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# Judge Teresi swears in new police chief

By KRISTEN OLBY

A ceremonial changing of the guard took place Monday morning at Bethlehem town hall as leadership of the Police Department shifted. After 12 years at the helm, Chief Richard LaChappelle stepped down from his post to retire, handing the reins to Deputy Chief Louis Corsi.

Accompanied by bagpipes, Corsi entered the ceremony in his dress blue uniform with the entire Bethlehem Police Department in tow. The standing-room-only service was attended by more than 100 people including several county dignitaries, town justices and fellow police officers from around the region. Before his departure became official, Chief Richard LaChappelle took a moment to recognize the force.

"We have some wonderful people coming up through the ranks," said LaChappelle. "The town board has made sure that we accept nothing but the best and expect excellence from all our people and we get it."

Several members of the town board, which approved Corsi's appointment at its April 9 meeting, were on hand to welcome the new chief including town Supervisor Sheila Fuller.

"Lou, this is a very special day for our town, and you are a very special man. No one else could fill the job as well as you are about to," said Fuller.

Led by Supreme Court Justice Joseph Teresi, Corsi recited the oath of office, followed by the pinning of Corsi's badge by LaChappelle. The New York State Association of Chiefs of Police presented Corsi with a plaque and congratulated him on his promotion. Corsi's wife Kathy and three daughters were in attendance, along

with his parents who often fought back tears during the ceremony.

"I'm proud and honored to stand here before you with the hopes and dreams and aspirations of moving this department forward and to meeting the ever changing demands of public safety," said Corsi.

*Thank you for your trust and  
confidence in me, and I  
pledge not to let you down.*

Louis Corsi

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# Family longs for daughter's safe return

By KRISTEN OLBY

A late-night, static-plagued phone call that lasted just two minutes brought some much-needed relief last week to the Delaney family of Voorheesville.

James and Ginger Delaney's 25-year-old daughter, 1st Lt. Jennifer Delaney, is an executive officer in the Army's 62nd Engineer Battalion, currently stationed in Iraq.

"She was pretty chipper, everything was fine, she felt she was in a safe place. She wasn't going to be where she was at very long. I think within a week she was moving again," recalled James Delaney of his conversation with his daughter before they were abruptly disconnected.

Jennifer's engineering company is traveling throughout Iraq, laying pipeline that will enable military vehicles to refuel. Initially sent to Kuwait in January, the troops sat idly for weeks, waiting for the war to begin. On March 23, they crossed the border and entered Iraq, where round-the-clock work under the sweltering desert sun began.

The recent phone call marked the first time Jennifer had been able to communicate with her family by phone in nearly a month. While in Kuwait, Jennifer kept in contact through e-mail and weekly phone calls but once she entered Iraq, communication virtually ceased.

"Not knowing where she's at, for me, that's the tough part," said James, who finds himself drawn to the round-the-clock coverage on television, hoping to see his daughter's face.

Ginger copes by trying to avoid the television, relying instead on prayer to help guide her through this stressful time.

"You can't think the worst, you'd just



1st Lt. Jennifer Delaney

walk around chewing your fingers off daily and crying. So you have to try to think positive," Ginger said.

While Jennifer risks her life in a war-torn country, her family seeks solace in knowing she's pursuing a career she's felt passionately about since high school. A visit to West Point as a member of the Voorheesville high school band prompted Jennifer to attend the prestigious academy, where she graduated in 2000. Serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom has given her the opportunity to put her engineering skills and years of training to work.

"She does feel very strongly that citizens should have a sense of commitment, that everybody should put their time in for their country and this is her way of doing it," said Ginger.

While the Delaneys and their two sons — Greg, a high school sopho-

more, and Matthew, a college student — know Jennifer isn't fighting on the front lines, they also know the threat of danger is ever present for the military in Iraq. The constant news of American prisoners of war being seized and dozens of soldiers injured each day fuels the Delaneys' concern for their daughter's well-being.

"It's just very scary, and everybody is in danger over there. Some are in more danger than others," said Ginger.

Well-wishes from strangers and an outpouring of support from family and friends has made this trying time a bit easier for the Delaneys. Neighbors in this close-knit community often drop off care packages for Jennifer, and the mail brings heartwarming messages.

"We get cards everyday in the mail. Some days we get three or four cards from people, and just reading the cards can make you cry," said Ginger.

Recently, nurses at St. Peter's Hospital, where Ginger works as an X-ray technician, inquired about helping the soldiers. Jennifer provided a list of those in her company, and Ginger said the response was overwhelming.

"Within 24 hours, every name on that list — and there were 50 of them — was taken by someone, and they're sending packages and letters. It's just unbelievable."

Jennifer has also been "adopted" by Perkins Elementary School in Newark, Wayne County, where her grandmother

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# V'ville board spells out budget plan

By MICHELE FLYNN

Ah spring. When a young man's and young woman's fancy turns to ... the school budget.

The Voorheesville school board laid out the proposed 2003-04 budget at its April 7 meeting. It's another tough year. The budget calls for increased class sizes — for example, high school English classes will have between 23 and 27 students; elimination of the 5:30 p.m. bus run; and releasing two teachers.

"I'm losing some of my youngest and my best," said school Superintendent Alan McCartney. "We are providing what we need to provide and a little bit more. I think a double digit (tax increase) is doomed from the start. I'm concerned about an 8 to 9 percent

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## Hudson Valley names president's, dean's list students

Hudson Valley Community College has announced president's and dean's list students for the fall semester.

Michael Appleby (president's list), Kathryn Crookes (president's list) and Stephen Dornmuth (president's list), all of Clarksville.

Also, David Alexander, Emily Brown (president's list), Kevin Bruno (president's list), Kurtis Bubeck, Kyle Caffrey (president's list), Maria Catalano, Robert Di Gregorio (president's list), R. Grace Dillon (president's list), Mark Economides, Edie Eyres (president's list), Jessica Gericke (president's list), Matthew Goldberg, Katherine Gould, Matthew Hill, Pamela Hotaling (president's list), Alexander House, Deena Hsia (president's list), Timothy Kindlon, Oleg Levchenko, Denise MacDonald (president's list), Angelo Malone, Ruvy Mirafuentes, Bret Muraski, Maryann Murray-Wygel (president's list), Violeta Neverdauskiene (president's list), Mary Newton, Christine Norvici (president's list), Talis Orietas, Heather Pangburn (president's list), Donald Przybylek (president's list), Steven Riedel, Lisa Russo, Matthew Saint Jacques

(president's list), Erin Schucker (president's list), Christopher Strom, Darrin Tice (president's list), Kelly Vadney (president's list), Jamie Weeks (president's list), George Wong (president's list) and Jacob Zaccagnino (president's list), all of Delmar.

Also, Clayton Cahill, Jennifer DeForge, Michael Music (president's list), Jennifer Sarsfield and Philip Willwerth (president's list), all of Feura Bush.

Also, Robert Boughton, Leonard Carusone (president's list), Lisa Collen (president's list), Christopher Deitz (president's list), William Eighmie (president's list), Michael Follette (president's list), Matthew Frank, Lisa Graves, Kristyn Hammond (president's list), John Kondrat (president's list), Nicole Kondrat, Kellie Kovarik, Megan Leary (president's list), Ella Mallory, Brian Northrup, Michael Roche, Douglas Rubin (president's list), Max Smelyansky, and Nancy Smith (president's list), all of Glenmont.

Also, Kimberly Adams, Charles Biers (president's list), Christopher Eggleston (president's list), Nicole Gildea (president's list), Samantha Henrikson (president's list),

Dianna Higginbotham (president's list), Wendy Hobb (president's list), Nate Hummel (president's list), Erica Imbert, Joseph Kadish, Danielle LaFave (president's list), Michael Pascone, Thomas Reinisch (president's list), Stuart Sharp (president's list), Julie Taylor (president's list), Michael Weddell (president's list), Samantha Zazycki and Ruth Zinzow (president's list), all of Selkirk.

Also, Addie Abrams (president's list), Thomas Belawski, Christine Bidwell (president's list), Subhen Bose (president's list), Jeff Brewer, Lindsey Capraro, Keith Cromie (president's list), Cynthia Flansburg, Stephanie Hardy (president's list), Kevin Hotaling (president's list), Jeremy Irving, Kathleen Ising, Vernon Jones, Jeffrey

Jordan (president's list), Robert Lake (president's list), Jill Matthews (president's list), Brenda McGreevy (president's list), Christopher Meislahn (president's list), Jason Odom (president's list), Robert Pillans, Michael Suarez (president's list), Lindsay Sullivan, Bradley Towle (president's list), Daniel Tripp (president's list) and Bryan Walsh (president's list), all of Slingerlands.

Also, Matthew Bloomingdale (president's list), Molly Bradley (president's list), Amber Brate (president's list), Kristin Du Britz, Kristin Fiato (president's list), Nicole Filkins (president's list), Margaret McGeeney (president's list), Darcy Miller, Zaneta Miskinyte, Robert Nadratowski, Emily Osterhout (president's list), Patrick Schraa and Dominic Zanello, all of Voorheesville.

## Truck driver to serve jail term

A Selkirk man whose tractor-trailer struck and killed a tow truck driver on the Thruway in Albany will spend the next six months in the county jail, according to the terms of a plea bargain agreement.

James Simpson, 34, pleaded guilty last week in County Court to leaving the scene of a fatal accident on Feb. 1.

