 Vista Blvd. The company would occupy about 6,000 square feet of the building. Another tech company, potentially two, are also in talks with the town to occupy the rest, though the players in the negotiations have not be

disclosed.

Erecting a building with less than a quarter of the occupancy accounted for doesn't worry developers.

"What we found out in our examination of where people are, we found there is a shortage of this type of lab space facility, so that's really the focus and thrust of what this building is," said Nicolla at the public hearing.

Columbia is seeking an enhanced property tax abatement for the building, as well as sales tax and mortgage tax relief. The enhanced abatement would mean the town and Bethlehem Central School District would see no property taxes from the tenants for two years, and then property tax rates would increase by 10 percent over the next 10 years to full levels.

Although it had been previously believed Breonics alone would be bringing 44 new jobs to the campus, Nicolla said that figure is the expected job count for the entire building. The building

would cost about \$5.4 million to build.

"We would like to start construction soon, because Breonics has to be in this year," Nicolla said. "They are out of space, they are expanding and they need to be in."

Four people spoke in favor of the project and the tax breaks at the public hearing, including Supervisor John Clarkson, the school district's Chief Business and Financial Officer Judith Kehoe and two members of the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce.

"I think this is the big one we've been waiting for for some time. Maybe not the biggest one, but big enough anyway," said Clarkson.

The supervisor said he knows many in the town were unhappy the IDA granted advanced tax abatements to the grocery store and two banks, but he believes that plan was successful in attracting technology tenants and he now supports the idea

of giving those same abatements to those technology users.

"Are we giving up anything? Would there be anything now at all if we hadn't taken the steps that we did?" asked Clarkson. "I think the common sense view point will tell you no."

Former Supervisor Jack Cunningham also spoke at the hearing and said he was in favor of the project and the IDA granting sales and

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G'land budget cuts questioned

**Students, parents
plead to keep
coaches, enrichment**

By JOHN PURCELL
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Guilderland parents and middle school students are petitioning the school board to keep some programs off the chopping block.

The Guilderland Central School District Board of Education held an informal budget hearing Wednesday, March 20, on potential 2013-14 budget reductions. The two cuts that caused the most concern among meeting attendees focused on eliminating the middle school enrichment program

for a \$72,000 savings and eliminating assistant coaching positions for around \$22,500 in savings.

District officials and board members are determining how to close a \$2.1 million budget gap in order to stay within the district's property tax cap limit of a 3.5 percent tax hike. Superintendent Marie Wiles presented the district's draft budget Feb. 28, totaling \$90.8 million and carrying the elimination of 31.5 full-time equivalent positions.

Jeff Cohen, president of the Girls Soccer Booster Club, said cutting six assistant coaches wouldn't allow for proper supervision

and support of student athletes. He also said there could be a hidden cost to the district after cutting the assistant coaches from boys and girls JV lacrosse, boys and girls varsity soccer, wrestling and gymnastics.

"The liability of the district goes up if the supervision provided for the athletic programs is inadequate," Cohen said.

Cohen said he wouldn't be voting "yes" on the budget unless the "appropriate level of supervision in safety" is maintained by not cutting assistant coaches.

Bob McLaughlin said all four of his children have played school sports and assistant coaches played

a vital role in safety and development.

"If sports is an extension of the classroom in that it helps breed cooperation, working collectively toward a common goal, dedication, then you must also realize the safety aspects involved," McLaughlin said.

He said his son, Jim, had two concussions while playing sports in high school, but the assistant coaches helped make the program safer.

Middle school students from the enrichment program asked for the educational opportunity to remain.

Jonah Goldstein, a seventh-grade student,

said he has been active in enrichment programs since entering Farnsworth Middle School last year.

"I went early to school every morning to engage myself in clubs that offered me advanced possibilities," Goldstein said.

In Debate Club, he made it to the final round with his partner and lost by one point to the winning eighth-grade team. He also has risen to the position of editor-in-chief in the school's newspaper club and oversees the group.

He recently was preparing to take the SATs as part of his enrichment program.

"I never thought I would take the SAT and neither did my peers, but we all did and walked out of the test centers feeling that we

had done well and we were well prepared," he said. "Without this program, none of this would have been possible for me."

Mallory Trainor, also a seventh-grade student, said she has been taking enrichment courses since first grade. She said there is lack of opportunity for students to explore such learning outside of the program.

"Through these years I've learned that the gifted, talented and enrichment programs are an essential part of childhood education," Trainor said. "Students that are gifted will not reach their full potential."

The board is scheduled to adopt the budget on Tuesday, April 9, and voters will go to the polls May 21.



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The voice behind 'SUNY Anthem'

Rapper B. Martin's track racks up views on YouTube

By ZAN STRUMFELD
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When he was a junior at Colonie Central High School in 2005, Brendan Martin didn't get physical with the classmate who made fun of his passion. He turned it around to fuel the form of expression that was the target of the ridicule: rapping.

"The song got really big in my school. I was strategic with it. I had control over my response and planned on what I wanted to say," said Martin, who is also known as rapper B. Martin. "I had a sense of appreciation over the fact that I can manipulate and control my

words, and release them how I want, instead of saying the wrong thing at the wrong time."

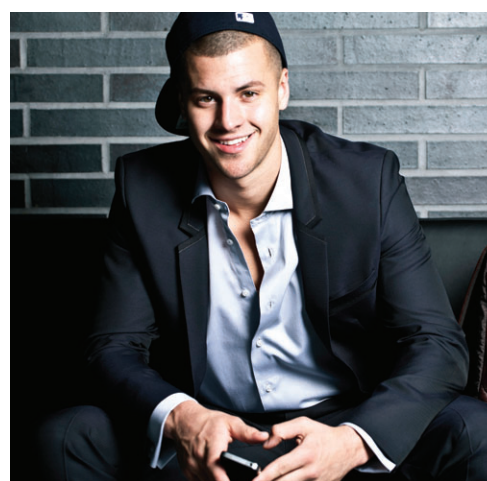
Four years later, while studying business and Spanish at SUNY Albany, Martin won the university's Battle of the Bands, which eventually led him to perform with well-known hip-hoppers including J. Cole, Fabulous and Lupe Fiasco. Martin turned his words into positive messages and not too long after graduating 2010, and he showed off his skills to the entire SUNY system by writing "The SUNY Anthem," released on YouTube on Feb. 27.

It has since racked up more than 110,000 views on the video sharing service.

Martin raps about his time

at SUNY Albany, where he graduated with a 4.0 grade point average, and then voices the benefits of the SUNY system as a whole. The video, which spread quickly through Facebook and SUNY websites, features dancers sporting "SUNY" shirts surrounding Martin. Shots pan in and out between some of the system's 64 campuses, switching to shots of SUNY students in school environments.

The rapper teamed up with the SUNY system last year to create a song with a "positive message" about the schools, Martin said. The video was shot by Christopher Romero, who filmed many of rapper 50 Cent's music videos, and SUNY chipped in \$3,000 for the



Colonie Central High School graduate Brendan Martin, a.k.a. rapper B. Martin, recently released "The SUNY Anthem," a song representing the entire SUNY system and is played at graduations and sporting events.

Photo Submitted

production costs.

