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Fun on ice

In 1968, the open-air Swinburne Ice Rink at the corner of Albany's Clinton Avenue and Manning Street was the only game in town.

Built by the City of Albany as a public works project, little Swinburne (it is 2/3 professional size) pre-dated larger, enclosed ice rinks in the cities of Troy, Saratoga Springs and Schenectady, among others.

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Boys basketball

There was no disastrous start or finish for the Bethlehem boys basketball team this time.

Kevin Stempsey lit up Guilderland's defense for 28 points to lead the Eagles to a 58-53 Suburban Council victory over the Dutchmen last Friday.

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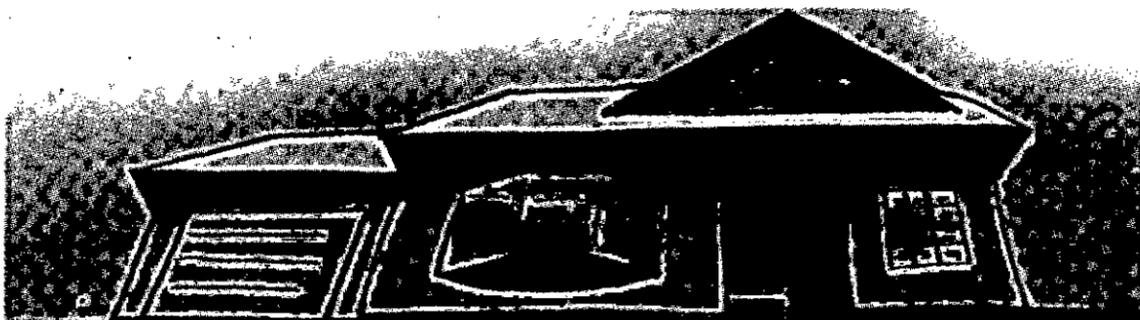
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SHEILA KILGIP

Capital District counties are high-risk radon areas

By ANN MARIE FRENCH

Radon may not be an element we think much about, but the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency lists it as the second-leading cause of lung cancer, behind cigarette smoking. January is national radon action month, and people who are aware of it, or have been affected by it, are working to get the word out. The EPA estimates that over 20,000 people die each year as a result of radon-induced lung cancer. The only thing more shocking than those statistics is that those deaths are completely preventable.

"We are exposed to a Class A carcinogen, and we don't know it," said Stanley Liebert, president of Air Quality and Environmental Services (AQES), based in Ballston Spa. "It's a really big concern, especially in our com-

munity."

While high radon levels occur across the nation, Liebert's specific concern is right in our own backyard. The state Department of Health has designated 37 counties in New York as high radon risk areas, including Albany, Rensselaer, and Saratoga.

The naturally occurring process of uranium decaying, found in most soils, creates the radioactive radon gas. Radon is colorless, odorless and tasteless. The gas moves up through the ground and into the air where it eventually dissipates and no longer is a threat. However, radon gas that finds its way into a building becomes trapped there, building up to dangerous levels with occupants of the building drawing in the radioactive gas with every breath they take.

"Once it's captured in the

house we keep breathing it," said Liebert. "The gas sticks to our lung tissue and essentially microwaves our lung tissue." Radon can get into buildings through cracks in the floors and walls, gaps in suspended floors or around service pipes, cavities inside walls, construction joints and in some cases, the water supply.

"I'm living proof that a relatively high level of exposure can cause cancer," said Liz Hoffmann, president of Cancer Survivors Against Radon (CanSAR), by phone. "If I'd known 17 years ago about the dangers of radon I wouldn't be here talking about my lung cancer."

If the building owner knows of a problem with radon, he or she can easily and rather inexpensively correct the problem,

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Potter leads legal association

Town attorney
named president
of county bar

By STEPHANIE LUBIS

Bethlehem resident and town Attorney James T. Potter has just been elected president of the Albany County Bar Association, but it was really no surprise to him.

As a member of the board of directors for the last 10 years, Potter swiftly moved through the ranks, first as secretary, treasurer and then vice president.

"As last year's president-elect, it was no surprise," he said of his new position.

Potter graduated from



James T. Potter

Albany Law School in 1980 and was admitted to the bar in 1981. He has worked at Hinman Straub PC in Albany for the last three years. The practice

consists mostly of commercial, personal injury and land use litigation.

As president of the bar association, Potter will chair the board of directors, which sets policy for the bar association. He will attend a number of functions and each month he will write the president's column in the newsletter. The topics, he said, can be about anything he wants them to be.

"It will be about things that could be of interest in the field," he said.

After his one-year term, Potter will resume his position as a member of the bar association. He is looking forward to his duties this year.

"I think it will be fun and also

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Town
makes
changesNew member named
to board of appeals;
Mathusa reconfirmed
as planning board
chair

By STEPHANIE LUBIS

Bethlehem had its reorganizational meeting Wednesday, and a few changes have been made in the town.

The board of appeals approved Anthony Umina as a member for a term expiring Dec. 31, 2010, at a salary of \$4,770, and approved Michael Hodom as chairman of the board of appeals at a salary of \$6,112.

For the planning board, Christine Motta was approved as a member for a term expiring Dec. 31, 2012, at a salary of \$4,770 and Parker Mathusa was approved as chairman of that board at a salary of \$12,630.

Several other appointments were approved to serve at the pleasure of the town board.

Town court attorneys Andrew Kirby and Thomas Newman will serve at a salary of \$14,474. Keith Silliman will serve the planning board at a salary of \$19,760, Michael Moore will serve the board of appeals at a salary of 19,760. On a claim basis, Thomas Newman will serve the water and sewer district, and Michael Smith will serve the labor and police force.

Also approved were the following school crossing guards, each at a salary of \$12.36 per hour. Hugh Tuohy, Isabel D. Glastetter, William Gathen, Lawrence Becker, Raymond Linstruth and Bertie C. Reed will help children get safely to school.

Kenneth E. Drautz was appointed as a consultant chemist for the water division of the department of public works and a special consultant at a salary of \$8,785.

Supervisors for the fire training ground are Charles Wickham, Richard Webster, Dan Ryan, Gregory Gould, and Terry Ritz.

John E. Brennan was authorized as Bethlehem emer-

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Slippery when wet...



Traffic traverses a watery Kenwood Avenue as Department of Transportation workers address the flooding.

Police Blotter

Man allegedly threatens Bethlehem Police

On Jan. 14, police arrested Derek J. Murray, age 22, of 44 Clipp Road in Delmar, on charges of driving while intoxicated.

At about 2:30 a.m., Officer Chris Hughes observed Murray's vehicle traveling south on Elm Avenue near the park, following another car very closely, police said. As police turned to follow Murray, his vehicle speeded up and continued speeding, reaching about 80 mph, police said, then passed a tractor-trailer. Murray finally pulled over just north of Owens Corning.

When stopped, a strong odor of alcohol was detected, police said. Murray failed field sobriety tests and was brought to Bethlehem police station for processing.

Murray is due in court on Feb. 7 at 4 p.m. before Judge Frank

Milano.

On Jan. 15, police arrested David Kalfon, age 49, of 36 Milner Ave. in Albany, on charges of aggravated harassment in the second degree.

Officer Brian Hughes reported that police dispatcher Nathaniel Brown received a call from an irate man rambling about tickets he received from the Colonie Police Department and issued several threats, saying "I'll put you in hell and light you all up forever", and "we are about to blow up the world and light your world on fire forever," police said. The caller issued several more threats, and after the last one, Brown reported that he feared his safety and the safety of others in the police department, police said.

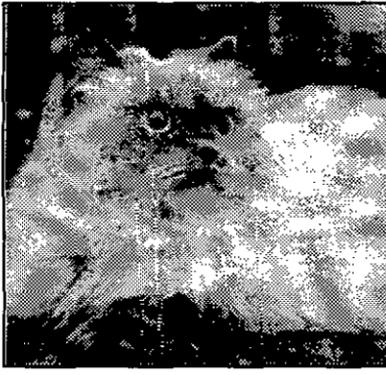
Two other calls were made on Jan. 13 using the same threats.

Kalfon also mentioned the New York State Police and the Colonie and Guilderland police departments, police said.

Kalfon's phone number was tracked through caller ID, and police said Kalfon was also a suspect in a previous incident where he threatened to blow up BJ's Wholesale Warehouse in Colonie and harm the manager.

Albany County Assistant District Attorney Michael McDermott advised police to obtain a warrant for Kalfon's arrest.

When Kalfon was brought to Bethlehem police department, he acknowledged calling the department several times, police said. He was arraigned by Judge Frank Milano and was then brought to Albany County jail on \$5,000 bail.



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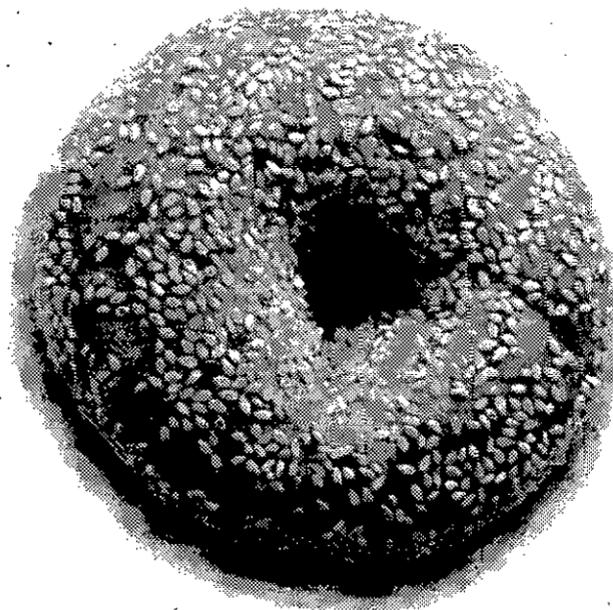
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BEST OF 2005

Corrections

In the Jan. 11 issue, *The Spotlight* incorrectly quoted Janine Saatman in its article about special permits. Nanci Moquin should have been quoted.

Also, Yo-Yo Ma did not perform at The Palace Theatre on Friday, Jan. 13 as stated. He will perform there this Friday, Jan. 20 at 7:30 p.m. The Palace phone number is 465-3334.



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New menu additions at classic diner

Proprietor is a familiar face in Clarksville

By STEPHANIE LUBIS

Although June's Diner in Clarksville has been open since 1987, Debra MacFarland, who looks much younger than her 55 years, has only been the proprietor for the last four months. She is also head chef, waitress, and dishwasher.



"I love to cook for people," she said. "I learned it from my Italian family."

The small diner on the main drag in Clarksville is open classic diner hours, from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. During that time, the many regulars can come in for some great classic diner fare, new additions to the menu, and some good old community gossip.

"Everybody knows each other here," said MacFarland. "Clarksville is the sweetest little village."

MacFarland takes pride in knowing most area residents. As a former florist and postal worker in the area Hill Towns, she's met her share of Clarksville residents, and her face is a familiar one in town. She also takes pride in knowing

what her customers want.

"I'll cook it the way you like it," she said.

June's has a regular menu, but the specials are what draw customers, she said. Traditional menu items like goulash and meatloaf are available, but MacFarland is also introducing more sophisticated cuisine.

"I want to offer foods that are more health conscious," she said.

Recent specials have included rosemary chicken and pan-fried fish,

which MacFarland said her customers really enjoyed. No salt is used in her cooking. Table salt is available for those who want it, and fresh herbs make their way into her dishes as often as possible. All menu items are made from scratch with as many local ingredients as she can find.

"I love to cook and to feed people," she said. "My goal is to do special orders. We have a lot of regular customers, and I take pride in knowing what people want. Everyone loves the food here. All I need is more customers."

MacFarland is new to the restaurant business, and is enjoying the experience very much so far. She comes from a family line of florists, but an



June's Diner in Clarksville is introducing more sophisticated cuisine. "I want to offer foods that are more health conscious," owner Debra MacFarland said.

allergic reaction took her into the antique business. From there she worked in many area post offices until June's became available.

MacFarland already has some new ideas for the small diner. Thursday nights, June's is offering take-out, and customers can call in an order and pick it up on the way home from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday night dinners from 5 to 8 p.m. are also proving popular.

"Those have been really

good lately," she said. "And if business continues this way, we'll offer Saturday night dinner too."

To add to the local, homey atmosphere, works from one local artist each month will be featured. Currently, the works of Alison Swanson are on display.

June's also offers a 10 percent senior discount every Monday, which MacFarland said she has a hard time persuading area seniors to take advantage of.

MacFarland currently has a

five-year lease on the restaurant. If she decides to buy it, changes will be made to make it more functional and comfortable. For now, she is not allowed to change the interior unless she purchases the building, but she hasn't decided yet to buy it. But changes or no changes, business has been picking up at June's.

June's is located on Route 443, the Delaware Turnpike, at the western edge of the Clarksville hamlet. The phone number is 768-2398.

Fitness for Her has new owner

Bere will maintain all-woman facility

By STEPHANIE LUBIS

Fitness For Her is now under new management, and manager Amy Bere is glad to have the opportunity to personally help women attain their fitness goals.

Bere previously owned Total Image Gym in the Amsterdam area for three years. She then ran a chain of fitness facilities in the Johnstown/Gloversville area called Fit Happens. Her new venture running Fitness For Her is an expression of her wish to cater to women's specific fitness needs.

"When I owned the gym in Amsterdam, I had a partner who was more into power lifting and body building," she said. "It was

hardcore weight training, and I didn't want to continue with that because the average person is not interested in that."

Bere graduated from Gloversville High School and Fulton-Montgomery Community College, where she earned a degree in anatomy and physiology. She has been involved with physical fitness since high school.

"Helping people change their bodies through diet and weight training is so rewarding," she said. "If I can make someone feel better about themselves then I've done my job. I love working with people."

Bere found Fitness For Her for sale after looking on the Internet. Now in its second week under Bere's management, she is trying to build up her clientele. New equipment and other changes will be made to the facility in the coming weeks to make the atmosphere more modern and inviting, and new classes include step, body toning, a sculpting class, kickboxing, and classes that feature an exercise ball. Hip-hop

and yoga are on the horizon for the near future, she said.

"There are a few hundred members now, but my goal is to get 800 to 1,000," she said. "The gym is only for women, and it's nice to have a place specifically for women. This is new for me, and a lot of women like it."

A name change could also be in the

works, she said.

One problem the business has had so far is honoring previous memberships. According to Bere, the previous owner, D.J. Taylor, sold memberships before Bere took over, leaving her unable to honor those contracts because they were not made with her.

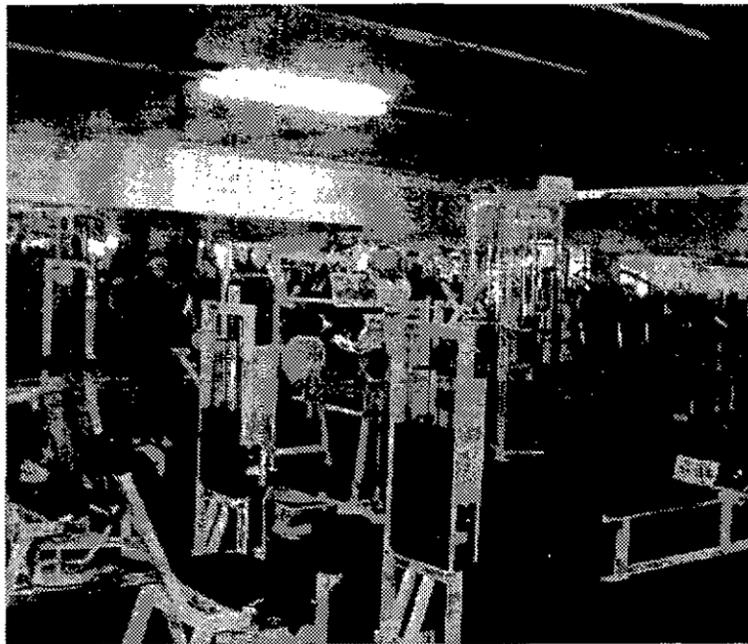
"People were OK with it once I explained," she said.

However, Bere will now be honoring all contracts signed with Taylor. Additionally, she is extending her specials for the month of January into February.

Fitness For Her is located at 333 Delaware Ave. in Delmar. Call 478-0237 for information or a tour.

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Amy Bere



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This family is not the fly in the ointment

By KATHERINE McCARTHY

Commentary:

Mom's The Word



A shipment of new AP Stylebooks arrived at work last week. The AP Stylebook helps those of us in the business of conveying information in print to do it correctly (disclaimer: we may still make mistakes, but thanks to that book, there are fewer of them than there could be). It reminds us that Kmart is written without a hyphen and no capital "M" and that Wal-Mart is hyphenated and the first letter of the word mart is capitalized.

Those of us in the newsroom when it arrived got lost for a few minutes. One reporter sniffed it — and everybody out there who loves books and newspapers will understand that as a perfectly natural reaction.

I checked on "teenager," which old stylebooks had said to hyphenate, but which no longer happens. Would the people at AP be perturbed if I called to ask them how that evolution happened?

E-mail was another one we'd been guessing at, since our previous books hadn't had it. Hyphenate it; only capitalize it at the beginning of a sentence.

It was hard to put that book down, but I took comfort in knowing that soon, I would need it — or even better, the dictionary. I've got a gigantic dictionary on my desk at work; when Chris' mother moved from Albany to Ireland, we got a lot of the stuff she no longer wanted or couldn't figure how to fit into her harbor-front cottage.

The boys' favorite item was the grandfather clock that Christopher declared made us look like sophisticated, upper-class people.

"If only we had room for her piano," he sighed, panicking me only slightly until I remembered that was going with her.

But my favorite inheritance was the Oxford English Dictionary we got — it's the compact dictionary, so is in two volumes and came with a magnifying glass, which, even before my middle aged eyes needed reading glasses, I would have needed to read its entries.

They're small enough that we don't need a stand for them, but in my dream house, there is an OED on a stand, and I keep it in the roomful of maps displayed on the walls and in cubbies under huge, flat tables that aren't dissimilar to those found in wine cellars.

Maps and dictionaries have a lot in common — they both establish a kind of direction and guideposts; they let you know where you are — or better yet, where you could be.

I often feel like I have to set a timer when I open a dictionary, because it's too easy to get caught up in words I never knew existed, or that I had forgotten about. In *The World According to Garp*, John Irving's titular (EPONYMOUS?) character spends hours browsing phone books, looking for names he can use when writing fiction. In my case, it's the dictionary. This week alone, I've lost a good hour looking up bromide, aphorism, and dromedary — a hackneyed statement; a concise statement of a principle; the one-humped camel, respectively. But look what was around them: drumlin, aphid lion; Brinell hardness. It's hard not to just forget what I was looking for when I spot the guide words!

In high school, our sophomore English teacher gave out five new words each week. He taught us the "use it three times and it's yours" rule. He also stuck to his pledge of a weekly quiz on the words that required us to define them and use them in a meaningful sentence. My geeky friends and I actually loved this and tried to work in all the words as we walked the 1 mile distance between our homes and school (for the record: uphill, and in Vermont winters, lots of snow).

My husband's vocabulary helped me fall in love with him

(maven on the first date, and it meant what I thought it meant). I met him shortly after I'd returned from living in Germany for two years and was still enjoying the ease and fluidity of speaking in my native language all the time, and marvelling at the nuances of the English language.

Ours is an incredibly rich language. For a while in Germany, I taught English to executives at a car manufacturing company. They ranged in varying abilities, but the many synonyms for our words made them nuts. "Violet!" one 40-something man stormed one day. "I thought it was purple."

"It is purple," I explained to him. "It's a kind of purple; a slightly deeper shade."

"But there should only be one word for things!" he persisted, and most of his classmates nodded their heads. That may have been the moment that I realized that sooner rather than later I would return to live out my days in our sweet land of liberty and a word for every gradation of a subject.

And of course the German language has words for all the different shades of purple, and somewhere out there I'm sure German advertising executives are coming up with the translation of "surfer red" that they'll use to make their "Personenkraftwagen" (people-carrying vehicle) more attractive to the mothers who know that the closest they'll get to a raging surf is when they drop their kids off for swimming lessons at the local Schwimmbad.

Parents of teenagers — no hyphen and in any language, I'll bet — know far too well the power of words. Or lack of the same. In our house, we have one child who talks when he's upset and another who retreats into his shell. I think they both know the power these actions have, as Chris and I try to draw one child out and get another to measure his words before he spews them forth in a fit of rage when life doesn't go his way.

Some words are timeless: we roll our eyes when they play the "I forgot" card when they're running late coming home from a friend's house or when we find them with their lights on, way past bedtime, caught up in the book they're reading or zoned out in iPod land.

Angry feelings can provoke words that are timeless — in a hurtful way. Unfortunately, we've all been in situations where we say things we regret. Sometimes the safety is off the trigger, and we speak without considering the consequences of our words. Those are the worst moments — when a presumed intimacy or just a bad moment makes you say something that you know is horrible the minute it escapes.

Sometimes things need to be said, and we work hard to find the right words to get the issue across without wounding the listener.

And sometimes we just let go provoked by temper, not caring at that particular moment what we say. It feels cathartic at the time, but the resounding sound of silence that follows a temper tirade lets us know that we went too far off the reservation that time.

Then, we must marshal all our forces to find the words that let us continue to be a part of the wounded person's life.

One of the things I love best about my family is that we can all work our way easily back into one another's graces when we've hurt or been hurt. Whether it's a boy thing or their generous natures, we seem mostly to be able to speak our pieces and move on from there. We are also lucky in our house that words make us laugh more than they hurt. Cormac and Chris are excellent with puns and word plays, and Christopher is becoming master of the story-joke.

Cormac cracked us up recently with his tirade on the word that currently strikes him the funniest: ointment. Asking for a 50 percent cut of any profits I make from this article (see me after college graduation, bub), he held forth:

"Ointment: it's a medicinal substance," he said, gesticulating with excitement. "When people invented ointment, they probably thought, 'hey, I've got this great thing that can help people, but I'm not sure if it's going to work. I know what I'll do. I'll give it a preposterous name, so that if it doesn't work, people will start laughing and forget what's wrong with them. Ointment. It's a weird word."

Weird, yes, but wonderful, too, in that sort of way that human communication is.

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WEEKLY WEATHER

Chief Meteorologist Mike Bono



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Albany Almanac

Record high/low/year

Day	AVERAGE HIGH 31°		AVERAGE LOW 13°	
	High/Year	Low/Year	High/Year	Low/Year
Wednesday, January 18	59°/1973	-19°/1957		
Thursday, January 19	62°/1929	-28°/1971		
Friday, January 20	53°/1986	-22°/1970		
Saturday, January 21	58°/1906	-18°/1994		
Sunday, January 22	62°/1906	-20°/1984		
Monday, January 23	64°/1906	-20°/1970		
Tuesday, January 24	54°/1999	-17°/1948		

SEASONAL SNOWFALL TO DATE
14.6 inches as of Friday, January 13th
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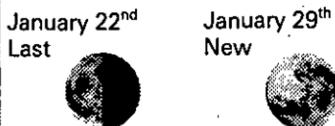
This week in weather

January 21, 1994 all-time record lows were reached at 4 major cities in Pennsylvania, the lowest being -22° at Harrisburg. For the second day in a row, Maine and New Hampshire reported lows colder than 40 below zero. Albany was merely 18 below zero.

Sun & Moon

Day	Sunrise	Sunset
Wednesday	7:21am	4:51pm
Thursday	7:20am	4:52pm
Friday	7:20am	4:53pm
Saturday	7:19am	4:54pm
Sunday	7:18am	4:56pm
Monday	7:18am	4:57pm
Tuesday	7:17am	4:58pm

Moon Phases



Planets	When	Where
Jupiter	By Dawn	Bright SE
Saturn	Evening	ENE to E
Mars	Evening	High South

Area Ski Conditions

Resort	Base Depth	Lifts	Trails	Resort	Base Depth	Lifts	Trails
Gore Mtn.	22" - 47"	7	38	Stratton	20" - 30"	8	73
Whiteface	26" - 40"	8	67	Sugarbush	4" - 28"	12	97
Royal Mtn.	15" - 20"	3	12	Hunter Mtn.	28" - 90"	6	45
Mount Snow	20" - 30"	14	77	Belleayre	32" - 65"	7	40
Okemo	18" - 32"	17	100	Jiminy Peak	16" - 50"	5	33
West Mtn.	24" - 48"	5	12	Willard Mtn.	10" - 20"	2	10
Stowe	27" - 39"	9	35	Windham	12" - 45"	6	30
Killington	20" - 30"	20	149	Smugglers'	10" - 36"	8	51

Factoid

Ironically, January 2005 started out just as mild as this year, although it turned bitterly cold after mid month and ended up almost 3 degrees below average.

Tides at Albany

Day	High	Low
Wednesday	7:32am, 7:28pm	1:55am, 2:03pm
Thursday	8:13am, 8:05pm	2:36am, 2:51pm
Friday	8:57am, 8:46pm	3:19am, 3:42pm
Saturday	9:45am, 9:33pm	4:03am, 4:37pm
Sunday	10:37am, 10:28pm	4:51am, 5:34pm
Monday	11:33am, 11:30pm	5:42am, 6:31pm
Tuesday	-----, 12:30pm	6:36am, 7:28pm



YMCA ready to reward 15 community minded students

Capital District teens can apply for award

By STEPHANIE LUBIS

For the ninth year, the Capital District YMCA is conducting a search for community minded students.

This year, the Bethlehem and the Guilderland YMCAs are teaming up and accepting applications from exceptional students for the Student Community Service Recognition Award. Students from the towns of Berne-Knox-Westerlo, Bethlehem, Guilderland, Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk, and Voorheesville are eligible for the award.

"We obviously want to promote values, but it's a good way to recognize students who have done good work in their communities," said Aaron Donahue, program director of the Guilderland YMCA.

The award is based on demonstrated leadership and dedication in service to the community or school, making responsible choices even when those choices are difficult, and exhibiting character traits like honesty, caring, respect and responsibility.

Up to 15 high school students will be chosen for the award. Kids get a plaque and a package the Y

prepares for them with small gifts like movie tickets, gift certificates for CDs, savings bonds, and other things they will enjoy, Donahue said.

"The kids don't expect a lot in the way of prizes, they just want to be recognized," said Donahue.

There's still time to apply before the Feb. 24 deadline.

"Something like this can be a real help in a college resumé," said Tom Corazzini, fitness director at the Bethlehem YMCA and coordinator of the program for that facility. "We're hoping for about 20 to 25 applications from each school. I know the schools are excited about it."

Corazzini has been going to area schools and meeting with guidance counselors to promote interest in the award.

"Good role models are what we're looking for," he said. "We're

hoping the pool of applicants grows each year."

While the number of applicants each year has remained steady, work quality is one thing that has changed. The level and quality of work being submitted has become more impressive

since the program began, Donahue said. Many of the applicants take the initiative to become active with their own ideas. Donahue said one student started her own foundation for

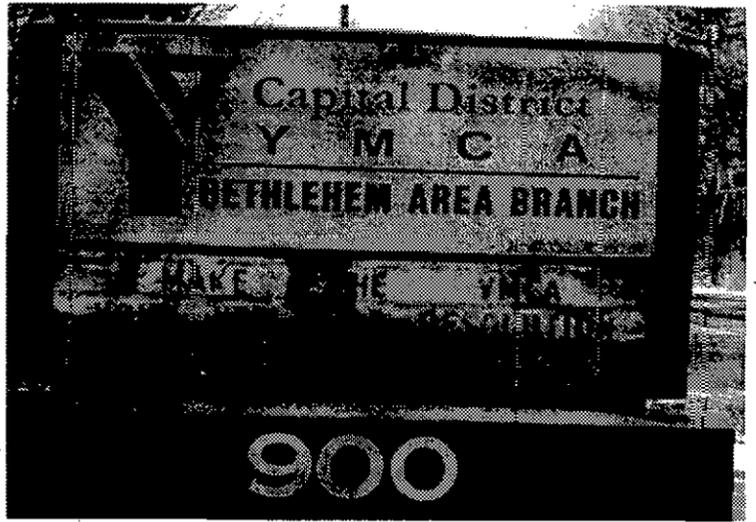
taking old clothing from camps, washing and mending them, and donating them to area organizations.

"The selection committee is more and more impressed with the work of the students," said Donahue. "Kids are becoming more and more aware of opportunities out there. Many students do this work on their own time and at their own cost."

After a few weeks of evaluating

"The selection committee is more and more impressed with the work of the students."

Aaron Donahue



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applications, the students will be honored at a breakfast ceremony April 5 at the Appel Inn in Altamont. Last year, state Assemblyman Jack McEneny, D-Albany, state Sen. Neil Breslin, D-Delmar, and Lydia Kulbida from News Channel 13 attended the ceremony.

This year's keynote speaker

will be Yolanda Vega, Lottery spokesperson for the New York State Lottery.

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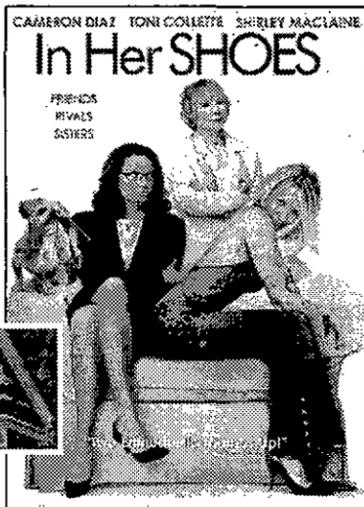
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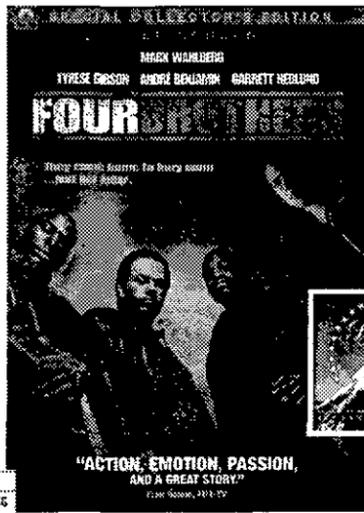


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Editorial

If that sounds like a lot to digest, it is.

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Canadians may go Conservative

By CHRIS MCCARTHY

The writer is a lawyer and Delmar resident who has had a lifelong interest in all things Canadian.

Very curious winter weather, eh? People are saying the same thing all over the U.S. Canada too, which is also facing an unsettled political season. Political meteorologists there are forecasting a cold north gale that, on Jan. 23, could blow Prime Minister Paul Martin and his Liberal Party right out of office. The voters are in an ornery mood. Polls say they are itching for change. And we Americans should be paying close attention.

Think about Canada. The images that most upstate New Yorkers conjure up are vacation scenes: Quebec City's ancient citadel brooding above the St. Lawrence River; Montreal's vibrant Old City; theatre and shopping in Toronto; or Niagara Falls' casinos.

Think again. Canada is America's single biggest trading partner and our biggest foreign supplier of energy — close to 90 percent of our natural gas imports in 2003 came from Canada. Half a million people cross the border each day. Canada is the largest export market for more than 35 states, including New York.

So, what is going on in Canada? In a nutshell, the Liberal Party, which has governed Canada without interruption since 1993, is staggering, tainted by multiple corruption scandals. There is a growing sense that perhaps Canada's "natural governing party" has acquired an unseemly arrogance during its long stretch in power and a "culture of entitlement" that sits poorly with the electorate. Meanwhile, the three main opposition parties — the Conservatives, New Democrats, and Bloc Quebecois — are compounding Liberal woes by presenting attractive profiles to the electorate and articulating credible alternative programs.