Simpson hit 25-year-old Wade Eaton of Schenectady who had just finished hooking up a Honda station wagon to his tow truck and was returning to his cab.

Eaton stepped over the white fog line into Simpson's lane, where he was hit by the rig.

Eaton was blind in his left eye, and may not have seen the oncoming tractor-trailer, according to Assistant District Attorney Jennifer Sober.

"James Simpson admits that he knew he hit somebody," said Sober.

Yet the rig's Global Positioning System shows Simpson drove for another four miles before stopping for seven minutes and then continued to Messer MG Industries, Sober said.

"His only action that was wrong was not stopping," Sober added.

There was no indictment Simpson had used drugs or alcohol at the time of the accident, according to Sober.

In addition to the jail time, Simpson will be given five years probation.

He remains free on \$25,000 bail until he is sentenced May 28 by County Judge Stephen W. Herrick.

## Grange to dish up roast pork dinner

Bethlehem Grange will serve a roast pork dinner on Saturday, April 19, from 4 to 7 p.m.

The cost is \$8 for adults and \$4 for children.

Takeouts will be available by calling 767-3342 on the day of the dinner.

In Elmsmere,  
The Spotlight is sold at  
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## New scholarship established

Several new scholarships have been announced by the Community Foundation for the Capital Region.

One of the new scholarships is the Will Raub September 11 Bethlehem Central Scholarship.

Named for William R. Raub, Bethlehem Central High School, class of 1981, who died Sept. 11, 2001, in the attack on the World Trade Center, the scholarship was established by friends and family.

Raub was a senior vice president of Cantor Fitzgerald,

well known for his interest in mentoring students.

This scholarship for \$500 will be awarded to a senior\* at Bethlehem Central High School who lives in Bethlehem, has attended Bethlehem Central for all four years, has been on the honor roll for at least four quarters, is involved in community service and/or extracurricular activities, and is planning to pursue a college degree in economics, finance, business management or business administration.

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# New Scotland board adopts truck ban law

5-ton limit imposed on Krumkill Road

By MICHELE FLYNN

Tired of the rumble of trucks on Krumkill Road? The New Scotland town board imposed a weight limit of 5 tons along that thoroughfare at its April 9 meeting.

The restriction was enacted due to a mud slide believed caused by the steady stream of large trucks driving on the road. The town has also received numerous complaints of dust in the air and rubble on Krumkill.

"It's not just unsightly," Town Supervisor Ed Clark said. "It could cause an accident. If we don't do something here, we may not have a road to deal with."

Exceptions to the limit will be

receiving better customer service.

"Is there something that says we need three bids?" asked Councilwoman Andrea Gleason. "We have two good ones now."

Town procedure requires three bids.

"I don't have a problem waiving this policy," said Councilwoman Cathy Connors, adding that she was pleased with the bid from CustomerLynx.

Councilman Scott Houghtaling agreed, "We are saving money here and she did her homework. I am comfortable with the savings."

In the end, the town stuck with the three-bid policy.

"I think that if we expect it from

other people, we should expect it here," Gleason said.

The board will approve a vendor after Nooney presents a third bid.

**It's not just unsightly. It could cause an accident. If we don't do something here, we may not have a road to deal with.**

Ed Clark

allowed by permit, for pickup and delivery for residential purposes. The Bethlehem portion of the road already has a weight limit.

In another matter, Clark extended the thanks of the community to outgoing New Salem Fire Chief Craig Shufelt.

"In my years in local government, I've been impressed with the firemen of the community," Clark said. "There is a special group among them, the officers. They serve for years, come up through the ranks, and if they're good, they get to the top."

Shufelt, who held his post for eight years, said, "I'm not going to make a big speech. Just thank you."

In other fire department news, Scott Pauley, William Patterson and Nicholas Jackson have been approved for membership in the Onesquethaw Volunteer Fire Co.

Town Assessor Julie Nooney will be obtaining one more proposal for a municipal tax service.

She received bids from the current provider, Mercer Management and CustomerLynx, for \$5,000 and \$3,000 respectively, noting that the town of Guilderland switched from Mercer to CustomerLynx, and is

The town board also approved a plan to construct a main line for the Heldervale Sewer District along Route 85 from the Bethlehem town line to Route 85A, then working to connect Mason Lane. The proposed Stewarts, approved by the town planning board, will pay for installation of a portion of the project.

"Our only issue is a timing issue," said Stewart's representative Paul Bulmar. "It makes sense for us to put in something that will be with us down the road. But, we don't have an open checkbook."

In other business, the town of New Scotland will allow the New Salem Fire Department to install and use a fire hydrant on a parcel of town-owned land along Route 85A, and run pipe to the firehouse to fill tank trucks.

In another matter, the recreation committee has worked hard to ensure that residents don't have to choose between a concert sponsored by the town or another scheduled by the library on the same night. According to Gleason, the recreation committee put together a master schedule, in conjunction with the Voorheesville Public Library and the village of Voorheesville, to ensure there are no conflicts.

"The recreation committee has put a great deal of work into the summer program. There'll be concerts in the park. There will be more movie nights," Councilman Rich Reilly said.

"I'd like to commend the committee," Gleason added. "They've brought it full circle."

Also, the New Scotland town board and the Voorheesville village board will review the need for daytime EMT coverage at a meeting today, April 16, at 7 p.m. at New Scotland town hall.

# Pick me up



Seth, Will and Dwight Partridge enjoy ice cream in the back of a pick-up in front of Stewart's on Delaware Avenue last Saturday.

Jim Franco

# Networks names new coordinator

By KRISTEN OLBY

The Bethlehem Networks Project has a new leader and she's no stranger to the school district.

Elaine McVoy, of Delmar, has been tapped to lead the alcohol and substance abuse prevention organization that serves Bethlehem students and the community. In February, coordinator Mona Prenoveau retired from the position after more than 10 years of service.

A certified public accountant, McVoy is also a certified elementary teacher who has taught at four area schools and continues to substitute for the Bethlehem school district.



McVoy

She has two sons, one a junior at Bethlehem Central High School, the other a graduate of the school, who now attends college. McVoy has been an active volunteer with the Clarksville PTA and served on the Middle School Technology Committee.

While she will no longer spend as much time behind a classroom desk, McVoy is looking forward to teaching others through Networks.

"Even though I'm not in the classroom in front of 30 students, here, I'm in the community and I'm maybe helping students who need a little extra ... or parents who want to help their children but aren't quite sure how," said McVoy.

Bethlehem Networks Project was founded in 1988 by a group of concerned citizens who sought to prevent drug and alcohol abuse among teens. The organization

takes a community approach to preventing addiction by getting parents, businesses, community groups and schools involved in the lives of Bethlehem's children.

Networks is funded by a grant through the state's Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services. The nonprofit organization provides a host of services including parenting classes, mentoring programs for children, and substance abuse treatment information.

"Our aim is to work with prevention but to get the community as a whole involved which is why we have community businesses as mentors and high school students mentoring younger students," said McVoy.

Assisting those who suffer from addiction is familiar territory for McVoy. For more than a year, she has worked for the Youth Advocate Program of Albany County, mentoring, tutoring and advocating for teens who have been labeled "hard to serve."

"I did work with at-risk and

hard-to-serve kids who obviously, in most cases, have either an alcohol or substance abuse problem — in many cases both," said McVoy.

While McVoy has found working with at-risk teens rewarding, she's searched for a way to help those in Bethlehem, her home for the last 17 years.

"As a parent and volunteer in the district for many years, I wanted to give back to the community I live in," said McVoy.

"I want to make this transition as seamless as possible so that the services everyone is already receiving through Bethlehem Networks continues without a hitch," said McVoy.

Among the items on her agenda is creating a Networks Web site and tackling parent and child online safety concerns.

If you would like to learn more about Bethlehem Networks, McVoy invites you to stop by the Networks office at Main Square on Delaware Avenue or call her at 439-7740.

# Longtime clerk to retire

By KRISTEN OLBY

When Alice Cirillo took on the job of secretary to the Bethlehem planning board in 1977, it met once a week and the secretary took minutes by hand and then painstakingly transcribed them on a typewriter. A lot has changed in 25 years. Cirillo was granted the luxury of a computer in the late 1980s.

On April 25, Cirillo will retire from her secretarial position after more than two decades on the job.

In the late 1970s, Cirillo was hoping to return to the work force on a part-time basis after having two children. She first heard about the vacant full-time secretarial position when her husband, Michael, who works in the town's engineering department, mentioned it. Eager to learn more, Cirillo attended her first planning board meeting and she was quickly hired.

Over the course of her tenure, Cirillo estimates she's worked with seven board chairmen, six attorneys and countless board members. Many have left lasting impressions on Cirillo including former planning board attorney Earl Jones.

"Earl Jones kept me sane sometimes. I always miss Earl, he was funny and he always knew the laws," said Cirillo.

When she retires, Cirillo plans to enjoy more time at her second home in Saratoga Lake. But Cirillo said she'll miss the daily interaction with co-workers.

Town Supervisor Sheila Fuller acknowledged Cirillo's departure is a great loss to the town.

"Alice has a wealth of knowledge, not only with planning issues but with the community at large. There isn't a parcel of land that Alice can't give you the history on. She will be missed."