"I think it's something that can definitely bring the campuses together. It's a general positive message about SUNY," Martin said.

Much of the song reflects Martin's time at UAlbany, where he said "partied a little bit" but put himself on a "good

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Michael Joseph Ricchiuti and Kristen Marie Clarke

Ricchiuti, Clarke to wed

David and Laureen Clarke of Norwich, New York announce the engagement of their daughter, Kristen Marie, to Michael Joseph Ricchiuti, son of Robert and Patricia Ricchiuti of Delmar.

The future bride is a graduate of Norwich High School, while her

fiancé graduated from Bishop Maginn High School. The couple met while working at PriceWaterhouseCoopers in Albany and both are Certified Public Accountants. Ms. Clarke earned her Bachelor's degree from Le Moyne College and is currently employed by Pitney

Bowes in Troy, New York. Mr. Ricchiuti is a graduate of Siena College and is a Senior Financial Analyst at Albany Medical Center. He is also the Assistant Organist at St. Pius X Church in Loudonville.

A May 4, 2013 wedding is planned.

Cynthia T. MacKenzie

ALBANY – Cynthia Taylor MacKenzie, 81, passed away peacefully at the Community Hospice Inn at St. Peters Hospital on March 15, 2013. She was born April 16, 1931 in Rochester, NY to Dean H. and Elizabeth B. Taylor. She attended schools in Rochester and Buffalo, NY including Buffalo Seminary. She graduated from Bradford College, North Andover, MA and the Tobe Coburn School in Manhattan, NY. She married Duncan W. MacKenzie in 1958 where she was a buyer for Sibley's in Rochester and soon after moved to Happy Valley-Goose Bay Labrador, Canada.



Both her son, Duncan R. MacKenzie and daughter, Elizabeth (MacKenzie) Pooler were born at Goose Bay Air Force Base. The family returned to the United States and settled in Hadley MA. The family moved to Williamstown, MA where Cynthia worked in retail eventually founding Youthland, a store specializing in children's apparel. Cynthia moved to Albany following the passing of her husband in 2006. She loved to shop, collect glassware including commemorative ceramic shoes and cobalt souvenirs from the pre-WWI era and was an avid horticulturalist. Cynthia was a proud member of the Delmar Progress Club and was a volunteer at the First United Methodist Church of Delmar thrift shop. She

gained many wonderful relationships from both affiliations. Cynthia was predeceased by her husband Duncan W. and is survived by her son and daughter-in-law Amy of Delmar, NY, daughter and son-in-law Kevin of Bryn Mawr, PA; her four grandchildren, Danielle Pooler, Richard Pooler, Duncan W. MacKenzie and Abigail MacKenzie; in-laws James and Jane (MacKenzie) Davidson of Mendham, NJ and their children Duncan Davidson, Earle Davidson and Julie (Davidson) Hassan. Services are private at the convenience of the family. For those who wish, a donation in Cynthia's name can be made to Community Hospice Inn, St. Peters' Hospital, 315 S. Manning Blvd, Albany NY 12208

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Thomas E. Waters

DELMAR – Thomas E. Waters, 72, passed away at home on March 4, 2013 following a long illness. He died as he lived, with dignity and serenity. His wife, Lois, survives and was at his side at the time of his passing. In addition to his wife, he is survived by his son, Edward (Gennie) and two grandchildren, Dean and Schuyler, on whom he doted. He is also survived by his mother Catherine, of Buffalo and Guilderland. His father, Edward A. Waters, passed away in 1992.

Tom was born August 28, 1940 and raised in Buffalo, NY. He graduated from Canisius College and



pursued graduate studies at Marquette University. He worked for the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) with assignments in Columbus, Ohio where he and Lois met and married, and in Washington, DC. Tom and his family moved to the Capital District in 1976 where he held several administrative and management positions with FWHA. He retired in 1997 and then spent several following years as a consultant in real estate for infrastructure projects. After retirement, Tom enjoyed working as a volunteer driver for the Bethlehem senior transportation service. Tom had a long time interest in historic preservation and restored several houses in Albany's Hudson Park and Mansion

neighborhoods. He was active in Historic Albany Foundation and several community organizations. He was a member of St. Thomas the Apostle Church in Delmar. During the last ten years, Tom and Lois found great joy in extended visits to Ed and Gennie and the grandchildren. Trips were made to the Philippines, China and Taiwan where Ed was posted with the U.S. Department of State Foreign Service.

Relatives and friends are invited to call on Thursday from 4 to 7 pm at the Applebee Funeral Home, 403 Kenwood Ave., Delmar. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated 9:30 am Friday at St. Thomas the Apostle Church, 35 Adams Pl., Delmar. Burial will be in Bethlehem Cemetery.

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Art in the unusual

'Some Assembly Required' features multi-media collages from 16 artists

Having made her first creations at the age of five, Delmar resident Andrea Hersh is telling the truth when she says she has been creating art for as long as she can remember.

Over the years, Hersh's work has developed to center on a theme of recycling and trash. It was years ago when her now-grown children were born that she imagined the piles of disposable diapers she was tossing away.

"I was imagining millions of diapers piling up," she said. "I realized I was a part of that – we are all adding to it."

Hersh found herself wanting to find a beauty in the ugly, and began painting pieces combining trash and flowers.

"As an artist, mother and woman, I am always balancing everything," she said. "My work is a reflection of balancing the beauty I see in nature with the ugliness of a disposable culture."

Hersh is one of 16 artists featured in the latest exhibit to be displayed at the Albany International Airport Gallery: "Some Assembly Required." The exhibit shows a variety of ways contemporary artists interpret the process of collage by combining different media.

Collage is known by most as cutting and pasting pieces together to form some short of shape. The artists in this exhibit take this concept to a whole new level by connecting unexpected materials in unusual ways.

"There is such a variety in the show its really nice – some people paint, some people cut paper – I think everybody's idea of putting things together is really interesting," said Hersh.

Collage is a fairly new undertaking for Hersh.

"I was doing a lot of oil painting and came to sort of a wall – I had to figure out what kind of imagery I wanted to use for my painting," she said.

That was when she began experimenting with collages.

"I started piecing other work together. I began cutting up my own drawings and putting them back together," she said.

Hersh said that as an artist, in order to get a point across you use whatever material you can. In the airport exhibit, Hersh layers acrylic paint and Mylar paper to create the image of brightly colored flowers popping out of a dimly lit pile of trash.

"It's sort of very ugly in so many ways but then hopefully there is something beautiful that can come out of it," says Hersh.

Also featured at the exhibit is New York City artist, Kirsten Hassenfeld. The artist, who grew up in Delmar, takes paper collage to a whole new level. By incorporating ordinary items such as envelopes, wrapping paper, buttons or anything found in a junk drawer, she creates complex, large, symmetrical forms.

"Cabin Fever," one of Hassenfeld's pieces in the show, hangs from the ceiling, is about 10 feet high and 7 feet wide and is constructed out of vintage wrapping paper and security envelopes connected by pipe cleaners and paper straws.

"The piece has exhibited in other places, but she reconfigured it specifically for our site here," said Sharon Bates, director of the Art and Culture Program at the Albany International Airport.