The sponsorship scandal is the biggest and most damaging politically for the Liberals. After

Point of View

Quebec nearly voted itself out of Canada in 1995, former Liberal Prime Minister Jean Chretien sought to promote national unity by spending more than \$250 million to sponsor cultural and sporting events across Canada, particularly in Quebec. Problem was, over \$100 million seems to never have made it past the ad agencies, middlemen and partisans loyal to the Liberals, who appear to have inflated and falsified bills and funneled kickbacks to finance the Quebec wing of the federal Liberal Party.

When Paul Martin became Prime Minister in December 2003, he cancelled the program; still, the Liberals were denied an outright majority in the June 2004 elections. Martin had hoped to avoid elections until later this winter when the special commission of inquiry investigating the sponsorship mess is expected to issue its final report. But the commission's interim report was issued in early November, and the opposition parties had heard enough. Sensing an opening with a disgruntled electorate, the three opposition parties combined to topple the Martin government later that month.

In the Canadian system, members of Parliament are not elected for fixed terms of office. Elections must be called at least once every five years. The government can choose to call elections more frequently, however, and is obliged to do so if it has been defeated on a major piece of legislation or if the House of Commons formally expresses its lack of confidence in the governing party's authority to remain in office.

Next week's election is taking place because the House of Commons passed a motion of non-confidence in the Martin government at the end of November.

In the current campaign, the Liberals are trying to distance themselves from the sponsorship scandal by rebranding themselves as "Paul Martin's Liberals." That strategy was helped when the commission's interim report found that there is no basis to blame Martin in the sponsorship scandal.

So far, so good, for the Liberals, who hoped that public outrage had peaked and that voters would focus instead on the Liberal record of strong economic stewardship, large federal government surpluses, and greatly reduced public debt in recent years.

But still the campaign has gone poorly for the Liberals. They have looked defensive and been off-stride. Frequent leaks have undercut the impact of major campaign announcements. New scandal allegations have reinforced the image of an aloof and scandal-plagued Liberal Party.

There are allegations that government tax policy was leaked to the financial markets last November and that some profited

by trading on that inside information. The Royal Canadian Mounted Police and the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission both are reported to be investigating.

In Quebec, a new book presents fresh claims that federal monies were improperly used to support the "No" campaign during the 1995 Quebec sovereignty referendum. These revelations have further damaged an already badly tarnished Liberal brand in Quebec.

As for a culture of entitlement, a senior Martin adviser caused a fracas in dismissing a Conservative proposal to provide cash stipends to parents of young children because people would simply blow the money on "beer and popcorn."

So what do the opposition parties offer? The newly energized Conservative Party is running a very effective campaign. The Tories, as the conservatives are called, appear to have finally succeeded in uniting a political right that had been badly fractured for 15 years. The 2004 election took place only a few months after the two main conservative parties, the Canadian Alliance and the Progressive Conservative Party, merged and ratified Stephen Harper as the leader of the new Conservative Party of Canada.

The Liberals exploited voter concerns in 2004 that the new party was not ready to govern, and painted Harper as a scary, social conservative who would follow blindly in the footsteps of George W. Bush. That proved to be an effective strategy since Canada's political consensus is well to the left of American politics.

Harper and the Conservatives are projecting a more upbeat and moderate image this time, though. Canadians also seem more willing to make a change since they have had 18 months to watch the Tories perform as the official opposition in Parliament. While some reservations remain, Harper has received high marks for having grown and matured as a leader. Harper stresses five key priorities, pledging that Conservatives would: clean up government; provide tax relief to working families by reducing the hated Goods and Services Tax; crack down on crime; help parents with the cost of raising children; and work with the provinces (which play a key role in administering Canada's publicly funded universal health care system) to eradicate chronic patient waiting time delays.

To the left of both the Liberals and the Tories is the smaller New Democratic Party, led by former Toronto city council member Jack Layton. The NDP is like social democratic parties in Europe. The NDP slogan stresses its success in "getting results for people." For example, the NDP would not support the last federal budget until the Liberals abandoned a proposed corporate tax break in favor of more spending on social and environmental programs.



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The NDP argues that the Liberals do not deserve voters' support in 2006 and that the Conservatives are wrong for working families.

Then there is the Bloc Quebecois, the federal face of the Quebec separatist movement. Bloc leader Gilles Duceppe argues that Quebec is a different nation than Canada.

The Bloc already holds most of Quebec's seats in Parliament and Liberal support in the province has imploded because of the scandals. The Bloc's unofficial goal of winning over 50 percent of the popular vote in Quebec appeared, until recently, to be within reach.

But the Tories seem to have overtaken the Liberals in Quebec as part of their nationwide surge and now argue that they are the credible federalist alternative. The Conservatives may win a handful of seats in the province and their new popularity may deny the Bloc its goal of 50 percent support.

Are Canadians really preparing to turf out the Grits, as the Liberals are sometimes called? Could be. The Tories pulled ahead around Jan. 1 and many polls now give them a double-digit lead. Projections indicate that they are on target to form a strong minority government. They have an outside shot of winning an outright majority of seats in the next parliament. An editorial in Toronto's influential *Globe and Mail* declares it is "time for a change" of governing parties.

The same vibe is reported from the campaigns. Harper is campaigning for new support in traditionally Liberal districts, called "ridings" in Canada, while Martin spent his time 10 days before Election Day in areas of Toronto and Montreal that should be sure bets for the Grits. The Bloc is making noise that it could defeat Martin in his own Montreal riding. And Jack Layton predicted for the first time that the Liberals would lose the election. The NDP often struggles to avoid having its vote squeezed between the two larger parties. In a twist, Layton has begun urging disaffected Liberals to vote strategically for NDP candidates in order to check the Conservative advance. News accounts report glum Lib-

eral staffers quietly circulating their resumes.

The Liberals recently released a dozen hard-hitting attack ads that seek to revive concerns that Harper is a radical social conservative who would be too cozy with Bush. In fact, a Harper government might find common ground with the Bush administration. Martin came into office promising better ties with Washington, but has stressed his independence in this campaign. He endorses Canada's decision not to commit troops in Iraq, opted out of the proposed ballistic missile defense system and scolded the U.S. for not joining Canada in signing on to the Kyoto protocol on global warming. The American ambassador in Ottawa publicly decried the anti-American tone of the campaign, drawing a sharp rebuke from Martin.

Harper, by contrast, supported the Iraq war (though he no longer advocates Canadian participation) and wants to strengthen Canada's military. He is willing to reconsider joining the American missile defense system under the right conditions and would scrap Kyoto, whose goals he considers unworkable, and proposes that Canada develop its own plan to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

An ad posted on the Liberal Party's Web site has drawn widespread criticism. It implied that a Harper proposal to station Canadian military forces near major cities to respond to natural disasters and public emergencies could result in martial law being declared. Pundits dubbed it the "Pinochet ad" and "Apocalypse Canada."

Martin took responsibility for the ad but insisted it was misinterpreted. Meanwhile, members of his own cabinet and other Liberal candidates rushed to distance themselves from the ad, which has been condemned as a smear on Canadian soldiers.

In any event, its controversial and over-the-top quality may have undercut the effectiveness of the entire ad campaign. It's been that kind of campaign for Paul Martin's Liberals.

The final Liberal campaign pitch urges voters to "Choose Your Canada." Next week, that's just what Canadians will do.

Your Opinion *in the* Spotlight

Sex education essential for both teens and adults

Editor, The Spotlight:

I am writing in response to the many recent Spotlight articles and letters about the charges filed against Bethlehem High School student, German Lambert. While the facts of this case have yet to be fully disclosed, it's clear that this situation has caused many people to publicly discuss the issues surrounding teen sexual activity.

Teens today live in a world that promotes products of all kinds through sex. Young girls and boys are encouraged to look and act sexy and much of the entertainment media they view and listen to carries messages that sex is fun and expected. At the same time, many of the adults in teens' lives — parents, teachers and even clergy — find it difficult to talk with teens about the complex issues that surround the issue of sex. It is often easier to

pretend it isn't happening, or to preach to kids that abstinence is the only acceptable choice — end of discussion.

But kids need more. Many research studies in the United States and Europe have given us wonderful information and tools that are effective in helping teens face the pressures and choices of modern society and make informed, responsible and healthy decisions. Parents have a big role to play. Teens want to be able to talk with parents about sex and look to them for behavior they can model and information they can trust. Teachers and community leaders, including clergy, are also important. But adults have to be informed and willing to listen and discuss — not simply preach.

Upper Hudson Planned Parenthood (UHPP) is here to help. We offer professional training for youth, serving

professionals, programming for parents and teens, and parent-child workshops. Our libraries have age-appropriate materials for parents and teens, including books, brochures, tips for parent-child conversation and even videos.

UHPP is also involved in the Get the Facts New York campaign, a statewide initiative in support of comprehensive sex education programs in our public schools. To learn more about this campaign, please visit www.getthefacts.org.

We cannot leave our kids in the dark when it comes to their sexual health — the consequences are far too severe.

Patricia A. McGeown
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Your Opinion *in the* Spotlight

Fire chief praises company members' commitment

Editor, The Spotlight:

During 2005, the Delmar Volunteer Fire Department answered approximately 2,040 calls for assistance from our neighbors. Our ambulances responded to 1,723 medical calls during 2005, almost all of them in Delmar, Elsmere or Slingerlands. Our firefighters responded to 318 incidents during the past year. This represents more than a 10 percent increase in fire and ambulance calls from 2004 and the largest call volume in the department's history.

As our town grows, so does the demand for emergency services.

The increase in call volume is connected to both commercial and residential growth in the town, such as the opening of new senior housing facilities, new home occupancy, and new shopping centers.

On behalf of the 80 volunteer firefighters and emergency medical responders in the Delmar Volunteer Fire Department, I wish you a happy and safe new year. We all look forward to another year of service to our community and should you need us, we will be there 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Much has been written recently about the declining number of volunteers in emergency services. A recent report from the New York state Association of towns even called the declining number of volunteers (forcing many New York communities to look towards an increasing number of paid emergency services) a fiscal crisis. We are fortunate that our community has so many dedicated and talented volunteers committed to protecting their neighbors.

During 2005, there was a spirited discussion in our community about the best

manner for our volunteer fire and ambulance services to protect the community. During 2006, the community-wide discussion about the replacement of the aging Delmar Fire and Ambulance Station will continue. We look forward to this dialogue and to presenting a project to the community that will meet the needs of the community and protect our volunteers' ability to protect their neighbors.

Chief James Kerr
Delmar Fire Department and
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"Ye Shen" is probably the original tale that was retold and adapted by other cultures. This is the 2000 year old story of a Chinese Cinderella who is treated cruelly by her stepmother and sisters. Her only friend is a magical fish that the stepmother discovers and kills. The spirit of the fish provides Ye Shen a dress and slippers to attend the Spring Festival, where she loses a slipper. It is found, sold several times, eventually to a king who tracks down the original owner, falls in love with Ye Shen, and marries her.

"The Glass Slipper" is the European version of Cinderella. A young girl, with the magical intervention of her fairy godmother, escapes from her stepfamily to attend the Prince's Ball, but only until midnight. As she flees the ball, she loses her glass slipper, but the Prince finds it and uses it to find her.

Finally, "Billy Beg and the Bull" is an Irish tale of a young prince and his pet, a magical bull. When his stepmother threatens the bull, Billy flees the kingdom. Just before the bull is killed in a confrontation with another bull, he instructs Billy to take his magical tail. Billy later uses the tail to subdue an ogre, which gives him a pair of huge boots that also fit Billy. Later, he defeats a dragon and saves a princess but flees leaving her holding one of his boots. She tracks him down, and the boot fits.

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Pat Fritts
Program Coordinator

Holiday program director thanks community sponsors

Editor, The Spotlight

This letter is to publicly thank the many sponsors who once again this year combined to make the Bethlehem Holiday Caring and Sharing Program a heartwarming success. Due to the generosity and dedication of each of these people and organizations,

families throughout the Bethlehem School District were assisted in providing their loved ones (some ninety-seven in all) with tangible expressions of that love and caring for each other. And in doing so, these sponsors were able to share in that joy and excitement.

So it is with sincere thanks I recognize the following for their participation and contributions in this program:

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In addition, I would be remiss if I failed to mention the school nurses and their staff who together worked so hard in confidentially identifying and contacting the many families who benefited from the community's outpouring of generosity.

Finally, a special recognition is in order to Nan Lanahan and the staff of the Bethlehem Office of Parks and Recreation for continuing to accommodate us so well; as they have done in years past; and to Lynn Horn, Eileen Perkins, Pat Burkhart, Joanne Menrath, and Kathy Betzhold for their time in assisting in organizing and distributing the gifts on the "pick-up" day, and Bethlehem Senior Services for knitting mittens for all of our families.

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By KATHERINE MCCARTHY

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Understanding that those can be daunting numbers, Mark Bryant, a certified financial planner in Slingerlands, hosted a seminar with Steven Dwire, director of financial aid at Saint Rose, to help parents figure out how to plan for the cost of college. Dwire and Bryant will present another seminar this Thursday, Jan. 19.

"Paying for a college education is one of the biggest financial projects that children and their parents face," Bryant said. "I hear from a lot of my clients that this is an issue, so I thought having Steve here would help."

The good news? College financial aid offices are there to help. As in so many instances, it all starts with filling out the proper paperwork...and meeting the deadlines for filling out the paperwork.

The big form that parents will need to fill out is the Free Application for Federal Student

Aid, or FAFSA.

"You fill it out after the first of the year," Dwire said. "In the first year of college, you should fill it out even if you don't think you'll qualify for financial aid. Different financial aid offices use it in different ways."

FAFSA provides parent and student income and asset information for need analysis. It's OK to estimate your income taxes, Dwire said, and you can correct the information later. FAFSA provides a family's financial snapshot that lets the federal and state governments, as well as colleges, begin to assess a family's ability to pay for college. While retirement accounts are excluded from FAFSA, cash, savings and checking accounts are taken into consideration. Home values are not taken into account, and student's assets are. Parents are granted an income protection allowance based on age, but Dwire said that's a very modest amount. Dwire also pointed out that contributions made to a retirement account while a student is in college are considered discretionary income and so are counted.

A student aid report comes after filing FAFSA, which shows the expected family contribution.

"The premise of financial aid is that the onus is on the parents and students first," Dwire said.

"Then there's aid from the federal, state and college levels."

At the federal level, there's the Pell grant, which maxes out at \$4,000 per year. If the expected family contribution is \$3,850 or more, though, a family doesn't qualify for the grant.

Filing a FAFSA form — which can be done online — starts the process for receiving New York's Tuition Assistance Program.

"If your net taxable income is above \$80,000, you don't qualify for TAP," Dwire said.

Dwire pointed out that government assistance to college students has been waning in the past years, and he urged people to contact their elected officials if they feel strongly that aid for higher education should remain strong.

After the federal and state assistance, there's the assistance from colleges, which can come in a number of different ways.

Some of it is need-based, Dwire said, some is non-need, and some comes in the form of academic scholarships.

Dwire addressed the fact that older, private institutions often have more discretionary income to give to students.

"There is, but those schools make their own determinations about how to calculate need," he said. "some of the schools, for

instance, might take home equity into account."

The truth is that most people end up borrowing money to pay for college education. Dwire discussed the differences among the Perkins loan; the Stafford

loan; the PLUS loan; and alternative loans, touching on whether they are subsidized or non-subsidized; their interest rates; terms of repayment; and whether they're offered by banks or the colleges themselves.

Dwire had two main pieces of advice for parents.

"Get all the forms in by the deadline, and open all the mail that comes to your house," he said. "You'll be bombarded with information."

The main thing parents should take into account when considering which college their child should attend is whether it's the right fit for them.

"Is the school a good fit for your child?" Dwire

asked. "After you find the best fit, work the financials. Another question for a family is whether the education is worth the investment. It's a fact that higher education equals higher income."

"It's the student aid time of year," Bryant said. "We can help with financial planning individually and help you think about strategies regarding your assets."

Dwire and Bryant will host another financial planning seminar this Thursday, Jan. 19, at 5:30 p.m. at Bryant Asset Protection/Management, located at 1280 New Scotland Ave. in Slingerlands. For information, call 439-1141.

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AAA alerts travelers on new passport requirements

Did you know that by 2007, all traveling Americans returning to the United States will be required to have a valid U.S. passport? And not just overseas. A passport will be required for U.S. citizens who travel by air and sea to and from the Caribbean, Bermuda, Central and South America, Canada, and Mexico. Passports or other accepted travel documents will also be required for U.S. land border crossings to and from Canada or Mexico.

Simply put, without a passport, you will not be able to travel outside of the U.S. — including cruise travel, said AAA Hudson Valley Travel Agency. After the implementation date, cruise vacationers who arrive at the port to embark on a cruise without a valid passport will not be permitted to board the ship.

There are several important

reasons to get your passport now: Avoid the rush and the possibility of not being able to travel when you wish without a passport. A passport can open the doors to travel you may not have considered before, such as cruising in Europe, Australia and Asia. Considering that a passport is valid for 10 years, the cost is minimal: \$97 for a new passport and \$67 for a renewal. A U.S. passport is easy to obtain by visiting one of the 6,000 passport acceptance facilities across the United States.

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Travels to Japan, China focus of slide show

"Neon, Noodles, Blossoms and Teriyaki Burgers: A Year in Japan," is the evocative title of a library slide show Sunday, Jan. 22, at 2 p.m. The presentation and commentary by Dr. April Selley also includes a detour to Taiwan and Hong Kong.

Selley will take viewers to A-bomb commemorations in Hiroshima and Nagasaki, and Taiwan's Lantern Festival and Chinese New Year. Viewers will hear about an earthquake that occurred on Selley's birthday, white-gloved "subway stuffers," and sumo championships during a typhoon. Viewers will find out why, all over Japan, there are statues of the seven dwarves, sans Snow White.

Selley was a Fulbright lecturer in Tokyo in 1996-97. She is currently working on a book about her year in Asia, based on her extensive e-mail



journal to family and friends. She has published essays, encyclopedia articles, fiction and poetry, and teaches American literature and creative writing at Union College.

The program is second in the library's series of travel lectures made possible by the Al Russell Memorial Fund.

Book ends

Travel DVDs and more

The Russell Fund also has made possible the purchase of four dozen travelogues on DVD. A sampling includes: America's Great Road Trips and Scenic Drives,

Amsterdam (Holland) City Guide, Australia, Cruise Northern Europe, Discovering France, Glacier National Park, Grand Teton and Yellowstone, Great Lodges of the Canadian Rockies, Hidden City of Petra, Ireland: Celtic Myths, Visions of Greece, Visions of Italy, and several in the Smart Travels and Rick Steves' Europe series.

Look for listings of the most-watched travel movies (as listed in Conde-Nast Traveler) in the library's media area, and top-ten travel

books (as listed in Booklist) in the library's literature rack.

Friends and flowers

Sign up now for a spring bus trip to Boston, Saturday, March 18, sponsored by Friends of Bethlehem Public Library. This year's trip features a visit to the New England Flower Show — an opportunity to view New England's gardening diversity and traditions.

The reservation deadline is March 6. Cost for the bus is \$33 for Friends and \$38 for non-members. Admission to the flower show is payable at

the door.

Details and a reservation form can be found in the January/February issue of the library newsletter and online at www.bethlehempubliclibrary.org. For information about the trip and the Friends, contact Mary Kim Purcell, 478-7822.

Louise Grieco

• All library programming is free and open to the public. The Bethlehem Public Library is located at 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar. For information, call 439-9314.

HVCC to offer courses at BCHS

Thinking about going back to college? Hudson Valley Community College will offer several evening courses at Bethlehem Central High School beginning Monday, Jan. 23.

The college will offer English Composition II, Western Civilization and the World II, and Sociology. The cost is \$112 per credit hour; most courses are three or four credits. The semester runs through May 12.

For information, contact the college's office of continuing education and summer sessions at 629-7338.

every third Thursday of each month. All events will be held at the Center for Integrative Health and Healing at 7:30 p.m. Registration is recommended. For information, call 689-2244 or visit www.cihh.net.

The Jan. 19 lecture topic is natural approaches to cholesterol reduction. Learn how to reduce your cardiac risk factors, reduce cholesterol and improve your health with less dependence on medication through diet, herbal therapies and exercise. Registration is recommended.

On Feb. 16, Chronic Pain Syndrome will be discussed. Learn about techniques available to reduce headaches, chronic back pain, and fibromyalgia, such as craniosacral therapy, acupuncture, and manual medicine.

Chamber seeks Spirit nominations

The Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce is seeking nominations for its annual Community Spirit Award.

Sponsored by the Chamber for more than 20 years, this award recognizes volunteers who have made extraordinary contributions to the quality of life in the Bethlehem community.

Winning nominees have been selected from many walks of life — students, business people, groups or organizations; any town resident who goes above and beyond, consistently donating time and expertise.

Past winners include Delmar resident Mara Ginsberg, founder of ToLife, the town's 65 member highway department, softball coach David Rubin, and employees of the state Department of Transportation.

Deadline to submit nominees is Monday, Jan. 30. Winners will be honored at the Chamber Annual Award Dinner in March.

E-mail info@bethlehemchamber.com or mail to Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce, 318 Delaware Ave., Delmar.

Art association schedules meeting

The Bethlehem Art Association will meet Thursday, Jan. 19, at 7 p.m. in the Bethlehem Public Library Community Room, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar. The program includes a presentation by children's book author/illustrator Sylvie Wickstrom. New members are always welcome, as are guests to our monthly meeting.

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For information, call 765-3265.

Tax forms available at library

Tax forms are available at the Voorheesville Public Library. If you do not find what you need, ask the reference librarian. The Voorheesville Public Library Web site also provides a link to online forms. For information, call 765-2791.

Library display case has openings

The Voorheesville Public Library still has a few open months for the display case in 2006. For information, call 765-2791.

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Village board to meet

The next regular Voorheesville Village Board meeting will be held Tuesday, Jan. 24, at 7 p.m. at the Village Hall.

Learn to swim classes

Voorheesville Central School District is offering winter Learn to Swim classes Saturdays, from Jan. 21 to March 25.

Registration will be held Tuesday and Wednesday, Jan. 17 and 18, from 7 to 8 p.m. in the pool

foyer. For information, call 765-3313, ext. 712, or 765-4846.

Kindergarten meeting

A Voorheesville Elementary School kindergarten registration parents-only meeting is set for Thursday, March 9, at 7 p.m. Parents are asked to call Mrs. Donohue at the Voorheesville Elementary School at 765-2382, ext. 514, if they have a child who will be entering kindergarten in September. Children must be five years old on or before Dec. 1, to register. The kindergarten registration and screening program will be explained and parents will be able to schedule an appointment to have their child screened on March 21 or 22.

Relay for Life kickoff planned

All are invited to attend the kickoff for the Albany, Rensselaer and Voorheesville Relay for Life events. The meeting will be held at the NYSUT Headquarters, 800 Troy-Schenectady Road, Latham. The event starts at 5:30 p.m. with complimentary food and beverages. RSVP to Carol Bishop-Panepinto by Wednesday, Feb. 1, at 454-4031 or carol.bishop@cancer.org.

PTA meeting set for January

The next PTA meeting for the Voorheesville Central School District will be held at the elementary school, Thursday, Jan. 19, at 7 p.m. in the school library.

Free financial-aid seminar scheduled

On Jan. 19, Steven Dwire, Director of Financial Aid for the College of St. Rose will present an informative meeting at Bryant Asset Protection/Management's business headquarters, on financial aid planning for college.

Mark T. Bryant, will host the event at 1280 New Scotland Road, Slingerlands.

Steven Dwire will discuss the financial aid system and how parents can take advantage of aid opportunities to offset the high level college expenses today.

Seating is limited, so contact Linda Roberts at 439-1141 or e-mail Linda@bryanta-sssetmgt.com to reserve your seat.

Group to host panel discussion

Parents for Excellence will present a panel discussion on transitioning to high school Monday, Jan. 23, at 7:30 p.m. in Bethlehem Central Middle School Library Media Center.

A panel of high school students and parents will discuss their experiences at high school, providing their unique perspectives on curriculum, activities, and social issues.

All parents are invited to attend.

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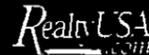


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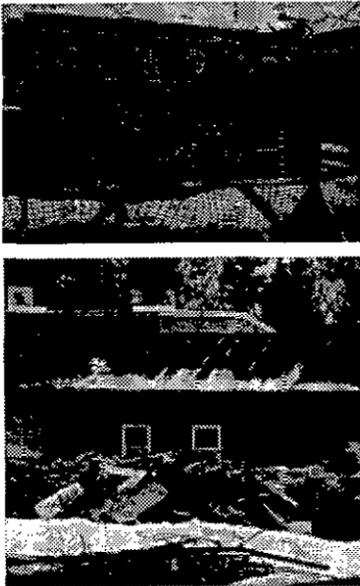


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Elsmere Avenue getting a makeover



Buildings at the southwest corner of Elsmere and Delaware avenues are now in the demolition phase of a project that will welcome a new CVS pharmacy. The planning board was scheduled to make a decision on signage at last night's meeting. "There is still a question of making sure that the gas lines and the water lines are shut off before the actual building begins, but other than that, the project is moving along at a good pace," said planning board chairman Parker Mathusa. "The store itself is not complex to build, and we would hope it would be up and running by Labor Day."



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Call 439-4131 or stop by the Recreation Department Park office, 261 Elm Ave. to get a complete list of available programs, class descriptions, and dates and times.

Free energy workshop offered at Albany Library

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Albany County is offering a free Energy Workshop at the Albany Public Library at 161 Washington Ave.

The workshop covers the best way to reduce your energy bills. "Save Energy, Save Dollars" will be held Tuesday, Jan. 24, from 7 to 9 p.m. This event is free and open to the public. Pre-registration is a must. Call 765-3557 to register.

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Local student earns top score on ACT

Matthew Belgiovine, son of John and Karen Belgiovine, was one of only three college-bound students in New York, and one of 39 in the nation, to achieve a 36, the highest possible composite score, on the October 2005 national test administration of the ACT.

Belgiovine is a senior at the Clayton A. Bouton High School in Voorheesville.

Approximately 10,000 New York students and 415,000 from across the United States completed the ACT college-entrance exam on Oct. 22.

The ACT consists of tests in English, Mathematics, Reading and Science. Each test is scored on a scale of 1-36, and a student's composite score is the average of the four test scores. For purposes of comparison, the average composite score for the national high school graduating class of 2005 was 20.9.

In a letter recognizing this exceptional achievement, ACT chief executive officer, Richard L. Ferguson, pointed out that Matt Belgiovine should have a choice of the widest possible range of future educational options. ACT scores are accepted by virtually all U.S. colleges and universities.

Local students earn scholarships

Kathryn Young, Carolyn Niehaus, and Sarah Altone, all graduates of Bethlehem Central High School, Delmar,

are the recipients of three scholarships at the University of Rochester.

Kathryn Young, a freshman and the daughter of Peter and Cindy of Delmar, received the Rush Rhees Scholarship.

This scholarship is given to high-ability students who score at least 1350 on the SAT or a composite of 31 or better on the ACT tests. The scholarship is renewable each year of college.

Carolyn Niehaus, a freshman and the daughter of Eric and Cathleen Niehaus of Glenmont, received the Kodak Young Leaders Scholarship. This scholarship is awarded for outstanding leadership qualities and academic achievement.

Sarah Altone, a freshman and the daughter of Edmund Russell Altone and Susan E. Kukuk of Delmar, also received the Rush Rhees Scholarship.

Resident planning woodcarving group

Jack Connell, a Bethlehem resident, is interested in organizing a group of woodcarvers in Bethlehem for informal wood carving get-togethers.

The general focus of the group would be sharing ideas, techniques as well as just plain old fun, hanging out with other carvers while working on individual projects. If interested, call Jack Connell between 9 and 11 a.m. at 439-0232 or e-mail jconnx3@aol.com.

Lapsit session to feature Kindermusik

The next Lapsit stories session at the Voorheesville Public Library, Feb. 2, will provide an engaging experience of learning and bonding for parents and their baby through the magic of Kindermusik, the world's most respected name in musical learning. The program presents a unique blend of multi-level activities including creative movement, vocal play, object and instrument exploration and a colorful literature component. Your baby's growth and development will be stimulated and their senses engaged. If you have a child two years or younger, mark your calendars. Space is limited. The event starts at 10:15 a.m.



reading and talking about books and food, call Joyce Laiosa at 765-2791. The group's first meeting will be Saturday, Feb. 4, at 3:30 p.m.

markers and fabric decorations will be available to make your item. Bring sparkles or beads from home. Younger children should be accompanied by a parent. Library book bags will be available for purchase. No signup is necessary.

Children's book discussion

Ready Freddy: ... Tooth Trouble by Abby Klein will be discussed by second and third graders Friday, Feb. 3, at 7 p.m. Parents are welcome to participate. Sign up at the reference desk and pick up a copy of the book. (Library will be closed except for program.)

Discussion group for girls

Bookchatters is a new book discussion group for middle school girls. Girls who would like to join a group that enjoys

Wipe out hunger, fines

Food for fines is going on for the month of January. It's time to bring in overdue books, tapes and videos with a canned good to reduce library fines. You can replace each \$1 of your fine with a non-perishable food item — up to a maximum of \$3. Donations will benefit the New Scotland Food Pantry.

Writers to meet

Lifelines prose writers meet Jan. 19, at 7 p.m. No signup is necessary.

Barbara Vink

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

Art party

Go wild with paint and markers Jan. 23, at 6:30 p.m., with Chrystie Stafford. Kids of all ages are welcome to bring their own T-shirt or tote bag to this decorating project offered by the Library Friends. Paint,



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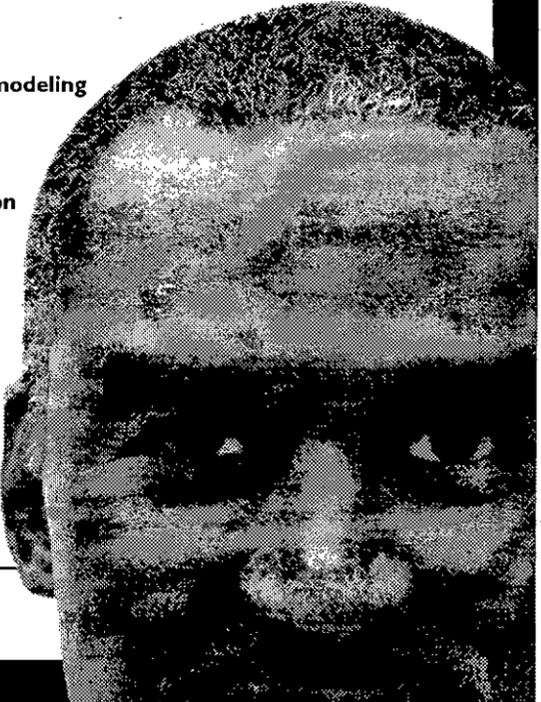
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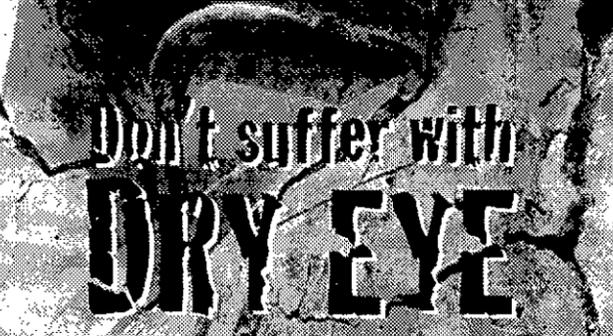
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Around the County

Former teacher's aide charged with misdemeanors

Kramm arrested for endangering the welfare of a child and unlawfully dealing with a child

By GRAHAM S. PARKER and STEPHEN PAUSE

Guilderland police last week arrested a former Farnsworth Middle School teacher's aide for allegedly providing his students with alcohol, tobacco, and marijuana.