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# Entering the teenage zone, years of dreams and doubts

By KATHERINE MCCARTHY

In three weeks, the teen years will step forward to claim my first-born son. This milestone is terrifying Chris and me, for it feels like an instant ago that we brought our first tiny baby home from the hospital.

A quiet and watchful child, adolescence seems to be adding a layer of self-consciousness to Christopher's personality. While the grunting noise that he sometimes makes as a response to a question is frustrating to a parent, I remember the feeling that the whole world was watching and judging, and it felt like every question was an opportunity to be misjudged, censured or laughed at by peers, teachers or even parents. Answering "mmffmmh" is the best hedge against a potential verbal mishap.

At 13, the world can feel too immediate, and a Walkman, computer game, book, or spending loads of time with friends are sometimes the best shields. Then, too, what looks like withdrawal and seclusion might be planning, dreaming or thinking, as a yen for independence brings the realization that all of his life lies

COMMENTARY:

*Mom's  
the  
Word*



ahead of him.

It's a weird thing to be able to remember clearly the time of life my children are in now. At 13, I spent a lot of time imagining and wondering what my future would be like. What sort of adult would I become? What sort of work would I do? What kind of man would I marry? Where would I live? What would I look like? What kind of person would I be?

If that little girl arrived to take the hand that middle age holds so tightly now, I hope she wouldn't be too disappointed.

I was, of course, going to be sophisticated and always wear fashionable clothes and shoes. I couldn't have predicted that I would grow up to detest shopping beyond any measure, and that jeans would become my second skin. When I am called upon to wear anything but Levi Strauss' miracle cloth, I feel like I'm at a costume party.

The jeans are directly related to the sort of work I do, which

never, ever requires a leather briefcase or even the silky stockings I used to admire on my own mother's nurse-in-the-1960s uniformed legs. Once, when the boys were toddlers, I stood up from collecting blocks off the living room floor, and the knee of my jeans split. "Why," my beloved husband asked, "do you always have holes in the knees of your pants?"

He looked at the toys strewn across the floor and listened to the boys who had moved on to express their playful nature in their own room. "Oh," he said, "I'd help, but I'm still wearing my suit."

As the women's movement unfolded during my teen years, I had imagined that mine would be the generation to have it all, and I would perfectly combine a rewarding career with child-rearing. It turns out that having it all for women my age means making the choices that are right for each of us.

My choice meant that for a few years, "George and Martha" were the only books I read, "The Land Before Time" was the only movie I saw and I could slide the little dog down the chimney of the Fisher Price Discovery Cottage 20 times before feeling I was going insane. I questioned my choice constantly, but when I see pictures of my boys as toddlers, I am immensely grateful that I was there for so many of those boring, priceless moments.

My most fervent wish as a young teenager was to see what kind of man I would marry. This dream was too linked to hormones, and my friend Carol Albertini laughed when I told her my formula for Mr. Right: a tall, handsome, intelligent, Irish Catholic. Before Chris and I married, we had a lengthy debate about "tall," and by defining it as four inches taller than me, he met the criteria.

He also filled a category I

hadn't thought to look for, which is humor. He's the funniest man I ever met, and for every moment he leaves dirty laundry on the bedroom floor instead of putting it in the hamper, or every time he can't find the peanut butter jar on the shelf in front of him, he says something that makes me laugh so hard that I drop the spatula, the dirty clothes or my tirade about being the only one who cooks, cleans and organizes anything in our house. Doubling over in unexpected laughter makes the intense road of life a little easier to traverse.

I used to imagine that I would live in an enormous, well-decorated, always immaculate house. Would my starry-eyed teenage self realize that a modest house with real woodwork, hardwood floors and a manageable mortgage that buys us time to go out to dinner once in a while and take an excellent vacation every year has been the best choice we ever made?

Would she be able to understand that standing on the deck and marveling at the tiny green buds on the trees is a better use of time than getting dust bunnies out from under the beds? Would she be more easily convinced than I that shoes strewn throughout the house and Harry Potter pillowcases on the grown-ups' bed makes our decorating theme "eclectic?"

Realizing that my life is turning

out differently than I imagined it makes it easier to relate to the time of life Christopher is approaching, when dreams and reality feel interchangeable. Sometimes I worry that my unfulfilled dreams may be the motivating factor behind pushing this elder child to work just a little bit harder, to answer in full sentences rather than monosyllabically and to turn off the Walkman during dinner.

The hardest balance in parenting is to insist that my children give things their all without forcing them in a direction that's all wrong for them. I want my children to take advantage of the opportunities they're given and to have a full array of choices available to them. Although I want their disappointments and failures to be few, those are the things in my life that have taught me the most.

This is a week when two major religions celebrate their greatest holidays, with their themes of redemption and liberation. The lesson that there's more to come became clear in church on Palm Sunday, when the children presented a play and the choir director strummed a tune and sang, "In his time." Looking at all those faces with their whole lives ahead of them was the greatest sign that there's still time for all of us to dream, whether we're just entering our teen years or settled into middle age.

## Waste cleanup day set May 3

By SHARON FISHER

The writer is the town of Bethlehem's recycling coordinator.

The town of Bethlehem's Residential Household Hazardous Waste and Computer Recycling Day is set for Saturday, May 3, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the town Highway Garage on 74 Elm Ave.

East in Selkirk.

Residents should have received the spring cleanup brochure that contains instruction, direction and a list of acceptable wastes for the recycling day.

To participate in the day, bring your driver's license or a tax bill.

Don't forget to bring old mercury thermometers to the hazardous waste program and if you would like a non-mercury replacement, check the box on the questionnaire. The replacement thermometer will be mailed to you.

Don't forget fluorescent bulbs that contain mercury and light ballasts that contain PCBs.

Leftover liquid paint, especially oil paint and stains, can be dropped off for proper disposal. If the can is empty or the paint is solidly dried, throw those cans in the trash by removing the lid, and put the lid and can separately into the trash.

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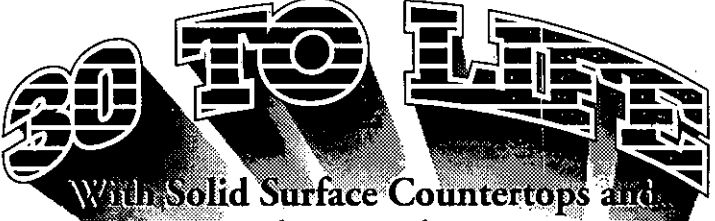
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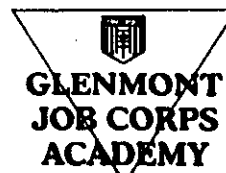
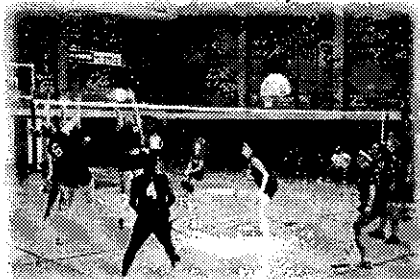
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to continue to grow in the Albany area.





# Enjoy flying oh so friendly skies over Selkirk

By KATHERINE McCARTHY

He strode confidently into the room, wearing a leather jacket and letting his piercing blue eyes crinkle into a welcoming smile. He had just parked his twin-engine plane, and I half expected him to offer me goggles and a white scarf before we flew out over the African veldt.

But this was not an Isak Dinesen novel, so there'd be no white scarves and no dreamy reminiscences of the "I had a farm in Africa" sort. In fact, there'd be nothing dreamy about the day, for the thought of flying in a small plane was producing in me more feelings of fear than joyful anticipation.

Fortunately, my inherent curiosity was piqued, and I didn't want to be the terrified girl in the plane — even on an overcast, windy day. The terrain around the South Albany Airport also seemed less intimidating than that of Africa, and it was great to "slip the surly bonds of earth" as pilot and certified flight instructor Allan Richter quoted into the microphone of his headset.

"There," Richter said, as we accelerated past the bluebird boxes that line the airport's fence and caught enough air to lift the wings of his Cessna Skyhawk 172, "we're up."

There were no peanuts, no drinks and no movie on our flight. Richter narrated our ascent into his headset. It was surprisingly smooth, and soon, we looked down over the trains at the CSX rail yard, and just under the wing, saw a little bit of the Catskills in the distance.

As Richter had promised, the flight was very smooth, even on an overcast, slightly windy day.

"When we do scenic rides, people ask to fly over their house, and we might head to the Catskills, or to Lake George or the Adirondacks," Richter said. "They're all within 40 minutes of here."

Just before I relaxed into the thrill of small plane flying, Richter grinned. "OK, put down your paper and pen," he said.

"Why?" I asked. "You're going to fly the plane," he answered.

"Oh, no thank you," I said reflexively, looking at the steering handle in front of me and the panel full of gauges and needles on the dashboard.

"Sure," he said. "Just push it away from you if the houses get too far away, and towards you if they're too close."

"No, really," I said, "I think that's a bad idea."

It turned out to not be such a bad idea after all, and for a brief, adrenaline-filled moment, the skies were mine.

No sudden ascents, no nose-dives, no earth swallowing us up — just the sound of my own heartbeat competing with the steady drone of the engine.

The elation passed as quickly as it came, and I realized that things would be better off in the hands of a professional.

"That's good," I said. "Now you fly it."

"Do you remember driver's ed?" Richter asked with a smile. "I have controls on my side of the plane, and I'm keenly interested

in making sure you do things right."