Also featured at the show, in a twist on the traditional notion of a collage, Emmy Award-winning video archivist Rich Remsberg uses footage from old newsreels and combines the images with music to form a narrative collage that is projected on one of the gallery walls.

"We usually have some type of electronic medium," said Bates. "It's pretty reflective of how artists are working these days."

Bates said the gallery tries to predominantly feature artists who live and work in the area, but even those from other areas have some type of regional connection.

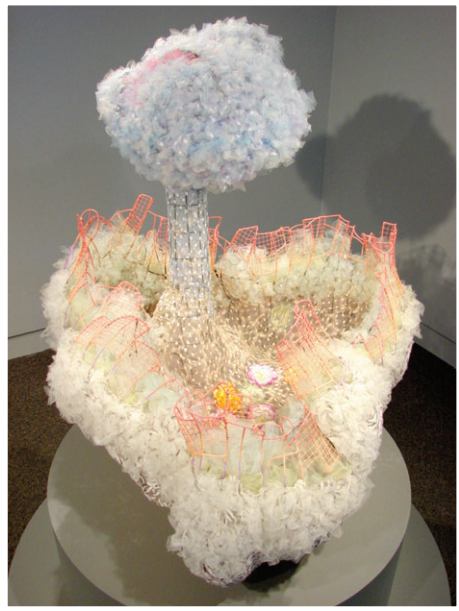
"They either exhibited at a regional gallery or have another residence Upstate – maybe they taught or attended a regional college or institution," she said.

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"Glorianna" by China Marks

"Some Assembly Required," exhibited at the Albany International Airport's gallery through Sept. 8, features collages from 16 artists in a variety of forms on a range of subjects.



"Underneath the Ruffles" by Susan Spencer Crowe



"Cabin Fever" by Kirsten Hassenfeld

Other artists featured in the show are Todd Bartel, Allen Bryan, Laura Christensen, Susan Spencer Crowe, Paul Forte, Niki Haynes, Elana Herzog, Thomas Huber, Mary Lum, China Marks, Michael Oatman, Rob O'Neil and Anne Roecklein.

The gallery is located on the third floor of the Albany International Airport

and is shared with the observation area. Since opening in 1998, the Art and Culture Program has featured two exhibits every year. Gallery hours are 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. daily.

The exhibit, "Some Assembly Required" will be on display at the Albany International Airport's gallery through Sept. 8.



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NUTS

By Tom Topor, a courtroom drama set in New York's Bellevue Hospital. A free staged reading directed by Jennifer S. Depew. Sunday, April 7, 2:30 p.m. Schenectady Civic Playhouse, 12 S. Church St., Schenectady. Free. No advance reservations. 382-2081.

FREQUENCY NORTH

The 2012-13 "Frequency North" visiting writers reading series wraps up with poets Meg Kearney and M. Bartley Seigel. April 11, 7:30 p.m., Standish Rooms, Saint Rose Events and Athletics Center (second floor), 420 Western Ave., Albany. Free. strose.edu.

A SOLDIER'S PLAY

Classic Theater Guild Inc. presents "A Soldier's Play," by Charles H. Fuller.

Directed by Karen Christina Jones April 5, 6, 11, 12 and 13 at 7:30 p.m. April 7 and 14 at 2 p.m. Proctors Fenimore Gallery, 432 State Street, Schenectady. \$17.50 Adults, \$14.50 Seniors and Students. Information, 441-7863.

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he University at Albany Department of Theatre presents Sarah Ruhl's stylish new comedy "In The Next Room," or the Vibrator Play. April 17 to 27, 8 p.m.; April 20, 2 and 8 p.m.; April 21, 2 p.m.; April 25, 8 p.m.; April 26, 2 and 8 p.m.; April 27, 2 p.m. Studio Theatre at the UAlbany Performing Arts Center. \$12 general public, \$8 UAlbany students and faculty. Information 442-3997 or albany.edu/pac.

Music

MOON AND RIVER MUSIC

Artists Hieronymus Bogs, Joe Karwan, Sam Fitz, Rick Sacchetti and Rob Outlaw aka Magic Man. March 29, 7 p.m., Moon and River Cafe, 115 South Ferry St., Schenectady, free. Information, 382-1938.

GATHERING TIME

Gathering Time with opener Old Man Luedecke. March 29. Members \$14,

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THE BENTWOOD ROCKERS

Acoustic Duo / Old-time - Blues - Traditional. March 29, 7 p.m., Emack and Bolio's, 366 Delaware Ave., Albany, free. Information, 512-5100.

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Comedy

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Co-star of Emmy nominated NBC series, "Parks and Recreation." May 14, 8 p.m. Palace Theatre, 19 Clinton Ave., Albany. \$27 & \$32. palacealbany.com.

MOP AND BUCKET COMPANY

A weekly show of improvised comedy, March 29, 8 p.m., Proctors Underground, 432 State St., Schenectady, adults \$14, students/seniors \$6. Information, 346-6204. Also, weekly improv skit show, March 30, 8 p.m., Comedy Works, 500 Northern Blvd., Albany, advance tickets \$15, day of show \$20, dinner packages \$33.95 in advance, \$44.95 day of show. Information, 275-6897.

DAVID SEDARIS

NPR humorist and bestselling author. April 11, 8 p.m. The Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany, \$48.50 and \$38.50. Information, 473-1845.

COMEDY WORKS

Ross Bennett w/ Chris Coccia, March 29 and 30, 7:30 and 9:30 p.m., 500 Northern Blvd., Albany, advance tickets \$15, day of show \$20, dinner packages \$39.95 in advance, \$44.95 day of show. Information, 275-6897.

Dance

PILOBOLUS - "CLASSICS"

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OLD SONGS COMMUNITY DANCE

Dinner and participatory dance featuring music by Fennig's All-Stars. Caller, Paul Rosenberg. April 6, 6:30 p.m., Old Songs Inc., 37 South Main St., Voorheesville, \$7. Information, 765-2815.

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Modern western square dancing. April 3, 7:30-10:30 p.m. Colonie Elks Club, Watervliet-Shaker Road, Latham. Caller & Cuer: Gene King. \$6. Information, 694-4448.

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Bethlehem Central examines busing, special ed cuts

With work sessions complete, board to start earmarking reductions

By MARCY VELTE
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The Bethlehem Central School District has wrapped up its final budget work session, leaving members of the Board of Education to decide what reductions to make in order to close a nearly \$5 million gap in the 2013-14 budget.

The work session on Wednesday, March 20, focused on transportation and special education, with presentations given by Director of Transportation Al Karam and Director of Special Education and Student Services Kathy Johnston.

Reductions are to be made to next year's proposed transportation budget after the department saved more than \$500,000 last year by consolidating bus stops.

However, the consolidation of those stops has led to buses being at or near rider capacity.

Karam said routes were over assigned to help match ridership patterns, and this continues to be a problem occasionally after school. Sometimes, an overflow bus needs to be called in. Impacts from last year's reductions also include the loss of a head mechanic position, the loss of three sub positions, a longer ride for some students and reductions to training and maintenance costs.

Karam stressed all transportation employees are still getting the appropriate amount of training required by the state and some drivers have opted to take additional classes outside of their normal work time without pay.