Jeffrey Kramm, 45, was arrested on Wednesday, Jan. 11 after police brought him in for questioning. He has been charged with endangering the welfare of a child and unlawfully dealing with a child, both misdemeanors.

According to police, Kramm befriended at least three students while working at the middle school, and on several occasions provided money and transportation for them to buy marijuana.

In a supporting deposition, one of the minors claimed Kramm bought him PlayStation videogames, two necklaces, several CDs, and a cell phone, with which Kramm would text message the boy at all hours of the day, including

during school.

According to the sworn statement, the boy continued to spend time with Kramm after his mother told him to stop. The teen, who said Kramm was like a big brother to him, claimed the teacher never smoked or drank with the students.

No other criminal allegations have been lodged, according to police.

Another statement in the court documents said, "I like to hang out with Mr. Kramm because he buys us things, and it is free."

Kramm was hired by the Guilderland school district in November 2001 and resigned on Dec. 23, 2005; two days after the district investigation began. School district officials contacted the Guilderland Police.

Amy Zurlo, the district's director of public information, declined comment on Kramm's resignation.

It wasn't the first time Kramm's relations with children have raised suspicions.

Eight years ago Kramm was asked to stay away from the Colonie Little League after parents became concerned about Kramm's relationship

with league players.

Kramm covered the Colonie Little League as a freelance writer for *The Colonie Spotlight*, and sold subscriptions with the assistance of Colonie youth. Kramm stopped writing about



Jeffrey Kramm

Colonie youth baseball in 1997, and the subscription program ended in January 1998.

"He would take four or five kids to the movies or to go-cart racing," said Joe Pavone, president of Colonie Little League Baseball. "As parents, we said, 'What's going on

here?'"

The Colonie Spotlight was sold to its current publisher, Spotlight, LLC, in July 1998. Further employment information about Kramm and details of the subscription program with the former company, Spotlight Newspapers, Inc., are not available.

At first Kramm's relationship with the league was good, Pavone said. Pavone spoke to Kramm about the league's concerns.

Parents in the league agreed that Kramm was to no longer have contact with their children. They insisted that he be barred from the games. Pavone complied.

However, Pavone said, Kramm returned to the fields while on assignment with another area publication. Sources confirmed that Kramm wrote stories on a freelance basis for *CD Sports*, which is no longer in business. As he had done before, Pavone turned Kramm away.

"We have no record of him being arrested in Colonie," said Colonie Police Chief Steven H. Heider.

The relationships and weekend outings struck parents as strange, said Pavone. As word spread to other parents, Kramm disappeared from the baseball diamond.

A woman who answered the phone at the Kramm residence said that Kramm had no comment, and that he had no lawyer.

Approximately a year after his ban from the Cooke Park league games, Kramm took a special education monitor position at the Sand Creek Middle

School. He was there from November 1998 until his resignation in November 2000. He helped out in classrooms in grades five through eight, said district Spokesman, John Noetzel.

"He resigned in 2000 to take a position at a new school district, according to his resignation letter," said Noetzel. "We did not have any problems with him."

Guilderland Police Lt. Curtis Cox said that Kramm's record did not include anything similar in nature to the current investigation.

In a letter sent home to middle school parents the day after Kramm's arrest, Farnsworth Principal Mary Summermatter informed families about the incident and reassured them the school was taking the appropriate steps.

"Please be assured that we stand firm in our commitment to provide a safe and emotionally friendly educational environment for the children at Farnsworth Middle School," she wrote. "We value the trust of our school community and appreciate your understanding of the situation."

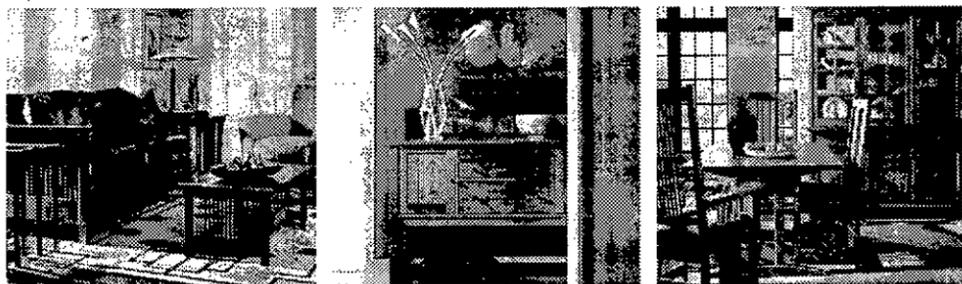
Kramm, who posted an undisclosed amount of bail on Jan. 14, is due back in court on Jan. 19.

Orders of protection were issued at his arraignment that bar him from having any contact with the boys he had spent time with before his arrest.

Police said they have received a number of calls from parents, but could not comment on the progress of the investigation or whether more victims had come forward. Both school officials and police have said that anyone with information should contact the Guilderland Police at 356-1501.

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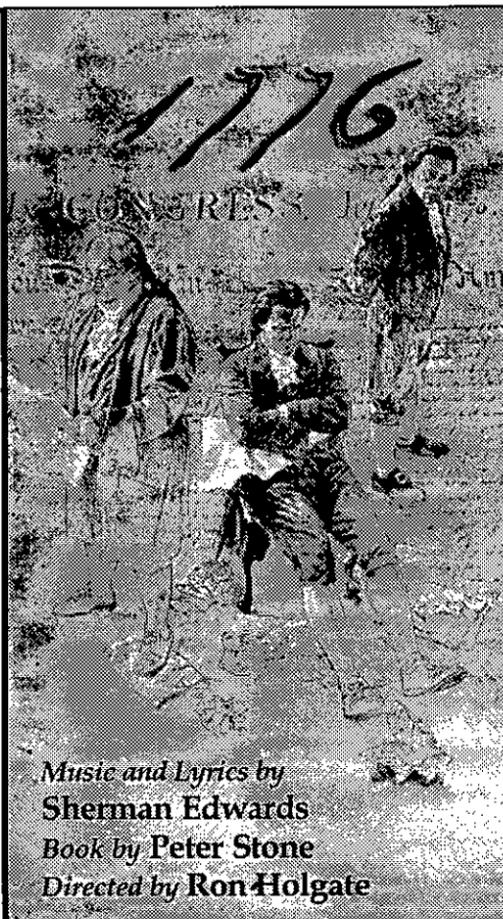
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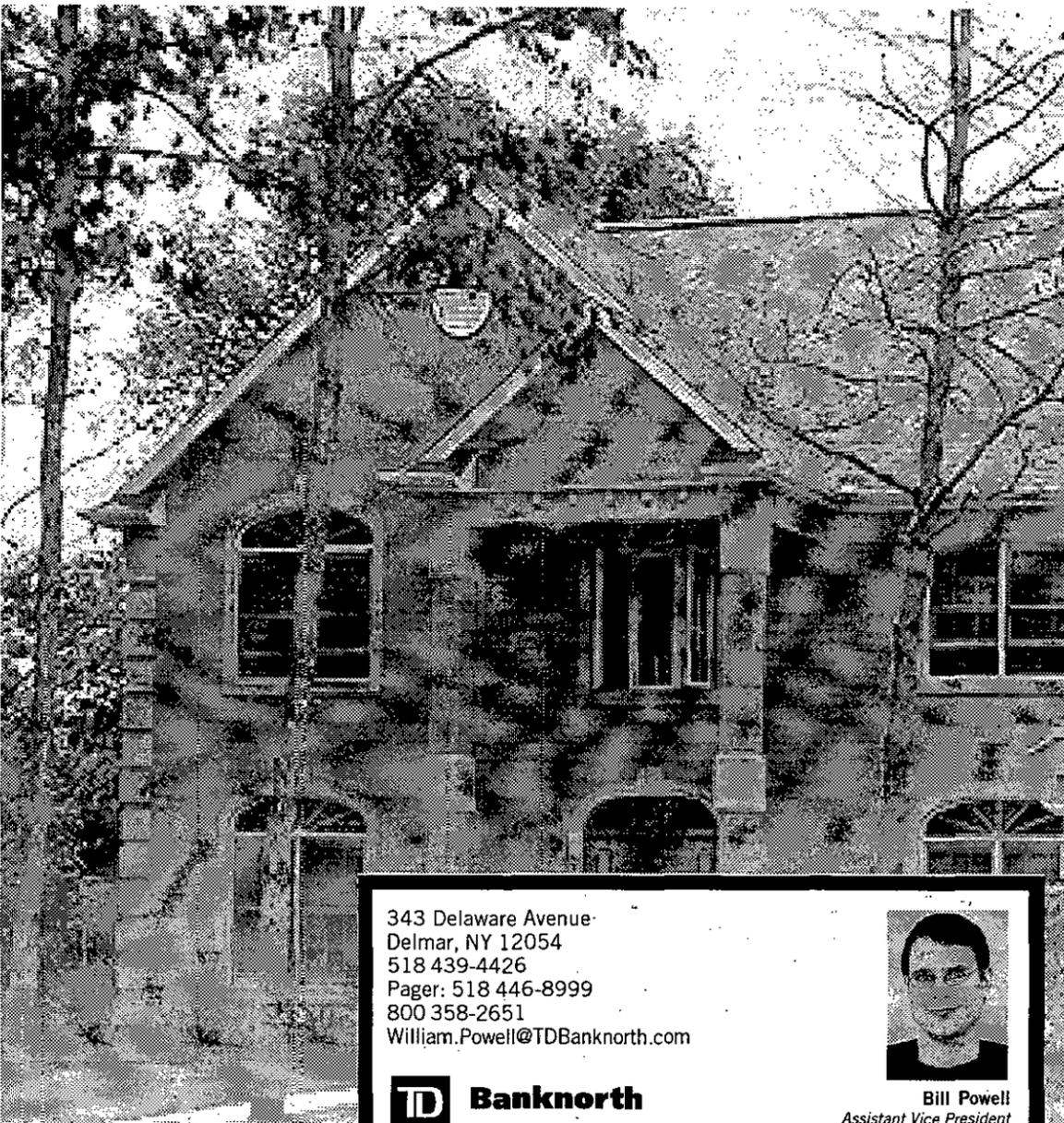
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Cancer support group offers advice on holistic cancer treatment

By GRAHAM S. PARKER

Well-being, and how to seek it through holistic means, was the topic of a caregivers seminar at Gilda's Club last week.

Caregivers at Gilda's Club Capital Region New York—an organization that offers emotional and social support to those affected by cancer—refer to cancer as a journey. From diagnosis through treatment, caregivers and volunteers of the organization are constantly developing methods to bolster a certain "well being" amongst men, women and children living with cancer.

"The ABT's of getting a good start

in 2006: Acupuncture, Basic Nutrition and Teas," was the organization's most recent well-being seminar. It focuses on how the three can ease a rigorous cancer treatment and increase health and recovery.

"These three are just some of the options that may help you when you are going through chemo or other cancer treatments," said Hanne Siatka, communications and events coordinator for the club. "The message is, there might be something in here for you."

When first diagnosed with cancer, patients become inundated with the medical procedures and treatment, said Siatka. However, there are other available

components of treatment that enhance the health of patients, mentally and physically, and compliment medical care.

The seminar dealt with how patients can maintain their health while undergoing treatment with good nutrition; how acupuncture can help with cancer, and also dispel myths of the procedure; and how herbal teas can be helpful in reducing stress associated with treatment.

There are basics that people living with cancer must incorporate into their daily lives. In the same respect, there are basics that caregivers must offer their patients when they begin treatment.

"You cared for me but not for my cancer," a woman once told Georgia Decker in 1994. Decker is an adult nurse practitioner and certified nutritionist with Integrative Care of Albany.

She had treated the woman's breast cancer in 1979. The remark had stayed with Decker for over a decade, and led her on to become a certified nutritionist to help people live with cancer, rather than just treat it. She outlined the basic nutrition model of people currently living with cancer.

Cancer in one way or another had affected nearly all of the two dozen in attendance.

"You have to eat like a diabetic. Keep blood sugars even, and no

concentrated sugars," she said. "You shouldn't feel like you are doing the GI (general infantry) crawl through life."

By stabilizing blood sugars, avoiding food preservatives as much as possible, cancer and the side effects of treatment can be minimized and sometimes avoided.

Peripheral neuropathy is a condition that can cause numbness, tingling, and burning sensations in extremities. The condition can be a side affect of chemotherapy.

Several at the meeting told stories of not being able to walk, and going months, and sometimes years, without feeling in feet or hands.

"You come out of this and beat the cancer but you have to deal with all the other stuff," said Elizabeth Flynn, who was diagnosed with stage four ovarian cancer in September 2004. She has been seeing licensed acupuncturist Marion Bergan-Irwin to treat her neuropathy. Flynn told those at the seminar that acupuncture is effective in treating conditions related to cancer treatments.

After her diagnosis, Flynn underwent six chemotherapy treatments, once every three weeks.

Shortly after the treatments began, she had problems walking and maintaining her balance. For the most part, she got feeling back in

her feet and legs after several appointments with Bergan-Irwin. She still suffers from neuropathy in her hands. However, she has more appointments scheduled with the acupuncturist.

"There are a lot of side effects with chemotherapy, (but) I'm doing really well," she said. If everyone knew of the options they have with alternate treatments, nutrition, and controlling the stress of treatment, they would recover from cancer much more easily, she said.

Decker also touched upon types of foods to eat or avoid that can control, and sometimes eliminate, the side effects of cancer treatment.

If you can't say, or spell the ingredients, don't eat it, she said, and provided listeners with alternatives.

Beside sugar, sweeteners or processed sugar, patients can use a South American herb called Stevia rebaudiana Berton, known simply as stevia. It is estimated to be many times sweeter than sugar. With no calories, it can help balance a patient's blood sugars without sacrificing their sweet tooth.

Eating certified organic foods, fresh fruits, "actual" whole grain breads and monitoring your eating can have positive effects on treatment recovery, Decker said, who advised people to look carefully at things that say "natural."

"Natural doesn't mean safe; poinsettias are natural and if you eat them you die," she said.

Linda Smith, a custom tea blender with DiviniTea out of Schenectady, offered samples of organic blends of green, herbal, and scented teas from around the world.

The message of the night, and of future seminars to come, is that life after cancer is a balance of treatment, well-being and healthy living.

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By DAMIAN PAGANO

Glenn Roe of Loudonville said he had nothing but time on his hands when a streak of "dumb luck" found him.

He was in the hospital and recovering from a minor surgical procedure this past April when a promotional advertisement popped up on his laptop computer screen. It challenged people to wager fictional money on a day of racing at Canterbury Park, a horse track in Minnesota.

Whoever had the best luck betting online that day would win an all-expenses-paid two-

week stay in Las Vegas and the chance to compete for a \$1 million handicapping prize.

"I was recovering, so I wasn't doing much," Roe said. "The tournament was free so I decided to give it a shot."

Roe, 47, has an abiding interest in horse racing. He once worked as a groom/apprentice horse trainer at the Saratoga harness track, but left the job because he was allergic to horses and hay. After six years working the backstretch, his congestion was so bad he had trouble breathing.

"Anything that was around that industry, I was allergic to," he said. "It was terrible. It got so bad, I couldn't take it."

Roe said he still likes to watch races, though, and he enjoys placing an occasional wager. He and his wife Nancy go to Las Vegas every few years and try to time their visit to coincide with the Breeder's Cup. They went to Belmont this year to watch that race live, but he said, "It was not a good day."

"It was cold and I didn't pick any winners," he said.

His luck turned while he was warm in his hospital bed late this past April. The National Thoroughbred Racing Association sponsored the online tournament and the Daily Racing Form promoted it. Roe bested a field of 39,500 people and won the contest — finishing the day with \$126.50 in fictional winnings. His total was \$16 better than the nearest competitor.

"I was shocked," he said. "It was just a lot of dumb luck."

The couple will fly to Las Vegas on Wednesday for their two-week stay at the Orleans Casino. Roe will compete for a share of \$1 million in prize money in a handicapping tournament to take place Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

He said the tournament would be filmed for ESPN and broadcast at a later date. He said he has been asked to dress appropriately and expects to be interviewed by the cable sports network. The Daily Racing Form has already interviewed him.

"I wish I had some great technique that I could tell you about, he said. "But it was just dumb luck. I was in the right place at the right time."

Roe said that even if he doesn't win the tournament, he'll still be glad he went. He is a mail carrier for the U.S. Postal Service and said he will not mind a break from the recent cold snap.

"I'm a mailman so getting out of town this time of year is a good thing," he said.

"I was recovering, so I wasn't doing much. The tournament was free so I decided to give it a shot."

Glenn Roe

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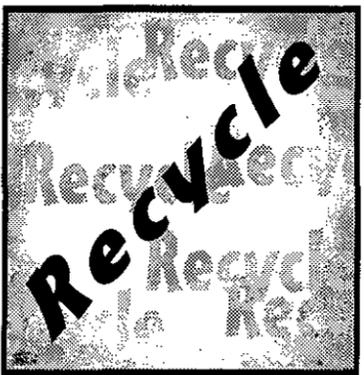
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The filing deadline is normally April 15, however this year April 15 falls on a Saturday, so the deadline will be extended to Monday, April 17.

The IRS expects to process about 8.8 million individual tax returns from New York taxpayers in 2006 and expects continued

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Hurricane Katrina Assistance. The IRS has established a toll-free number for Katrina victims, 1-866-562-5227. There are also numerous tax law changes for the victims of Hurricane Katrina, businesses locate in the disaster areas and for individuals donating to charities helping the victims. These changes are available on IRS.gov. Also, the agency is preparing Publication 4492, Information for

Taxpayers Affected by Hurricane Katrina, Rita and Wilma, that also will detail these changes.

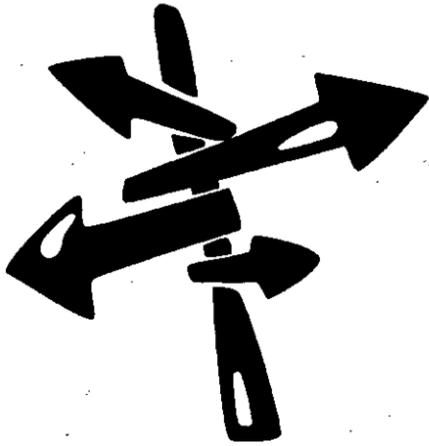
Another change will give late-filers six months to get their return in the mail. Taxpayers who cannot meet the April deadline should file a Form 4868, Application for Automatic Extension. Now, the extension to file will be through Oct. 17 for most taxpayers. Previously, Form 4868 automatically gave taxpayers three months.

Once taxpayers file their tax return, they can track their refund through the online tool "Where's My Refund?" Access this secure Web site to find out if the IRS has processed the tax return and sent the refund.

The IRS Web site is, at certain times of the year, one of the most heavily used sites on the Internet. In fiscal year 2005, there were more than 176 million visits to IRS.gov and 1.2 billion page views.

The agency is sending 17.7 million 1040 tax packages this week to taxpayers who have previously filed paper returns. The number of paper tax booklets mailed to Americans is continuing to decline as more people opt for electric filing.

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Finance *in the* Spotlight

Forecasting 2006: From Trends to Tips

By John Caldwell,
Chief Investment Strategist
and Department Director,
McDonald Financial Group

us, paycheck after paycheck.

In other words, such key national economic factors such as gross domestic product (GDP), stock and bond markets and interest rates really do matter to all of us.

Looking back at 2005, we see that every positive piece of economic data last year seemed to be followed closely by its own caveat. Job growth was solid overall, but it trailed past recoveries. Inflation was relatively low, but this was overbalanced by worries of rising energy costs. Industrial output hit new highs, but anxiety over the loss of manufacturing jobs went higher.

Wall Street was overly spooked in 2005, chiefly by a 50 percent rise in oil prices, but also by the fact that the Federal Reserve raised interest rates at every scheduled meeting during the year. Natural and man-made disasters abounded, each bringing a new dose of anxiety. Terrorist attacks shook London, and New Orleans was

inundated by one of the worst natural disasters in U.S. history.

However, economic growth overall, as measured by gross domestic product, was above average for each of the past 10 quarters. In addition, the U.S. economy has added an average of 180,000 new jobs per month for the past two years, while wage gains are now averaging 5 percent annually.

Even in an overall climate of residual anxiety after a 2005 that was in actuality somewhat better than it felt, the economic picture taking shape in 2006 is more favorable than the worriers among us may acknowledge.

For example, many feared that the devastating Hurricanes Katrina and Rita might slow economic growth in the third quarter of last year. The actual, revised figure was 4.3 percent growth as compared to the long-term average of 3.25 percent. Some of that growth, in fact, is directly and positively hurricane related, as \$150 billion in insurance

payouts and federal programs pour into the damaged areas.

Damage to Gulf Coast petroleum and shipping industries was part of the hurricane toll, and energy and transportation prices have indeed risen sharply as a consequence.

However, we Americans now spend less than 6 percent of our disposable income on energy goods and services. Energy spending has increased by \$225 billion since 2001. However, after-tax income has jumped even faster, by \$1.5 trillion over the same period, off-setting energy cost increases.

The effect of rising energy costs on core inflation also may be overstated as cause for alarm. We believe inflation is rising within normal parameters, after a period when the Federal Reserve raised interest rates repeatedly. The Federal Reserve has nearly finished adjusting interest rates upward, and the key Federal Funds rate will probably settle at a very reasonable 4.5 to 5 percent early this year.

So, if the worriers' worst fears don't come true in 2006, any more than they did last year, what will happen?

Okay, let's first realistically acknowledge the news that worriers may well see as bad.

We do expect a modest slowdown in personal spending, spurred by higher interest rates that will increase the costs for home equity loans, credit cards and other consumer borrowing. Home building and sales will likely slow and the dollar may strengthen, reducing the ability of U.S. manufacturers to export goods at attractive prices. Capital spending may also slow, versus both last year and 2004. Many cash-rich companies are allocating resources to stock repurchases, dividend increases and debt retirement. These expenditures may be good for investors, but do not directly support broad economic activity.

On the other hand, significant upside indicators abound.

Subtracting hurricane reconstruction activity from GDP forecasts, we expect growth to slow a bit this year. However, putting that activity back into the forecasting calculations, we expect GDP to be in the range of 4 to 4.5 percent, or actually higher than last year.

The predicted effect in 2006 of these favorable or neutral factors on bond and stock markets may be seen most clearly by reviewing current conditions in light of events in 1994-1995. At that time, interest rates rose and economic growth slowed. In fact, the Federal Reserve raised interest rates by three percentage points due to inflation worries, causing GDP growth to slow from 4 percent in 1994 to 2 percent in 1995.

Although no two eras of the market will match precisely, one major factor bears watching. In 2006, like 1995, we worry a great deal that bad monetary policy (that is raising interest rates too far) could greatly stifle the positive economic environment we envision. The actions of the Federal Reserve will be closely scrutinized by the markets and may add an element of uncertainty to market behavior this year.

There will, in our view, be one major difference in this historical comparison.

In 1995, the Standard and Poors 500 earnings growth was 21 percent, and the index posted a 37 percent gain. We

do not anticipate similar results this year. In 1995, the stock market surged due to accelerated earnings growth while the 10-year U.S. Treasury bond yield dropped from nearly 8 percent to approximately 5.5 percent in 1995.

This year, we expect earnings growth to moderate from a 14 percent growth rate over last year to approximately 8 percent. Moreover, we forecast interest rates to be modestly higher in 2006 than last year and the 10-year Treasury bond yield to approach 5 percent.



John Caldwell

Therefore, we predict continued positive returns for stocks this year, with returns in 2006 falling within our long-term forecast range of 7 to 9 percent. Investors should favor high-quality, consistent growth companies.

Many Americans do not consider themselves to be part of "the investor class." However, most of us are investors, whether we recognize this or not. Most of us are investing through 401(k) plans, mutual funds or CDs purchased through banks. This general prognostication of stock and bond market trends may be more important than you think. We may have more choices and opportunities open to us than we typically exercise.

Some of the stocks we are interested in watching this year are outlined below. These stocks may or may not be suitable investments for you. Please contact your financial professional for advice.

We see these companies as offering consistent growth at a reasonable pace. Moreover, these companies display strong earnings and cash flow, solid balance sheets and high-quality management.

Caterpillar and Dow Chemical see strong demand for their products but have weak stock prices. United Technologies should post consistent growth thanks to its construction, aerospace and defense businesses. NCR Corp is more than just automated teller machines. Entertainment companies Carnival Cruise Lines, Regal Entertainment (which operates movie theaters) and Electronic Arts (the largest video game publisher) enjoy healthy sales environments. Other companies that supply various consumer demands are also likely to thrive in 2006. Eli Lilly, Walgreen and Johnson & Johnson are also well-positioned to profit from rising healthcare spending. Wells Fargo and Developers Diversified Realty (a real estate investment trust) have excellent flexibility and growth potential. Nokia's foreign exposure is promising for wireless communications growth, and Halliburton also has a strong international profile as one of the best-managed energy industry service companies worldwide.

In a year that most experts predict will be average in economic growth, interest rates and market performance, we like the potential of these stocks.

About the author: Chief Investment Strategist and Department Director at McDonald Financial Group, John Caldwell also serves as chair of the McDonald Investment Policy Committee. He appears as a regular guest host on CNBC's Squawk Box program and is regularly seen on Bloomberg TV, while the Wall Street Journal, the New York Times and the Washington Post regularly feature his market commentary.

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"Twelve Days in Paris" can be viewed Wednesdays through Fridays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sundays from noon to 4 p.m.

The gallery also can be viewed Mondays and Tuesdays by appointment.

Call 475-1853 for

information, or visit www.exposedartphotography.com.

Five Rivers to hold winter workshops

Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, 56 Game Farm Road, Delmar, is offering winter workshops.

• A program on winter ecology for home schooling families will be held Tuesday, Jan. 17, at 10 a.m. Staff naturalists will guide home schooling families on an indoor/outdoor exploration of the ecology of winter. During the winter, animals must expend more energy to

fulfill their basic needs of food, water and shelter. Through indoor examination of fur and feathers and outdoor exploration, families will work at their own pace to study animal adaptations. Journals will be supplied and kept by all participants.

This is the first in a series of three programs developed specifically for home schooling families. Additional programs will be snowshoeing Thursday, Feb. 2, at 10 a.m., and maple sugaring Monday, March 13, at 10 a.m.

The fee is \$8 for one adult and one child and \$3.50 for

each additional child.

Registration is required for all programs.

For information or to register, call Five Rivers Center at 475-0291.

• A snowshoe walk will be held Sunday, Jan. 29, at 2 p.m., at the center.

Educators will demonstrate the basic techniques of snowshoe travel, followed by a short walk on one of Five Rivers' trails to study seasonal animal tracks and traces. Call Five Rivers Center at 475-0291 to reserve snowshoes or you may bring your own. A limited number of children's snowshoes are available.

In case of no snow, the walk will be done on foot.

The program is free.

Participants should dress for the outdoors.

Sonshine Bible School sign up under way

Registration for the 27th annual February Sonshine Vacation Bible School at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm St., is under way and continues through Feb. 10.

The Christian Camp is from 1 to 3:30 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 21 through Thursday, Feb. 23, and costs \$6 per student.

Classes are for students from kindergarten to fifth grade, plus a four-year-old preschool class.

This year's Bible studies, crafts, exercise and music will all focus on Jesus, the carpenter.

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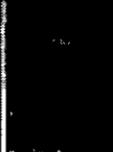
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Inside Update



Education

Private schools and colleges in the area fill specific niches. Some colleges offer classes for adults looking to make a career switch or just stay abreast of changes in the modern world. Private schools for kindergarten through grade 12 students offer a range of academic offerings, combined with unique attributes like faith or service that enhance a child's learning.

See pages 2-9.



Realty

As restrictions on building lift in the area, real estate companies look forward to a good year. As of last November, the median sale price of a single family home in Albany County in 2005 was \$185,800. In Schenectady County, it was \$141,000, and in Saratoga County it was \$238,100.

See pages 10-12.



Business

Construction

Thinking about a new bathroom? Always wanted a new kitchen? Been dreaming of a new home? Area businesses can turn your dreams into reality.

See page 10.



Homes Coming

BY STEPHANIE LUBIS

It's an exciting time for real estate, with changes in the works that are for the better. Challenges that have faced builders and realtors in the last year due to residential building moratoriums, high costs of building supplies and labor due to natural disasters, and the high demand for housing may be decreasing in the near future, thanks to many area towns lifting their moratoriums.

"This year really hurt the affordable housing market," said Peter Staniels, president of Weichert Realtors Northeast Group in Delmar. "The affordability of homes was impacted greatly. On the negative side, the cost of materials and construction went up, but on a more positive side, this year there was a record low interest rate on home mortgages, but they are going up again."

With many towns completing comprehensive planning moratoriums, which held back construction and have now been lifted, people in the market for new homes can look forward to new construction in the coming year. New construction will also keep the average home price up.

"There is a lot of acreage now owned by developers that's just waiting to be built," said Staniels.

The boom in construction expected this year will effect the resale home market. Many people who have mentally purchased a new home have had to wait until moratoriums were lifted, Staniels said. People interested in a new home obviously cannot move until the home is built, Staniels said, ultimately increasing the number of resale homes on the market.

"With more resale houses on line, we're getting a break on the unusually frenetic inflation in prices we've seen in the last two years," said Staniels. It's the old theory of supply and demand: since there are more houses, prices shouldn't be so high.

Last year, home prices in the town of Bethlehem, for instance, went up 1 to 1.5 percentage points per month, Staniels said. That's an increase of 12 to 18 percentage points per year. This year, he said, prices will go up about half that, to around 6 percent.

Another thing that can affect the housing market is the gubernatorial election this November.

"An election can change things down the road," said Bill Alston of Realty USA in Delmar. "When Pataki was coming in as governor,

Lifting of moratoriums means more homes will be built

"When parents look at a non-public school, they look for a school that fits."
Katie Hills



there was definitely a ripple effect with town appointees in Bethlehem, and a lot of job attrition. That won't happen this year though."

Houses and schools

The public school enrollment statistics tend to rise along with home sales in an area, but in the case of private schools, students do not need to reside in the same area as the school.

Loudonville Christian School buses in students from all over the region, and where a child attends private school depends mainly on

□ Homes page 8



St. Pius X Catholic School thrives in Loudonville

The faculty and staff of St. Pius X Catholic School, which is in the heart of Loudonville about a mile south of Siena College, greets more than 600 students a day, making it the largest Catholic school in the Albany Diocese. The pre-kindergarten through eighth-grade Middle States Association accredited school draws students and their families from 26 different school districts throughout the Capital District. Besides many students from North and South Colonie, the school community

"The parents who bring their children to us know that we share their values and support their efforts at home."

Dennis Mullahy

includes nearly 100 students from the Shenendehowa school district in Clifton Park, as well as students from Guilderland, Niskayuna, Averill Park, North and East Greenbush, Wynantskill, Menands, and Albany.

When asked why he thinks St. Pius X School continues to thrive 51 years after it was founded, Principal Dennis Mullahy credits the school's philosophy of teaching Catholic/Christian values in a very safe and caring environment.

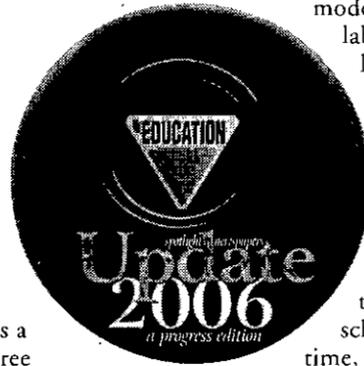
"It seems that more than ever, parents are seeking a place where their children can receive an outstanding education that prepares them for the future not only academically but spiritually," Mullahy said. "The lessons we teach in our daily religion classes are integrated through every grade level and subject area and are at the heart of our curriculum. The parents who bring their children to us know that we share their values and support their efforts at home. We are also very fortunate to have such highly dedicated teachers who know each child

individually and work hard to make his or her experience with us successful, rewarding and fun."