Richter had planned to take us to 1,000 feet, but at 800 feet, ribbons of mist flew; just above us, real clouds awaited.

"This visibility's yucky," Richter said. "I think we'll go back."

For just a minute, relief edged out disappointment, until I realized that I was just settling into the sense of flying, of watching needles on the gauges vacillate as trees and ground shrank below us. As easily as we'd lifted up into the skies, Richter set the plane on terra firma.

Richter, 36, a Delmar resident and test engineer at the GE

experience," he said. "Teaching is the most fun you can have with it. I have yet to meet a student I didn't like."

In the winter, Richter teaches all day Sundays. During the longer summer days, he adds two weekly classes to his weekend day of instruction. Summer in general is a busier time than winter at the South Albany Airport.

"We get a lot more people coming in and out in the good weather," said Dave Russo, treasurer of the South Albany Airport Corp. "We tell people we're the second biggest airport in Albany County."

About 45 small airplanes are based at the airport. Santo Italiano purchased the site from the Valkenburg family in 1959 and operated the airport — with a single grass runway — until his death in 1971.

A group of aviation enthusiasts kept the airport running, and when rumors of impending land development began circulating, they formed the South Albany Airport Corp. Today, 43 shareholders (shares cost \$2,000 each) maintain the 66 acres and two 10-plane hangars that make up the airport.

"This is a volunteer organization," said Russo, who comes in every day to check on the planes, the grounds and the paperwork. "All our money gets plowed right back into the facility."

Not all shareholders are pilots, and pilots don't have to be shareholders to fly out of South Albany Airport. The New York Sectional Aeronautical Chart shows all of the state's airports, and planes that hold up to six passengers, and helicopters, can land at the airport free of charge.

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Allan Richter

Research & Development Center, has been flying for seven years, and teaching for about a year. He first got interested in flying when he was in the Marines.

"Flying seemed like an easier way to get around than how we were doing it," he said.

Learning to fly is a time-consuming endeavor. Richter spent six months working on his private pilot's license, taking a class once or twice a week. He logged 50 hours with "gear off the ground," and spent easily three times that long studying.

"People get excited about flying and put the books out of the way," Richter said. "As important as flying, is passing the written test."

Richter teaches for Glenmont Aero, based at the South Albany Airport.

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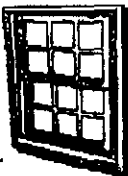
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If someone lands and is looking for food, airport shareholders have been known to take them to Houghtaling's Market in Feura Bush for a sandwich.

Years ago, Russo recalled, somebody missed the runway, and they had to mow a strip in a nearby field to tow the plane back to the airport.

Three years ago, the airport received a state grant to help put in the new runway that Richter said has made landings much easier for students.

"John Faso, who was our state assemblyman, was instrumental in our getting that grant," Russo said. "We wanted to have a ceremony honoring him, but after Sept. 11, never got to it."

Sept. 11 made everyone at the airport more security conscious, which resulted in the building of the second hangar and a reminder to pilots to use prop locks to thwart theft.

Richter said Glenmont Aero hasn't had any students who have aroused suspicion. Bethlehem police, Russo said, patrol the airport, which is overseen regularly by both the state Department of Transportation and the Federal Aviation Administration.

In addition to its regular group of pilots and summer visitors, Russo said the airport sees some executives from local companies

arriving in private planes or helicopters, heading for Bethlehem Energy Center or LaFarge in Ravena.

Town Supervisor Sheila Fuller said the airport is a nice asset in the town.

"I always tell people we have our own airport," Fuller said. "It's our best kept secret, but it helps the town and it's an asset for Albany County."

Fuller said that rather than hearing complaints from the neighbors, she's heard only praise. When the Warbirds, radio-controlled model planes of World War II fighters, hold their annual show in late summer at South Albany Airport, proceeds go to Bethlehem's DARE program.

Richter thinks the South Albany Airport is a great place to fly from, and said Glenmont Aero offers some of the area's best instructional prices.

"A sight-seeing trip or an introductory lesson is \$85 per hour," he said, adding that most instruction is done in four-passenger planes.

Hmm — maybe, a one-hour scenic ride might be a way to celebrate spring. Perhaps I'll even don my white scarf and watch for bluebirds flying below us.

The South Albany Airport is located at Creble and Old School roads in South Albany in the town of Bethlehem, and is close to Route 9W and the Thruway.

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# Matters of Opinion

## Winter weary

The last few days have been a sunny warm reminder that winter does not last all year. Thank God!

This has truly been a winter to remember — near-record snowfall, several freezing rain/ice storms, no January thaw, colder than average temperatures, higher than average prices for heating fuels, and, for the first time in memory, snow on the ground from December to March.

While the weather was a boon to those who participate in and profit from snow sports, the rest of us had to contend with higher heating bills, roof-leak-causing ice dams, dangerous driving and walking conditions, strained muscles from all that shoveling, and, for a time, running out of places to put the snow.

We will also face eventually higher taxes, as local governments have to pay the public costs of dealing with a major winter — highway workers' overtime, purchasing salt and sand, increased maintenance on trucks, roads and streets that will need pothole repairs and/or reconstruction, and, like the rest of us, higher heating bills.

And the winter even took some of the blame for our lackluster economy — storms that occurred on weekends (even Thanksgiving's Black Friday was affected) substantially weakened retail and other sales. Of course, this also had a negative impact on sales tax revenue, which has become an increasingly important source of revenue for local governments.

So, even with that familiar "wintry mix" forecast for Friday this week, we are relieved to bid good riddance to the winter of 2002-03.

## Budget business

Another reason we'll all be paying higher local taxes next year is that the state budget process remains in critical condition.

The governor and legislative leaders — the three men in a room — are tossing public brickbats at each other while negotiations are due to take the next week and a half off for the Easter/Passover/public school vacation.

The state budget remains unbalanced by more than \$10 billion, and school boards are having to prepare their own budgets, using the governor's proposal to cut state aid by about 10 percent. These budgets will carry estimated tax hikes ranging from 5 percent to nearly 40 percent in the Capital District.

For once, it would be nice to hear that the state is cutting patronage jobs, no-bid contracts or pork barrel projects, rather than aid that helps keep local property taxes from soaring out of sight.

But that's not how New York state does business.

## Editorials

## Celebrating the symbols of Passover

By ROBIN SHRAGER SUITOR

*The writer lives in Delmar.*

In the animated Rugrats Passover video 3-year-old Angelica complains about the Passover holiday "because you get no presents."

The grandparents have a spat about which wine glasses to use. Various relatives arrive late, cell phones are ringing, and there's confusion over how the annual seder runs, even with decades of experience among the participants.

Thankfully, by the end of the video, Yiddish-accented Grandpa Boris creatively conveys the meaning of the holiday to the children. He does this by retelling the Passover story in an exciting way they can appreciate.

Tonight, as the observance of

## Point of View

Passover begins, many of us will find at least a bit of Rugrats chaos at our family seders. Celebrating the Jews' escape from slavery in Egypt in a way that is meaningful for a mix of adults and children is a challenge.

In my family, we work through the confusion together. We use a Haggadah, a special book that guides us through the seder with readings, prayers, songs and commentaries. Each year, even as adults, we learn and understand a bit more.

Every seder table is set with various foods and symbols that are used to tell the story of Passover. These include matzo (unleavened bread), wine, and a seder plate with a green vegetable, haroset, bitter herbs, a roasted egg and a roasted shank bone.

Near the beginning of the seder, we eat the green vegetable, usually parsley or lettuce, after dipping it into a bowl of salt water. The greens are a symbol of springtime and renewal. The salt water represents the tears of our ancestor slaves.

Months ago my daughter planted parsley seeds in a



Rachel Sutor holds a Haggadah and home-grown parsley for Passover.

Styrofoam cup in Hebrew school. The cup sits on the kitchen window sill and has sprouted. There may not be enough home-grown parsley for all of our 16 guests to dip and eat, but there's certainly enough for the seder plate.

Prior to the vegetable dipping, we wash our hands at the table. This is not a "wash-because you're eating" practice, but rather a symbolic cleansing before the ritual seder.

At my childhood seders, my father or uncle, as seder leader, would perform this step by washing his hands in a bowl of water. There were two near-identical bowls of water on the table, leading all to wonder: Is that the dish of salt water or the water daddy used to wash his hands? Would tasting it help clarify the confusion?

I avoid this bit of unpleasantness by only putting salt water on the table. The hand washing water is in a completely different container that gets poured over participants' hands and into a small basin.

Haroset (pronounced with a throaty "h" sound) is the yummiest item on the seder plate. It's a mixture of walnuts, apples, cinnamon, and a few splashes of wine. As a child, cracking the walnut shells was a major challenge. I'd use one of those pliers-style nutcrackers, but sometimes could not get a grip on the nut. I would squeeze the handles together and the nut would go flying across the table.

For the most difficult nuts I'd seek my father's assistance. He could squeeze two walnuts together in one hand and crack them. Of course, he usually ate the contents. I also did a fair amount of snacking during the shelling process. It was like sampling cookie dough, only safer, because no raw eggs were involved.

Now I simply buy a package of shelled, chopped walnuts. I still pop some in my mouth, but somehow it's not as gratifying without the nutcracker struggle.

I like a chunky version of haroset, with clearly visible pieces of chopped apple. Some relatives

like it more pureed, which is perhaps truer to its symbolism as the mortar used by slaves building cities. These relatives might offer to "help" prepare the haroset, using the opportunity to chop the mixture finer and spill in some extra wine.