The transportation department offered to cut \$50,000 from its budget by reducing parts and supplies and by doing more maintenance work internally. If the public

does not opt in favor of a tax hike at the maximum allowable limit under the state's tax cap formula, the department could find an additional \$97,000 in savings by eliminating the late bus after school and increasing the maximum ride time to 75 minutes, Karam said.

"Obviously, this is not ideal," he added.

The Transportation Department has also asked for consideration of a bus replacement proposition. Karam said 62 of the district's 124 buses are now at least 13 years old. He said oftentimes, repairs are costing more than what the remaining value of the bus.

The recommended proposition would ask for six large buses to be replaced at a cost of \$639,000. The buses would be paid off within about five years.

The Special Education and Student Services budget would increase by about \$500,000 for the coming school year under

the department's suggestions, mostly due to salaries and an increase in BOCES fees.

The department is suggesting the reduction of three special education teachers and two aids. If the public does not opt in favor of a tax hike at the cap, the department is offering further reductions of \$140,600 by eliminating an additional special education teacher and two more aids.

Impacts of reductions over the past three years include the loss of 10 special education teachers, two speech teachers, a nurse, one social worker, three behavior specialists/psychologists and 37 aids to students with disabilities. This has resulted in larger class sizes, less specialized attention for students and lower test scores, Johnston said.

The reduction, along with the addition of the new common core standards mandated by the state, "have greatly increased stress on all staff," she said.

The district is planning to

use \$1.75 million in savings to help close the budget gap. If the school board were to put forth a budget with a tax increase at the maximum allowable limit of 3.75 percent, the district would still need to close a gap of \$1.04 million through reductions. However, the district is hoping some state aid will be restored once the budget has been passed by the state legislature.

Reductions have been offered in all other areas of the district, including the loss of teachers and support staff, reducing sports levels and further reducing maintenance work and equipment purchases.

It is now up to the board to begin deciding what to cut.

"Every reduction up here will have an impact," said Superintendent Tom Douglas. "How we handle that impact has yet to be seen."

The next BC Board of Education meeting will take place on Wednesday, April 17, at 7 p.m.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION of BGGJ LLC. Art. of Org. filed w/Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/15/13. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent for service of process. SSNY shall mail process to 17 E.84 St. #3A, NY, NY 10028. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 85927 (D) (March 27, 2013)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION of EVOKE SCENT MEM-ORY, LLC. Art. of Org. filed w/Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/4/13. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent for service of process. SSNY shall mail process to 229 Chrystie St. #1211, NY, NY 10002. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 85928 (D) (March 27, 2013)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION of PETER REAGAN LLC. Art. of Org. filed w/Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/4/13. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent for service of process. SSNY shall mail process to 30 EAST Hartsdale Ave., Hartsdale, NY 10530. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 85929 (D) (March 27, 2013)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION of SUNTECT LLC. Art. of Org. filed w/Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/9/13. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent for service of process. SSNY shall mail process to 176 Seeley St. #3F, Bklyn, NY 11218. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 85930 (D) (March 27, 2013)

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NOTICE OF VERSA H.I.M. SOLUTIONS LLC. Art. of Org. filed w/Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/11/13. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent for service of process. SSNY shall mail process to 839 Throggs Neck Expy., Bronx, NY 10465. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 85931 (D) (March 27, 2013)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION of AMORONDE, LLC. Art. of Org. filed w/Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/16/13. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent for service of process. SSNY shall mail process to 515 W.52 St. #20H, NY, NY 10019. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 85932 (D) (March 27, 2013)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION of XNO LLC. Art. of Org. filed w/Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/16/13. Office location: Albany County. SSNY

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designated as agent for service of process. SSNY shall mail process to 55 W.11 St. #3A, NY, NY 10011. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 85933 (D) (March 27, 2013)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION of SCHERMERHORN PARKING LLC. Art. of Org. filed w/Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/16/13. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent for service of process. SSNY shall mail process to 54 Diamond St., Bklyn, NY 11222. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 85934 (D) (March 27, 2013)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION of AQUIDNECK FILMS LLC. Art. of Org. filed w/Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/22/13. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent for service of process. SSNY shall mail process to 5 Clubhouse Rd. Ext., Tuxedo Pk., NY 10987. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 85935 (D) (March 27, 2013)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION of CHRISTOPHER MILES LLC. Art. of Org. filed w/Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/22/13. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent for service of process. SSNY shall mail process to 507 Grand St. #3, Bklyn, NY 11211. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 85936 (D) (March 27, 2013)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION of JIM ANNESS PHOTOGRAPHY, LLC. Art. of Org. filed w/Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/31/13. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent for service of process. SSNY shall mail process to 116 Pinehurst Ave. #R-21, NY, NY 10033. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 86094 (D) (March 27, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of formation of One Bethlehem Court LLC, a domestic limited liability company, the purpose of which is to engage in any lawful activity. Articles of Org. were filed with NY Secretary of State ("NYSS") on September 14, 2012. Offices are located in Albany County. NYSS is designated as agent upon whom process may be served. NYSS shall mail service of process to One Bethlehem Court LLC, c/o Elisabeth Ruthman, 14 Aspen Heights, Slingerlands, NY 12159. The latest date of dissolution shall be December 31, 2062. 86097 (D) (March 27, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of NINAMARIE LUCCHINI, LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 2/5/13. 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. 86098 (D) (March 27, 2013)

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Notice of Formation of IMLJ TRADING LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY

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Notice of Formation of LUCKY STAR CBB LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 2/6/13. 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. 86100 (D) (March 27, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of BAP 149-34 LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 2/7/13. 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. 86101 (D) (March 27, 2013)

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Notice of Formation of BAP 149-36 LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 2/6/13. 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. 86102 (D) (March 27, 2013)

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Notice of Formation of HARDWARE 101 LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 2/7/13. 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. 86106 (D) (March 27, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of E2 Energy Services, LLC. App. for Auth. filed Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 2/5/13. Off. loc.: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 12/14/12. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o CT Corporation System, 111 8th Ave., NY, NY 10011, the registered agent upon whom process may be served. DE address of LLC: The Corporation Trust Company, 1209 Orange St., Wilmington, DE 19801. Arts. of Org. filed DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: all lawful purposes. 86107 (D) (March 27, 2013)

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Notice of Formation of BRUNETTI MEDIA LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 2/11/13. 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

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12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. 86115 (D) (March 27, 2013)

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Notice of Formation of 327 DEER PARK ROAD LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 2/11/13. 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. 86116 (D) (March 27, 2013)

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Notice of Formation of 255 SMITH STREET LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 2/12/13. 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. 86118 (D) (March 27, 2013)

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Notice of Formation of 70 DOUGLASS STREET LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 2/12/13. 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. 86119 (D) (March 27, 2013)

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Notice of Formation Patricia Hunter PSY.D. PLLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 2/12/2013. 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. 86122 (D) (March 27, 2013)

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Notice of Formation of NYC SEM LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 2/12/13. 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. 86123 (D) (March 27, 2013)

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Notice of Formation of PROJECT FELICIA, LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 2/14/13. 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. 86121 (D) (March 27, 2013)