Mullahy noted that while many families are drawn to the school initially for its Catholic/Christian values, they become even more excited when they tour the campus that includes a pre-kindergarten, three sections of each grade level, kindergarten through sixth grade,

two sections each of seventh and eighth grade, two modern technology labs, a new library/media center, gymnasium, cafeteria and nearly 2 acres of athletic fields.

"Once they enter the school for the first time, our new people are amazed at what a large school we really are," Mullahy



Avila keeps winter lively

For many people, winter stifles their normal routines. Who wants to leave the house in sub-zero temperatures with a foot of snow on the ground? For seniors living in the Albany retirement community known as Avila the weather isn't a problem — ever. That is because every possible need and most of their desires can be found inside the 35,000 square-foot contemporary

Adirondack Lodge which connects two four-story buildings, housing 128 apartments.

The lodge is complete with a two-story stone fireplace, open beams, hardwood floors, and wood trim work. While serving as a meeting and gathering place the lodge also houses numerous amenities. Whether it is a bistro café, an indoor aquatic center, or a fitness and

said. "But despite our size, we are really just an extended family. Everybody seems to know everybody else."

St. Pius X School will hold its open house for prospective families on Sunday, Jan. 29 from 1 to 3 p.m. with a snow date of Sunday, Feb. 12.

But you don't need to wait for an open house to see the school. Personal tours are available throughout the year.

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aerobic center you are looking for or a hair salon, convenience store, chapel or library, it can all be found in what Avila residents call their Town Center. It is all under cover and easily accessible.

"There is something going on all the time," said Avila spokeswoman Sherri Van Orden. "The biggest draw has been the programming. We have fitness classes, interest groups, as well as crafts and cooking classes."

Indeed, the community's Web site, www.avilaretirement.com, boasts more than a dozen clubs and activities. Additionally, Van Orden said there is a very active lecture series covering a wide variety of topics. Lectures about China, snowflakes, and archaeology fall into the intellectual or educational realm. Other lectures are more self-help in nature with offerings of defensive driving, understanding Medicare Part D, and maintaining the health of your brain.

"There is a very packed calendar with regular trips to places like Saratoga Performing Arts Center, Tanglewood, and Saratoga Race Course," said Van Orden. She mentioned that many residents volunteer with organizations in the area. One couple recently assisted Catholic Charities in opening a resource center for people going back into the workforce while the community's quilting club made quilts donated to victims of Hurricane Katrina and Rita.

The apartments range in size from the 780 square-foot, one bedroom, one bath to the 1,746 square-foot two-bedroom, two-bathroom plus sunroom. There are eight different floor plans. In addition to the apartment buildings, there are 24 cottages on-site that offer a minimum of 1,438 square feet of living space and at least a single car garage.

Interior and exterior maintenance, groundskeeping, and trash removal are included services at Avila. While one might expect those services in apartment living, the seniors of Avila are also provided bi-weekly housekeeping with an annual cleaning as well as a meal plan that provides for 14 or 21 meals to be prepared and served to them each month. Residents paid a one time entrance fee based on the apartment size to enter the community and are charged a monthly fee.

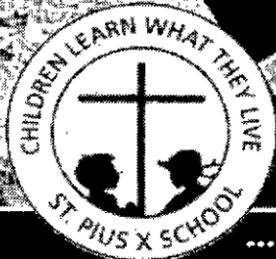
Located nearby Crossgates Commons, Van Orden said all units are fully occupied.

Outside amenities include a nature preserve, walking path, and landscaped grounds. Twenty-four hour staffing, as well as transportation to shopping, medical appointments and special events are also included services.

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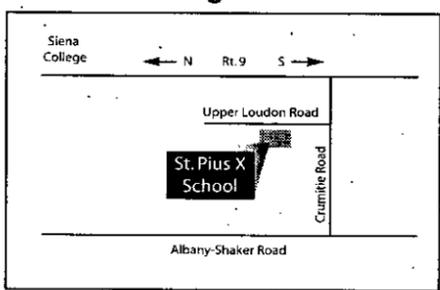
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SCCC is constantly expanding its state-of-the-art technology in labs and electronic classrooms with over 550 computers on campus.

Design has been completed

on an expansion of the Culinary Arts wing in Elston Hall, part of the Campus Master Plan. The college anticipates that construction will begin in spring 2006. The first phase of the plan also includes an expansion of the college's drama and music programs in the Begley Building. Schenectady County purchased property across Washington Avenue to add parking and for future campus expansion.

The State University of New York College of Technology at Delhi is offering all courses in its hospitality management bachelor's of business administration degree program on the SCCC campus. For information about the program, please contact David Brower, program coordinator, at 381-1497 or by e-mail at browerdc@delhi.edu.

SCCC, SuperPower, Inc., a world-leading high-temperature

superconducting technology (HTS) company, and Union College, have been awarded \$5 million in the 2006 state legislative budget to develop a highly skilled local workforce to enable SuperPower to successfully achieve its goal of manufacturing scale-up and commercial production of second generation (2G) HTS wire beginning in 2006. SCCC will

receive \$1 million for the acquisition of microscopy and spectroscopic testing equipment; facilities upgrades; and curriculum development in HTS manufacturing processes. SCCC

expects to begin by offering specialized courses within the Electrical Technology A.A.S. degree program.

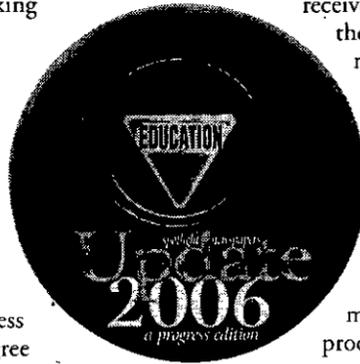
SCCC serves as the facilitator for the Capital District's new Homeland Security and Public Safety Consortium. The mission of

the consortium is to provide a vehicle for the development and implementation of a system for public safety training which spans the breadth of first responders, including fire, police, paramedic, and other agencies. SCCC will contribute resources and affiliations, including educational credentialing and business and industry training programs.

The following five entities,

with SCCC, comprise the consortium: Zone 5 Regional Law Enforcement Training Academy; Safety Central, Inc.; Glenville Fire and Public Safety Training Center; St. Clare's Hospital; and the Schenectady City Fire Department.

The consortium plans to build a Homeland Security and public safety training facility which will be shared for education and training programs.



Family care that really cares

By MARTY BANNAN

Family Medical Care, located on 7 Culligan Drive, just off Route 50 behind Baptist Health Nursing & Rehabilitation Center in Scotia, is a primary care practice for the whole family.

"Preventative healthcare is one of the most important things that our population can invest in," said Ruth Tietz, Family Medical Care's director of public relations and marketing. "Think back to the days when visiting your family doctor was a bit less complicated than the current fast-paced world of medical care today, and that's what Family Medical Care is like. You'll be part of a medical family, where there's an emphasis on individualized attention and a hometown feel. Plus, parking and actually finding your doctor's office is never an issue."

Family Medical Care accepts all insurance plans, including popular military insurance plans, Healthnet Services and Martin's Point Healthcare U.S. Family Health Plan. Given Family Medical Care's location in the Scotia area, this is a wonderful opportunity for military families stationed at The

Stratton ANG Base in Scotia to streamline their families' medical visits.

The medical staff includes Dr. Montano Serrano and Dr. Lynn Leitner Hickey. Both physicians bring their own unique flair to the practice. Hickey is board certified in both internal medicine and pediatrics. Hickey is currently accepting new patients of all ages.

Many of Serrano's more mature patients enjoy his unique sense of humor and sensitivity. Verónica Pauzé is the nurse manager at Family Medical Care, and her own grandmother, Angela Pauzé said, "Serrano goes the extra mile and really takes his time with me. I never leave without a full explanation or with any questions about my condition or the next step."

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Dr. Kirk Panneton, the medical director at Family Medical Care, and the director of geriatric medicine at St. Clare's Hospital oversees all medical practices.

Family Medical Care is located at 7 Culligan Drive in Scotia. The practice is open from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Their phone number is 377-9444.

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The Academies emphasize service, leadership

Even when school's out, students are in. The Albany Academy and Albany Academy for Girls were already closed for the holidays on Dec. 21, but students and their parents could be found on the first day of school vacation in the Academy's kitchen, baking 4,000 cookies to deliver to local doctors, nurses and families who would be spending their holidays caring for others.

This is not unusual. A few days before Thanksgiving, Albany Academy for Girls students and their parents were filling, baking and boxing 200 pies for local families attending Equinox Inc., Joseph House and Unity House Thanksgiving feasts.

"Community service plays an important role in daily life at the Academies," said the Academy's

dean of students, Russell Combs. "The aim of the Academy's leadership development program is to prepare students to be responsible leaders and members of society. We hope to instill a sense of public service that will last well beyond the students' years at the Academy."

Students at both schools were off to a good start this year, spending an entire day in September working on service projects around the community. Middle and upper school students cleaned up Washington and Lincoln parks; assisted on school projects at Arbor

Hill School; and volunteered at the Regional Food Bank of Northeastern New York, Ronald McDonald House and Child's Nursing Home. Academy boys and girls collected items and funds for hurricane victims.

As the holiday season began, students volunteered at or collected items for Parsons Child and Family Center, the Center for the Disabled, Ronald McDonald House and local food pantries. On Jan. 8, the Academy's Middle School Yo-Yo Club participated in the Ronald McDonald House Radiothon at Crossgates Mall. Albany Academy for Girls supported cancer research at Albany Medical Center, raising enough money so that the breast cancer research team could purchase a piece of needed

equipment. From simple chores such as making beds, vacuuming and painting, to raising needed funds, to longer-lasting projects such as developing relationships with students at the Langdon School at the Center for Disabled, Academy students are making community service an enriching part of their education.

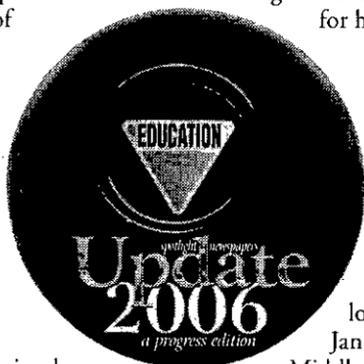
The Albany Academy is working on four major projects this spring: the Billy Grey Ride for Research, to benefit brain tumor research, in memory of Billy Grey, Academy Class of 2006; a 5-K run to benefit leukemia research; a Habitat for Humanity project in conjunction with Albany College of Pharmacy; and a school-wide recycling project.

"For 200 years, Albany Academy and Albany Academy for Girls have played an important part in the community and we take our role seriously," said Head of School Caroline Mason. "Part of that

means giving back to the community in any way we can. It's our role as citizens, future leaders and public servants. And by creating opportunities for our younger students, we hope they will have developed the internal motivation and desire to pursue these activities on their own as they experience first-hand the responsibility they have in the larger community."

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Mary and Bill Manfred started the family-owned business in 1984 and incorporated in 1987. Since then, the business has expanded to offer courses in Albany, Lake George, Saratoga, Hudson, and Kingston.

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Learning and service go hand-in-hand at CBA

By JIM CUOZZO

The adopted child program at Christian Brothers Academy typifies the spirit of giving that students, parents and faculty of the CBA community embody.

"I think it is important that CBA is not just about sports and college entrance, it's also about community," said Carole Ballato, secretary to the principal at CBA.

Former school librarian Sandra Martone started the adopted child program over seven years ago. It happens every year during the holiday season, when CBA chooses needy students from an Albany public elementary school to help.

"She was very mission

oriented and that's how the program started," said Ballato of Martone. Each year during the holiday season, CBA chooses needy students from an Albany Public Elementary School to reach out and help.

This year, CBA students chose a third-grade school to donate over 460 gifts including

toys, games, sneakers, shoes, mittens and boots along with

several coats and a cash donation totaling \$638.

"We outfitted 27 adopted children and supplied toys to 56 children from this Albany school. Everybody pitches in," said Ballato.

The two-week drive ended with all goods and money collected being delivered to children who always have big smiles on their faces when they realize someone cares and remembered them.

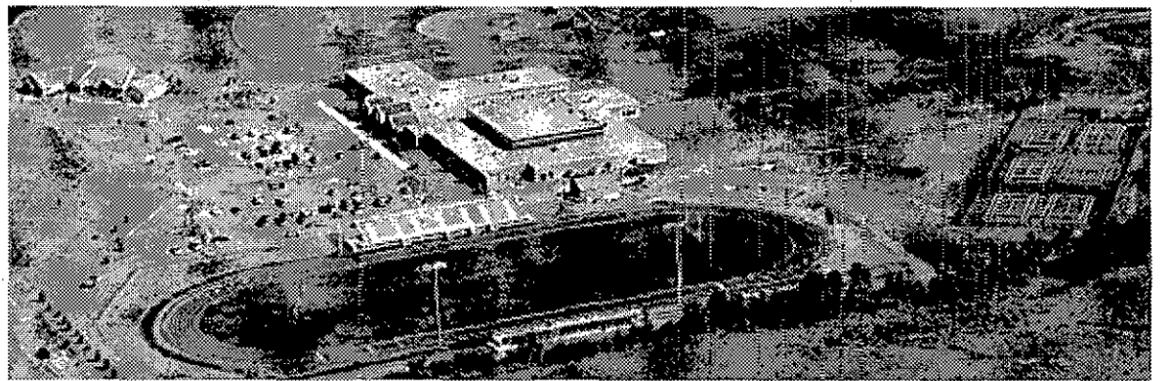
"The gifts donated and received are given to very needy children that wouldn't have any Christmas at all," Ballato said.

This type of outreach and giving back to the community happens not just at Christmas time, but throughout the year, according to CBA Campus Minister Brother Casimir Gundlach.

"High school seniors enrolled in CBA are required to perform 70 hours of community service credit," Gundlach said.

Annual food collection drives are held during the Thanksgiving season and this year, 525 students donated over 19,000 cans of food to three Albany churches. Students also visit residents of the Albany County Nursing Home and Our Lady of Hope Nursing home that almost always picks up the spirits of the elderly residents living in these facilities.

"We go in and people enjoy talking and listening to the young people," said Gundlach. Students also sell candy at the end of every school day. Proceeds collected are sent to schools in Africa operated by the Christian Brothers. "We send about \$1,600 each year to



Aerial view of Christian Brothers Academy in Albany

eight different schools in Ethiopia and Kenya," said Gundlach.

Gundlach believes its is important for students to realize there are people out there in the world who need things more than most of us. "We bring this up to

them, we like to call it a CBA family and parents are always there to help out," Gundlach said.

Christian Brothers Academy is a private, Catholic academic preparatory school for boys, conducted by the Brothers of the

Christian Schools with the collaboration of a caring and competent lay faculty. C.A. was among the first 60 private schools selected nationally by the U.S. Department of Education in 1989 as a Blue Ribbon School.

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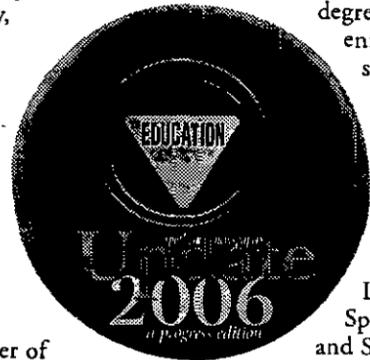
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Union's academy a forum for growth

BY DAMIAN PAGANO

The Union College Academy for Lifelong Learning is open for anyone who has a desire to learn.

Founded 19 years ago in the spirit of Union's liberal arts tradition, the academy is a forum for intellectual and social growth. Anybody who has time during the day can enroll there, and there are no tests or grades. Prior formal education is not a condition for acceptance and neither are SAT scores.

"All you need is time and the desire to learn," academy Director Valerie D'Amario said. "There's no pressure. It's just a stimulating,

intellectual environment."

The academy started in 1988 as part of Union College's graduate and continuing education department. That department became Union University several years ago, but the Academy for Lifelong Learning kept its Union College affiliation. It also kept its membership rate consistent. The price, a \$65 membership fee and \$25 or \$50 per semester (depending on the number of courses a member signs up for) has only increased once since the academy started.

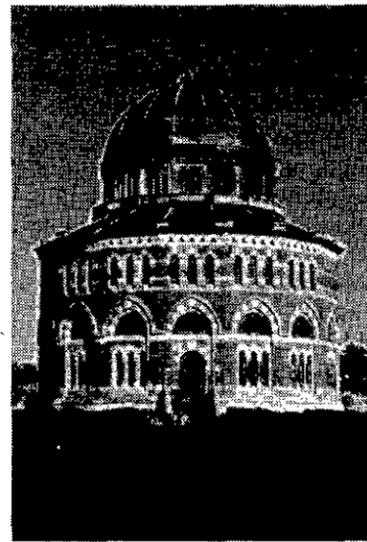
Bob Mielkey, a Union College undergraduate alumnus who retired from a career as a librarian in the Fort Plain School District, said he joined the academy in 2000 and took a course about the American Revolution. He continued his involvement and has been part of the academy's steering committee since 2002.

"Our program is member driven," he said. "It's very organic." Academy members are, for the most part, retired. Their backgrounds vary and their ranks include physicians, engineers, teachers, attorneys and homemakers, D'Amario said. There are about 200 members, and attendance at academy courses and social outings is good. Members also teach at the academy, and will be involved with courses during the academy's spring semester.

The semester starts on April 4 and course offerings vary. They include a course titled Energy's Impact Today and Tomorrow, American Poets of the 19th Century, Humor: Laughing Matters!, Religions of the World, Biological Evolution, and Venetian Art.

D'Amario said people interested in signing up for classes can contact her by calling 388-6675. She expects to have course brochures in the mail during February. Members, in addition to being able to attend courses, have access to the College's Reimer Campus Center and the Schaeffer Library.

"It's a very nice way for people to come back to college," D'Amario said. "It's never too late for people to learn about what they enjoy."



The Nott Memorial on the campus of Union College. The Union College Academy for Lifelong Learning started in 1988 as part of Union College's graduate and continuing education department. The academy is a forum for intellectual and social growth.



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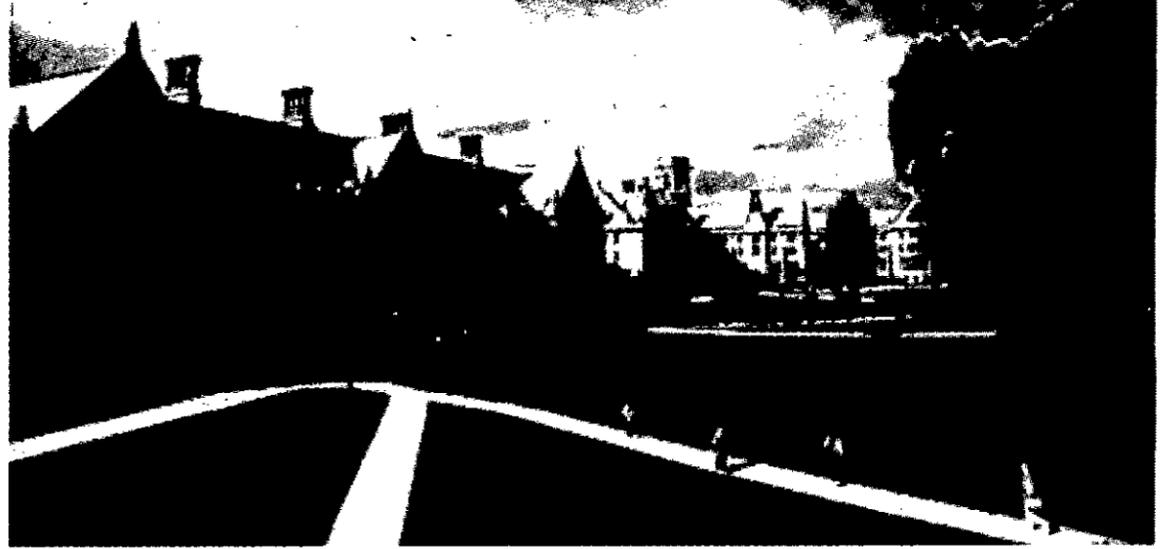
which serve those who want to learn, from recent high school graduates and those seeking to advance or change careers to older students returning to school, and whose personal schedules have excluded them from further education.

In 1971, the college established an Evening Division, offering degrees in a three-year sequence. In 1981, Maria announced creation of the first Weekend College in Northeastern New York, with classes held every other weekend. The Weekend College makes it possible to earn an associate's degree in a two-year time frame. It best serves the needs of mature students trying to coordinate family and career responsibilities with educational opportunity.

The Learning Resource Center, created in 1982 and a major support service for Maria students, has two goals: first to provide tutorials for development/remediation in math computation and concepts, study skills, and language arts; and second to provide the general student body with supplemental learning materials. The Center's resources include computers and audio-video equipment, and are available to students in all the College's divisions.

Maria's commitment to the needs of the individual student is evident in its guidance and counseling programs: academic guidance through a faculty advisor assigned each student; personal counseling through the Counseling Center; and career guidance through the College's Career Planning and Placement Office, a service also available to alumni. A student/faculty ratio of 14:1 ensures personal attention and meaningful interaction with staff.

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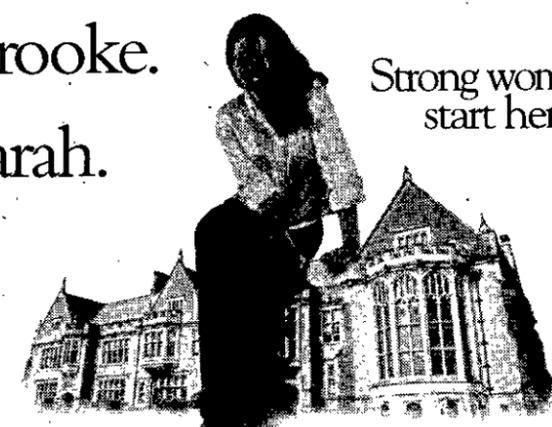
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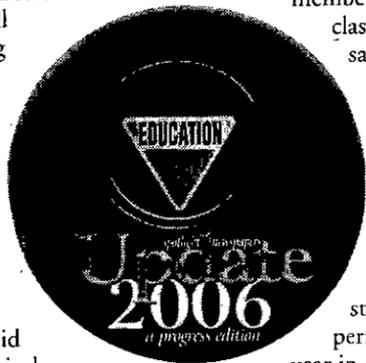
"Performing and sharing music with an audience is so important for young performers," said Liberty. "It reminds them that music is not a solitary activity and it gives them a goal to work toward and a milestone to look back on. They can see their own improvement and by watching other students perform, they see what can be achieved."

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Homes

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what that family is looking for in education.

"When parents look at a non-public school, they look for a school that fits," said Karie Hills, principal of Loudonville Christian School.

"That's why we have open houses," said Hills. "To see if this environment is what you are looking for."

The building explosion in the Capital District doesn't necessarily correlate with enrollment in private schools, she said.

Carol Burns, spokesperson for the Albany Academy, said enrollment in that school has remained steady, at about 350.

Buying a home in a good school district is advisable even for families without children, Staniels said, because a good school district may be important to the next buyer, increasing the resale value of the home.

Much of the building boom in this area could be because of Albany's role in nanotechnology and biotechnology, and a growing number of jobs in the area. Also,

proximity to employment is not as important as it once was due to technology such as the Internet.

"We've got a lot of great schools in the area, and the pressure is to keep some of those brains in the area," said Staniels. "Many younger people are in the housing market whether or not they are married and have a family. Because of growing

Alston said, and the job market in this area is very good. Townhouses and condos are two examples of what is being built now to attract young people and older people who no longer wish to maintain a ho-

"With townhouses, you get apartment lifestyle, but you own the house," said Staniels. "You're building your own wealth. A lot of people who are out of college are economically savvy and are looking at owning a home instead of renting."

Older people, too, are looking for homes they won't have to maintain so stringently. Townhouses could be an answer for some of them. Many older folks move to or stay in the area to be close to family members, and a home they won't have to maintain is a good deal.

New developments do tend to be larger, customized homes, but townhouses are a growing market, Alston said.

"People want to maintain the quality of life, and will be looking for upscale townhouses in the \$300,000 range," he said.

Single Family Home Sales

	2005	% of Change	2004
ALBANY COUNTY			
Total # of Residential Sales	2,677	-2%	2,744
# Residential Listings	3,469	4%	3,324
Average Sale	\$223,946	17%	\$190,987
Median Sale	\$185,800	14%	\$162,700
SARATOGA COUNTY			
Total # of Residential Sales	2,838	-0%	2,847
# Residential Listings	4,592	23%	3,744
Average Sale	\$266,380	15%	\$232,568
Median Sale	\$238,100	13%	\$210,000
SCHENECTADY COUNTY			
Total # of Residential Sales	1,937	3%	1,885
# Residential Listings	2,474	4%	2,389
Average Sale	\$159,397	11%	\$142,984
Median Sale	\$141,000	14%	\$124,000

Statistics are through November 2005

jobs in the area, they are in a better position to buy homes. They don't want to rent forever."

Jobs driving housing market

By and large, employment rates are what drive the market,

School offers faith, academics

BY STEPHANIE LUBIS

The Loudonville Christian School has only been around since 1960, but it's still devoted to providing its students with quality education under a strong Christian guidance.

Bible classes, daily devotions and community service help create and maintain a strong Christian faith, while offering students from pre-kindergarten through high school exemplary education.

"Over 95 percent of our teachers have master's degrees," said Katie

Hills, principal of the school for the last two years. "The school contributes a generous amount of money so teachers can afford to get their master's degrees. Not all schools require them."

Hills also says the school contains no cross curriculums; the teachers all teach in their area of expertise.

The school population is relatively small. This year, there are about 315 students, and class sizes are in the low 20s.

Like many area high schools, the Loudonville Christian School offers advanced placement courses,

Regents, and college level courses, where students can earn college credits. Hills said next year the school will be adding advanced placement physics.

New this year is computer instruction and foreign language in grad K through 12. The classes are taught every other week, but Hills is hoping next year they will be full-time courses.

A science teacher also was transferred to the elementary school to augment the regular science program.

"The kids can come into her lab and play around," said Hills. "Right now it's not every week, because it depends on her schedule."

Sports also plays a large role in the school, as does community service.

"It's an integral part of the curriculum," said Hills. "We like the students to minister to others, and we've always done that."

The school services 69 different churches, and has students from all of them, not just from the Loudonville Christian Church.

"This school is really a Capital District service area," said Hills. "I'm not just a parish church sort of thing."

This year, the school hired seven new teachers and admitted 75 new students.

"This was a huge year for us," she said. "We're almost at capacity. We're pretty landlocked right now, but we're open to possibilities for the future."

Tuition is about \$5,800 per year for high school students, and a bit less for middle and elementary school. Students do not wear uniforms, but there is a dress code that students are expected to adhere to.

"We want to train and graduate world changers," said Hills.

An open house is scheduled for Jan. 21, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The school is located at 374 Loudonville Road, Loudonville.



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Bethlehem Humanities Institute for Lifelong Learning (H.I.L.L.) is offering five eight-week university level courses in the humanities. Classes will meet weekdays at the Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., Delmar, beginning in late February.

The fee for each course is \$35 for Bethlehem residents; \$45 for others; with no reduced rate for single sessions.

Additional details and a registration form will be included in Bethlehem Central School District's "Continuing Education Spring 2006 Schedule," which will be mailed to BCSD residents in January.

For registration forms and information, call 767-9579, 439-6017 or 439-9661. Some courses have been oversubscribed in the past, so registration before the Feb. 15 deadline is recommended.

Upcoming courses are:

• Mondays, Feb. 27 – April 17, 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.

Peter Heinegg of Union College will offer a course called "Life in the Wasteland – European short fiction" that will include the following works:

- Flaubert, *Three Tales*
- Leo Tolstoy, *The Death of Ivan Ilych; Master and Man*
- James Joyce, *Dubliners*
- Thomas Mann, *Death in Venice; Tristan*
- Isaac Babel, *Selected Stories*
- Franz Kafka, *Selected Stories*
- Isaac Bashevis Singer, *Selected Stories*

Tuesdays, 10 a.m. to noon, Feb. 28 – April 18

Bruce Miroff of the University at Albany will offer a course called "From George Washington to George W. Bush: The Presidency in America."

Lectures will examine selected themes in the historical development of the presidency. At their heart is the paradoxical character of the presidency: it seems to be a powerful agent for democratic change, but has same power frequently is employed in ways that undermine democratic values.

• Tuesdays, 1:30 – 3:30 p.m., Feb. 28 – April 18

Nadia Kizenko of the University at Albany will offer a course called "The Lands Between: A short history of Eastern Europe."

This course covers the history and culture of a most contested part of Europe from the Byzantine Empire to the present. The people studied include Slavs, Hungarians, Romanians, Greeks, Albanians, Jews and Gypsies – and the major peoples who ruled them.

• Wednesdays, 1:30 – 3:30 p.m., March 1 – April 19

Max Lifchitz of the University at Albany will offer a course called "Latin America: its music and its people."

This course will discuss life, history, geography and culture in Latin America. It will focus on musical manifestations from the region and will examine folk, popular and serious works by composers from Argentina, Brazil, the Caribbean and Mexico. Live and recorded musical examples will be played. No previous knowledge of music is required.

• Thursdays, 10 a.m. – noon, March 2 – April 27.

H.I.L.L.'s "spring sampler" is a lecture series drawing on the lecturer's area of specialty, and focuses on the essentials of our time.

March 2: Prof. Steven Lebio, Russell Sage College: Globalization: What is it? And what does it mean for your family?

March 9: Prof. Sheldon Solomon, Skidmore: Stress – current approaches to stress reduction.

March 16: Prof. Ray Bromley, University at Albany: The Global Crossings of Rural Reconstruction.

March 23: Anne-Marie Barker Schwartz, director, musicians of Ma'alwyck: Bach:

March 30: Prof. Warren Roberts, the University at Albany: When Albany changed New York, America and the world, 1775 to 1825.

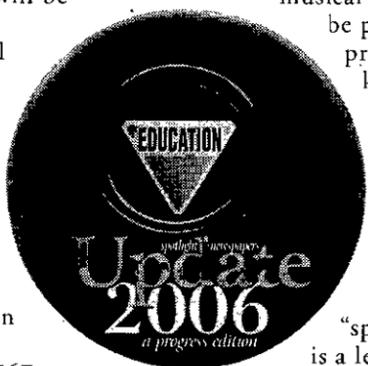
April 6: Prof. Frankie Bailey, the University at Albany: Gender and Crime

April 20: Prof. Helen Desfosses: the University at Albany: America's Domestic and foreign policy priorities.

April 27: President Kermit Hall, The University at Albany, "The Supreme Court."



The works of Thomas Mann, pictured above, and Leo Tolstoy, right, are part of a class about European short fiction that Peter Heinegg of Union College is offering at Bethlehem H.I.L.L. this semester.



Family atmosphere found at Saint Ambrose school

Saint Ambrose School provides students, from pre-Kindergarten through eighth grade, a faith-based education in a family atmosphere.

The school faculty includes the Sisters of the Presentation, the Sisters of Saint Joseph, and a Franciscan Sister of the Atonement, as well as, lay teachers who have been recognized as a Channel 13 Educator of the Week, Wal-Mart Teacher of the Year, and a Times Union SourceLine Teacher of the Month.

In conjunction with the core curriculum, the following classes are offered: physical education, Spanish, Gaelic (grades seven and eight), music, library, art, and computer.

