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**Thoughts:**  
**'American Sniper'**

**By Mark Frost**  
Chronicle Editor

Like millions of other Americans, I went to see the Bradley Cooper-starring, Clint Eastwood-directed *American Sniper* at my local multiplex.

Even three weeks after the movie's release, the Regal theater at Aviation Mall was jam-packed on the Friday night I saw it.

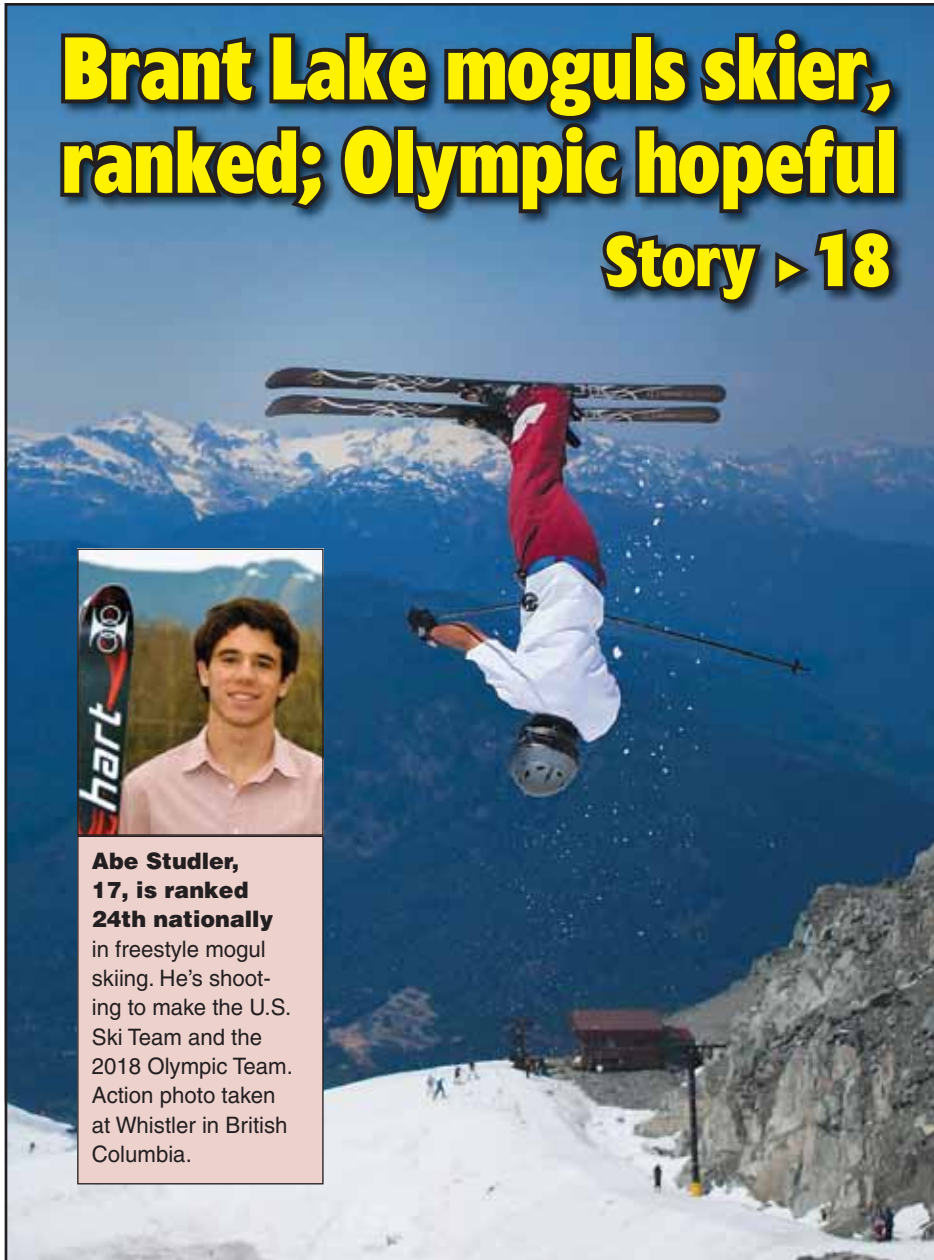
The success came as a giant surprise even to distributor Warner Bros, which assumed that no

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**Analysis**

**Brant Lake moguls skier,**  
**ranked; Olympic hopeful**

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**Abe Studler, 17, is ranked 24th nationally** in freestyle mogul skiing. He's shooting to make the U.S. Ski Team and the 2018 Olympic Team. Action photo taken at Whistler in British Columbia.

**'Walked on water'**  
**to Dome Island, LG**

**By Cathy DeDe**

Chronicle Managing Editor

It takes more than a little cold to keep folks down in the North Country. We know: Prepare for the weather; be smart; dress in layers.

Still, it was with a twinge of nervousness last Saturday, Valentine's Day, I laced up the boots and hitched on my cross country skis for the Lake George Land Conservancy's annual "Walk on Water."

We trekked straight across the frozen lake to Dome Island, typically off-limits to the public for

**On a frigid Valentine's Day, Cathy on the LG Land Conservancy's yearly trek**

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**Kim Bren, new director of the busy Glens Falls Senior Center,** at its monthly luncheon last Friday, Feb. 13.

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**'Fx3 Fit Food Fast' in former Friendly's**

**By David Cederstrom**  
Chronicle Staff Writer

Fx3 Fit Food Fast opened on Oct. 29 in the former Friendly's Restaurant at 682 Upper Glen Street in Queensbury across from the Price Chopper. "Everybody's trying to eat healthier," and they aim to tap into that trend, say partners Joe McCrudden and

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**Joe McCrudden (left) and Kevin Shufelt** said they grew up together around Hudson and also operate the seasonal Rusty Anchor Bar & Grill in Watervliet.

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