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Notice of Formation Barking at Trees LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 2/19/2013 Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall

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mail process to: c/o the LLC, 150 Bay Street, Apt 713, Jersey City, NJ 07302. Purpose: all lawful activities. 86124 (D) (March 27, 2013)

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR AUTHORITY OF GENERAL MATERIALS TRADING COMPANY LIMITED LLC. Application for Authority was filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 02/12/2013. The LLC was formed in Hanoi, Vietnam on 10/31/2003. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. Office location: Albany County. SSNY shall mail process to: 1392 Delaware Tpke., Delmar, NY 12054. Purpose: any lawful activity. 86125 (D) (March 27, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: JABAR W. HANDY-MAN, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 2/13/2013. Office location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of the process to the LLC c/o Michelle H. Wildgrube, Esq., Cioffii Slezak Wildgrube P.C., 2310 Nott St. E., STE 1, Niskayuna, New York 12309. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. 86126 (D) (March 27, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of GMH Mortgage Services LLC. App. for Auth. filed Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/31/13. Off. loc.: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 9/3/08. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Capitol Services, Inc., 1218 Central Ave., Ste. 100, Albany, NY 12205. DE address of LLC: 1675 South State St., Ste. B, Dover, DE 19901. Arts. of Org. filed DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. 86188 (D) (March 27, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of WESTSIDE DONUT 42ND STREET VENTURES LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 2/19/13. 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. 86189 (D) (March 27, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

HR JASMINE BROADWAY, LLC The name of the Limited Liability Company is HR JASMINE BROADWAY, LLC. The Articles of Organization were filed on January 28, 2013 with the Secretary of State. The Office of the LLC is in Albany County. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent upon whom process against the Company is to be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail process is: 1670 Western Avenue, Guilderland, NY 12203 The purpose of the business of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which the LLC may be organized under the Limited Liability Law for the State of New York. 86190 (D) (March 27, 2013)

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PROVIDENCE AVENUE ASSOCIATES, LLC The name of the Limited Liability Company is PROVIDENCE AVENUE ASSOCIATES, LLC. The Articles of Organization were filed on February 1, 2013 with the Secretary of State. The Office of the LLC is in Schenectady County. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent upon whom process against the Company is to be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail process is: 1675 Providence Avenue, Schenectady, NY 12309 The purpose of the business of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which the LLC may be organized under the Limited Liability Law for the State of New York. 86191 (D) (March 27, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF ORGANAZATION NOTICE OF ORGANAZATION OF 28 THATCHER LLC On February 13th, 2013, 28 Thatcher LLC (the "LLC") filed Articles of Organization with the New York State Department of State. The principal business location of the LLC is c/o 942 Broadway, City and County of Albany, New York. The New York Secretary of State is designated as the agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. The Post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him or her to the LLC is c/o 942 Broadway, Albany, New York 12207. The LLC is organized for the purpose of a live music venue. 86199 (D) (March 27, 2013)

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Notice of Formation of Limited Liability Company. Name: Berry Pi Services LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 02/05/13. Office location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, PO Box 816, Glenmont, NY 12077. Purpose: any lawful purpose. 86200 (D) (March 27, 2013)

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Notice of Formation of CORNER BEDFORD REALTY LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 2/20/13. 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. 86201 (D) (March 27, 2013)

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Notice of Formation of 2941 AVE S LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 2/20/13. 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. 86202 (D) (March 27, 2013)

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Notice of Formation of GIG PARTNERS, LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 2/20/13. Office loca-

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tion: 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. 86203 (D) (March 27, 2013)

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Notice of Formation of ROOKMIN DEVELOPERS LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 2/21/13. 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. 86204 (D) (March 27, 2013)

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Notice of Formation of SPENCER REALTY MANAGEMENT LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 2/21/13. 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. 86205 (D) (March 27, 2013)

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Notice of Formation of 250 Bowery PHB Properties, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 2/19/13. Off. loc.: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Capitol Services, Inc., 1218 Central Ave., Ste. 100, Albany, NY 12205. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. 86207 (D) (March 27, 2013)

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Notice of Formation Agent Jade LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 2/20/2013 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. 86208 (D) (March 27, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Organization of grant group, LLC On February 15, 2013, grant group, LLC (the "LLC") filed Articles of Organization with the NYS Department of State. The principal business location of the LLC is 20 Turnberry Drive, Slingerlands, Albany County, New York. The New York Secretary of State is designated as the agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. The post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him or her to the LLC is 20 Turnberry Drive, Slingerlands, New York. The LLC is organized for the purpose of any lawful business. 86209 (D) (March 27, 2013)

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271 Gin Lane, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 12/7/12. Off. Loc.: Albany Co. SSNY design. as agt. upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 2 Rector St., Ste. 1202, NY, NY 10006. General Purposes. 86210 (D) (March 27, 2013)

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DZ Realty Second Avenue, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 12/31/12. Off. Loc.: Albany Co. SSNY desig. as agt. upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 2 Rector St., Ste. 1202, NY, NY 10006. General Purposes. 86029 (D) (March 27, 2013)

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MKB Family, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 12/14/12. Off. Loc.: Albany Co. SSNY desig. as agt. upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 2 Rector St., Ste. 1202, NY, NY 10006. General Purposes. 86030 (D) (March 27, 2013)

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Live Books, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 10/23/12. Off. Loc.: Albany Co. SSNY desig. as agt. upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 2 Rector St., Ste. 1202, NY, NY 10006. General Purposes. 86211 (D) (March 27, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Atlantic Plant Services, LLC. App. for Auth. filed Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 2/25/13. Off. loc.: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 6/30/99. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Capitol Services, Inc. (CSI), 1218 Central Ave., Ste. 100, Albany, NY 12205. DE address of LLC: CSI, 1675 South State St., Ste. B, Dover, DE 19901. Arts. of Org. filed DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. 86212 (D) (March 27, 2013)

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Notice of Formation of Gold Coast Outfitters, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on02/21/2013. 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, 62 Shore Road, Bayville, NY 11709, Purpose: any lawful act or activity. 86220 (D) (March 27, 2013)

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Notice of Formation of 73 Crescent Drive, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 03.01.13. Office location, County of Albany. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 426 Pinkster Lane, Slingerlands, New York 12159. Purpose: any lawful act. 86221 (D) (March 27, 2013)

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Notice of Formation of NATIONAL EVENT COMPANY III, LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 1/10/13. 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. 86225 (D) (March 27, 2013)

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Notice of Formation of FRANKLIN AVENUE FILMS LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed

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with SSNY on 8/10/12. 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. Purpose: all lawful activities. 86226 (D) (March 27, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: THE DIEVENDORF LAW FIRM PLLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 2/21/13. Office location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the PLLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the PLLC, 271 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York 12054. Purpose: For the practice of the profession of law. 86227 (D) (March 27, 2013)

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Notice of Formation Rabid Panda Productions LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 3/1/2013. 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. 86229 (D) (March 27, 2013)

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Notice of Formation 40 Broad Street Realty LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 2/27/2013. 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. 86230 (D) (March 27, 2013)

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Notice of Formation of SHEFFIELD MANAGEMENT, LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 3/1/13. 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. Purpose: all lawful activities. 86232 (D) (March 27, 2013)