The school, located at 347 Old Loudon Road, Latham, offers a state-of-the-art computer lab for its kindergarten through eighth-grade classes. Students are taught keyboarding skills, word

processing, spreadsheets, desktop publishing, guided Internet research, digital photography and Web site design.

There also is an award-winning art program, where students learn a variety of techniques that include printmaking, three-dimensional forms, weaving, painting, and principles and elements of design.

Saint Ambrose offers an honors program in math, science and English for grades six, seven, and eight.

The school has half-day pre-kindergarten classes that are academically structured and a full-day kindergarten. A resource teacher and a speech therapist assist children and families with special

needs. Before-school care also is available at no additional cost, and affordable after-school care is available until 5:30 p.m. There is a hot lunch program.

For spiritual growth, Saint Ambrose has daily morning and afternoon prayers, daily religious classes and weekly liturgies for the entire school community.

Extracurricular activities at Saint Ambrose include chorus, CYO basketball, private instrument lessons/band, bowling, ski club, drama club, D.A.R.E. program, and Daisy, Brownie and Junior Girl Scouts.

For information, call 785-6453, or visit the school's Web site at www.rcdaschools.org/stambrose.

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Creative Kitchens of Glenmont stands out in home improvement

Following unprecedented growth for two straight years, Creative Kitchens of Glenmont has become a major player in the local home-improvement scene. As the only firm in the Capital District with two certified kitchen and bath designers, their level of experience and personalized service are unmatched in this area.

"Several trends are driving the demand for our services," says Edward Pacuk, president of Creative Kitchens. "People are responding to the rapidly

increasing values in the local real estate market. A beautiful kitchen is an investment that a homeowner can enjoy now, and will certainly increase interest and value at the time of resale." As fewer new homes are available in desirable locations, homeowners are updating older homes to meet the needs of today's families.

A factor behind interest in their custom cabinetry is the increase in home offices.

"When people work from home, they want their office to

reflect their personal taste and lifestyle," said Pacuk. "In many floor plans the room used as an office is one of the first rooms you see as you enter the home. People want it to be both beautiful and functional as they spend more time there."

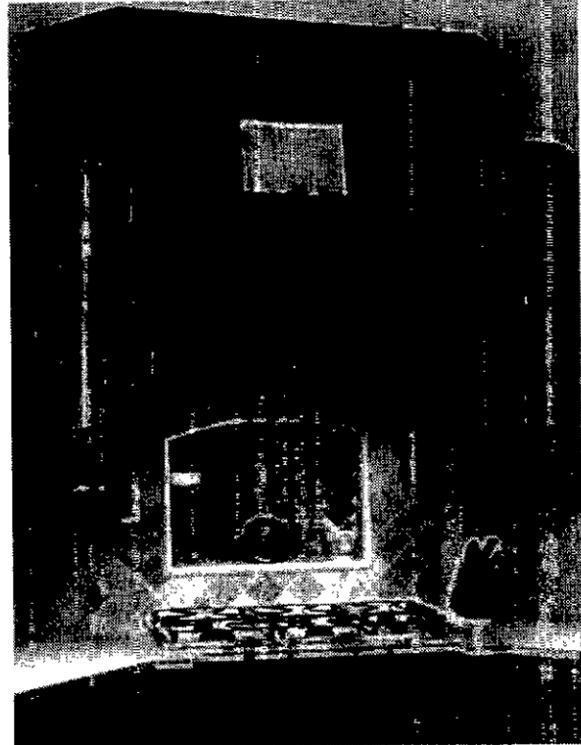
Luxurious master bathrooms are also becoming a must in high-end homes. Owners see the bath as an area of recluse and relaxation, worthy of investment on a scale once reserved only for kitchens. Custom vanities and showers, with high-end fixtures and unique materials are becoming more common.

This year, Creative Kitchens of Glenmont expects to see at least a 30 percent increase in sales.

To meet the challenge of added service, the company

recently hired designer John Torelli, CKD, CBD, as well as additional installers. In their Glenmont Plaza showroom, you can see and touch examples of the latest styles of cabinetry, countertops, faucet finishes and decorative hardware.

"We want to continue to make people's dream spaces a reality, while providing outstanding customer



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service," says Pacuk. "2006 will be a very good year."

Helderberg Mountain Log Homes makes your dream a reality

BY ANN MARIE FRENCH

How many times have you driven past a log home and thought, even for a fleeting moment, that you would love to own one?

If that's your dream, it can be your reality. Helderberg Mountain Log Homes out of East Berne can assist you in creating it.

"Anything to do with log homes is our specialty," said owner, Matt Reagan.

Reagan partnered with his son, Will Reagan, to start the family owned and operated business in 1998. Since that time their work has included not only log homes but gazebos, sheds, garages, log staircases, and custom built doors. The pair, along with the elder Reagan's brother, makes up three of the five-person work crew. Depending on the season and the workload that crew might expand to eight, said Reagan.

In an average year Helderberg Mountain Log Homes completes just three houses with numerous other projects on the side. That number may sound small but Reagan notes the company's main objective is quality not quantity. While other larger retailers utilize saw mills and machinery, Reagan and

his staff hand pick each log before hand peeling it. The logs are inspected for defects and chosen for their beauty and strength specifically for the project at hand.

"We become friends with almost everyone of our customers," said Reagan. "We keep them involved in the process all the way through." That relationship between customer and builder is important he said in creating a custom design geared to the wants and needs of the homeowners.

"Typically most people have a picture of what they like — something they have driven by or seen in a magazine. We have a variety of floor plans. We change it and make it their own signature design," he said.

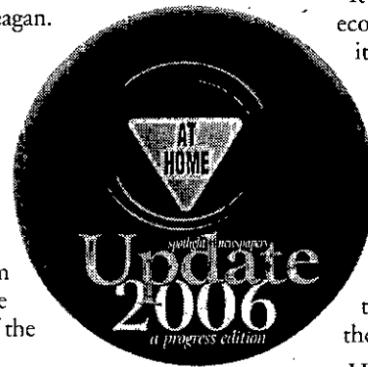
Helderberg Mountain Log Homes can do the job from start to finish; in fact about 60 percent of their projects are done in that manner. The company can also do a portion of the work, whether it be putting up a pre-bought manufactured log home or

completing major repairs on an existing log home. Another option becoming popular is having Helderberg Mountain Log Homes construct the shell, leaving the homeowner to finish the interior.

"It is the most economical way to do it for many people," said Reagan. "We can take it from the woods to the consumer, but for those who can not afford to do it, we can leave it unfinished for them to complete in their own time."

Helderberg Mountain Log Homes' dedication to innovative design, superior craftsmanship and customer service has earned them some national attention. Log Homes Illustrated, calling itself the leading consumer guide to today's log homes, has interviewed Reagan and photographed several completed projects to appear in an upcoming issue of the magazine.

Contact Helderberg Mountain Log Homes at 872-2206 or check out their work on the Web at www.reagentrees.tripod.com.



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Sixty years later, Crawford Sales still there for you

BY ANN MARIE FRENCH

Crawford Door and Window Sales is celebrating 60 years in business this year. While the business has changed some from its inception it has always remained in the family. President and Owner Matt MaLossi learned the business from his father, who learned it from his father. The three generations of the MaLossi family have placed great emphasis on products and

"We stand behind what we sell and what we install."
Steve Stiansen

service that are of high quality. "We stand behind what we sell and what we install," said spokesman Steve Stiansen.

"We have one of the best warranties in the business."

Crawford Door and Window

Sales is the sole direct sales branch in 19 counties for the Pella Corporation, with showroom locations in Colonie, Queensbury, Kingston, and Plattsburgh.

The window and door showrooms provide an opportunity for homeowners and contractors to take a hands-on approach to the selection-making process. All products on display are regular size models providing the opportunity for people to touch the product and really understand how they work, said Stiansen.

Last year, the Pella Corporation revamped its designer series.

"They improved the options to customers making it a more well-rounded product," said Stiansen. Some of the options are triple-paned glass, grids between the glass, and the offering of a number of different colored and types of shades between the glass. Bronze and antique nickel are some of the new hardware options. Stiansen noted that these improved options really allow the customer to create a diverse and unique range of looks for their home.

Crawford Door and Window Sales also offers a line of entry doors. The fiberglass doors have three different wood grain finishes: mahogany, walnut and oak. There is also a smooth finish for those who want to match their door to other house features with paint. A number of different glass options are made available with the entry doors.

"Similar to the window frames, the entry door frames are made of aluminum clad," said Stiansen. "They are hassle free and virtually maintenance free. It is the frames that get the most weather." The frames for the doors can be matched up with the window frame color for aesthetic appeal.

Calling the company "homeowner friendly," Stiansen noted that all estimates are free and completed in the home regardless of whether the

customer is intending to purchase one window or a whole houseful of windows.

Pella Corporation has a structured training program for all its employees with most of them traveling to Pella, Iowa to receive training. Service technicians are factory trained at the Iowa location. They are required to return on an annual basis to maintain their product knowledge and learn new skills.

Similarly the sales staff, while trained predominantly in-house, also travels to the factory for periodic trainings, and an annual management-training program is also required.

"This is the most beneficial way to have the training done," said Stiansen who commented

that changes to technology require the ongoing training of staff. In the past three years the company's staff has nearly tripled with about 60 employees working for Crawford Door and Window Sales today.

"We're there when we say we're going to be there. We do what we say we're going to do," said Stiansen, noting that Crawford Door and Window Sales had such a positive reputation that the MaLossi family opted to retain the name when they stopped selling Crawford overhead doors in the 70s and 80s.

In addition to the four showrooms, Crawford Door and Window Sales will have a booth at the Great Northeast Home Show, Feb. 10 to 12, at the Pepsi Arena. Hands-on displays will be available. If you aren't going to the Home Show, stop at the Wolf Road, Colonie, location to speak with a sales representative or contact them at 489-3780.



Realtors continue to grow

BY JOSEPHINE ORSINI

Since its inception in 2001, Weichert Realtors has experienced tremendous growth, especially in the past year.

You may remember them as the Noreast Real Estate group, who then joined the Weichert group located out of New Jersey as the first franchise in the Weichert name.

"We can attribute this growth and success to the fact that so many people coming from out of town come from that area (New Jersey)," said Peter Staniels, president of Weichert Realtors Northeast Group, located in Delmar. "They are familiar with the Weichert name. They are the largest independently owned real estate company in the country."

Weichert has expanded to locations in Utica, Syracuse and Rochester, including 400 offices throughout the eastern United States.

"The company doubled in size in its first year after joining

Weichert. We were in the top six realtors in the area beforehand," said Staniels. "We have grown the past year by 30 percent on top of that."

Staniels attributed the success of the realtors to the standards the parent company of Weichert expects their franchise to obtain and surpass.

"The whole organization is a business developed model and not just a branded company name," said Staniels. "There are high standards and required production gains to be met or we can not be part of the organization."

Standards are set by the main office in New Jersey. The office requires growth and all management personal to attend management development seminars at least once a year.

The hard work of Weichert Realtors Northeast Group has paid off with the growth of its business and numerous awards received for their achievement levels. In 2004, the business won 11 awards; this past year, 30, for its achievement in sales levels.

The next step for the group is to continue expanding in the Capital District. They are in the process of moving out of their location on Western Avenue in Albany to a larger, 9,000-square-foot office building farther down Western Avenue.

Weichert Realtors Northeast Group is also looking to open a Clifton Park office this year.

"Last year was a tough year for reality, but it certainly wasn't for us," said Staniels.

"The company doubled in size in its first year after joining Weichert. We were in the top six realtors in the area beforehand."

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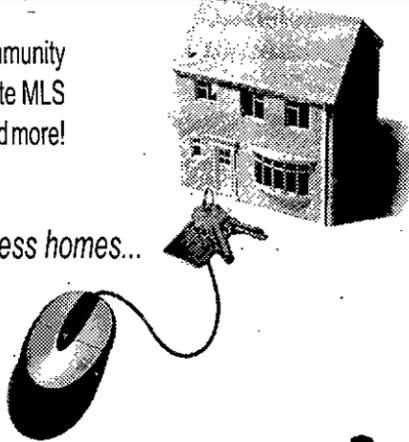
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Closet Crafters offers a place for everything

BY GRAHAM S. PARKER

People have too much stuff. It ends up crammed into every nook and cranny your home has. What you end up with are things like a car collecting snow outside since the garage is full of stuff, and shoes piling up at the base of the steps with no closet to call home.

One Colonie company can offer dozens of storage solutions, and while you're browsing, why not look over their full line of high-end shower doors and bases.

Closet Crafters and More Inc./ Albany Shower Door has been providing storage alternatives and bathroom fixtures for a multitude of spaces large and small for nearly two decades. In April 2006, the company will celebrate its 20th year in business.

The company has announced new suppliers to its line of storage and bathroom accessories.

"One of the things we have heard is the Northeast is on the slow side of trends," said company co-owner Diane Barber. "We caught wind of garage organizers becoming big."

She and her husband, Tom, own and operate the business that currently employs 15 people, from sales and service providers, to custom cabinetmakers.

What the Barbers learned at product showcases were that garages across the country were slowly becoming the dumpsters of people's homes. What was needed was a durable and reliable storage system to make room for cars, appliances, bikes, or whatever else people were just throwing in there, she said.

In response to the demand, the company is featuring Rubbermaid's Garage Organization System. The system incorporates a strong and durable rail that fastens to garage walls and can run the length of its interior. A number of

accessories can be hung from the rail that can support up to 2,000 pounds. Accessory attachments can hold bikes, balls, tools, wheelbarrows and more.

In addition to the system, Closet Crafters offers its line of custom-fitted cabinets to accompany the rail system. The shelving units will eliminate ground and messy storage, and the car collecting snow can be pulled into the garage.

Because most garage surfaces are uneven, each of the company's suppliers offer adjustable legs to make for level storage space.

The same custom work and superior products are available for inside the house and bathroom as well.

In 2006 the company will offer new lines to its shower door and base

line. In February, the company will showcase Swanstone bases along side its custom fitted line of frameless shower doors. Swanstone produces stone-like composite shower bases and panels in a number of different grains and colors. The material that can be used for vanity sinks and in the shower, said Barber.

"We had a lot of people that came into our showroom and asked us about our bases so we decided to incorporate some stone work," Barber said.

Last year, Albany Shower Door added suppliers like BOSCO and

Magnafold, a company that produces acrylic folding shower doors, made famous by the defunct Tub Master Doors, the options extend from mid-to high-end products and installation.

With a staff of custom cabinet-makers and certified installers, the company can custom design and fit any one of the products to the homeowner's needs. All products are extremely durable and not susceptible to warping, said Barber.

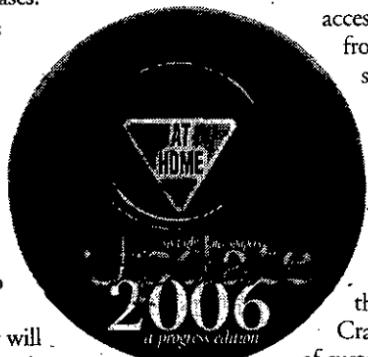
Customers can either call in their orders and measurements or call on company professionals to assist

them in selecting the right material and product for any application, and arrange for installation.

All products can be viewed at the company's showroom located at 25 Kraft Avenue in Colonie, just off of Central Avenue.

Showroom hours are 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday; Thursday evenings and Saturday mornings available by appointment only. For more information, call 459-0037 or stop in and visit the Barbers.

To learn more about the company, and featured products, visit www.closet-crafters.com.



Local realtors stay on top

BY JOSEPHINE ORSINI

There's a reason why former Blackman & DeStefano Real Estate Company, now part of Realty USA, is one of the largest independently owned real estate companies in the country.

While it could be because it had \$81.5 million in sales last year alone, or that they updated their original location.

But what really makes Realty USA one of the top realty groups in the region is that the realtors care about their clients and their overall experience with the company.

"Our primary concern

revolves around our service to our clients," said Bill Alston, manager of Realty USA, headquartered in Delmar. "From when they first come in and sit down until the closing, it really is about customer care."

In the past year, the company has increased its staff from 25 to 29 full-time agents and finished the addition to its location on Delaware Avenue. The agents and atmosphere express the realtor's devotion to the entire experience of their clients.

"I would say the agents in our office are what set us apart," said Alston. "They are caring, competent professionals who unceasingly work for their clients."

The success and hard work of the staff speaks for itself, since they had a record year in sales this (past) year. It is also evident in the company's updated of its Web site, which contains marketing materials for new homeowners and buyers.

Since the local Blackman & DeStefano merged with Realty USA three years ago, the company has grown but still maintains its

hometown feel. They benefit from their experience in both fields of local and national realty.

"We retained the personal service aspect of a realtor and gained the advantages of a large substantive broker," said Alston.

These factors have also helped the company to reach out on a local level and help in a worthy cause on a large scale. Realty USA is a statewide sponsor of the Alzheimer's Association. Each company works to raise money for the association, which is a nonprofit organization, dedicated to finding

prevention methods, treatments, and an eventual cure for Alzheimer's disease.

"This past fall we held our first townwide used book sale and raised \$1,200," Alston said.

In addition to the sales of existing homes, Realty USA also handles commercial property, rental management and new construction.

Realty USA is located at 231 Delaware Ave., in Delmar. For information, call 439-2888 or visit www.realtyusa.com.

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Real ID Act means change to drivers license procedure

Legislation part of war on terror

By DAMIAN PAGANO

New York may pass the federal government's test for drivers license standards when the new federal guidelines are developed, a state Department of Motor Vehicles spokesman said.

"New York continues to maintain one of the most secure licensing systems in the country," DMV spokesman Ken Brown said. "Keep in mind, the federal government is talking about minimum standards. We may already have those minimum standards in place."

By May 2008, the federal government will require every state to conform with uniform standards in how they issue driver's licenses. The federal Real ID Act was passed in May

2005 as part of legislation that authorized funding for the Iraq War, and is touted as an effort to tighten the country's security and prevent terrorist attacks like those that took place on Sept. 11, 2001, according to the Associated Press.

The Associated Press investigated the Real ID Act after it obtained a draft survey from the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators that expressed concerns from several administrators to the Real ID Act. The AP report was published Jan. 12 in daily newspapers throughout the country.

The report quoted motor vehicles administrators who are concerned the federal requirements could amount to an expensive overhaul of their

DMV record keeping systems, which could cost hundreds of millions of dollars.

Betty Serian, a deputy director of Pennsylvania's

DMV official in Illinois, also unnamed in the associated press report, called the Real ID Act "a nightmare for all states."

Perhaps for Illinois, but maybe not New York.

Brown said New York already has a sophisticated record-keeping system in place, and DMV already requires that new drivers show several forms of identification before

they are issued a license. People have to show a photo identification, their Social Security cards and proof of current address.

"Some states don't have that," he said.

He was not sure what the federal government would

require of states because it has not developed a list of new criteria, and he did not know if the state would need to buy new computer systems to comply with new federal regulations.

"It's premature to speculate because the regulations have not been set yet," he said.

Saratoga County Clerk Kathy Marcione, whose office oversees two DMV branches here, said state officials told her about the new federal guidelines a month ago. She was not sure how her office would adapt to the new procedures, but said direction should come from the state government.

"We don't know what's going to happen yet," she said. "But we should have less trouble meeting them than some other states. New York regulations are pretty stringent."

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department of transportation said it would be "impossible and unrealistic" for that state to meet the law's requirements in three years. An official with Nebraska's department of transportation, unnamed in the Associated Press article, said that state might need a "complete reorganization" of its DMV record keeping system, and a

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All members and friends of the class are asked to contact Carl Eppelmann at 489-6352 or Ron Killelea at 459-1832 for detailed information and reservations.

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Nominations for Bethlehem Central High School's Alumni Hall of Fame are being accepted through Jan. 31.

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To be nominated, an individual must be a BCHS graduate and at least five years out of high school. Nomination forms are available at <http://bcsd.k12.ny.us/news/051201halloffame.htm> or pick one up at any BC school office, the district office or at the Bethlehem Public Library.

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Around the County

Excel is more than a big box gym

By GRAHAM S. PARKER

You get what you pay for. That's what Joe Cox, 32, owner of the recently opened fitness gym Excel 180 is banking on for his facility at the Wolf Road Shoppers Park.

Cox has established a new style of gym in the area, he said.

With a limited membership of 300, the gym focuses more on a tight-knit fitness community rather than big box workout centers.

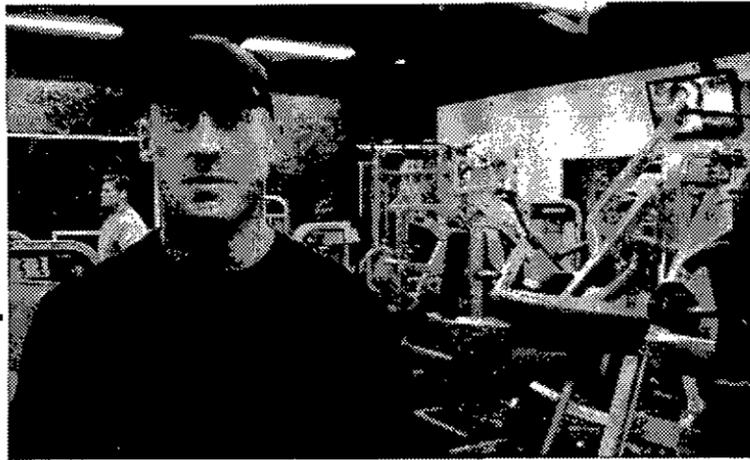
Membership is \$70 a month. Comparatively, it's a bit more than what other gyms charge, Cox admitted. But, before anyone passes judgment, he only asks that people come in and see what they are paying for.

"This is what you would expect to see in New York City," said Cox. "This gym is a new concept. It is a smaller, quality fitness center."

Towels are complimentary, locker rooms are loaded with large cherry wood lockers, eight plasma screen televisions decorate the walls, XM satellite radio sets the mood, and the equipment — from machines to barbells — are all of the highest qualities, said Cox.

The gym will also have a workout floor and space available for aerobics classes.

Cox is a self-made trainer. Through several certifications, physiology courses, and maintaining a strict workout regiment, Cox has mastered the art of getting people in shape.



Joe Cox, owner of Excel 180, at his new facility.

Graham Parker

After 12 years of working on his own, and with local fitness centers, it wasn't until two weeks ago that he got the opportunity to put his own expertise to the test and to pump iron to the beat of his own drum.

Cox wanted to avoid what he called the "fitness number game" when he began looking for a space two years ago to establish his gym. Larger fitness centers are in the business of getting people in the door, Cox explained, and within the first month more than 75 percent of the people typically drop out of these gyms. Cox has worked for two large fitness centers in the area. He has taken what he learned at the big box gyms and avoided it in his own endeavor.

Excel 180 is not about selling memberships, it's about helping members create and maintain a healthy lifestyle and stick to it, he said.

"People here are a little more serious about exercise. If you're here to achieve a fitness goal then I am here to help you," he said. "There is a lot of personal training going on here."

He has employed a number of strategies to assure the best workout possible, he said.

Cox has opted not to buy his equipment outright, and instead has settled on leasing the equipment. By doing that, he said, every three years his old equipment is replaced with the new models manufacturers have to offer.

He has employed three certified personal trainers, and plans to add two more, and that's it, he said. He also doesn't plan an expansion, even though there's an empty space next to the gym, because that would make Excel 180 like all the other gyms.

"It's Excel, because you achieve your goals, and it's 180, because it's different than other gyms," he said, referring to the proverbial 180-degree change.

In its first two weeks, Cox has signed on 40 members. Excel 180 is in Wolf Road Shoppers Park. Call 482-4311 for information.

How to reach elected officials

Here are your representatives' addresses and office phone numbers. Letters to members of the state Assembly and Senate may be addressed to their offices in the Legislative Office Building (LOB), Albany, NY. The ZIP code for the Assembly is 12248, and for the Senate is 12247.

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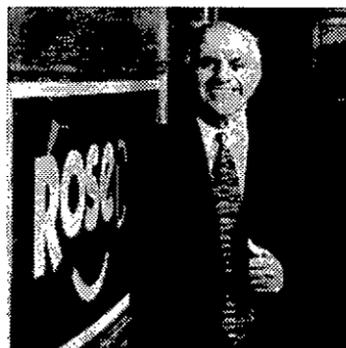


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Potter

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time consuming," he said. "There are some issues that come up that require the bar to take a position, and that sometimes requires balancing competing interests."

The Albany County Bar Association is the largest voluntary bar association in the country. Unlike most states, New York does not require lawyers to be a member of the

bar.

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James T. Potter

zation," said Potter. "We do an awful lot of useful things to benefit the public. It's time well spent."

The bar association offers continuing legal education for

its members, and also has a number of programs and provides services for the public, including pro se divorce clinics, raising money for programs that combat domestic violence, a mock trial program for high school students, a grievance committee, a judicial screening committee to evaluate judicial candidates running for office, a lawyer referral program to help people find lawyers that practice in a particular area, and a diversity internship program which promotes diversity in the legal system.

Potter, age 51, has also been Bethlehem's town attorney for the last two years. He has three children, Christine, Tom and Brian.

Town

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agency management office director. Fire inspectors include Jason Tice, Jim Kerr, Bill Webb, Bill Bórger and Paul Miller

Salaries for members of the board of assessment review were approved. Board members Richard Haverly, Herbert

G. Steele and Kenneth S. Ford will receive \$120 per diem.

Subdivision review fees remain at \$105 per lot, and site plan review fees remain at \$100 for application and review.

The planned development district (PDD) fee will be modified. For any portion of the area comprising the PDD that is subdivided into lots for single family or two-family dwellings,

the fee will be \$105 based on the final plat. Any other residential units on the land will be charged \$65 per dwelling based on final plat.

For commercial, service, and non-residential uses, the fee will be \$500 for 4,999 square feet; \$1,000 for between 5,000 and 9,999 square feet and \$1,500 for over 10,000 square feet of building area.

To Life! and Seton Health to offer women's health program

To Life!, a breast cancer education and support organization, and Seton Health, a comprehensive integrated health care system anchored by St. Mary's Hospital in Troy, have teamed up to present "No Bones About it!", an educational

program that will examine topics in women's health. The program, which is free to the public, will take place on Thursday, Jan. 26 at 6 p.m. at the MapInfo Corporation Assembly Room in RPI Technology Park.

In the last few years, major studies conducted on hormone replacement therapy (HRT), a standard treatment for menopausal symptoms such as hot flashes, night sweats and osteoporosis, have yielded conflicting results, including some alarming findings concerning breast cancer, strokes and heart disease. These inconclusive findings have instilled a level of fear and confusion for women considering this treatment option. There is

also a growing concern that new pharmacologic developments that treat osteoporosis encourage women to overlook the benefits of a healthy lifestyle, including diet and exercise.

With these issues at the forefront, "No Bones About it!" will offer an update on hormone replacement therapy, bone building drugs, exercise and diet, heart disease, breast cancer and osteoporosis. Joyce M. Stein, D.O., Ob-Gyn, and Sharon Wright, Chief Clinical Dietician at Seton Health will present.

Pre-registration for the program is requested. Check-in begins at 5:30 p.m. Call 439-5975 or e-mail info@tolife.com to register or for directions.

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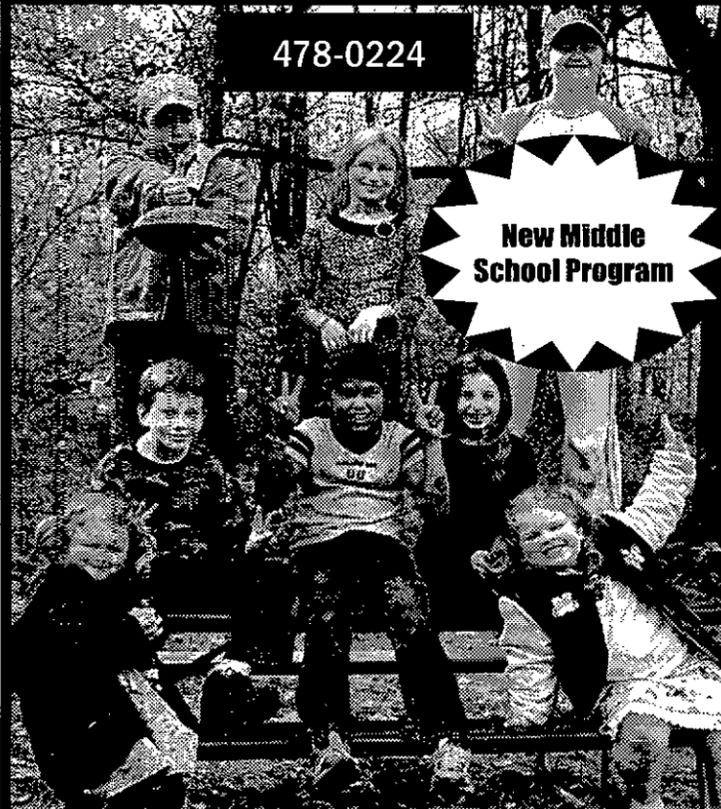


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said Liebert. "In a new home the cost to remediate while under construction is less than \$500, and for existing homes around \$1,500."

Liebert said systems put into homes in 1985 are continuing to work effectively, costing homeowners on average about an extra \$5 a month for the electricity needed to run the system.

Unfortunately many people remain uneducated about radon and do not know to test their homes. There is no local or state legislation that requires radon testing in buildings.

Director of Legal Services for the New York Association of Realtors, Anthony Gatto, said, "Realtors normally recommend that radon tests be conducted. Locally, there are radon contingency addendums for housing contracts."

Gatto said those contingency addendums allow buyers of an existing home to make a choice about whether they want to have the home tested for radon. It does not provide any educational information about radon.

Gatto said that builders of new construction typically sell the homes in two ways. The builder may use a realtor, in which case the realtor provides the standard contract, which includes the radon contingency addendum. If there is no realtor involved, the builder may utilize his or her own standard form, which does not necessarily

include the addendum.

Liebert believes a local grassroots effort is needed to encourage municipalities to draft legislation requiring radon testing in new construction to earn a certificate of occupancy and include it in the process of buying or selling a home.

Testing is easy and can be done by the homeowner by purchasing a test kit at home improvement or hardware stores. For under \$50, people can purchase the kit, test their home, mail the test into a lab, and have their results returned to them. Companies like Liebert's, which require licensing from the state to test radon ensuring their equipment is calibrated properly and certain procedures are followed, can also complete the test for homeowners.

The EPA measures radon levels in "picoCuries per liter of air," referred to as pCi/L. Both the EPA and the DOH utilize a measurement of 4 pCi/L as the highest level acceptable. A test coming back at or higher than that established measurement requires the homeowner to take action to correct the situation. Hoffmann's Milwaukee, Wis., home that she had been living in for 15 years at the time of diagnosis tested at 8 pCi/L.

On its Web site, www.epa.gov/radon/healthrisks.html, the EPA addresses the 4pCi/L measurement.

"Because there is no known safe level of exposure to radon, the EPA also recommends that Americans consider fixing their home for radon levels between 2 pCi/L and 4 pCi/L. The average

radon concentration in the indoor air of America's homes is about 1.3 pCi/L.

This level is what the EPA based its estimate of 20,000 radon-related lung cancers a year upon. It is for this simple reason that EPA recommends that Americans consider fixing their homes when the radon level is between 2 pCi/L and 4 pCi/L.

It is important to note that the level of radon varies from area to area. No one should rely on a neighbor's test results as proof of their own radon level.

Like Liebert, Hoffmann believes that a grassroots effort must be at the heart of increasing public awareness. She believes patients talking to their doctors is critical.

"Doctors should start normal check-ups with 'are you wearing your seatbelt and have you tested for radon?'" Hoffmann said. "I owe my life to my general practitioner."