The bitter herbs, usually horseradish, represent the bitterness of slavery. In one part of the ceremony, we combine and eat the bitter herbs with the haroset, to remember that the bitterness of slavery was sweetened by the hope of freedom. This is followed by eating a matzo and bitter herbs "sandwich," representing a similar practice done in ancient times in Jerusalem.

The roasted shank bone is a symbol of the lamb the Jews ate on the night they fled Egypt. I have no idea what a shank bone is. I save a leg bone from the chicken I boiled for the soup. Of course, when I make the soup in advance and freeze it, I forget to save the bones. This leads to last minute panic in the search for a replacement bone.

The roasted egg represents ritual animal sacrifice performed in ancient times. An egg is also a symbol of new life. Since I'm not really sure how to actually roast an egg, I copy the method used by my mother and aunt: I hard boil an egg and create a "roasted" look by burning the shell with a lit match. Usually the "roasting" is a last minute process with me shouting to my husband, "Quick, quick, burn the eggs, I need to set the seder plate!"

Celebrating Passover is much more than just going through the motions of the 14-part seder ceremony. It's not only knowing what to do, but also why we are doing it.

The cleaning and the food preparation for this happy holiday can be overwhelming, but carrying on the traditions and teaching the symbolism to our children is a pleasure. As Grandpa Boris knows, what makes the Passover seder different from all other nights is that we escape from the daily routine and focus on appreciating the freedom we enjoy.

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# Matters of Opinion

## Set record straight on Colin Powell

Editor, The Spotlight:

Continuing the discussion from 3/26/03 letter from Vanya Perez and previous weeks' "Matters of Opinion" with regard to Mr. Powell and the war, I feel it necessary to re-inform readers with what I deem to be correct information — which in many cases is being withheld from the American public, and thus, most naturally may bias our opinion. Few among us who are paying attention could be less than confused by the sad course of events which have unfolded in the last few weeks and months. There is no question that Saddam is an enemy to the world. But how we deal with him is indeed the question.

Wartime is a time when we as a nation would like to band together in solidarity against a long-term enemy. The increasing daily need for scrutiny, however, must confront all of us, and it is uncomfortable. Our largely corporate-owned and operated media sources fail to inform us factually, as they feed us selectively prescreened and incomplete coverage. To explore and educate ourselves through the available international press, various U.S. major city publications (available on the Internet) will serve to confront and clarify many of these issues.

The presence of terror in this country, for all of us, is extremely frightening, but we need not be consumed by this terror to the extent that it allows our attention to be diverted from the hidden agenda. Our imperial, oil-seeking behavior in the Middle East does indeed bring about hatred toward Americans from many segments of that population.

While our eyes, minds and emotions are directed to the war, and the threat of further domestic terror, we, the public, are being

systematically manipulated, misinformed and diverted, while our most treasured civil and constitutional rights and needs for citizens in a democratic state are being slashed or slid from under us by our governor and federal administration. I believe that Mr. Tick in his letter to the editor utilizing the word "strengthen," was not referring to "better" and enhanced schools, health care and food provision, but rather referencing the reduction and elimination of these basics in the lives of countless Americans. Many of us who enjoy the privileges of our suburban communities are minimally touched in the overall scheme of things — or are we? A tax decrease? — or increase? Let us not be fooled.

I feel that to understand the motives and hatred of the terrorist, we must know that while they may resent our "rights and freedoms" (per Perez), such persons perhaps equally resent U.S. presence and arrogant acquisitive dominance and motivations reinforced by our unsurpassed military might. This may be just the beginning.

Unfortunately, the more we learn, the more frightening and overwhelming it becomes. Mr. Powell's role in the politics of this effort needs to be identified as integral, and he thus must be accountable to the public. In the last few months, Powell has been positioned as the conveyor of information later found to be false, forged and inaccurate. I reference

false satellite and intelligence claims citing alleged Iraqi weaponry, troop buildup on the Saudi border (St. Petersburg Press), and *The New York Times* 3/22/03 thorough critique of Powell's actions and further suggestion of his resignation.

As much of a "civilized nation" as we wish we were, I submit that our tactics and motivations need to reflect and incorporate this, utilizing our most sophisticated levels of diplomacy, in order to achieve and maintain peace as our highest priority.

If we profess to be a humane society, truly caring for others, valuing children and families and constitutional rights, let us then, proudly lead the way.

Jim Hudson  
Feura Bush

### Letters policy

*The Spotlight* welcomes letters from readers on subjects of local and regional interest. Letters are subject to editing for fairness, accuracy, style and length.

All letters must include the writer's name, address and phone number.

Write to Letters to the Editor, *The Spotlight*, 125 Adams St., Delmar 12054. Letters can be faxed to 439-0609.

## Thanks to all who made Delmar Dash possible

Editor, The Spotlight:

This year marked the 15th year of the town of Bethlehem's support of our annual Delmar Dash.

On Sunday, April 6, the field of 372 finishers was again very vocal in expressing their appreciation of the town's cooperation.

This year's Kids Run attracted more than 75 participants age 12 and under.

We wanted to acknowledge the special work of the Bethlehem Police Department, the Delmar Rescue Squad, the Bethlehem Central School District for the use of Elsmere School, Boston Market and our 90-plus volunteers including the Chase

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Special thanks to the Highway Department for ensuring the course was safe and salted.

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Hank Steadman, Lisa Lenkarski and Joe Richardson

Delmar Dash co-directors

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# Matters of Opinion

## Lenhardt explains why he won't run

Editor, The Spotlight:

Many people have asked me if I planned to run for supervisor of the town of Bethlehem. I would like to take this opportunity to clarify my decision.

I am interested in the position because it would enable me to follow through on some unresolved issues. We need affordable water resources that will serve the community for the next 50 years. I feel zoning needs to be brought up to current standards.

We must continue to increase our tax base by balancing residential and commercial development to keep town taxes in check and provide relief to allow our schools to excel without onerous tax levies. In addition, we need to preserve open space by implementing equitable arrangements that benefit both the landowner and the community.

Finally, we need to work closely with the state Department of Transportation to improve major arteries throughout our town.

I have a vested interest in the community: My heart and soul are embedded here. I have the desire and the sense of duty to give back to the town where I have lived my entire life.

This was an extremely emotional decision. I feel very guilty that I am disappointing so many people from varying political backgrounds who have encouraged me to run.

I would very much like to continue the excellent governance of our town by being its leader. However, the timing is not right. The supervisor's position is full time, and I already have a job from which I cannot yet retire.

I still have over two years remaining of my current term as councilman. I will continue to serve the community and endeavor to make the best decisions to keep Bethlehem a wonderful place to live.

George Lenhardt  
Delmar

## Peace advocates deserve more Spotlight coverage

Editor, The Spotlight:

As a professor of history at Union College, I often find myself arguing with students about their responsibilities to participate actively in our society in order to preserve important freedoms.

College students these days can be pretty skeptical, even cynical about the possibilities of making a difference, reaching an audience, even getting a fair shake in the media. Unfortunately, the bias evidenced in *The Spotlight* confirms my students' cynicism.

*The Spotlight's* failure to cover the many activities of the peace movement in our community is shameful. When more than 300 residents held a candlelight vigil on March 16, *The Spotlight* recorded the event with only a small photo and no story. Although 80 to 100 residents hold vigils on Monday nights at the Four Corners to protest the war, and are greeted with many honks of approval from passing cars, *The Spotlight* has barely mentioned it.

However, when less than 50 (I counted them!) pro-war activists rallied last Monday, *The Spotlight* covered the event with a front-page photo and significant write-up. If numbers count for anything at all, mention could have been made that the pro-war rally was dwarfed by the larger peace group.

Finally, Bethlehem Neighbors for Peace have always held respectful vigils and demonstrations. Not so the pro-war forces. Walking silently to my car, avoiding the pro-warriors, I was called a (expletive deleted) "traitor," while another member of the group flashed an obscene gesture. (I wondered if my relatives in the Armed Forces, who likewise oppose the war but have no choice but to serve, would be labeled traitors too?)

It might be time for *The Spotlight* to consider an article on the etiquette of demonstrating. I think if you did some investigating you would find that the anti-war protestors (young, old, and in-between) have treated opponents with courtesy.

And while I know there are many polite and respectful supporters of President Bush's war on Iraq, it is lamentable that a sizable minority who favor this war make their views known by stealing peace signs from lawns, gesturing obscenely and yelling epithets at those of us exercising our right to express our views.

Teresa Meade  
Delmar

## Riverfest organizers seeking volunteers

Editor, The Spotlight:

The Bethlehem Riverfest Committee is seeking volunteers to assist in planning and operating an event scheduled for Aug. 16 at Henry Hudson Park.

The committee is in the process of organizing and envisions having local families and businesses come together for a day of fun on the banks of the Hudson.

The event will showcase our beautiful Henry Hudson Park and include local businesses, arts and crafts, food and lots of entertainment for children and adults.

At this time, there is a need for people willing to help in the areas of promotion, entertainment, operations and food and non-food vendors.

Anyone who would like to volunteer their talents and energy can contact David Young at 439-6482 or Ken Davis at 475-7850.

Local businesses who would like to participate and promote Bethlehem Riverfest can contact John Guastella at 475-9200.