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Notice of Formation of Mad-dog Hospitality Group LLC, Art. of Org. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 1/23/13. 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 55 Edgecomb St., Albany, NY 12209. Purpose: any lawful activities. 86234 (D) (March 27, 2013)

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Notice of Formation RJP Medical Supply LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 3/4/2013 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. 86235 (D) (March 27, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of POSTPC WORKS LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 3/5/13. 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.,

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Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: all lawful activities. 86247 (D) (March 27, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 219 26TH STREET LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 3/6/13. 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. 86249 (D) (March 27, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation A6 Realty LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 3/8/2013. 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. 86250 (D) (March 27, 2013)

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Notice of Formation Barking at Trees LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 2/19/2013. Off. Loc.: Albany Cnty. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 150 Bay Street, Apt 713, Jersey City, NJ 07302. Purpose: all lawful activities. 86251 (D) (March 27, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of DEANTONIO IMPORTS LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 3/7/13. 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. 86252 (D) (March 27, 2013)

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Notice of Formation of SPUTNIKFILMS LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 3/8/13. 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. 86255 (D) (March 27, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation 35-38 Junction Realty LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 3/7/2013 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. 86256 (D) (March 27, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of UB 1031 Parking, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 3/11/13. Off. loc.: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o CT Corporation System, 111 8th Ave., NY, NY 10011, the registered agent upon whom process may be served. Purpose: all lawful purposes. 86258 (D) (March 27, 2013)

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Notice of Formation of GREY CRESCENT, LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 3/11/13. 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. 86318 (D) (March 27, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: WO-JOBE LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 03/07/13. The latest date of dissolution is 12/31/3013. Office location: Schenectady County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, 1131 Sacandaga Road, Glensville, New York 12302. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. 86319 (D) (March 27, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of DIVYA COLLECTIONS LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 2/28/13. 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. 86320 (D) (March 27, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 507 BUILDING SVCS LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 2/26/13. 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. 86321 (D) (March 27, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

Wemett & Hall, LLC Articles of Organization of this Limited Liability Company (LLC) were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on March 11, 2013. The LLC maintains its office in Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process served to the LLC at: The LLC, 26 Apple-tree Lane, Newtonville, New York 12110-5303. Purpose: for any lawful activity for which limited liability companies may be formed under the law. 86324 (D) (March 27, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of MSWB LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 3/15/13. 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. 86325 (D) (March 27, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 2204 AVENUE X LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 3/15/13. Office location:

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LEGAL NOTICE

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NOTICE OF FORMATION of SARA BENNETT YOGA LLC. Art. of Org. filed w/Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 2/21/13. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent for service of process. SSNY shall mail process to 410 Ninth St., Bklyn, NY 11215. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 86328 (D) (March 27, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). Name: ALCO HOSPITALITY LLC. Articles of Organization filed with NY Secretary of State, March 4, 2013. 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. 86329 (D) (March 27, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF QUALIFICATION OF GREEN POWER DEVELOPERS LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. Appl. for Auth. filed w/Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 2/12/13. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in New Jersey (NJ) on 12/20/10. SSNY designated as agent of LLC for service of process. SSNY shall mail process to: 366 Ramtown Greenville Rd., Howell, NJ 07731. NJ address of LLC: Same. Art. of Org. filed with NJ Secy. of State, PO Box 628, Trenton, NJ 08646. 86330 (D) (March 27, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION of DUNCAN ARCHITECT PLLC. Art. of Org. filed w/ Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 2/14/13. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent for service of process. SSNY shall mail process to 271 Union St. #4, Bklyn, NY 11231. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 86331 (D) (March 27, 2013)

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Notice of Formation Lawrence R. Aronowitz, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 3/15/2013. 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 Sand Creek Road, Bldg 1, Apt 317, Albany, NY 12205. Purpose: all lawful activities. 86334 (D) (March 27, 2013)

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Notice of Formation Business Payment Solutions, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 3/15/2013. 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. 86335 (D) (March 27, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 1207 Boynton LLC. Arts. of Org. Filed with NY Secy. Of State (SSNY) on 3/12/13. Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 3397 E. Tremont Ave., Bronx, NY 10461. Purpose: any lawful activity. 86336 (D) (March 27, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF SALVATORE DENTAL, PLLC Under Section 1203 of the Limited Liability Company Law FIRST:. The name of the Limited Liability Company is SALVATORE DENTAL, PLLC SECOND:. The Articles of Organization of the Limited Liability Company were filed with the Secretary of State for the State of New York on March 4, 2013. THIRD:. The office of the Limited Liability Company is to be located within the County of Saratoga and State of New York. FOURTH: The Secretary of State is designated as the Company's agent on whom process against the Company may be served. FIFTH: The Post Office Address within the State of New York to which the Secretary of State will mail a copy of any process against the Company is 100 Saratoga Village Boulevard, Suite 31B, Malta, New York, 12020. SIXTH: The Company's purpose is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which the Limited Liability Company may be organized under the Limited Liability Law for the State of New York. /s/ Richard J. Salvatore, Jr. RICHARD J. SALVATORE, JR. – Organizer /s/ Vera Popova Salvatore VERA POPOVA SALVATORE - Organizer 86337 (D) (March 27, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

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to: Capitol Services, Inc., 1218 Central Ave., Ste. 100, Albany, NY 12205. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. 86338 (D) (March 27, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). Name: 144 STATE STREET LLC. Articles of Organization filed with NY Secretary of State, March 15, 2013. 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. 86339 (D) (March 27, 2013)

LEGAL NOTICE

ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF THE HUNGRY TRAVELER LLC Under Section 203 of the New York Limited Liability Company Law The undersigned, for the purpose of forming a limited liability company pursuant to Section 203 of the Limited Liability Company Law, does hereby make, sign and acknowledge these Articles, stating as follows: FIRST: The name of the Limited Liability Company is The Hungry Traveler LLC. SECOND: The office of the Limited Liability Company in the State of New York is located in the County of Albany.

THIRD: The purposes for which the Company is formed are to engage in any lawful act or activity for which Limited Liability Companies may be organized under the Limited Liability Company Law and the general laws of the State of New York as now or hereafter in force. FOURTH: The Limited Liability Company is to be managed by the members. FIFTH: The Secretary of State is designated as agent of the Limited Liability Company upon whom process in any action or proceeding against it may be served and the address within the state which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of process in any action or proceeding against the Limited Liability Company for which service shall have been received is: P.O. Box 443 Delmar, NY 12054. SIXTH: None of the members of the Limited Liability Company (the "Members"), in their capacity as Members, shall be personally or individually liable for any debts, obligations, or liabilities of the Limited Liability Company. SEVENTH: The effective date of the Articles of Organization is the date of filing with the Secretary of State. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this certificate has been subscribed to this 7th day of March, 2013 by the undersigned who affirms that the statements made herein are true under the penalties of perjury. /s/ Christopher Fournier, Organizer 86369 (D) (March 27, 2013)

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, April 3, 2013, at 7:00p.m., at the Town Offices, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York, to take action on an application by Gregg Sagerndorph Jr., 62 Harrison Avenue, Delmar for an area variance under Article XIII, Section 128-100, Schedule of area yard and bulk requirements

Daniel W. Coffey
Chairman
Board of Appeals
86341 (D)
(March 27, 2013)

This week in history in The Spotlight

Highlights from a half-century ago

From *The Spotlight*, March 28, 1963 ...