Her general practitioner ordered chest X-rays after hearing her complaints about two seemingly unrelated health issues: a dry, persistent cough and an intermittent pain below the left shoulder blade. Those X-rays identified the 5-centimeter mass that had metastasized to local lymph nodes. Hoffmann's lung cancer was diagnosed in stage 3A — stage 4 is the worst.

Surgery to remove the mass, aggressive chemotherapy and radiation treatment has resulted in Hoffmann being cancer-free for about two years. She holds no illusions about her prognosis.

"The five-year survival rate for lung cancer is only 15 percent," she said.

Hoffmann, in addition to cred-

iting the medical components of her recovery, was adamant that her attitude has made all the difference.

"My positive attitude goes an awfully long way and goes further than any drug," she said. "Things happen for a reason. I take solace in that. It's terrible, but there is something I can do about it to make sure it doesn't have to happen to others."

The CanSAR Web site, www.cansar.org, is filled with testimonials from Hoffmann and other survivors as well as information and related links. Additionally, the site offers a free radon test kit to individuals diagnosed with lung cancer.

Hoffmann encourages those diagnosed to sign on with CanSAR as speakers to help get the word out.

"We are losing our voices," she

said of current CanSAR members who have recently died from their lung cancer. "It's difficult to find people willing to share their stories." She hopes that through increased public awareness the numbers of radon-induced lung cancers will decrease and become a thing of the past.

Hoffmann's diagnosis prompted her employer in Wisconsin to provide test kits for all of their employees. Five of her fellow employees reported elevated levels of radon in their homes. It is this kind of person-to-person contact and sharing of information that Hoffmann, Liebert and others like them hope to generate this month. As January draws to a close and resolutions fall by the wayside, you might want to commit to testing for radon. Then talk about it with someone else.

Keeping radon out

By JIM CUOZZO

You can't see it, taste it or smell it, but it's a killer. You can test it with special equipment that measures the amount of pico curies per liter that may or may not be resting invisibly in your home. It sounds like the beginning of a mysterious late-night suspense movie, but the culprit is something called radon.

"Radon is found in the soil and some neighborhood blocks have pockets of it," said Daniel Sharron of Highland Air in Schenectady, one of only two certified radon mitigators in New York state. "Houses act like little vacuum cleaners for radon once it gets to the surface."

The cost to mitigate a radon problem in your home can range anywhere from \$1,400 to over \$2,000. Sharron's region includes Saratoga, Albany, Schenectady, Rensselaer, Greene and Schoharie counties.

"I worked on a radon mitigation issue in Rotterdam Junction at a recently developed condo unit," Sharron said. Homes should have a level of less than .4 pico curies in the basement. "These units had 10 times that level but the problem has since been corrected."

During this January, which is national radon month, the EPA is letting people know about radon's health risks through radio and TV announcements, and a poster contest that starts by saying, "I tested my home for radon and you should too."

In spite of the publicity, accessing information on radon levels in your home can be hard to do.

"Our Web site, nyhealth.gov, offers excellent information if residents have questions about radon," said Claire Pospisil, spokeswoman for the state

Health Department. "Radon test kits can also be purchased through our office at a reasonable cost of \$6.75. These kits come with instructions on how to use the detector and what information we provide on radon levels after kits are sent back to our office."

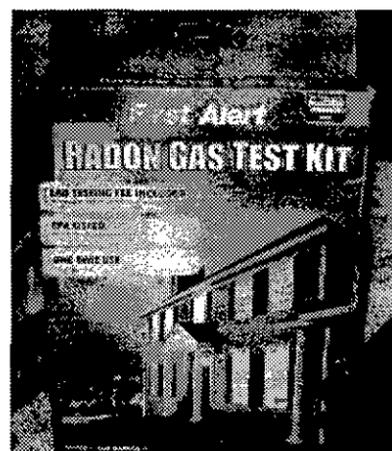
The southern tier of the state, because of its geo-graphic formation, has the highest radon levels of any area of New York. In the Capital District, the town of New Scotland shows many homes with radon levels higher than the preferred average.

In that town, 198 homes were tested just a few months ago and 44

percent of these short-term tested homes came in with levels higher than the preferred fixed level rate of pico curies per liter. Homeowners are encouraged to take appropriate action when short- or long-term levels in their homes are higher than normal.

Here is a list of local, state, and national radon contacts that could be helpful to you.

To find a qualified radon service professional in your area, contact the National Environmental Health Association (NEHA) and its National Radon Proficiency Program on the Web, at www.neha-nrpp.org. Elmsford, Westchester County, is the home of The National Radon Safety Board (NRSB), which can be reached at 1-866-329-3474 or on the Web at specialists like Daniel Sharron at Highland Air in Schenectady at 864-5929. Publications on radon information can be obtained by contacting The National Service Center for Environmental Publications (NSCEP) in Washington, D.C. at 1-800-438-4318.



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Obituaries *in the* Spotlight

Robert Powers

Robert Joseph Powers, 83, of Selkirk, died Thursday, Dec. 29. He had recently been hospitalized at the Community Hospice Inn at St. Peter's Hospital. Born in Plattsburgh, Mr. Powers spent his early youth living in Vergennes, Vt.

Mr. Powers entered the Army in 1942, serving a tour of India until his Honorable Discharge in 1946. He worked as a brakeman for the New York Central Railroad and later, ConRail. He retired in 1983 after 42 years of service.

Mr. Powers spent many years as a volunteer fireman for the Selkirk Fire Dept. No. 1. He taught a Bible study for a number of years, opening his own home to many people seeking the Word of God. In his later years, he gained immense enjoyment contributing weather data to the CBS6 WeatherNet weather spotter project. He also had the company, love and enjoyment of his 13 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren over the past 40 years.

Survivors include his wife and best friend of 62 years, Alice R. Turner Powers of Selkirk; three daughters, Alice Korzatkowski and Kathleen Pelletier of Selkirk, and Joan Smith of Auburn,

Mass.; a son, Robert Powers of Earlton; two sisters, Beulah Watrous and Betty Day; and a brother, Jim Powers.

All services were private under the direction of the Babcock Funeral Home in Ravena. Contributions may be made to the Bethlehem Volunteer Ambulance Service, PO Box 246, Selkirk, 12158.

Shirley Pelletier

Shirley E. Pelletier, 78, of Selkirk, died Thursday, Dec. 29, at home. Mrs. Pelletier was a lifelong resident of Selkirk.

Survivors include her husband of 56 years, William; a daughter, Nancy McBride; sons William Pelletier, John Pelletier and Stephen Pelletier, all from Selkirk; her brother, Randall Finley of Coxackie, six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Jan. 2 at the Babcock Funeral Home, Ravena.

Contributions may be made to the Community Hospice of Albany, 445 New Karner Road, Colonie.

Patricia VanNatten

Patricia D. VanNatten, 70, died Jan. 6, at St. Peter's Hospital.

Mrs. VanNatten was the

widow of William William C. VanNatten Sr. Mrs. VanNatten loved reading, country music, crossword puzzles, and genealogy. She was a member of Dormansville Methodist Church.

Survivors include two daughters, Barbara Pielo of West Sand Lake and Melanie Pate; two sons, James Daine of Salmon, Idaho and John VanNatten of Plattsburgh; a stepdaughter, Laurie Cutting of Elizabethtown, eight grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at Dormansville Methodist Church and calling hours were at the Durant Funeral Home in Glenmont. Spring Interment will be at Onesquethaw Cemetery in Clarksville.

Contributions may be made to either the Dormansville Methodist Church, PO Box 8, Coeymans Hollow, 12046 or the American Diabetes Association, 7 Washington Square, Albany, 12205.

Junita Rose Britton

Junita Rose Boughton Britton, 80, of Delmar, died Jan. 7 at the Hospice Inn of St. Peter's in Albany.

Mrs. Britton was a member of Trinity Episcopal Church in Rensselaerville and a member of the Trinity Women's Guild.

She had also served as a member of the Ladies Home Bureau and the Rensselaerville Historical Society. She will be remembered as a loving wife, mother, grandmother and a friend to many.

Survivors include two sons, Donald Britton of Rensselaerville and Gerald Britton of Latham; a daughter, Eleanor Velasquez of Modesto, Calif.; a sister, Doris Palmer of Dormansville; 12 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren. As to her request, she will be cremated and a memorial service held at a later date. Contributions can be made to the Town of Rensselaerville Ambulance Squad. Arrangements were by the Cunningham Funeral Home, Greenville.

Fred Addison Lynk

Fred Addison Lynk Jr., 86, of Asheboro, N.C., died Wednesday, Dec. 28, at Randolph Hospital in Asheboro.

A memorial service was held Jan. 2 at Pugh Funeral Home Chapel in Asheboro and burial will be in Bethlehem Cemetery at a later date.

Mr. Lynk was a native of Albany and served with the U.S. Navy Pacific Operation during WWII. He was a sole

proprietor of Lynk Brothers Printers of Albany, which was founded by his father. Mr. Lynk was a member of the Elsmere Volunteer Fire Co., active with the Boy Scouts of America in the Albany area and was a docent at NC Zoo for more than 15 years.

Survivors include his loving companion of 25 years, M. Doris Hoffman of Asheboro, N.C.; a sister, Ruth Prince of Vestal, Fla.; a daughter, Cathy Lynk Breen of North Andover, Mass.; a son, Fred A. Lynk, III, five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Contributions may be made to the NC Zoological Society, 4403 Zoo Parkway, Asheboro, N.C. 27205.

Dorothy J. Percival

Dorothy J. Percival, 81, of South Bethlehem, died Jan. 6.

She was the widow of Frank A. Percival Sr.

Survivors include a son, Frank A. Percival Jr.; three daughters, Elizabeth Butynski, Marydawn Sherry, and Pamela Bowen; a brother, Clarence Conrad; four grandchildren; two great-grandsons.

A memorial service was held Tuesday at the S. Bethlehem United Methodist Church. Memorial contributions may be

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made to the S. Bethlehem United Methodist Church, Willowbrook Ave., S. Bethlehem, 12161.

Rainey A. Shufelt

Rainey A. Shufelt, 72, of Coeymans, died Saturday, Jan. 7, at Albany Memorial Hospital.

A graduate of Watervliet High School and Hope College in Holland, Mich., he served in the Army. He had been a resident of Coeymans since 1972.

Mr. Shufelt was employed by General Electric Plastics, working in Schenectady, Pittsfield and Selkirk for more than 35 years, retiring in 1998. A pioneer in PPO and Noryl businesses, Mr. Shufelt made many important contributions in the technical growth of the Noryl business and was awarded patents during his career. A member of Loudonville Community Church, he served as elder, trustee, usher, boys brigade

leader and Sunday school teacher.

Survivors include his wife, Bonnie L. Shufelt; two sons, Andrew T. Drew Shufelt of Manhattan and Jonathan M. Shufelt of Stormville; two daughters, Rebekah J. Shufelt and Deborah A. Shufelt, both of Piermont; four sisters, Charlotte Leibach of Watervliet, Bettie Isabelle of Cohoes, Rosemarie Shufelt of Albany and Denise D'Angelico of Troy; four brothers, Rodger Shufelt of Cohoes, Kenneth Shufelt of Tampa, Fla., Terry Shufelt of Cohoes and Douglas Shufelt of Troy; and a granddaughter.

Funeral services were from Loudonville Community Church and calling hours were at the Bowen Funeral Home. Interment was at Albany Rural Cemetery, Colonie. Contributions may be made to the Loudonville Christian School, 374 Loudon Road, Loudonville, 12211. Condolence page and directions at: www.bowenfuneralhome.com

Cecilia J. Mosher

Cecilia J. Iannucci Mosher, 88, of Delmar, died Saturday, Jan. 7.

Born and educated in South Glens Falls, Mrs. Mosher earned a bachelor's degree in nursing from the University of Rhode Island. She worked as an RN for many years, retiring from the former Villa Mary Immaculate Nursing Home.

Mrs. Mosher was a communicant of the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle in Delmar.

Mrs. Mosher was the widow of Captain Howard D. Mosher. Survivors include a son, Michael J. Mosher of Waterport; two grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle, 35 Adams Place, Delmar. Interment followed the Mass at Our Lady Help of Christians Cemetery, Glenmont. Contributions may be made to the Little Sisters of the Poor, 1 Jeanne Jugan Lane, Latham, 12110.

Katherine Baranski

Katherine Stone Baranski, 82, of Glenmont, died Monday, Jan. 9. Born in Caney, Kan., she was an avid reader and she enjoyed fishing and dancing. She will be remembered as a creative person who loved animals.

Survivors include her husband, Matt Baranski; a daughter, Sherry Sheridan; eight grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. Calling hours were at Lasak & Gigliotti Funeral Home. Funeral services and interment were private. Contributions may be made to Child's Nursing Home, 25 Hackett Blvd., Albany, NY 12208.

Joseph W. Narzyski

Joseph W. Narzyski, 59, of Ravena, died Sunday, Jan. 8. Joseph was a Marine Corps Vietnam veteran. Survivors include his wife, Linda Narzyski; two sons, Joe Narzyski and Adam Narzyski; a granddaughter; five sisters, Kathy Shook, Judith Novak, Nancy Alber, Linda Gorgen and Sherry Shutter.

Contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Charles A. Lockwood

Charles A. Lockwood, 90, of Ravena, died Tuesday, Jan. 10, at the Good Samaritan Lutheran Health Care Center in Delmar.

In 1977, Mr. Lockwood retired after many years of service with the railroad where he worked as an electrician. He was a member of the Congregational Christian Church where he had taught Sunday school and had served as a deacon.

Survivors include his wife of 68 years, Clara Lee Lockwood; a son, Alan Lee Lockwood of Wisconsin; two grandchildren;

a brother, Raymond Lockwood of Fla.

Funeral services were from Babcock Funeral Home. Burial will be in the spring. Contributions may be made to the Congregational Christian Church, 175 Main St., Ravena, 12143.

Wilhelmina C. Deitz

Wilhelmina C. Seavy Deitz, 90, of Voorheesville, died Thursday, Jan. 12. She was born in Rotterdam Junction and was employed with the state Health Department for several years. She enjoyed music and dancing.

Survivors include a son, John L. Deitz; three daughters, Carolann Batchelder, Janice Dedrick and Cathy Hawley; eight grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. Services were at New Comer-Cannon Family Funeral Home. Interment will be in Memory's Garden at the convenience of the family. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Lung Association, 3 Winners Circle, Colonie.

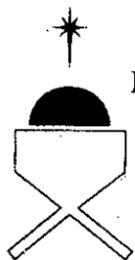
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Births '05

Albany Medical Center

Girl, Jailyn Alexis Brouillette, daughter of Melinda Luck of Ravena and Justin Brouillette of Albany, Sept. 1.

Boy, Evan Hugh Keir, son of Ann La Rose and Paul Keir of Selkirk, Sept. 2.

Boy, Raj Vijay Mhetar, son of Savita Musale and Vijay Mhetar of Slingerlands, Sept. 3.

Girl, Catherine AnLi Thibault, daughter of Kate and Michael Thibault of Delmar, Sept. 12.

Girl, Jasmine Marie Weidman, daughter of Natassia Fitzgerald and Bobby Joe Weidman of Ravena, Sept. 12.

Boy, Owen Hunter Ikasalo, son of Denise and Rick Ikasalo of Slingerlands, Sept. 18.

Girl, Karissa Joy Forte, daughter of Deborah and Frank Forte of Selkirk, Sept. 13.

Girl, Jahlea Nyomi Martinez, daughter of Jennifer Santiago of Ravena, Sept. 28.

Boy, Connor Alexander Reilly, son of Erin and Brian Reilly of Delmar, Sept. 28.

Girl, Kara Anne Luther, daughter of Shannon and Lance Luther of Voorheesville, Oct. 3.

Boy, Jack Barrett Strauss, son of Judith and Bryan Strauss of Voorheesville, Oct. 3.

Boy Cade Gregory Allen, son of Pamela Davis-Allen and Gregory Allen of Glenmont, Oct. 15.

Boy, Jack Andrew Korzen, son of Sara and Andrew Korzen of Selkirk, Oct. 16.

Girl, Alexis-Lynn McGraw, daughter of Janine McGraw of Delmar, Oct. 20.

Girl, Erin Elizabeth Hartle, daughter of Angel and Thomas Hartle of Delmar, Oct. 21.

Boy, Joshua Harvey Kaufman, son of Kimberly and Lawrence Kaufman of Delmar, Oct. 30.

Boy, Declan James Dunleavy, son of Cynthia Ozack and James Dunleavy of Selkirk, Nov. 3.

Girl, Carly Elizabeth Scheid, daughter of Cristina and David Scheid of Delmar, Nov. 3.

Girl, Ava Jane Osterhout, daughter of Amanda and Scott

Osterhout of Ravena, Nov. 7.

Boy, Braeden Kyle Schorr, son of Meredith and Eric Schorr of Glenmont, Nov. 8.

Girl, Olivia Marie Stein, daughter of Jennifer and Matthew Stein of Glenmont, Nov. 11.

Girl, Amber Lea McMahan, daughter of Jennifer and Daniel McMahan of Glenmont, Nov. 12.

Boy, Miguel Angel Henry Madera, son of Tricia Oakley and Miguel Madera of Slingerlands, Nov. 16.

Girl, Haliann Mara Schwalb, daughter of Meryl and Jonathan Schwalb of Glenmont, Nov. 23.

Out of town

Boy, Sean Michael White, son of Caroline Wirth and Major Randy White of Newport News, Virg., grandson of Dr. and Mrs. Carol and Caroline Wirth of Slingerlands and Harry and Maureen White of Ashaway, R.I.

Dean's List

Rochester Institute of Technology

Stephanie Malinowski of Delmar.

Western New England College

Danielle Hollenbeck of Delmar.



Melvyn Kristel and Debra Glowacki

Glowacki, Kristel engaged

Debra L. Glowacki, daughter of Richard and Mary Glowacki of Schenectady, and Melvyn E. Kristel, son of Melvyn and Barbara Kristel of Schenectady, are engaged to be married.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Mohonasen High School, Junior College of Albany and the College of St. Rose.

She is a licensed sales representative for State Farm,

Rotterdam Agent. in Schenectady.

The future groom is a graduate of Mohonasen High School, Junior College of Albany and Siena College.

He is a self-employed and a co-owner of Kristel Mechanical in Schenectady.

The couple plans an April 22 wedding.

Picarazzis celebrate 50 years

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Picarazzi of Selkirk celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Nov. 26 at a party hosted by their children and their families.

The Picarazzi's were married in Albany on Nov. 26, 1955 at Our Lady Help of Christian's Church.

The former Marilyn Houghtaling of Albany is retired from the NY State Department of Wildlife Conservation.

Louis Picarazzi is a retired postmaster with the U.S. Postal Service having served in Selkirk.

They are the parents of three children, Rick and his wife Linda of Selkirk, Lisa and her husband Patrick of Niantic, Conn., and Lori and her husband, Joseph of Rye, N.H. They have five grandchildren: Nicholas, Kate, Jeffrey, Erin and Natalie.

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Aaron is a 1993 graduate of the University of Vermont and a 1997 graduate of St. John's University School of Law. He was an associate attorney with the firm for six years prior to becoming a partner on January 1, 2006.

Bill is a 1998 graduate of Colgate University and a 2004 graduate of Ave Maria School of Law. He practiced law in Hamilton New York prior to joining the firm in 2005.



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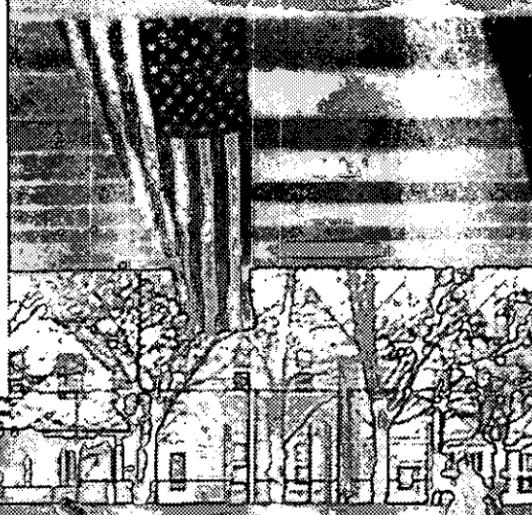
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Entertainment *in the* Spotlight



← Swinburne Ice Guard Erika Beattie gets a pair of figure skates ready in the rink's rental booth.



ICED OVER

Most local rinks will be open for public skating well into spring

By DAMIAN PAGANO

In 1968, the open-air Swinburne Ice Rink at the corner of Albany's Clinton Avenue and Manning Street was the only game in town.

Built by the City of Albany as a public works project, little Swinburne (it is 2/3 professional size) pre-dated larger, enclosed ice rinks in the cities of Troy, Saratoga Springs and Schenectady; as well as Clifton Park, Bethlehem, Colonie and Malta. Swinburne was a place where neighborhood kids gathered to hone skills and play hockey. Admission cost a quarter. Skate rentals were 50 cents, and almost 30,000 people skated there each year.

"Mayor Corning knew what he was doing," rink supervisor Jim Cozzy said.

Cozzy grew up on North Pine Street near Swinburne, and he started skating there in 1972. He recalled wooden hockey boards, the low admission rate, and that the rink usually opened after Thanksgiving.

Swinburne was rededicated this year in a ceremony on Nov. 3, when it opened for skating despite balmy 65-degree weather. Albany's recreation department paid \$65,000 to renovate the rink. The money bought a new ice chiller and paid to replace the old wooden hockey boards. The chiller works so well, Cozzy said there should be no problem keeping the rink open until March 20.

He said he hopes the rink's good condition helps attendance rebound this year. About 20,000 people skate

at Swinburne each winter, down from about 30,000 in the park's heyday. It declined as other cities and towns built large, enclosed rinks. New learn-to-skate programs and junior hockey leagues attracted their own growing crowds. Swinburne was no longer the only game in town.

Still, for the price (.50 cents for children and \$1 for adults), it is the least expensive game in town.

"Where else can you get three hours of ice time for \$1?" Cozzy asked. "Everyplace else costs you at least a couple of dollars."

Most local rinks offer public

skating sessions for a modest fee, usually \$3-\$4 for admission.

There are daily public skating sessions at rinks throughout the region, and most of them host organized programs. They have proven popular, as the schedule for ice time is usually tight.

"It's insane," Clifton Park learn-to-skate director Stacie Kuglin said of the program there.

She said enrollment in learn to skate programs usually increases during years when the winter

Olympics take place. This year about 260 skaters enrolled in the learn-to-

skate program — up from about 190 last year.

"Of course a lot of our students are little boys who want to play hockey," she said.

Learn-to-skate enrollment figures are similar in Saratoga Springs where about 250 students enrolled in the program, according to city recreation Director Linda Terracola.

The city's two ice rinks — the Vernon Arena and the Wiebel Avenue rink — are well used.

"We do have some time available, but everybody wants prime time," Terracola said.



↑ Javier Philpot, 10, of Albany stops against the glass during a recent public skate session



↑ Bob Killar of Bethlehem helps his daughter Lily, 8, put on her skates.

Arts & Entertainment

Theater

8-TRACK — SOUNDS OF THE '70S
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Music

FRANK JAKLITSCH
Area singer/songwriter performs a benefit concert for the Henriques Family Fund, Jan. 20, 8 p.m., Caffe Lena, 47 Phila St., Saratoga Springs, \$12. Information, 583-0022.

JIMMY WEBB
Songwriter famous for classics such as "Wichita Lineman," "Galveston" and "MacArthur Park," Jan. 21, 8 p.m., WAMC Linda Norris Performing Arts Center, Central Avenue, Albany, \$25. Information, 465-5233, ext. 4.

ROBBIE DUPREE AND LARRY HOPPEN
Singer/songwriters, Jan. 26, 8 p.m., WAMC Linda Norris Performing Arts Center, Central Avenue, Albany, \$15. Information, 465-5233, ext. 4.

MARTY STUART
Country singer/songwriter, Jan. 27, 8 p.m., The Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany, \$20. Information, 473-1845.

B.B. KING
Blues legend stops in town on 80th birthday celebration tour, Jan. 28, 8 p.m., Palace Theatre, corner of North Pearl Street and Clinton Avenue, Albany, \$47-\$57. Information, 476-1000.

MARK O'CONNOR
Fiddle virtuoso, Feb. 3, 8 p.m., The Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany, \$26. Information, 473-1845.

KELLER WILLIAMS AND THE KEELS
Irish music group, Feb. 4, 8 p.m., The Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany, \$15-\$18. Information, 473-1845.

LADYSMITH BLACK MAMBAZO
South African vocal and dance group, Feb. 4, Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, Troy, \$15-\$29. Information, 273-0038.

MARSHALL CRENSHAW
Alternative pop rock singer/songwriter, Feb. 4, 8 p.m., WAMC Linda Norris Performing Arts Center, Central Avenue, Albany, \$15-\$23, ext. 4.

LOU AND PETER BERRYMAN
Whimsical Wisconsin singer/songwriters, Feb. 10, 8 p.m., Old Songs Music Hall, 37 South Main St., Voorheesville, \$15. Information, 765-2815.

KENNY RANKIN
Jazz-pop singer, Feb. 10, 8 p.m., WAMC Linda Norris Performing Arts Center, Central Avenue, Albany, \$15-\$23, ext. 4.

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BILL COSBY
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Ongoing exhibits, 191 Union Ave., Saratoga Springs. Information, 584-0400.

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"New York's Fighting Zouaves," through October, "Battleground for Freedom: New York during the Revolutionary War," and "To the Standard: Civil War Cavalry Flags from the New York State Ballie Flag Collection," ongoing, 61 Lake Ave., Saratoga Springs. Information, 581-5100.

SARATOGA AUTOMOBILE MUSEUM
Ongoing exhibits including "East of Detroit" and New York racing, 110 Avenue of the Pines, Saratoga Springs. Information, 587-1935, ext. 20.

SKIDMORE COLLEGE
"Richard Pettibone: A Retrospective," Tang Teaching Museum and Gallery, through Feb. 12, 815 North Broadway, Saratoga Springs. Information, 580-5049.

THE HYDE COLLECTION
"Live, Love, Work: the Roycroft Legacy," through April 2, 161 Warren St., Glens Falls. Information, 792-1761.

Call for Artists

OCTAVO SINGERS
Auditions for April 30 performance of Brahms' "Requiem," Jan. 23, 7 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 603 State St.,

Schenectady. Information, 344-7464.
DELMAR COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA
Openings in the string, horn and percussion sections. Information, 439-7749.

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

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

SUBURBAN SOUNDS COMMUNITY CHORUS
Openings in mixed chorus, rehearsals Sundays at 7 p.m. at Lynnwood Reformed Church, Route 146, Guelderland. Information, 861-8000.

FRIENDSHIP SINGERS
Openings in women's singing group, focusing on old favorites and show tunes, rehearsals Tuesday mornings at Community United Methodist Church 1499 New Scotland Road, Slingerlands. Information, 439-2360.

A CAPPELLA
New, informal, coed a cappella group in Delmar, for adults and teens 16 and older. Information, 439-0130.

SIENA CHAMBER ORCHESTRA AND CHOIR
Rehearsals Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. for orchestra, Wednesdays at 6 p.m. for choir,

Sienna College, Route 9, Loudonville. Information, 783-2325.

THE ORCHESTRA ON THE COMMON
Openings in the string section, also need French horn, trombone, flute and bass drum players, rehearsals Friday at 9 a.m., Shenendehowa Senior Center, Clifton Common, Clifton Park. Information, 372-5146.

ELECTRIC CITY CHORUS
Male singing group, training provided, rehearsals at Faith United Methodist Church, Brandywine Avenue and Eastern Parkway, Schenectady, Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m. Information, 785-4807.

RIVER VALLEY CHORUS
Sweet Adelines group, based in Scotia-Glenville area, rehearsals on Tuesdays, 7 to 9:30 p.m., call for location. Information, 399-9480.

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

CAPITAL COMMUNITY VOICES
Rehearsals at Columbia High School, Luther Road, East Greenbush, 7 to 9 p.m., Tuesdays. Information, 477-8308.

ARTISTS WANTED
Exhibit space available for original paintings at Local Color Art Gallery, 961 Troy-Schenectady Road, Latham. Information, 786-6557.

DOUBLE TAKE By Mark Szorady



Find at Least Seven Differences Between Cartoons!

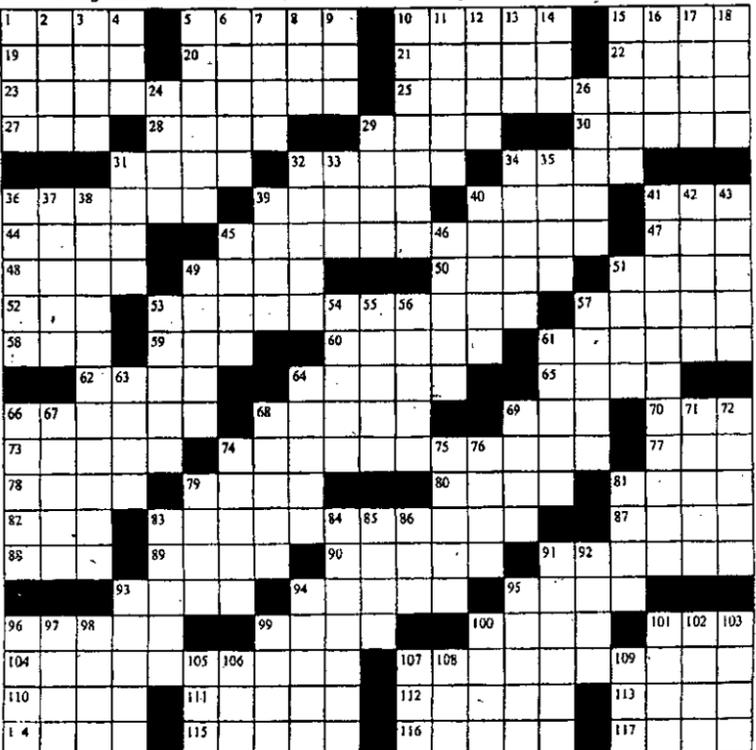
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Super Crossword

TREE-DIMENSIONAL

- ACROSS**
- 1 Irani or Iraqi
 - 5 Court ___; statute upholder
 - 10 Leaves the bed
 - 15 Word of disgust
 - 19 Little Mexican
 - 20 With 23 Across, tree's violation of agreement?
 - 21 Foreign school
 - 22 Repeat
 - 23 See 20 Across
 - 25 Illogical, in the tree world?
 - 27 Barbara Bush ___ Pierce
 - 28 Thine and mine
 - 29 Stone
 - 30 Martha & others
 - 31 Uncomplicated
 - 32 Reasoner
 - 34 Insult
 - 36 Dress
 - 39 Ms. McPherson
 - 40 Fraternity letters
 - 41 Dosage amt.
 - 44 Unflabby
 - 45 Middle school, in the tree world?
 - 47 Paddle's cousin
 - 48 Singer Paul
 - 49 Last name for a singing family
 - 50 Architect Saarinen
 - 51 Drop unawares
 - 52 Disencumber
 - 53 Shakespearean play, in the tree world?
 - 57 Thomas & others'
 - 58 Direction: abbr.
 - 59 Indefinite one
 - 60 ___ Island
 - 61 Greetings
 - 62 Metal fastener
 - 64 Has ___; is ahead
 - 65 With 41 Down, finicky inspector's device, in the tree world?
 - 66 Underhanded
 - 68 Press agent
 - 69 Meaning of the word "Yahweh"
 - 70 Letters for a driller and filler
 - 73 Type sizes
 - 74 Tree world payment method?
 - 77 Arrestor
- DOWN**
- 1 Before long
 - 2 Plentiful
 - 3 Suffix for avoid or clear
 - 4 10/31 word
 - 5 Thickheaded
 - 6 Channel crosser
 - 7 Green areas
 - 8 IRA or Keogh
 - 9 Taff's monogram
 - 10 Striped-shirt wearer
 - 11 In an unfriendly manner
 - 12 Variety
 - 13 Little fellow
 - 14 View
 - 15 Sum up
 - 16 Sore
 - 17 You, once
 - 18 Turfs
 - 24 Early boat builder
 - 26 Unwanted stuff
 - 29 Part of speech: abbr.
 - 31 Lava producer
 - 32 Gandhi, for one
 - 33 ___ my brother's keeper?
 - 34 Prepare eggs
 - 35 Symbol
 - 36 Henry Luce's wife
 - 37 Revolution leader
 - 38 Fire warning device, in the tree world?
 - 39 Foreign auto
 - 40 "Cheers" star & others
 - 41 See 65 Across
 - 42 Name for a Russian baby
 - 43 Squeeze
 - 45 Second-half opener
 - 46 Changed the decor
 - 49 Addict
 - 51 Urin or Trotsky
 - 53 London and others
 - 54 ___ Alabama
 - 55 Spotless
 - 56 Spiral-horned animal
 - 57 Like a snail
 - 61 Divided
 - 63 Great grades
 - 64 Committee type
 - 66 Extends over
 - 67 Immigrants' son
 - 68 As thick ___
 - 69 Enrages
 - 71 Recipient
 - 72 Use up
 - 74 Emanations
 - 75 Beast of burden
 - 76 Time with the Dr.
 - 79 Place
 - 81 Gets hold of
 - 83 5th-cent. Pope
 - 84 Greenspan's field
 - 85 Cardinal, for one
 - 86 Grape: Lat.
 - 91 Yakety-yak
 - 92 U.S. citizen
 - 93 Attach
 - 94 Olympian's goal
 - 95 Actor Farr
 - 96 Injection
 - 97 Shirt type
 - 98 Borrower
 - 99 Eur. nation
 - 100 Sandwiches
 - 101 Related
 - 102 Fix
 - 103 FDR or GWB
 - 105 Lengths: abbr.
 - 106 Period
 - 107 Companion
 - 108 Mr. Parseghian
 - 109 Number



Roaring 20s

In the grid below, twenty words can be found that fit the category for today. Circle each word that you find and list it in the space provided at the right of the grid. Words can be found in all directions— forwards, backwards, horizontally, vertically and diagonally. An example is given to get you started. Can you find today's 20 words?