Meetings will be held soon to organize committees. Let's get together and have a great day at our beautiful park on the river.

David Young  
Delmar

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# Matters of Opinion

## Peace demonstrators do support troops

Editor, The Spotlight:

At a recent peace rally in Bethlehem, I stood a few feet away from a "Support Our Troops" demonstrator.

As I quietly held my peace sign, he yelled to no one in particular: "You can't support the troops if you don't support the war."

I disagree. My vision of this war is not that simple. However, I would like to support each and every one of our service men and women by bringing them home now.

I believe this is an unnecessary war for oil, one where the U.S. government has evoked a, "If we make somebody (anybody) pay for 9/11, we will feel in control again" mentality as a way to garner support for a war with no real justification.

We were warned right after 9/11 that, "If you aren't with us, you are against us," the subliminal message being: Don't question any of your president's decisions.

Our leaders now describe the battlefield in ways that invoke images of a sports competition and consequently, many Americans imagine it that way.

The bodies of Iraqi soldiers and civilians won't even be counted. I am shocked and horrified. This is not a game, and we won't know the results for years to come. It is impossible to kill thoughts and ideologies with bombs, even 2,000-pound "bunker busters."

Some of us are wondering if the war will spread to Syria and/or Iran. Our military may well have to increase its size to incorporate the new role as "peacekeeper" in Iraq and any other country that President Bush chooses to occupy. The issue of supporting our troops is not going away any time soon.

"Supporting our troops" is a concept that is often exploited to avoid the use of other less flattering terms for challenging the anti-war protestors, and at least some individuals have been surprised to find that the rally they thought they were attending to support the troops was really about attempting to intimidate anti-war groups.

I suggest that if people would like to support the troops, some thought should be given to the payment they receive for serving their country.

The base pay for an Army private with one year of service in the military is \$15,480 per year or about \$7.75 an hour based on a 40-hour week. Combat pay is another \$150 per month. There is a death gratuity of \$60,000.

About 400,000 of our troops have been sent to Iraq, and I would guess most of them could step on a land mine, get shot, be the victim of a car bomb or be hit by "friendly fire" at most any time. Many will suffer the effects of exposure to numerous toxic chemicals and the depleted uranium that is used in American munitions.

Away from their families, 38 percent of them are married with children. More than a few will have to live with the knowledge that they shot, bombed or otherwise killed people who may well have been innocent, some of them children. So does \$7.75, about the same as a dishwasher, seem enough compensation?

If supporting the troops is the goal, why not contact elected officials now and request the following: The pay scale for all enlisted service people be increased so that they are provided with more than a subsistence wage, funding for veterans benefits that were cut from the federal budget, making veterans hospitals state-of-the-art facilities, fully investigating Gulf War syndrome and increasing veterans educational benefits so that all veterans are entitled to a free college education.

How can we pay for these additional expenses when the cost of this war is already estimated at up to \$1 trillion? Consider asking your elected representative to vote to eliminate the additional tax cuts proposed by President Bush in the current budget.

Only about the top 2 percent of income levels get the benefit of these cuts. When you make \$10 million a year, what's a few extra dollars for our troops and veterans?

Trudy Quail  
Delmar

Editor, The Spotlight:

I own an insurance agency here in the Capital District and for 25 years I've seen firsthand how the media can influence our perception of what is considered a risk.

We've all heard of swimming pool accidents, and if someone drowns it's newsworthy. Each spring, we in the insurance industry get calls from our clients concerned with the extra liability from the installation of their new pool. Seldom do we receive calls when one of our clients brings home for their kids a floppy-eared puppy. But in reality, the puppy is more of a risk than a pool. Dog bites, not pools, generate the vast majority of lawsuits.

The Bethlehem school district recently canceled a field trip to Boston. Admittedly, the cancellation of the trip did protect our high school students from a risk. However, the school district was focusing on the wrong risk. In reality, it was the 300-mile road trip that was the dangerous part, not the threat of terrorism. Since 9/11, no American has been killed by a terrorist on U.S. soil. Over that same period, more than 50,000 people have died on our roadways. This averages to more than 100 people every day killed on America's highways. The school board should stop focusing on the pool when we should be concerned about the puppy.

The recent board decision (4-3 vote) has not only canceled the Boston trip, but all future trips to Boston, New York City and Montreal. All of these cancellations are supposedly due to terrorist concerns. People in

those cities live there 365 days a year, and there are no signs that residents of these cities are moving out in mass quantities. So if they are not overly concerned to the point of changing their everyday lives, then why then should we be?

Significant effort went into organizing the Boston trip. Students worked for or parents paid the fees. Whether it's due to constant media attention (fear of terrorism) or perhaps our current legal climate (fear of a lawsuit), the decision not to go to Boston was based on fear.

The most distressing part was that the decision to go or not go on the field trip was not made by the most concerned parties, the students and their parents. Instead, others stepped in to tell us, the parents, what was or was not safe for our children. While I agree that schools should err on the side of caution, it does not negate the fact that the decision is still an error.

This decision sends the wrong message. Terrorism is here, it's

not going away in the foreseeable future. We can hide or we can stand up to it. I think we all have a certain duty to fight the fear in our minds, and to be a little more vigilant individually. If our institutions, because of the litigious society we live in, can't make the hard choices, then at least give us the freedom to do it individually. Instead of worrying about a waiver, regarding cancellations and no refunds, make the trips optional. I believe most students in consultation with their parents would opt to go.

But let me put this note in perspective. I've been in and out of this community for almost 30 years. During that time, I've seen a good school system turn into a great one. So, I am grateful to all parties responsible for the transformation. Most notably, the administrators and teachers should be congratulated on a job well done. The field trips are but a small part of the overall educational process, but next time let the buses go.

Charles Treadgold II  
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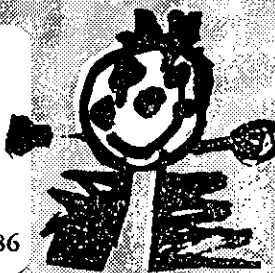
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# Matters of Opinion

## Charges against Powell are specious, unfounded

Editor, The Spotlight:

I recently wrote to *The Spotlight* in defense of Secretary of State Colin Powell's involvement in the Iran-Contra affair in the 1980s because, having worked on his autobiography, *My American Journey*, I understand that his role was minimal, and he was never found guilty of any wrongdoing.

I was proud to come to know Gen. Powell through his own words, while typing the transcripts of his interviews and manuscripts for the book. I believe that facts provide no basis for questioning his judgment today.

The secretary of state is an admired and respected statesman to many people, but I know that won't stop the naysayers from trying to tarnish his reputation now, when there is so much at stake.

In this case, the charges just don't stick. The Tower Commission investigated what the president was told by his National Security Council and what he

agreed to and concluded that the president, Secretary of Defense Weinberger and Secretary of State Schultz were "uninformed" about operations at the rogue NSC, which National Security Adviser John Poindexter and his crony Oliver North had hijacked for their own clandestine purposes.

The saddest fact of the anti-war protests for me is the wide gulf they demonstrate between the majority supporting President Bush and the minority who do not trust their own government, and therefore, give aid and comfort to our enemies, whether that is their intention or not.

Defending our homeland in this new war against terror is a new concept for Americans and is clearly more troubling for those who see our own government as the enemy. The danger is close by and our children are at risk. It must be a terrible time not to believe in the "military security" your country provides you.

Vanya Perez  
Delmar

## Thanks for cancer program help

Editor, The Spotlight:

Recently, I was asked what hope means to me. The answer was given to me by thousands of volunteers across the Capital Region during the American Cancer Society's annual Daffodil Days program.

You have made daffodils a symbol of hope to cancer survivors and their families. This year, you raised more than \$250,000 to support our mission of conquering cancer through our research, education, advocacy and local patient service programs. In addition, more than

700 Gifts of Hope were donated and delivered to cancer patients in Capital Region health care facilities.

Thank you again to everyone who supported this year's American Cancer Society Daffodil Days program. Whether you took orders at work, helped deliver flowers or bought daffodils from a friend, you've helped make a difference and bring hope into the life of someone facing cancer.

Patricia Covell  
regional vice president  
Capital Region  
American Cancer Society

## Town character should be preserved

Editor, The Spotlight:

A small ad's offer in a national magazine caught my eye on April Fool's Day. For a modest consideration, it proposed sending us a hundred daffodil bulbs, to be delivered and planted next fall, promising that they'd "bloom gloriously in the spring and for years to come," and, it added cannily, "deer won't touch them."

My thoughts strayed to the deer family that for years has lived on a very few acres of woodland that's surrounded by three quiet blocks of small homes deep in an established Delmar/Slingerlands neighborhood. The deer appear often in or near backyards, curious and apprehensive but nevertheless bold, assured — and accepted. Inhospitable as this past winter has been, they seem to have endured. (Some neighbors report a pair of red foxes peering out of the copse. Years ago, our dog and I came across a little fellow I tentatively identified as a weasel.)

Now, though, regardless of whether we decide to put in those daffodils, the bulbs would not become a feast for our deer. A developer has acquired the thicket in order to divide it into four plots in a cul-de-sac, with the expectation that dwellings of

undetermined dimensions will be constructed. Obviously, in rather short order after the planning board's approval is received, the current four-footed residents will be gone, victims perhaps of "friendly fire." Sematech's earliest arrivals in Tech Valley would need to look no further. Progress would be served.