• The Bethlehem Central High School drama group The Charlatans are making final preparations for a March 30 production of Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night." It is noted the play will be given "the full treatment," including Elizabethan costumes, authentic Shakespeare melodies and a multi-level space setting.

• A meeting of the Clarksville Home Demonstration Unit is announced for April 3, at which "Living under emergency conditions, such as when the electric power fails or the water supply is exhausted or contaminated," are to be considered.

• The week's advertisements include polarized storage for winter woollens (ALL your garments for \$5.95) from Killip Launderers & Dry Cleaners; Picotte Realty advertises a three-bedroom ranch home in Slingerlands for \$21,900; Steefel's of Albany and Delmar advertises Oxford cloth dress shirts, three for \$11.

Anthem

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work schedule." One of the best opportunities he had during school, Martin said, was traveling and studying in Spain and then teaching students in Ecuador.

"SUNY was like four years of just a completely diverse experience. I wasn't the top student in high school but I really turned it around in college," Martin said. "I was really able to connect with professors."

According to SUNY officials, the song will be played at SUNY's graduations, radio stations and at sporting events.

With all of the hype from "The SUNY Anthem," Martin is hoping his fan base will grow and he is working on several projects. He now lives in

"If you find something you're truly passionate about, then it'll just flow and not feel like work all of the time."

— **Rapper B. Martin**

Los Angeles and said he is happy to wake up every day and work on something he's passionate about.

"I think a lot of people have things they love and things they are good at, but it's taking the extra step and dedicating your life to it. If you find something you're truly passionate about, then it'll just flow and not feel like work all of the time," Martin said.

As for his music, he said he wants to keep the

focus on being "very real, very sincere" and doesn't believe working on "The SUNY Anthem" will take away from his own music.

"I think real music is what shines through. As long as my music is real, I'll have that longevity," he said. "Maybe some

people will know me as the kid who did 'The SUNY Anthem,' but I don't think that'll take me away from people knowing me for my whole body of music. It's a positive thing and something I partnered up with New York state. I feel blessed."

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Beyond the band

Guilderland grad recognized for her artful, sustainable jewelry

By JOHN PURCELL
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The humble onion is typically relegated to side dish status, but for Corrina Goutos, the bulb is appropriate for nothing less than high fashion.

The Guilderland High School graduate recently received an award for her conceptual jewelry piece “Lim(b)itless” at the 24th Annual NICHE Awards, which is held by NICHE magazine. Goutos, now a senior at Savannah College of Art and Design, drew inspiration for her large brooch from advancements in medical technology allowing for doctors to explore growing limbs in a Petri dish.

To start her brooch, she turned to a natural material most people throw away.

“I took tons of onions skins from my grocery store,” Goutos said.

Goutos remembered looking at onion skins under a microscope in school and thought they resembled skin cells. Her creation also



Corrina Goutos, a Guilderland High School graduate, is following her passion for jewelry and hopes to open her own business selling her crafts.

used laser-cut resin, papyrus, vellum, steel and copper. She made the jewelry more than two years ago, but entered it in this year in NICHE’s contest.

“At that time it was extremely challenging to make, and to have it be such a success was really exciting,” she said.

Even at a young age, Goutos was recognized for her artistic talents. She received an award from an area museum in first

grade for a clay sculpture she did in school. Her teacher entered the piece for her, and it was featured in a traveling exhibit of student artwork.

“That just meant so much to me,” she said.

Being recognized at a young age also led her to major in jewelry and objects. Receiving encouragement from her elementary teachers and parents had a big impact on her decision to follow her passion.

“I really think that is a big reason for why I am where I am today,” she said. “I was always down this path. I wanted to be a jewelry major long before I came to school.”

Goutos’s “Lim(b) itless” was among 40 pieces of artwork selected for top honors out of 1,000 submissions from professionals and student artists. Judges evaluated entries for technical excellence in surface design and form and for originality and creativity. Contest winners were announced at the Feb. 16 Buyers Market of American Craft, which is a wholesale art trade show held at the Pennsylvania Convention Center in Philadelphia.

The awards program was created to recognize excellence and innovation in American and Canadian fine crafts.

Goutos received the award only four days after capturing two other awards for her work. As graduation looms, she is leaning towards applying to graduate school but might take a year off to get

experience in the field.

“I have been just toiling away for four years here and you don’t usually get recognition,” she said. “Eventually, I want to open my own business and sell jewelry to the public at prestigious fine craft shows in New York City.”

She likes exploring materials other than precious metals when making jewelry, because other materials can be just as good and adds variety to her work. Her choice is also ethically based.

“I just felt a guilt,” she said. “The amount of gold it takes to

make one wedding band, the mining process creates 20 tons of waste.”

To create one piece, she used plastic beads bought from a craft store and then melted them, creating a lava-like result.

“Nobody recognizes what they are,” she said. “It was a cool way to disguise something so basic and take it to the next level.”

Goutos is featuring her senior collection at the Butcher Gallery in on Bay Street, in Savannah, Ga., from May 24 to June 2. To view Goutos’ online portfolio, visit corrinagoutos.com.



Corrina Goutos’ piece “Lim(b) itless” received top honors at the 24th Annual NICHE Awards, which used onion skins along with other materials.

Goutos has received other awards in addition to her NICHE honor, such is this piece that received “best in show.”

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Eagles want to turn last year’s struggles into wins

Bethlehem relying on younger players to guide team through Suburban Council season

By ROB JONAS
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With maturity comes wins. That’s the formula the Bethlehem boys lacrosse team plans to use for the upcoming season.

The Eagles finished last season with a 3-13 record while relying heavily on a large group of freshmen and sophomores. One year later, coach Dave Rounds said that group of players have improved their skills. Still, Rounds said he has some concerns.

“They’re definitely a lot further along than they were at this time last year, but you really can’t substitute for senior leadership,” said Rounds.

Senior leadership is in short supply for Bethlehem this year. Attackers Joe Verstandig, Adam Liebold, Tyler Bugbee and Nick Gosstola form the senior nucleus of the Eagles, along with midfielder Alex Merrill.

While the seniors should add a calming influence to the offense, Rounds said he is still seeking one or two players who will be the go-to scorers.

“I think we move the ball very well,”

said Rounds. “Where we struggle is we don’t have that one guy who can go to the goal.”

With goal scoring at a premium, Rounds said Bethlehem’s defensive unit will have to step up in order for the Eagles to win games.

“Our defense is going to be the heart and soul of this team,” said Rounds. “Our defense will keep us in games, and as our offensive players develop, we’ll be better as the season goes on.”

Anchoring the defensive unit is sophomore goaltender Dan Comber, who Rounds said is developing into a first-rate netminder.

“He is a legitimate college prospect,” said Rounds. “He worked very hard in the off-season, and he’s more vocal (with his defenders) this year. I think he’s also feeling more relaxed out there because he has more experience, and the defense has more experience.”