Today's Category: Marys, Harrys, Larrys, and Jerrys

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Calendar of Events *in the* Spotlight

Wednesday, Jan. 18

BETHLEHEM
DELMAR ROTARY
Normanside Country Club, 7:30 a.m. Information, 767-2930.

PLAYGROUP MEETING
First United Methodist Church playgroups will meet from 10:30 to noon in the nursery. Playgroup provides opportunity for childcare takers and pre-nursery school age children to socialize in a relaxed atmosphere. Information, call 439-9976, ext. 228.

MOTHERS OF PRESCHOOLERS (MOPS)
Christian fellowship group for mothers of preschool children, at the Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., nursery care provided, 9:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m., information, call Jennifer at 439-9929 or e-mail, info@drchurch.org.

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICES
Parks and Recreation Office, Elm Avenue Park, 2-5:30 p.m. Information, 439-0503.

BETHLEHEM LIONS CLUB
Normanside Country Club, Delmar, 7 p.m. Information, 439-4857.

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP
Northeast NY Alzheimer's Association meetings for families, caregivers, and friends; Delmar Presbyterian Church, 585 Delaware Ave., 7 p.m.

SOLID ROCK CHURCH
1 Kenwood Ave., evening prayer and Bible study, 7 p.m. Information, 439-4314.

CHENREZIG PRACTICE AND MEDITATION
Meditation on the Bodhisattva of Compassion, at the KTC Buddhist Center, Doane Stuart School, Route 9W, Albany, 7 p.m., information, 374-1792.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-4955.

BINGO
Blanchard American Legion Post, 16 Poplar Drive, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-9819.

BOY SCOUT TROOP 58
Elsmere Elementary School, 247 Delaware Ave., 7:30 to 9 p.m.

BC SCHOOL BOARD
district office, 90 Adams Place, 7 p.m. Information, 439-7098.

BETHLEHEM ELKS LODGE 2233
1016 River Road (Route 144), Cedar Hill, 8 p.m. Information, 767-2886.

TESTIMONY MEETING
First Church of Christ, Scientist, 555 Delaware Ave., 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-2512.

NEW SCOTLAND

FAITH TEMPLE
Bible study, New Salem, 7:30 p.m. Information, 765-2870.

PRAYER MEETING
evening prayer meeting and Bible study, Mountainview Evangelical Free Church, Route 155, 7:30 p.m. Information, 765-3390.

NEW SCOTLAND SENIORS
Wyman Osterhout Community Center, New Salem, call for time. Information, 765-2109.

AA MEETING
First United Methodist Church of Voorheesville, 68 Maple St., 8 p.m. Information, 489-6779.

Thursday, Jan. 19

BETHLEHEM
BETHLEHEM SENIOR CITIZENS
Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave., 12:30 p.m. Information, 439-4955.

FREE HEALTH LECTURES
Dr. Ron Stram and staff offer free health lectures every third Thursday of each month. This month's lecture topic is new approaches to cholesterol reduction. All events at the Center for Integrative Health and Healing, 7:30 p.m. Registration recommended. Information and future topics, call 689-2244 or visit www.cihh.net

BETHLEHEM ART ASSOCIATION
Delmar Presbyterian Church, 585 Delaware Ave., 7:30 p.m., information, 439-3948.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY
First Reformed Church of Bethlehem, 7 p.m., Route 9W, Selkirk. Information, 767-2243.

BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN
children's choir, 6:15 p.m., senior choir, 7 p.m., 85 Elm Ave. Information, 439-4328.

AA MEETINGS
Slingerlands Community Church, 1499 New Scotland Road, noon, and Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., 8:30 p.m. Information, 489-6779.

NEW SCOTLAND

VOORHEESVILLE LIBRARY
LIFELINES prose writers support group at 7 p.m. Newcomers welcome. No signup. Information, 765-2791.

THE CLOTHING CLOSET
A service supported by area Reformed churches to provide clothing to those in need; volunteers welcome. Clarksville Reformed Church, Route 443, Clarksville, 8:30-11:30 a.m. and 4-7 p.m. Information, 768-2916 or 439-5400.

NEW SCOTLAND KIWANIS CLUB
New Scotland Presbyterian Church, Route 85, 7 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 20

BETHLEHEM
AA MEETING
First Reformed Church of Bethlehem, Route 9W, 7:30 p.m. Information, 489-6779.

CHABAD CENTER
Friday services, discussion and kiddush at sunset, 109 Elsmere Ave. Information, 439-8280.

NEW SCOTLAND
PIONEER CLUBS
For children grades 1 through junior high; Mountainview Evangelical Free Church, Route 155, 3:45 - 5 p.m. Information, 765-3390.

YOUTH GROUP MEETINGS
United Pentecostal Church, Route 85, New Salem, 7 p.m. Information, 765-4410.

Saturday, Jan. 21

BETHLEHEM
AA MEETING
Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., 7:30 p.m. Information, 489-6779.

Sunday, Jan. 22

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BETHLEHEM
WORSHIP INFORMATION
Bethlehem Community Church, 201 Elm Ave., 439-3135.
Bethlehem Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses, Elm Avenue and Feura Bush Road, 439-0358.
Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., 439-4328.
Delmar Full Gospel Church, 292 Elsmere Ave., 439-4407.
Delmar Presbyterian Church, 585 Delaware Ave., 439-9252.
Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., 439-9929.
Family of God Nazarene Church, Krumkill Road at Blessing Road, North Bethlehem, 453-9953.
First Church of Christ, Scientist, 555 Delaware Ave., 439-2512.
First Reformed Church of Bethlehem, Route 9W, Selkirk, 767-2243.
First United Methodist Church of Delmar, 428 Kenwood Ave., 439-9976.
Glenmont Community Church, 1 Chapel Lane, Glenmont, 436-7710.
Gospel Fellowship, 10 Rockefeller Road, Delmar, 482-2132.
King's Chapel, 434 Route 9W, Glenmont, 426-9955.
KTC Buddhist Center, Doane Stuart School, Route 9W, Albany, 10 a.m. meditation, 11 a.m. tea, 11:30 a.m. study course,

374-1792.
Mount Moriah Ministries, Route 9W, Glenmont, 426-4510.
Slingerlands Community UMC, 1499 New Scotland Road, 439-1766.
Solid Rock Church, 1 Kenwood Ave., Glenmont, 439-4314.
South Bethlehem United Methodist Church, 165 Willowbrook Ave., 767-9953.
St. Michael's Shrine, Beacon Road at Route 9W, Glenmont, 462-2016.
St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Poplar Drive and Elsmere Avenue, Delmar, 439-3265;
St. Thomas The Apostle Church, 35 Adams Place, Delmar, 439-4951.
Unity of Faith Christian Fellowship, 436 Krumkill Road, North Bethlehem, 438-7740.

NEW SCOTLAND
WORSHIP INFORMATION
All Nation's Baptist Church, 2558 Western Ave., Guilderland, 475-9086, ESL and Bible classes, 9 a.m.; Worship Services, 10 a.m.
Clarksville Community Church, Route 443, 768-2916.
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Faith Temple, New Salem, 765-2870.
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Jerusalem Reformed Church, Route 32, Feura Bush, 439-0548.
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Unionville Reformed Church, Delaware Turnpike, 439-5001.
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CLASS IN JEWISH MYSTICISM
Delmar Chabad Center, 109 Elsmere Ave., 7 p.m. Information, 439-8280.

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Albany County Pistol Club, Winne Place, 7 to 9 p.m. Also Tuesday. Information, 439-0057.

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Ave., 7:30-9 p.m. Information, 439-4205.

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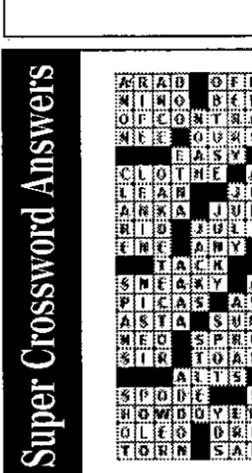
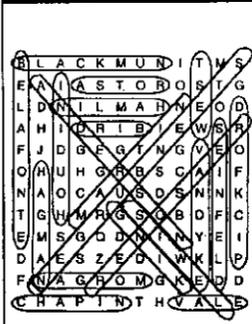
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LEGAL NOTICE

CATSKILL ASSOCIATES I, LLC. Notice of formation of a domestic Limited Liability Company (LLC) Articles of Organization filed with the New York Secretary of State on December 14, 2005. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the LLC is to be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against the LLC may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is 596 New Loudon Road, Latham, New York 12110. LCD-12661 (January 18, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). The name of the LLC is MONROE ST OF ALBANY, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on November 30, 2005. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the LLC is to be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against the LLC may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is 302 Washington Avenue Extension, Albany, New York 12203. LCD-12554 (January 18, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

Stonecreek Management, LLC Notice of formation of the above Limited Liability Company ("LLC"): Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY ("SSNY") on 11/29/2005. 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 any such process served to: the LLC, 928 Troy Schenectady Road, Latham, New York 12110. Purpose: any lawful business purpose. LCD-12555 (January 18, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY The name of the LLC is C.D. Man, Inc. The Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State on November 23, 2005. Office location: County of Albany. The Secretary of State is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process served to: William Biers, 340 Biers Road, Coeymans Hollow, NY, 12046. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity. LCD-12620 (January 18, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION OF A NEW YORK LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY PURSUANT TO NEW YORK LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY LAW 1. The name of the limited liability company is Pa's Pizza and Deli, LLC.

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2. The date of filing of the articles of organization with the Department of State was December 15, 2005.
3. The county in New York in which the office of the company is located is Albany.
4. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent of the company upon whom process may be served and the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the company served upon him or her to P.O. Box 2, Clarksville, New York 12041 (6 Upper Letter S, Voorheesville, NY 12186).
5. The name and address is New York of the company registered agent Shirley Acker, P.O. Box 2, Clarksville, New York 12041, (6 Upper Letter S, Voorheesville, NY 12186) upon whom process against the company may be served.
6. The business purpose of the company is to engage in any and all business activities permitted under the laws of the State of New York. LCD-12649 (January 18, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). The name of the LLC is NMM TOWERS, L.L.C. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on January 5, 2006. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the LLC is to be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against the LLC may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is c/o Tri City Rentals, 255 Washington Avenue Extension, Albany, New York 12205. LCD-12682 (January 18, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). The name of the LLC is NMM SANDCREEK, L.L.C. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on January 5, 2006. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the LLC is to be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against the LLC may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is c/o Tri City Rentals, 255 Washington Avenue Extension, Albany, New York 12205. LCD-12683 (January 18, 2006)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). The name of the LLC is NMM GREENRIDGE, L.L.C. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on January 5, 2006. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the LLC is to be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against the LLC may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is c/o Tri City Rentals, 255 Washington Avenue Extension, Albany, New York 12205. LCD-12684 (January 18, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). The name of the LLC is MRP CLOVER PARK ASSOCI-

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ATES, L.L.C. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on January 5, 2006. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the LLC is to be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against the LLC may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is c/o Tri City Rentals, 255 Washington Avenue Extension, Albany, New York 12205. LCD-12685 (January 18, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY Articles of Swift Builders, LLC ("LLC") filed with the Secretary of State ("SSNY") on December 30, 2005 effective on the date of filing. Office Location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY may mail a copy of any process to the LLC, 15 Kenwood Avenue, Glenmont, NY 12077. The purpose for which the LLC is formed is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under the LLC. LCD-12700 (January 18, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF A.M.C. REALTY OF SARATOGA, LLC Under Section 203 of the Limited Liability Company Law FIRST: The name of the limited liability company is: A.M.C. REALTY OF SARATOGA, LLC. SECOND: The county, within this state, in which the office of the corporation is to be located is: the County of Albany. THIRD: The secretary of state is designated as agent of the limited liability company upon whom process against it may be served. The address within or without this state to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the limited liability company served upon him or her is: A.M.C. Realty of Saratoga, LLC c/o Metro Metals Recycling, LLC 849 First Avenue Watervliet, New York 12189 FOURTH: The limited liability company is to be member managed. Charles F. VanHall, Organizer A.M.C. Realty of Saratoga, LLC c/o Metro Metals Recycling, LLC 849 First Avenue Watervliet, New York 12189 ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF A.M.C. REALTY OF SARATOGA, LLC Under Section 203 of the Limited Liability Company Law Filed by: Alexander Powhida, Esq. Attorney-in-Fact Harvey and Mumford LLP 20 Corporate Woods Boulevard Albany, New York 12211 LCD-12716 (January 18, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of a Domestic Limited Liability Company (LLC) The name of the LLC is Growth Opportunity, LLC. The Articles of Organization were filed with the NY Secretary of State on 12/14/2005. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the LLC is to be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against the LLC may be served. The address of which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is 595 New Loudon Road #210,

Latham, NY 12110. LCD-12753 (January 18, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Broker Consulting LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/29/2005. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY 301 East 79th Street, Ste 24-H, New York, NY 10021 Tuxedo Dr., Melville, NY 11747. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-12546 (January 18, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: GLENMONT PROPERTIES, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 12/06/05. The latest date of dissolution is 12/31/2055. Office location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, 415 Route 9W, Glenmont, New York 12077. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. LD-12559 (January 18, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of GDT (Secy), LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/2/05. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Nevada (NV) on 10/12/05. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., 3rd Fl., Albany, NY 12207, Attn: USA Corporate Services, Inc., registered agent upon whom process may be served. NV address of LLC: 711 S. Carson St., Ste. 4, Carson City, NV 89701. Arts. of Org. filed with NV Secy. of State, 206 N. Carson St., Carson City, NV 89701. Purpose: all lawful activities. LD-12561 (January 18, 2006)

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Notice of Formation of 153-157 Lenox LLC Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. Of State (SSNY) on 10/21/05 Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 566 East 8th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11218 Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-12564 (January 18, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 164-172 West 141 LLC Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. Of State (SSNY) on 10/21/05 Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 566 East 8th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11218 Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-12565 (January 18, 2006)

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Notice of Formation of 17-25 St. Nicholas Avenue LLC Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. Of State (SSNY) on 11/3/05 Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 566 East 8th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11218 Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-12566 (January 18, 2006)

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Notice of Formation of 1829 Adam Clayton Powell Blvd LLC Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. Of State (SSNY) on 11/3/05 Office location: Albany County. SSNY is des-

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ignated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 566 East 8th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11218 Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-12567 (January 18, 2006)

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Notice of Formation of 1833-1835 7th Avenue LLC Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. Of State (SSNY) on 10/21/05 Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 566 East 8th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11218 Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-12568 (January 18, 2006)

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Notice of Formation of 1987-2001 Coney LLC Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. Of State (SSNY) on 11/18/05 Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 566 East 8th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11218 Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-12569 (January 18, 2006)

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Notice of Formation of 2010 7th Avenue LLC Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. Of State (SSNY) on 11/21/05 Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 566 East 8th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11218 Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-12570 (January 18, 2006)

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Notice of Formation of 239-253 West 116 LLC Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. Of State (SSNY) on 11/21/05 Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 566 East 8th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11218 Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-12571 (January 18, 2006)

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Notice of Formation of 345 Manhattan LLC Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. Of State (SSNY) on 11/3/05 Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 566 East 8th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11218 Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-12572 (January 18, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 349 Manhattan LLC Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. Of State (SSNY) on 11/3/05 Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 566 East 8th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11218 Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-12573 (January 18, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 47 Lynbrook LLC Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. Of State (SSNY) on 11/10/05 Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 566 East 8th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11218 Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-12574 (January 18, 2006)

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Notice of Formation of 6 Morningside Avenue LLC

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LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 610-620 West 141 LLC Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. Of State (SSNY) on 11/21/05 Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 566 East 8th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11218 Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-12576 (January 18, 2006)

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Notice of Formation of 617 West 143 LLC Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. Of State (SSNY) on 11/2/05 Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 566 East 8th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11218 Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-12577 (January 18, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 6th Street Development LLC Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. Of State (SSNY) on 10/20/05 Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 566 East 8th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11218 Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-12578 (January 18, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 707 St. Nicholas Avenue LLC Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. Of State (SSNY) on 10/21/05 Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 566 East 8th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11218 Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-12579 (January 18, 2006)

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Notice of Formation of Javis Center Development LLC Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. Of State (SSNY) on 10/20/05 Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 566 East 8th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11218 Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-12581 (January 18, 2006)

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Notice of Formation of Herald Square Development LLC Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. Of State (SSNY) on 10/17/05 Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 566 East 8th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11218 Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-12582 (January 18, 2006)

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Notice of Formation of Manhattan Valley West LLC Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. Of State (SSNY) on 10/20/05 Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 566 East 8th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11218 Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-12583 (January 18, 2006)

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Notice of Formation of Long Island City Luxury Lofts LLC Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. Of State (SSNY) on 10/17/05 Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 566 East 8th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11218 Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-12583 (January 18, 2006)

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GP Notice of Formation of SC LLC Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. Of State (SSNY) on 10/27/05 Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 15-58 Park Lane South, Kew Gardens, NY 11418 Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-12585 (January 18, 2006)

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Notice of Formation of Esplanade Condominiums LLC Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. Of State (SSNY) on 10/9/05 Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 350 - 5th Ave., 59th Fl., NY, NY 10118 Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-12586 (January 18, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 8th Ave Holding LLC Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. Of State (SSNY) on 10/9/05 Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 350 - 5th Ave., 59th Fl., NY, NY 10118 Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-12587 (January 18, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 8th Ave Realty LLC Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. Of State (SSNY) on 12/2/05 Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 5 Cilent Rd, Great Neck, NY 11021 Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-12588 (January 18, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 565 Manhattan LLC Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. Of State (SSNY) on 11/15/05 Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 3 Moline Court, Kings Point, NY 11024 Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-12589 (January 18, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 102 Manhattan LLC Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. Of State (SSNY) on 11/15/05 Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 236 W. 26th St. Suite

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801, NY, NY 10001 Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-12590 (January 18, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 2097 Realty LLC Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. Of State (SSNY) on 11/29/05 Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 49 Windsor Road, Great Neck, NY 11021 Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-12591 (January 18, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of SLS Equities LLC Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. Of State (SSNY) on 11/29/05 Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 60 Pinewood Road, Manhasset, NY 11030 Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-12592 (January 18, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Menco Realty LLC Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. Of State (SSNY) on 11/18/05 Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 822 Montgomery Street, Brooklyn, NY 11213 Purpose: any lawful activity LD-12593 (January 18, 2006)

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Notice of Formation of EZ Funding Group, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. Of State (SSNY) on 11/7/05 Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 33 Pleasant Ridge Rd, New Hempstead, NY 10977 Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-12594 (January 18, 2006)

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Notice of Formation of Ander Properties LLC Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. Of State (SSNY) on 10/17/05 Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 15 Sherri Lane, Wesley Hills, NY 10977 Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-12595 (January 18, 2006)

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Notice of Formation of River East Development, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. Of State (SSNY) on 11/28/05 Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 95 Delancey Street, Brooklyn, NY 10002 Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-12596 (January 18, 2006)

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Notice of Formation of Genius Tools LLC Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. Of State (SSNY) on 11/3/05 Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 61 North Broadway, Hicksville, NY 11801 Purpose: any lawful activity. (January 18, 2006)

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Notice of Formation of 87 Kent Ave. Realty LLC Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. Of State (SSNY) on 10/31/05 Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated

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as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 87 Kent Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11211 Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-12598 (January 18, 2006)

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Notice of Qualification of Planet Fitness Equipment, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/6/05. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in New Hampshire (NH) on 5/6/05. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o CT Corporation System, 111 8th Ave., NY, NY 10011, registered agent upon whom process may be served. NH address of LLC: 113 Crosby Road, Unit 15, Dover, NH 03820. Arts. of Org. filed with NH Secy. of State, 107 North Main St., Concord, NH 03301. Purpose: all lawful purposes. LD-12605 (January 18, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: THE DUCK INN AT LAUDERDALE, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 12/02/05. The latest date of dissolution is 12/31/2104. Office location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, c/o Donald P. Segal, Esq., 1738 New Scotland Road, Slingerlands, New York 12159. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. LD-12609 (January 18, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF FIRST CHOICE BUILDERS, LLC Under Section 203 of the Limited Liability Company Law FIRST: The name of the limited liability company is: FIRST CHOICE BUILDERS, LLC SECOND: The county within this state in which the office of the limited liability company is to be located is: Albany THIRD: (optional) The latest date on which the limited liability company is to dissolve is: FOURTH: The Secretary of State is designated as agent of the limited liability company upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address within or without this state to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the limited liability company served upon him or her is: Shannon M. Oeser 41 East Highland Drive Albany, New York 12203 FIFTH: (optional) The name and street address within this state of the registered agent of the limited liability company upon whom and at which process against the limited liability company may be served is:

SIXTH: (optional) The future effective date of the Articles of Organization, which does not exceed 60 days from the date of filing, is: SEVENTH: (optional) If all or specified members are to be liable in their capacity as members for all or specified debts, obligations or liabilities of the limited liability company as authorized by Section 609 of the Limited Liability Company Law, an affirmative statement must be made. A statement of such effect is made as follows:

Shannon M. Oeser, Member Filed by: Robert A. Bosman, Esq. One Executive Centre Drive Albany, New York 12203 LD-12614 (January 18, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of CityView Commercial LLC Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. Of State (SSNY) on 12/12/05 Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process 5377 Kings Highway, Brooklyn, New York, 11203 Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-12622 (January 18, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Bush Accounting Service, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. Of State (SSNY) on 2/17/05 Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process 882 Third Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, 11232 Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-12626 (January 18, 2006)

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Notice of Formation of Bush Terminal Associates, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. Of State (SSNY) on 3/1/05 Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process 882 Third Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, 11232 Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-12627 (January 18, 2006)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: DISCOUNT PARTY LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 10/26/05. Office location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, c/o Darshan S. Arora, 17 Bergen Woods Drive, Cohoes, New York 12047. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. LD-12634 (January 18, 2006)

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Notice of Formation of 1779 Southern Blvd LLC Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. Of State (SSNY) on 12/13/05 Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process 1 Shore Drive, Kings Point, NY 11024 Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-12635 (January 18, 2006)

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Notice of Formation of 454 Restaurant, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. Of State (SSNY) on 12/14/05 Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process 99 Tripp Street, Mount Kisco, NY 10549 Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-12636 (January 18, 2006)

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Notice of Formation of an LLC: Amedore Quantum, LLC Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on November 2, 2005. Office location is in Albany County. The SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC, upon whom process against it may be served, SSNY shall mail a copy of Process to the LLC, at 1900 Western Avenue, Albany, NY 12203. Purpose: for any lawful purpose. LD-12646 (January 18, 2006)

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Notice of Formation of SHAREHOLD MANAGEMENT LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/14/05. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., 3rd Fl., Albany, NY 12207, Attn: USA Corporate Services Inc., registered agent upon whom process may be served. Purpose: all lawful activities. LD-12650 (January 18, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Privileged Access, L.P. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/19/05. Office location: Albany County. LP formed in Delaware (DE) on 10/21/05. SSNY designated as agent of LP upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Corporation Service Company, 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207, registered agent of LP upon whom process may be served. DE address of LP: 2711 Centerville Road, Ste. 400, Wilmington, DE 19808. Name/address of each genl. ptr. available from SSNY. Cert. of LP filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-12651 (January 18, 2006)

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Notice of Qualification of ACF Beverage, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 9/2/05. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Idaho (ID) on 8/1/05. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o CT Corporation System, 111 8th Ave., NY, NY 10011, registered agent upon whom process may be served. ID address of LLC: 412 E. Parkcenter Blvd., Boise, ID 83706. Arts. of Org. filed with ID Secy. of State, 700 West Jefferson, Basement West, Boise, ID 83702. Purpose: all lawful purposes. LD-12655 (January 18, 2006)

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Notice of Qualification of SVF NEW YORK I, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/20/05. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 12/5/05. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Corporation Service Co. (CSC), 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207, registered agent upon whom process may be served. DE address of LLC: c/o CSC, 2711 Centerville Rd., Ste. 400, Wilmington, DE 19808. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-12658 (January 18, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Mason Production Services LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/21/05. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Virginia (VA) on 12/6/05. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Corporation Service Company, 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207. VA address of LLC: c/o F. Lewis Powell, III, Hutton & Williams LLP, 951 East Byrd St., Richmond, VA 23219. Arts. of Org. filed with VA Secy. of State, 1300 East Main St., Tyler Bldg., 1st Fl., Richmond, VA 23218. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-12662 (January 18, 2006)

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HOME SHARP LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/20/05. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 1085 E. 12th St., NY, NY 11230. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-12664 (January 18, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Springs Window Fashions, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/14/05. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 12/26/1978. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o National Registered Agents, Inc., 875 Ave. of the Americas, Ste. 501, NY, NY 10001. Principal address of LLC: 7549 Graber Road, Middleton, WI 53562. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-12668 (January 18, 2006)

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Notice of Formation of Silix International LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/29/2005. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Delaney Corporate Services, Ltd, 41 State Street, Ste 405, Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-12670 (January 18, 2006)

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Notice of Formation of CHOICE OVERSEAS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/25/05. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., 3rd Fl., Albany, NY 12207, Attn: USA Corporate Services Inc., registered agent upon whom process may be served. Purpose: all lawful activities. LD-12687 (January 18, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Chesapeake Appraisal Services, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/16/05. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 11/14/05. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Corporation Service Co. (CSC), 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207. DE address of LLC: c/o CSC, 2711 Centerville Rd., Ste. 400, Wilmington, DE 19808. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Ste. 3, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-12689 (January 18, 2006)

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Wednesday, January 18, 2006 Public hearing, Bethlehem Board of Appeals, on application of Robert & Carol Dunn at the Town Offices, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York Wednesday, January 18, 2006, at 7:30 p.m. Public hearing, Bethlehem Board of Appeals, on application of Econo Lodge at the Town Offices, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York Wednesday January 18, 2006, at 7:45 p.m. LD-12692 (January 18, 2006)

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Notice of Qualification of The Towers-Las Vegas, LLC. Au-

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thority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/30/05. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Nevada (NV) on 5/11/04. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Corporation Service Company, 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207, registered agent upon whom process may be served. NV address of LLC: 1050 E. Flamingo Road, Ste. 147, Las Vegas, NV 89119. Arts. of Org. filed with NV Secy. of State, 206 North Carson St., Carson City, NV 89701. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-12695 (January 18, 2006)

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Notice of Qualification of Toys "R" Us Europe, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/3/06. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 7/21/05. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Corporation Service Company (CSC), 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207. DE address of LLC: c/o CSC, 2711 Centerville Rd., Ste. 400, Wilmington, DE 19808. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-12696 (January 18, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Marquis Digital Imaging LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/3/06. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 12/29/05. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Corporation Service Company, 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207. DE address of LLC: 2711 Centerville Road, Ste. 400, Wilmington, DE Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-12697 (January 18, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Kraft Plaza LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/3/06. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 12/29/05. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Corporation Service Company, 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207. Principal office of LLC: c/o The Kraft Group, One Patriot Place, Foxborough, MA 02035. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-12698 (January 18, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF NEW SCOTLAND NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF TAX ROLL AND WARRANT TAKE NOTICE, that I Diane Deschenes, the undersigned Collector of Taxes of the Town of New Scotland, County of Albany and State of New York, have duly received the tax roll and warrant for the collection of taxes within the Town of New Scotland for the year 2006, and that I will collect at 2029 New Scotland Road, Slingerlands NY in said Town of New Scotland from 8:30 A.M. to 4 P.M. each day, except Saturdays, Sundays and holidays for the purpose of receiving taxes on the said roll. TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that taxes may be paid on or before January 31 without interest. On all taxes received after such date, there shall be added interest 1% if paid on or before February 28th and an additional 1% for each additional month or fraction thereof thereafter until such taxes are paid or until the return of unpaid

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taxes to the county treasurer pursuant to law. TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that pursuant to the provision of the law the tax roll of the Town of New Scotland will be returned to the county Treasurer of the County of Albany on the 1st day of April, 2006. Tax Rates County Purposes .51

Mandated Medicaid 4.22 General Fund Town Wide 1.61 General Fund Outside Village .22 Highway (outside Village) .08 Special Districts Clarksville Lighting (LC) .50 Feura Bush Lighting (LF) .58

Heldervale Sewer (SS) unit 93.52 Clarksville Water (WC) 3.83 Feura Bush Water (WF) unit designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Corporation Service Company (CSC), 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207. DE address of LLC: c/o CSC, 2711 Centerville Rd., Ste. 400, Wilmington, DE 19808. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-12696 (January 18, 2006)

1.12 New Salem (Voorheesville) Ambulance (SM) & LOSAP .32 New Salem Fire Protection (FN) & LOSAP 1.36 Onesquethaw Fire, Ambulance (FO) & LOSAP 1.44 Slingerlands Fire District 1.22

Delmar / Elsmere / Slingerlands Ambulance District .21 Elmwood Park Fire District 2.57 Paid EMT .10 The Town of New Scotland is an equal opportunity provider and employer. LD-12701 (January 18, 2006)

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Notice of Qualification of Crafts, Etc! Property Co., L.L.C. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/29/05. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Oklahoma (OK) on 3/20/1997. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o National Registered Agents, Inc., 875 Ave. of the Americas, Ste. 501, NY, NY 10001. Principal address of LLC: 7701 SW 44th, Oklahoma City, OK 73179. Arts. of Org. filed with OK Secy. of State, 101 State Capitol Bldg, Oklahoma City, OK 73105. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-12706 (January 18, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

APPLICATION FOR AUTHORITY OF HOB-LOB, LIMITED PARTNERSHIP (Pursuant to Section 121-902 of the Revised Limited Partnership Act) FIRST: The name of the partnership, which is a foreign limited partnership as defined in Section 121-101 of the Revised Limited Partnership Act of the State of New York, and which is hereinafter referred to as the "partnership," is: HOB-LOB, LIMITED PARTNERSHIP SECOND: The jurisdiction of the partnership's organization is Oklahoma, and the date of said organization is December 16, 1993. THIRD: The county within the State of New York where the office of the partnership is to be located is the County of Albany. FOURTH: The Secretary of State of the State of New York is designated as the agent upon whom process against the partnership may be served. The post office address within the State of New York to which the Secretary of State of the State of New York shall mail a copy of any process against the partnership served upon him is: c/o National Registered Agents, Inc., 875 Avenue of the Americas, Suite 501, New York, NY 10001.]