Rightly or not, I suggest that our suburban deer and their peculiar habitat can be regarded as a metaphor for Bethlehem in both its history and its future. Is it asking — or hoping — for too much in urging that a true master plan for population growth and land use be adopted in urgently timely fashion, in a genuinely

good-faith effort to preclude new disasters such as was permitted on Fisher Boulevard (and even considering the sad little puddles of dismay such as our unpeopled thicket).

With several months remaining before the town election, is it also too much to hope that both political parties will present candidates with vision and resolve who will accept the challenge to fully consider this important aspect of the town's viability, including its affordability. The future character of Bethlehem is at issue even beyond its outward attractions.

Daniel E. Button  
Delmar

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## Area churches schedule Easter services

Churches in the area have announced Easter services.

St. Matthew's Church on Mountainview Road will celebrate an Easter Vigil Mass on Saturday, April 19, at 8:15 p.m. On Sunday, April 20, Masses are at 8:30 and 10:30 a.m.

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Church of Voorheesville and New Scotland Presbyterian Church will hold a joint sunrise Celebration of the Resurrection at 5:30 a.m., meeting in the parking lot of the Presbyterian church and proceeding to Thatcher Park to worship. An Easter breakfast will follow at New Scotland Presbyterian Church.

The Presbyterian church will hold its regular service at 10:30

a.m. and the Methodist church will hold regular services at 8:30 and 10 a.m.

## Fire department to serve fish fry

The New Salem Volunteer Fire Department is serving its last fish fry dinner of the season on Friday, April 18, from 4:30 to 7 p.m. at the firehouse on Route 85A in New Salem.

Dinners include fish fry, clam roll, french fries, baked potato, coleslaw and a beverage. New England clam chowder and dessert are also available for \$1.50.

Eat-in-dining is offered, or takeouts can be ordered by calling 765-2244.

The cost is \$6.50 for adults, \$6 for seniors and \$4 for children under age 12.

## Drama clinic set for school break

The town of New Scotland Recreation Committee is sponsoring a drama clinic April 21 through 25 from 9 a.m. to noon at the elementary school.

The clinic is open to students in grades four to eight. The fee is \$40. Checks must be made out to the town of New Scotland.

Students will study use of character and scene improvised situations to develop expressiveness, spontaneity, effective partnering and honesty on stage.

For information, call Pat Miller at 765-4552.

## New Scotland offers babysitting class

The town of New Scotland is sponsoring an American Red Cross Babysitting Class on Saturday, May 10, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at town hall on Route 85.

The fee is \$35. Checks should be made out to the town of New Scotland. Participants must be at least 10 years old.

On that day, participants should bring a lunch, drink and snack, a pen or pencil and pad of paper. Also wear comfortable clothing as some of the work is done on the floor. Pre-registration is necessary by May 1.

For information, call Pat Miller at 765-4552.

## Schools to close for recess

Schools in the district will be closed on Friday, April 18, and April 21 to 25 for spring recess.

## Village board to meet

The Voorheesville board of trustees' next regular meeting will be on Tuesday, April 22, at 7 p.m. at the village hall, 29 Voorheesville Ave.

## Exercise program set at center

An osteoporosis prevention education and exercise program called Strong Bones+ is being held on Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. at the Wyman Osterhout Community Center in New Salem.

The program is open to the public and free of charge.

## Five Rivers plans children's program

An indoor story and outdoor walk will be held on Tuesday and Thursday, April 22 and 24, at 10 a.m. at Five Rivers Environmental Education Center in Delmar.

This program for parents and children will include and indoor reading, followed by an outdoor discovery walk.

There is a \$1.50 per person fee. For information or to pre-register, call 475-0291.

# Program to feature pond life

Don't be bored during school vacation week. Kids age 6 to 12 can learn how to identify common fish, their natural habitats and what makes them unique with instructors from Dyken Pond Environmental Center.

Kids can also learn to cast and create their own fish poster. Registration is limited, so sign up now for the program on Tuesday, April 22, from 10:30 a.m. to noon.

## Voorheesville Public Library



A reminder for adults — the May book discussion is meeting at the end of April. Sign up now for Wednesday, April 30, to discuss *The Crusader* by Michael Eisner.

Copies of the book are available at the reference desk.

The Friends of the Library want to thank patrons for their responses to the survey which was in the last issue of the *Bookworm* and for the response to their membership invitation.

Membership dues are vital for the continuance of the music programs the library offers, such as the recent performance by singers from Albany Pro Musica and summer concerts.

A benefit of Friends membership is entry into the sneak preview night at the annual May book sale, so join now.

The book sale this year is the weekend of May 16 to 18, and volunteers are needed to move, unpack and sort books, and bakers for the bake sale.

Call the library or contact one of the Friends officers — Cindy Childs, Jan Kurposka, Sue Gibbons, Chrystie Stafford or Justin Brusgul — to volunteer.

The Friends meet at the library on the first Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. and participation is always welcome.

The group is looking for a chairman or woman for the hospitality committee, to be in charge of refreshments for occasional library programs.

Everyone's help is appreciated.

The library will be closed on Sunday, April 20.

For program details, library information and links to valuable, fun and educational sites, visit the Web site at [www.voorheesvillelibrary.org](http://www.voorheesvillelibrary.org).

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## Web site contains new, helpful features

Same address, different look, great features. Check out Bethlehem Public Library online, [www.bethlehempubliclibrary.org](http://www.bethlehempubliclibrary.org).

After a year of planning by staff members with various areas of expertise, the library has come up with a product that the staff thinks is professional, attractive, easy to use, and most important, full of



helpful features for patrons.

The new look was launched on March 31. The top "page" includes current, changing news features and a daily "clock" of current library hours. The ever-expanding collection of selected research databases is offered alphabetically and by subject under "Reference and Research" and "Find Articles." Access to the catalog and to patron's library accounts is prominently situated.

### New features include Ask a Librarian

New features include Teens, Read Listen & View, and Ask A Librarian. The latter service invites users to submit a reference question via e-mail. Answers will usually be returned in 24 hours. More elaborate questions may require more time.

Read, Listen & View is a compendium of new book and media acquisitions, updated monthly. This feature also includes book reviews for all ages and a complete list of book discussion titles.

The new Teens feature includes links to online research databases, search engines and Web sites of particular interest to young adults. Homework helps and information about the Youth Advisory Council can also be

found here. This link partners the library's extensive online offerings for young folks (click on "Children").

### More features

Selected links to other useful sites in the community, organized by subject, are provided under "Community Links." Go here to link to performing arts centers, news organizations, government sites, schools, parks, clubs and museums.

Find out about various services and policies under "About the Library," and about upcoming programs by clicking on "Programs."

The "Gifts and Bequests" link outlines all types of library donations, including the Bethlehem Public Library Fund, designated through the Community Foundation for the Capital Region.

Bethlehem Public Library online will continue to evolve and expand as new services are added. Comments are invited. Tour the site and let the library know how you like it.

### Board petitions due next week

A reminder: nominating petitions for three vacancies on the Bethlehem Public Library board of trustees are available in the office of the library director. Terms of office begin July 1. Vacancies are seat-specific. Two of the seats are for a full five-year term; one is for a partial term of three years.

Petitions must contain at least 75 signatures of voters residing in Central School District No. 6 of the towns of Bethlehem and New Scotland. Petitions must be filed with the District Clerk, 90 Adams Place, Delmar by 5 p.m. on Monday, April 21.

Election Day is May 20 from 7 a.m. 9 p.m. at Bethlehem Central Middle School.

Louise Grieco

## V'ville student earns honorable mention in contest

Rachel Kavanaugh of Voorheesville, a sophomore at Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School, received honorable mention in the poetry contest for high school students sponsored by the University at Buffalo College of Arts and Sciences.

Entries in the poetry contest were judged by Carl Dennis, artist in residence in the University at Buffalo Department of English in the College of Arts and Sciences and the winner of the 2002 Pulitzer Prize for Poetry for his eighth book of poetry, *Practical Gods*.

The contest was open to students all across the nation, as well as Canada, and drew more than 1,300 entries. In all, 30 students were selected to be honored.

Twenty-three honorable mentions were awarded. The winning works were printed in a special program and all winners received an autographed copy of *Practical Gods*.

### Kids tea party set

"Two for Tea" a tea party and craft activity for children in kindergarten through second grade and their favorites dolls, will be held at Bethlehem Public Library on Tuesday, April 22, at 2 p.m.

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## Touring choir to perform at Delmar Reformed

Delmar Reformed Church, located at 386 Delaware Ave. in Delmar, will be hosting the Grove City College Touring Choir in a concert of sacred music on Friday, April 18, at 7 p.m.

This year's program features sacred music ranging from early contemporary styles.

The selections presented include works from composers such as Johann Pachelbel, Johannes Brahms, Charles Stanford and Gilbert Martin.

The Touring Choir is a select group of 42 singers, representing a variety of academic majors. They tour annually during the

week of Easter break, and in addition to the spring tour, the choir performs for churches and schools in the western Pennsylvania area, and at campus events.

The choir has performed for professional music organizations such as the Pennsylvania Music Educators' Association Annual Conference, the Music Educators' National Conference Eastern Division Conventions, and recently the American Choral Directors Association.

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## Library offers genealogy program

Learn how to research your roots in "Looking for Ancestors on the Internet" at Bethlehem Public Library on Wednesday, April 23, at 2 p.m.