Helping Comber is a group of junior defensemen including Vincenzo Ferrara, Robert Santaski, Rob Wildermuth, Peter Wilkins, Zach Davis and Sean Spellman.

Bethlehem is scheduled to start its season April 2 with a non-league game against LaSalle. The Eagles’ first Suburban Council contest is April 4 against Guilderland.



Tyler Bugbee, middle, tries to get around goaltender Dan Comber during last Friday’s Bethlehem boys lacrosse team practice. Bugbee and Comber are among the returning players looking to turn the Eagles’ fortunes around.

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• With defending Section II Class A champion Niskayuna boys lacrosse team moving to Class B this season, several area coaches are looking forward to what will happen during this year’s state playoffs.

“I think you’ll have a good team coming out of

the (Class) A level and a good team coming out of the B level from this area,” said Bethlehem coach Dave Rounds.

Niskayuna would have been poised to make a run at the state Class A finals this year. The Silver Warriors return a large group of players from last year, including goal-scoring machines Luke Goldstock and Lucas Maloney. Would it have been enough to get past Shenendehowa, CBA,

Shaker or Guilderland in Sectionals? Definitely. Would it have been enough to get as far as the state semifinals? Absolutely.

As it stands, Niskayuna has more than enough firepower to easily handle the Class B field in this region and make a deep run at the state level. And with Niskayuna’s move, Class A opens up for Shen, CBA, Shaker and Guilderland to contend for the Sectional title.

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Does experience equal wins?

The Bethlehem boys lacrosse team is hoping a large group of veterans will help it bounce back from a 3-13 record in 2012 to contend for the Suburban Council South Division title this year. The one complication is many of the veterans are sophomores and juniors.

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Weekly poll

Which boys lacrosse team will win the Suburban Council South Division title?

- Bethlehem
- Colonie
- Columbia
- Guilderland
- Shaker

Go to spotlightnews.com and click on "Sports" to cast your vote.

Last week's poll results:

Which girls lacrosse team has the best chance to win the Suburban Council?

- Shaker 78%
- Bethlehem 15%
- Colonie 4%
- Guilderland 3%



The Guilderland boys lacrosse team waits in the stands prior to a scrimmage against Scotia-Glenville last Wednesday at the University at Albany. Rob Jonas/Spotlight

Conquering the South

Guilderland's first goal is to repeat as divisional champions

By ROB JONAS
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At Guilderland, winning the Suburban Council South Division boys lacrosse title is the first priority.

"Goal No. 1 every year is to win the division," said Guilderland coach Sean McConaghy. "Goal No. 2 is to get to the Sectional finals."

The road to the Section II Class A final is different this year with Niskayuna – the team that has beaten Guilderland in the semifinals each of the past two seasons – moving to Class B. But, senior Stephen Polsinelli said it's still tough.

"It's going to be a dogfight," said Polsinelli. "(Niskayuna) dropping down is huge, but there are still several talented teams in Class A. It's going to come down to who wants it more."

Winning the South Division is a challenge in itself for Guilderland, said McConaghy, especially with Shaker in the mix.

"Shaker has got some studs returning on offense, and they've always got good defensive players," said McConaghy.

Guilderland has experience going for it. The Dutchmen return most of last year's lineup, including their top four scorers – Polsinelli, Jake Smith, Cody Dyer and Brad Johnston.

"We've got a lot of seniors – 13 of them," said McConaghy. "It's always nice to have seniors at the

end of their year because they're hungry and determined."

"If you're going to one of our games, watch the seniors because we'll be the ones to pull it out at the end," said Polsinelli.

The goaltending position is also set with the return of senior Jesse Futia, who sat out his junior season.

"He committed himself to wrestling in his junior season," said McConaghy. "But we have six senior defensemen, and they told him, 'Dude, you're coming with us.' So, he's coming back."

Guilderland gets its first Suburban Council test April 2 when it visits South Division rival Columbia. The Dutchmen travel to Bethlehem April 4 before playing their home opener against CBA April 9.

Gators gear up for week

Thompson, Hilland lead Sage volleyball out of break

By SPORTS STAFF
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Two Bethlehem residents have been key members of the Sage College men's volleyball team this season.

Junior Connor Thompson and senior Spencer Hilland have been among the Gators' top players, as Sage enters this week's action with an 18-5 record.

Thompson has been a blocking machine for the Gators. The Christian Brothers Academy graduate has 58 blocks this season and 197 total blocks for his three-year career at the Albany college.

Hilland has contributed on offense and defense for Sage. The Bethlehem Central High School grad has 157 kills, 24 aces, 55 blocks and 133 digs this season. For his career, Hilland has recorded 714 kills, 425 digs and 203 blocks.

The Gators have a busy week ahead of them. They visit SUNY-IT Wednesday in Utica for a non-league match. Then, they go to the Springfield College Invitational this weekend, where they meet No. 2-ranked Springfield in the first match Friday.

Two valiant efforts by UAlbany teams

Dispatches from the Capital District sports world:

- Respect must be paid to the University at Albany men's and women's basketball teams. Even though they lost their NCAA Tournament games, they were far from embarrassed. The men's team stayed with a Duke squad that had been ranked No. 1 in the country for several weeks before losing 73-61, while the women's team led North Carolina late before the Tar Heels pulled out a 59-54 victory.


The rewards for men's coach Will Brown and women's coach Katie Abrahamson-Henderson are contract extensions, but only if they want them. I could see Abrahamson-Henderson leaving for a higher-profile Division I job after guiding the women's team to consecutive NCAA Tournament appearances, but I think Brown stays on Western Avenue. He seems happy in Albany, and I think Albany is happy to have him.

- March Madness isn't over yet for Capital District sports fans. Union College is going to its third consecutive NCAA hockey tournament after winning the ECAC Tournament for the second year in a row

From the

Sports Desk

Rob Jonas



with Saturday's 3-1 victory over Brown in Atlantic City.

Union is the No. 12 seed overall in the 16-team tournament, but I think the Dutchmen are a threat to make another run at a "Frozen Four" appearance. Union is on a six-game winning streak in which it's outscored its opponents 26-5, and the Dutchmen have allowed two or more goals only once in that time span. They also had a string of 18 consecutive periods in which they scored at least one goal snapped when they only took one shot in the third period of Saturday's Brown game. Then again, they were up 3-1 at that point. They didn't need another goal.

If those two trends continue in the NCAA Tournament, Union will be tough to beat.

- Albany Academy's decision to play as an

independent team instead of as a Section II team paid off with its first Class A Federation championship last weekend at the Times Union Center.

By joining the Association of Independent Schools for the 2011-12 season, the Cadets got a free pass to the overall New York state championship tournament this year. It also meant Academy received a month off between the end of its regular season and the start of the Federation tournament. The rust was evident when the Cadets needed a last-second three-pointer to edge New York City Catholic school champion Nazareth 43-40 in the semifinals, but they were sharper in beating John Adams 50-36 in the Class A finals.

If Academy had competed in the Section II tournament, it would have done so as a Class AA team which would have likely meant a collision course with either Green Tech or Troy in the finals – if the Cadets even got that far. By remaining an AIS member, Academy gave itself a chance to compete on the state's biggest stage at a class level closer to its size. It was the right move.

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