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FIFTH: The registered agent of the partnership is to be the agent of the partnership upon whom or upon which process against the partnership may be served. The name and the address within the State of New York of said registered agent are as follows: National Registered Agents, Inc., 875 Avenue of the Americas, Suite 501, New York, NY 10001.

SIXTH: The address of the office that the partnership is required to maintain under the laws of the jurisdiction of its organization, or if not so required, of its principal office, is: 7701 SW 44th, Oklahoma City, OK 73179

SEVENTH: The name and the business or residence address of each general partner of the partnership are as follows:

NAME
H.L. MANAGEMENT, INC
ADDRESS:
7707 SOUTHWEST 44TH
ST OKLAHOMA CITY, OK
73179

EIGHTH: The partnership is in existence in the jurisdiction of its organization at the time of the filing of this Application for Authority.

NINTH: The name and the address of the authorized officer in the jurisdiction of the partnership's organization where a copy of its certificate of limited partnership is filed are: Secretary of State of Oklahoma, 101 State Capitol Bldg, Oklahoma City, OK 73105

APPLICATION FOR AUTHORITY OF HOB-LOB, LIMITED PARTNERSHIP (Pursuant to Section 121-902 of the Revised Limited Partnership Act)

File:
Tena Lumpkins
145 Baker Street
Marion, OH 43302
LD-12707
(January 18, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Bavette LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/3/2006. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The Company, 301 East 79th St, Ste 24-H, NY, NY 10021. Purpose: any lawful activities.
LD-12708
(January 18, 2006)

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Notice of Qualification of HCH Enterprises, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/28/05. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Rhode Island (RI) on 6/05/2001. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o HIQ Corporate Services, Inc., 516 North Charles St, 5th Fl, Baltimore, MD 21201. Principal address of LLC: 9 Old Snake Hill Road, Glocester, RI 02814. Arts. of Org. filed with RI Secy. of State, 100 North Main St, Providence, RI 02903. Purpose: any lawful activities.
LD-12709
(January 18, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of MIGHTY HOLDING LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/4/06. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., 3rd Fl., Albany, NY 12207, Attn: USA Corporate Services Inc. Purpose: all lawful activities.
LD-12711
(January 18, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of WTN Services, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/29/05. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in California (CA) on 3/4/05. SSNY designated as agent of LLC

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upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the CA address of LLC: 2545 Napa Valley, Corporate Dr., Ste. C, Napa, CA 94568. Arts. of Org. filed with CA Secy. of State, 1500 11th St., 3rd Fl., Sacramento, CA 95814. Purpose: all lawful purposes.
LD-12712
(January 18, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). The name of the LLC is 678 Properties, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the Secretary of State on January 4, 2006. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the LLC is to be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is 678 Troy-Schenectady Road, Latham, New York 12110.
LD-12714
(January 18, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). The name of the LLC is Alchester Development, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the Secretary of State on January 4, 2006. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the LLC is to be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is 678 Troy-Schenectady Road, Latham, New York 12110.
LD-12715
(January 18, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of RSHS Realty LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/5/06. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Corporation Service Company, 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: any lawful activity.
LD-12717
(January 18, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of COMCAST COMMERCIAL SERVICES, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/4/06. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 8/3/00. 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. DE address of LLC: c/o Comcast Capital Corporation, 1201 Market St., Ste. 1000, Wilmington, DE 19801. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity.
LD-12718
(January 18, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of KHRG Muse LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/6/06. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 1/3/06. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Corporation Service Company, 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207. DE address of LLC: c/o Corporation Service Company, 2711 Centerville Road, Ste. 400, Wilmington, DE 19808. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Do-

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ver, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity.
LD-12719
(January 18, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of NEW EASTERN PARKWAY ASSOCIATES, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/5/06. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Mallow, Konstam & Hager, 321 Broadway, 5th Fl., NY, NY 10007. Purpose: all lawful activities.
LD-12720
(January 18, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF NEW SCOTLAND SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING JANUARY 25, 2006
The Town Board of the Town of New Scotland will hold a Special Meeting on January 25, 2006 at 6:30 PM at the New Scotland Town Hall, 2029 New Scotland Road, Slingerlands, NY. Interviews will be conducted for the Planning Board. Executive session is anticipated.
Diane R. Deschenes
New Scotland Town Clerk

The Town of New Scotland is an equal opportunity provider and employer.
LD-12723
(January 18, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

TAX NOTICE
Notice is hereby given that I, Nancy Mendick, Receiver of Taxes and Assessments, Town of Bethlehem, County of Albany, have received the Tax Rolls and Warrants for the collection of property taxes and will receive payments thereon from Monday through Friday, 8:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. and Saturday, January 28, 9:00 am to noon at the Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York 12054. No collection fee during January 1% collection fee from February 1st thru February 28th 2% collection fee from March 1 to March 31. Unpaid property taxes will be turned over to Albany County Director of Finance on April 1, 2006.

Nancy Mendick
Receiver of Taxes & Assessments
445 Delaware Ave.
Delmar, NY 12054
Dated: January 11, 2006
LD-12725
(January 18, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE TO BIDDERS
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem hereby invites sealed bids for the furnishing of the following chemical for the Department of Public Works, Town of Bethlehem, for the year 2006:
(All chemicals must be N.S.F. approved and be acceptable to the N.Y.S. Dept. of Health) The Town requires that "American Manufactured goods and products are to be used exclusively. Commercial Sulfate of Alumina Activated Carbon Bids will be received up to 2:30 p.m. February 2, 2006 at which time such bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York. Bids shall be addressed to Theresa Egan, Supervisor of the Town of Bethlehem, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York. Bids shall be in sealed envelopes, which shall bear, on the face thereof, the name and address of the bidder and the subject of the bid. Original and one copy of each bid shall be submitted. The Town Board reserves the right to waive any informality or to reject any or all bids. Specifications may be picked up at the Town Clerk's office, Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York 12054.

LEGAL NOTICE

BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM
KATHLEEN A. NEWKIRK,
MMC, RMC
TOWN CLERK
DATE: December 28, 2005
LD-12726
(January 18, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE TO BIDDERS
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem hereby invites sealed bids for the furnishing of Sodium Hypochlorite Solution for the Bethlehem Parks and Recreation Department, as and when needed.

Bids will be received up to 3:00 p.m. on the 31st day of January, 2006 at which time such bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York. Bids shall be addressed to Ms. Theresa Egan, Supervisor, Town of Bethlehem, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York 12054. Bids shall be in sealed envelopes which shall bear, on the face thereof, the NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE BIDDER AND SUBJECT OF THE BID. ORIGINAL AND ONE COPY of each bid shall be submitted. Copies of the specifications may be obtained from the Town Clerk at the Town Hall, Delmar, New York.

The Town Board reserves the right to waive any informality in and/or to reject any or all bids.
BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM
Kathleen A. Newkirk, MMC, RMC
TOWN CLERK
Dated: January 11, 2006
LD-12627
(January 18, 2006)

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem hereby invites sealed bids for the furnishing of Gasoline and Diesel Fuel for the use of said Town for the year 2006. Bids will be received up to 2:30 p.m. on the 30th day of January, 2006 at which time such bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York. Bids shall be addressed to Ms. Theresa Egan, Supervisor, Town of Bethlehem, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York 12054. Bids shall be in sealed envelopes which shall bear, on the face thereof, the name and address of the bidder and the subject of the bid. ORIGINAL AND ONE COPY of each shall be submitted. Copies of the specifications may be obtained from the Town Clerk at the Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York.

The Town Board reserves the right to waive any informality in or to reject any or all bids.
BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM
KATHLEEN A. NEWKIRK,
MMC, RMC,
TOWN CLERK
Dated: January 11, 2006
LD-12728
(January 18, 2006)

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem hereby invites sealed bids for the furnishing of Heating Oil for the use of said Town for the year 2006. Bids will be received up to 2:40 p.m. on the 1st day of January, 2006 at which time such bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York. Bids shall be addressed to Ms. Theresa Egan, Supervisor, Town of Bethlehem, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York 12054. Bids shall be in sealed envelopes which shall bear, on the face thereof, the name and address of the bidder and the

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BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM
KATHLEEN A. NEWKIRK,
MMC, RMC
TOWN CLERK
Dated: January 11, 2006
LD-12729
(January 18, 2006)

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem hereby invites sealed bids for the furnishing of Washed Crushed Stone for the use of said Town for the year 2006. Bids will be received up to 2:50 p.m. on the 30th day of January, 2006 at which time such bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York. Bids shall be addressed to Ms. Theresa Egan, Supervisor, Town of Bethlehem, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York 12054. Bids shall be in sealed envelopes which shall bear, on the face thereof, the name and address of the bidder and the subject of the bid. ORIGINAL AND ONE COPY of each shall be submitted. Copies of the specifications may be obtained from the Town Clerk at the Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York.

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BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM
KATHLEEN A. NEWKIRK,
MMC, RMC
TOWN CLERK
Dated: January 11, 2006
LD-12730
(January 18, 2006)

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS
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Bids will be received up to 3:00 p.m. on the 30th day of January, 2006 at which time such bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York. Bids shall be addressed to Ms. Theresa Egan, Supervisor, Town of Bethlehem, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York 12054. Bids shall be in sealed envelopes which shall bear, on the face thereof, the name and address of the bidder and the subject of the bid. ORIGINAL AND ONE COPY of each shall be submitted. Copies of the specifications may be obtained from the Town Clerk at the Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York.

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BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM
KATHLEEN A. NEWKIRK,
MMC, RMC
TOWN CLERK
Dated: January 11, 2006
LD-12731
(January 18, 2006)

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem hereby invites sealed bids for the use of said Town for the year 2006. Bids will be received up to 3:10 p.m. on the 30th day of January, 2006 at which time such bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the Town Hall, 445 Delaware

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Avenue, Delmar, New York. Bids shall be addressed to Ms. Theresa Egan, Supervisor, Town of Bethlehem, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York 12054. Bids shall be in sealed envelopes which shall bear, on the face thereof, the name and address of the bidder and the subject of the bid. ORIGINAL AND ONE COPY of each shall be submitted. Copies of the specifications may be obtained from the Town Clerk at the Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York.

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BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM
KATHLEEN A. NEWKIRK,
MMC, RMC
TOWN CLERK
Dated: January 11, 2006
LD-12732
(January 18, 2006)

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem hereby invites sealed bids for the furnishing of Guide Rail for the use of said Town for the year 2006. Bids will be received up to 3:20 p.m. on the 30th day of January, 2006 at which time such bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York. Bids shall be addressed to Ms. Theresa Egan, Supervisor, Town of Bethlehem, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York 12054. Bids shall be in sealed envelopes which shall bear, on the face thereof, the name and address of the bidder and the subject of the bid. ORIGINAL AND ONE COPY of each shall be submitted. Copies of the specifications may be obtained from the Town Clerk at the Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York.

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BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM
KATHLEEN A. NEWKIRK,
MMC, RMC
TOWN CLERK
Dated: January 11, 2006 -
LD-12733
(January 18, 2006)

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem hereby invites sealed bids for the use of said Town for the year 2006.

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BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM
KATHLEEN A. NEWKIRK,
MMC, RMC
TOWN CLERK
Dated: January 11, 2006
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(January 18, 2006)

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem hereby invites sealed bids for the use of

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said Town for the year 2006. Bids will be received up to 2:55 p.m. on the 31st day of January, 2006 at which time such bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York. Bids shall be addressed to Ms. Theresa Egan, Supervisor, Town of Bethlehem, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York 12054. Bids shall be in sealed envelopes which shall bear, on the face thereof, the name and address of the bidder and the subject of the bid. ORIGINAL AND ONE COPY of each shall be submitted. Copies of the specifications may be obtained from the Town Clerk at the Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York.

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BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM
KATHLEEN A. NEWKIRK,
MMC, RMC
TOWN CLERK
Dated: January 11, 2006
LD-12735
(January 18, 2006)

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem hereby invites sealed bids for the furnishing of Milling for the use of said Town for the year 2006.

Bids will be received up to 3:10 p.m. on the 31st day of January, 2006 at which time such bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York. Bids shall be addressed to Ms. Theresa Egan, Supervisor, Town of Bethlehem, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York 12054. Bids shall be in sealed envelopes which shall bear, on the face thereof, the name and address of the bidder and the subject of the bid. ORIGINAL AND ONE COPY of each shall be submitted. Copies of the specifications may be obtained from the Town Clerk at the Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York.

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BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM
KATHLEEN A. NEWKIRK,
MMC, RMC
TOWN CLERK
Dated: January 11, 2006
LD-12736
(January 18, 2006)

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem hereby invites sealed bids for the furnishing of In-Place Paving for the use of said Town for the year 2006.

Bids will be received up to 3:20 p.m. on the 31st day of January, 2006 at which time such bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York. Bids shall be addressed to Ms. Theresa Egan, Supervisor, Town of Bethlehem, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York 12054. Bids shall be in sealed envelopes which shall bear, on the face thereof, the name and address of the bidder and the subject of the bid. ORIGINAL AND ONE COPY of each shall be submitted. Copies of the specifications may be obtained from the Town Clerk at the Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York.

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BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM
KATHLEEN A. NEWKIRK,
MMC, RMC
TOWN CLERK
Dated: January 11, 2006
LD-12737
(January 18, 2006)

Steelers

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the division.

On a side note, Alexander Mogilny in an Albany River Rats' uniform is kind of like putting a mint condition 1955 Ford Firebird in a cheap used car lot. You see it, but you hardly believe it.

• Have you noticed how quiet it's been in the baseball world lately? I haven't heard anything since Alex Rodriguez announced he was going to play in the World Baseball Classic (for what team I don't know, and I don't care).

Reversal

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edged Broadalbin-Perth 63-62 in overtime on Eric Stott's three-pointer with eight seconds left.

Voorheesville (8-2, 9-3) managed only 15 first half points and never fully recovered, even though the Blackbirds scored 21 points in the fourth quarter to stay within striking distance.

Greg Klopfer scored 14 points, and Nick Duncan added 12 points for Voorheesville. Josh Shoemaker's 18 points paced Albany Academy (7-3, 9-3).

Stott led four RCS players in double figures with 16 points against Broadalbin-Perth. Ron Vincent contributed 13 points, Corwin Hendy chipped in 12 points and Jeff Muncada added 10 points for the Indians (4-5, 5-6).

Personally, I think this whole World Baseball Classic is a joke anyway. You're going to have major leaguers interrupt their spring training regiments to go to places like San Diego and Phoenix to play in what basically amounts to all-star games with nationalistic overtones. Do casual baseball fans really care if the Dominican Republic turns out a better team than the United States? As a magic 8-ball might say, "highly unlikely."

• I haven't seen "Glory Road" yet. I also haven't seen "Miracle." Personally, I'd rather see the actual footage from those historic teams mixed in with present-day interviews with the players and coaches who were there, instead of seeing actors trying to look convincing as they re-enact the events of the 1966 UTEP men's basketball championship season or the 1980 U.S. men's Olympic hockey team.

• Finally, I'd like to apply to become a PGA Tour correspondent. After seeing the golfers competing in Hawaii the last two weeks, I'm insanely jealous of any person who gets to cover the pro tour for a living. "I have to go to Honolulu to see a tournament without Tiger Woods or Phil Mickelson? I object!"

Aim high



Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk cheerleader Christine Connors performs during Sunday's competition at Scotia-Glenville High School.

Jim Franco

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem hereby invites sealed bids for the furnishing of Pre-cast Concrete Manholes for the use of said Town for the year 2006.

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BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM
Kathleen A. Newkirk, MMC, RMC
Town Clerk
Dated: January 11, 2006
LD-12741
(January 18, 2006)

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem hereby invites sealed bids for the furnishing of Iron Castings for the use of said Town for the year 2006. Bids will be received up to 3:15 p.m. on the 1st day of February 2006 at which time such bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York. Bids shall be addressed to Ms. Theresa Egan, Supervisor, Town of Bethlehem, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York 12054. Bids shall be in sealed envelopes which shall bear, on the face thereof, the name and address of the bidder and the subject of the bid. ORIGINAL AND ONE COPY of each shall be submitted. Copies of the specifications may be obtained from the Town Clerk at the Town Hall, Delmar, New York.

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BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM
KATHLEEN A. NEWKIRK, MMC, RMC
TOWN CLERK
Dated: January 11, 2006
LD-12742
(January 18, 2006)

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem hereby invites sealed bids for the furnishing of Corrugated Metal Pipe for the use of said Town for the year 2006. Bids will be received up to 2:45 pm on the 1st day of February, 2006 at which time such bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York. Bids shall be submitted on Town of Bethlehem "Bid Sheets" and addressed to Ms. Theresa Egan, Supervisor of the Town of Bethlehem, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York. Bids shall be in sealed envelopes which shall bear, on the face thereof, the name and address of the bidder and the subject of the bid.

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BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM
Kathleen A. Newkirk, CMC, RMC
Town Clerk
Dated: March 23, 2005
LD-12743
(January 18, 2006)

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem hereby invites sealed bids for the furnishing of Plastic Pipe for the use of said Town for year 2006. Bids will be received up to 2:30 pm on the 1st day of February, 2006 at which time such bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York. Bids shall be submitted on Town of Bethlehem "Bid

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Sheets" and addressed to Ms. Theresa Egan, Supervisor of the Town of Bethlehem, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York. Bids shall be in sealed envelopes which shall bear, on the face thereof, the name and address of the bidder and the subject of the bid. ORIGINAL AND ONE COPY of each bid shall be submitted. "Bid Sheets" and copies of the specifications must be obtained from the Town Clerk at the Town Hall, Delmar, New York. A copy of the specifications shall accompany the bid. The Town Board reserves the right to waive any informalities in or to reject any or all bids.
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Kathleen A. Newkirk, CMC, RMC
Town Clerk
Dated: March 23, 2005
LD-12744
(January 18, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
Articles of 604 North Broadway, LLC ("LLC") filed with the Secretary of State of New York ("SSNY") on December 23, 2005 effective on the

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date of filing. Office location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY may mail a copy of any process to the LLC, 190 Hilton Road, Slingerlands, NY 12159. The purpose for which the LLC is formed is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under the LLC. LD-12748
(January 18, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of limited liability company (LLC). Name: Technology Plus, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) December 19, 2005. 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 Technology Plus, LLC, 121 Drahos Drive, Altamont, New York 12009. Purpose: any lawful purpose. LD-12751
(January 18, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Advantage Tank Lines, LLC.

LEGAL NOTICE

Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/4/06. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 11/19/04. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o CT Corporation System, 111 8th Ave., NY, NY 10011, registered agent upon whom process may be served. DE address of LLC: 1209 Orange St., Wilmington, DE 19801. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-12752
(January 18, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of PREMIUM CORPORATE SOLUTIONS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/6/06. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., 3rd Fl., Albany, NY 12207, Attn: USA Corporate Services Inc., registered agent upon whom process may be served. Purpose: all lawful activities. LD-12745
(January 18, 2006)

HIGH SCHOOL VARSITY SPORTS RESULTS FOR THE WEEK OF JAN. 9-15

Tuesday, Jan. 10

BOYS BASKETBALL

Lansingburgh 71,
Ravena 66
Ravena leaders: Corwin Hendy 23 points, Eric Stott 16 points, Jeff Muncada 15 points.
Voorheesville 47,

Cobleskill 37

Voorheesville leaders: Andy Catellier 16 points, Nick Duncan 15 points.

Columbia 64, Bethlehem 41

Bethlehem leader: Kevin Stempsey 14 points.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Voorheesville 54,

Cobleskill 39

Voorheesville leaders: Brigit Feeny 20 points, Amanda Markert 17 points.

Lansingburgh 39,

Ravena 25

Ravena leader: Jeannine Rider 14 points.

Columbia 46, Bethlehem 43

Bethlehem leader: Leah Gillham 12 points.

BOYS BOWLING

Bethlehem 24,

Guilderland 8

Bethlehem leader: James Blanch 258 game, 736 series.

WRESTLING

Mount Anthony (Ver.) 55,

Ravena 10

Ravena winners: Doug Winne (125 pounds), Nate Graham (160).

Wednesday, Jan. 11

BOYS BOWLING

Burnt Hills 19.5,

Bethlehem 12.5

Bethlehem leader: Jason Burger 256 game, 688 series.

Ravena 20, Mechanicville 12

Ravena leaders: Chriss Jones 234 game, Joe Carnibucci 622 series.

GIRLS BOWLING

Ravena 27, Mechanicville 5

Ravena leaders: Jen Downes 227 game, Ashley Carboni 636 series.

GYMNASTICS

Shenendehowa 170.55,

Bethlehem 165.3

Top three all-around: Kaari Purstel (Shen) 35.6, Kylee Teague (Shen) 34.8, Chandler Smith (BC) and Tara Harding (Shen) 34.5.

WRESTLING

Bethlehem 38,

Averill Park 33

Bethlehem winners: Connor Hautau (96 pounds), Tolan Sharlow (112), Giles Chase (119), Luke Tress (135), David Sterrett (140), Jason Lengfeller (152), Damian Privatera (160), John DellaPorta (171).

Thursday, Jan. 12

BOYS BOWLING

Ravena 21,

Broadalbin-Perth 11

Ravena leader: Dan Irwin 234 game, 626 series.

BOYS SWIMMING

Bethlehem 109,

Ballston Spa 73

Bethlehem individual winners: Sean Kennedy (200-yard freestyle), Boris Virnik (200 individual medley), Bruce Wemple (100 butterfly), Paul Cafiero (100 freestyle), Alex Walsh

(500 freestyle), Drew Acquaviva (100 backstroke).

Mohonasen/Schalmont 98,

Guilderville 81

Guilderville individual winners: David Cerutti (200-yard freestyle, 100 freestyle), Vadim Yafayev (50 freestyle, 100 breaststroke), Sean Molloy (diving).

WRESTLING

Ravena 57,

Broadalbin-Perth 10

Ravena winners: Emanuel Hernandez (112 pounds), Doug Winnie (125), Tyler Lane (130), George LaMountain (135), Cody Legg (140), Joe Clancy (145), Frank McDonagh (152), Nate Graham (160), Joe Whiting (171), Nick LaMountain (189), Chris Massie (215), Chris Stead (275).

Bethlehem 59, Catskill 19

Bethlehem winners: Tolan Sharlow (112 pounds), Giles Chase (119), Josh Finkle (125), Jason Maher (130), Luke Tress (135), Dave Sterrett (140), Pat Fontaine (145), Jason Lengfeller (152), Kevin Kolbay (171), Peter Bonventre (189).

Friday, Jan. 13

BOYS BASKETBALL

Ravena 63,

Broadalbin-Perth 62

Ravena leaders: Eric Stott 16 points, Ron Vincent 13 points, Corwin Hendy 12 points, Jeff Muncada 10 points.

Albany Academy 59,

Voorheesville 52

Voorheesville leaders: Greg Klopfer 14 points, Nick Duncan 12 points.

Bethlehem 58,

Guilderland 53

Bethlehem leaders: Kevin Stempsey 28 points, Craig Orner 10 points.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Holy Names 47,

Voorheesville 46

Voorheesville leaders: Brigit Feeny 16 points, Amanda Markert 12 points.

Broadalbin-Perth 60,

Ravena 49

Ravena leaders: Jeannine Rider 14 points, Katelyn Matousek 10 points.

Guilderland 35,

Bethlehem 25

Bethlehem leader: Leah Gillham 10 points.

Saturday, Jan. 14

INDOOR TRACK

League meet 5B

Boys team scores: Niskayuna 150, Mechanicville 125, Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk 80, Scotia-Glenville 58, Schenectady 38, Hudson Falls 36, Hoosic Valley 16, Greenwich 14, Hoosic Valley 4. Girls team scores: Niskayuna 117.5, Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk 79, Hudson Falls 57, Scotia-Glenville 57, Greenwich 52.5, Mechanicville 44, Hoosic Valley 38, Bishop Gibbons 24, Schenectady 18.

WRESTLING

Galway Tournament

Team scores: Granville 161, Northport 143.5, Johnstown 128.5, Cohoes 113.5, Salem 105.5, Galway 102, Albany 100, Broadalbin-Perth 76.5, Berlin 51.5, Voorheesville 39, Waterford 36, Schoharie/Middleburgh 28, Berne-Knox-Westerlo 7. Voorheesville second finishers: Alex Zvinovsky (place finish, 171 pounds), Matt O'Brien (fourth, 160), Charlie McGrail (fourth, 215).



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HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS SCHEDULE

Wednesday, Jan. 18

BOYS BOWLING

RCS at Cobleskill, 4 p.m.
Voorheesville at Mechanicville, 4 p.m.

WRESTLING

Mohonasen at Bethlehem, 6 p.m.
Albany Academy at Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk, 6 p.m.
Voorheesville at Cohoes, 6 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 19

GYMNASTICS

Guilderland at Bethlehem, 6 p.m.

BOYS SWIMMING

Saratoga at Bethlehem, 4:30 p.m.

WRESTLING

Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk at Mechanicville, 6 p.m.
Voorheesville at Watervliet, 7 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 20

BOYS BASKETBALL

Bethlehem at Colonie, 7:30 p.m.
RCS at Cohoes, 7:30 p.m.
Mechanicville at Voorheesville, 7:30 p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Colonie at Bethlehem, 7:30 p.m.
Cohoes at Ravena, 7:30 p.m.
Voorheesville at Mechanicville, 7:30 p.m.

HOCKEY

Shaker/Colonie at Bethlehem, 7:50 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 21

HOCKEY

Bethlehem at Burnt Hills/Scotia, 7:50 p.m.

WRESTLING

Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk at North/South Duals, 10 a.m.

Sunday, Jan. 22

INDOOR TRACK

Bethlehem at league meet, HVCC, TBA
RCS at league meet, HVCC, noon

Monday, Jan. 23

BOYS BASKETBALL

Watervliet at Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk, 7:30 p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk at Watervliet, 7:30 p.m.

BOYS BOWLING

RCS at Cohoes, 4 p.m.
Voorheesville at Broadalbin-Perth, 4 p.m.

Reversal of fortune

Stempsey scores 28 points to lead BC past Guilderland

By ROB JONAS

There was no disastrous start or finish for the Bethlehem boys basketball team this time.

Kevin Stempsey lit up Guilderland's defense for 28 points to lead the Eagles to a 58-53 Suburban Council victory over the Dutchmen last Friday.

Unlike the first meeting between the neighboring schools (a 60-40 Guilderland win at the Dutchmen Holiday Classic last month), Bethlehem showed some offensive consistency. Instead of falling behind 11-4 in the first quarter, the Eagles (4-5 league, 4-9 overall) played Guilderland even through the first eight minutes.

"We talked about it in the locker room before the game," said Bethlehem coach Jeremy Klugman. "We wanted to win the first quarter. We wound up tying it at 11, but it's a heck of a lot better than falling behind."

Guilderland (2-6, 5-7) did gain a seven-point halftime lead, but Bethlehem tied the game at the end of the third quarter and then outscored the Dutchmen 18-13 in the fourth quarter — a far cry from its fourth-quarter performance against Guilderland two weeks earlier when the Eagles were shut out.

"Personally, I didn't think about (the first game)," Klugman said. "I knew we'd score some points. The question was would we score more points than they did."

Stempsey was a big part of



Bethlehem's Dan Bell (55) challenges Luke Pagano's shot during last Friday's Suburban Council game at Guilderland. The Eagles defeated the Dutchmen 58-53.

Rob Jonas

Bethlehem's offense. The guard drained three three-pointers and was perfect in three free throw attempts as part of his 28-point night.

"He made big shot after big shot for us in that game," Klugman said. "We want the ball in his hands."

Craig Orrer made only one field goal, but he went 8-for-10 from the charity stripe to finish with 10 points for Bethlehem. Gleason Judd contributed nine

points. Jimmy Gogas and Brett Marfurt each scored 14 points for Guilderland.

The Eagles returned to action Tuesday with a trip to Ballston Spa — a team that has had a knack of pulling out wins at the last minute. Among the Scotties' six victories are a recent overtime win against Columbia and a two-point win against Mohonasen last Friday.

"We had a classic battle with them last year that went into over-

time," Klugman said of Ballston Spa. "That's a tough place to play, too. It's one of the toughest places to play in, but we have to go there and do our best."

Cadets end Blackbirds' streak

In Colonial Council action last Friday, Albany Academy ended Voorheesville's four-game winning streak with a 59-52 victory, and Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk

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Steelers are lucky to be in title game

By ROB JONAS

Just when you thought it was safe, here's the first random thoughts column of 2006.

• The Pittsburgh Steelers are living a charmed life in the playoffs. First, Cincinnati quarterback Carson Palmer blows out a knee on his second career postseason snap, and Jon Kitna couldn't recapture the magic he had as a starter two years ago as Pittsburgh won on the road. Then in Indianapolis, Mike Vanderjagt misses a 46-yard field goal with 17 seconds left to allow the Steelers to escape with a 21-18 victory.

I realize that Pittsburgh has played well in both games. The defense has harassed every quarterback its faced, and the offense is showing a willingness to air the ball out — something it didn't do during the regular season. But when a top-notch kicker like Vanderjagt shanks a game-tying

From the sports desk...

field goal, you know the football gods must be blessing the black-and-gold.

• New England was bound to have a playoff letdown. No NFL team had won 10 playoff games in a row until the Patriots pulled off the feat with its victory over Jacksonville in the wildcard game. But expecting two straight sterling performances from an erratic New England team, especially when it had to travel to Denver and face a Broncos squad that hadn't lost at home all year, was probably too much to ask.

It wasn't as if New England played poorly the entire game. There was only one stretch at the end of the second quarter when

the Patriots coughed up the ball twice, which led to Denver's 10 first half points. Even after that, New England stayed close until Champ Bailey stepped in front of a Tom Erady pass in one end zone and nearly returned it to the other end zone.

The Patriots will be back next season, though. As long as they have Brady and Bill Belichick and as long as they continue playing in the weakening AFC East, they'll be in the playoffs, which means they will be in the hunt for another Super Bowl title.

• Someone should send footage of Union College goaltender Kris Mayotte's performance against Clarkson to a national news outlet. At one point, he came rushing out of the net and dove to knock the puck away and then rushed back to make a diving save as part of his school record fifth shutout of the season. That deserves some sort of national

recognition.

• Can we all stop worrying about the University at Albany mens basketball team now? The Great Danes have won eight in a row, they've barely been challenged by America East opponents and they passed their big road test by beating Boston University. As long as they avoid a rash of injuries, Albany should be seeing its name up on the NCAA Tournament brackets come Selection Sunday.

• These are strange days in the NHL's Atlantic Division. Lou Lamoriello is coaching New Jersey, Mike Milbury voluntarily left the New York Islanders after firing his umpteenth head coach and the New York Rangers are still in playoff contention. Thank goodness the Pittsburgh Penguins are in last place again to assure us of a little normalcy in

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