The lecture will introduce six to eight Internet genealogy sites. Registration is limited to 24. Call 439-9314 to register.

### Letters policy

The Spotlight welcomes letters from readers on subjects of local and regional interest. Letters are subject to editing for fairness, accuracy, style and length.

All letters must include the writer's name, address and a daytime telephone number.

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Write to Letters to the Editor, The Spotlight, 125 Adams St., Delmar 12054. Letters can be faxed to 439-0609 or e-mailed to [gravess@nycap.rr.com](mailto:gravess@nycap.rr.com).

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## Sports

## Girls lacrosse team wants 'one for the thumb'

By ROB JONAS

Winning the Section II title is a habit for the Bethlehem girls lacrosse team. The Lady Eagles have won four straight Class A championships and has reached the state semifinals twice.

To get back to states this season, Bethlehem will have to survive an increasingly competitive Suburban Council season that has been made more hectic when the first week's worth of

games was postponed last week due to poor field conditions.

"It's not pressure if you want to do something," Bethlehem coach **John Battaglino** said. "I'm sure they relish the challenge (of repeating), but you have to take care of the other things first."

The Lady Eagles enter the season fully armed on offense. Bethlehem returns nearly all of its forwards and midfielders from last year's 20-1 team, including high school All-Americans **Kris-**

**tin Link** and **Katie Wagoner**.

"Pretty much all of the offensive pieces are back," Battaglino said. "It's just a matter of putting them together."

Having a veteran offense means that Battaglino can loosen the reins and allow his players to take more risks, as opposed to the slow, methodical approach the Lady Eagles took last year when several of the starters were getting adjusted to the varsity level.

"I think we're a faster team this year," Battaglino said. "Last year, we had to work deeper. This year, we can push (the tempo) a little more."

The lone key newcomer to the starting lineup is goaltender **Emily Szelest**, who takes over for graduated senior **Dani Blanchard** in the cage.

"So far, I'm very pleased with the young lady I've got playing in goal," Battaglino said. "I think she'll turn out to be one of the top

goalies not only in the league but also, by the end (of the season), in the area."

The postponements of the first week meant that the Lady Eagles had to open their season with their arch rivals from Saratoga Tuesday. The Blue Streaks began their season Sunday with a convincing 13-2 victory over Shenendehowa — another Suburban Council contender, along with up-and-coming Guilderland. Battaglino knows those teams will be the most likely to challenge Bethlehem, but he said his team can't afford to overlook anyone in the league.

"There might be some other schools that will pop up," Battaglino said. "Sometimes, you find yourself looking ahead, and you don't want to get caught up in that."

Bethlehem travels to Guilderland Thursday.

## Baseball camp at Keenholts Park

The Batters Box baseball camp returns to Keenholts Park in Guilderland this summer.

The camp — open to players age eight through 12 — will take place June 30 through July 3 and July 7-11. Private hitting and pitching lessons will be held June 26 and 27.

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## Runners club slates master's 10K race

The Hudson Mohawk Road Runners Club will hold its annual Bill Robinson Memorial Master's Championship Saturday, April 26, at 10 a.m. in Guiderland.

The 10-kilometer race begins and ends at Guiderland High School and follows a road course close to the school. Awards will be presented to the first three male and female finishers in each age group.

The event memorializes **Bill Robinson**, an HMRRC member who was paralyzed when struck by an automobile while running in 1990.

Runners age 40 and older can register the day of the race starting at 9 a.m. at the high school. The entry fee is \$10 for club members and \$12 for non members. A T-shirt will be given to the first 75 runners to register.

The Bill Robinson Memorial Championship is a HMRRC Grand Prix race, with points counting toward the club championship. It also serves as the Adirondack chapter of the United States Association of Track and Field masters championship.

For information, call **Jim Tierney** at 869-5597.

## Bethlehem offers girls basketball camp

The Bethlehem Girls Basketball Camp takes place the week of June 30 through July 4.

The camp is open to girls entering grades three through 12 in the fall. Sessions will be held at Bethlehem Central Middle School (grades three through five) and Bethlehem Central High School (grades six through 12). All sessions run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The camp will be run by Bethlehem varsity assistant coach **John Hooper**, with high school coaches and women's collegiate players acting as instructors. There will be individual skill

development and games.

The cost is \$100 per player. Applications are due by June 1 and can be picked up at the middle and high school offices.

For information, call 439-1917.

## Softball camp at Keenholts Park

The Batters Box softball camp returns to Keenholts Park in Guiderland this summer.

The camp — open to players age 8-15 — will take place June 30 through July 3 and July 7-11. For information, call **Richard Suker** at 765-4214.

## Gold medalists



The Bethlehem Youth Hockey squirt division team won the gold medal at a CanAm tournament in Montreal. The Eagles defeated the New Jersey Flyers 2-1 in the championship game on Scott Goodfellow's overtime goal to complete a 5-0 record in the tournament. Team members are front row, from left, Phil Sprio, Ryan Kelly, Ted D'Agostino, John Gosstola, Michael Hynes, Scott Goodfellow, Stephen Russo, Eric Halek, Alex Cooper, Sam Vincent, William Kasper and Mitch Ramos; and back row, assistant coach Mike Hynes, assistant coach Dan Russo, Matt Wing, Brendan Taillon, Peter Dempf, assistant coach Kevin Kelly and head coach Steve Wing. Missing from the picture are Nicholas Parente and Nick Bette.

## Capitalland Lacrosse Club schedules boys lacrosse league

The Capitalland Lacrosse Club is offering a summer league for boys in grades two through 12 beginning June 17.

The league includes instruc-

tion and games for all levels of experience. Games will be played Tuesday and Thursday nights behind Shaker Junior High School.

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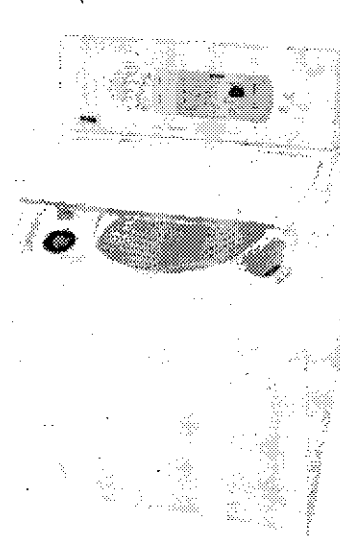
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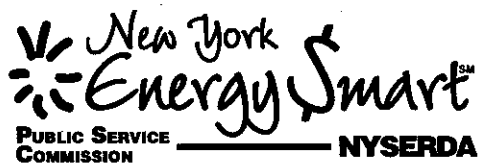
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## From the editor

# New York needs civil justice reform

\$180 billion

That is the annual cost of the U.S. tort system, according to Citizens for a Sound Economy. It comes out to about 1.8 percent of the nation's output. State officials estimate that every New Yorker spends more than \$700 annually on the tort system. Those costs are hidden in insurance rates, taxes and higher prices for consumer goods.

You chuckle and shake your head when you hear about an inflated judgment? Well, you're paying for it, whether you know it or not. And these windfalls for people who have suffered legitimate injury because of negligence only foster further abuse of the system.

Negligence is and always will be a concern. Organizations like the New York State Trial Lawyers Association would have you believe that uncapped judgments provide public protection in the form of severe financial penalties for acts of negligence. But that argument is flawed. A lawsuit that bears a judgment of \$250,000 for pain and suffering plus the cost of any economic damages still provides a significant deterrence to negligence. And the way those payments are administered - through insurance companies - harms everyone: the negligent party, the insurance company, and every customer affected by higher rates.

California has put a cap of \$250,000 on awards for non-economic damages, including pain and suffering. New York is considering similar legislation, supported by Senate Majority Leader Joseph Bruno among others. Similarly, Congress recently passed a bill that caps awards for pain

and suffering at \$250,000 in medical negligence cases. That bill is expected to face a rough ride in the Senate, but has the support of the President.

This type of legislation in New York and across the country is long overdue.

## Absolute liability

The Syracuse Chamber of Commerce estimates that liability insurance costs for contractors adds between \$6,000 and \$10,000 to the cost of every new home built in New York. That number could be significantly reduced if the state amended or eliminated the so-called scaffolding law, which burdens employers with absolute liability in any case involving gravity-related injuries.

Like other laws dictating the current course of civil justice, the law was enacted to ensure that employers follow safety guidelines and keep their employees from harm. However, assuming absolute liability on the part of the employer eliminates all personal responsibility and actually encourages further lawsuit abuse.

New York is the only state with this foolish law. It is important that our legislators make sure that is no longer the case.

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# Doing business better

## Lessons in reputation management

by Eric Mower



American society holds a profound, general distrust of government and other large institutions. Cynicism and skepticism, now deeply ingrained in the national psyche, have spread to many core institutions: public schools, hospitals, our universities and even our churches and charities. No institution is exempt from scrutiny, public exposure and public disapproval any more.

Did the media contribute to this? Of course they did. Did they create this caustic environment? Of course not - the American people became disappointed, disapproving and distrustful watching the behavior of these institutions and their leaders.

Most people in the business world are predisposed to distrust the press, viewing them as "the enemy." Every day, my professional colleagues and I work with business people with this attitude. Too many business leaders, instead of listening to media reportage with an open mind, automatically assume that the press is hopelessly biased and anti-business.

To their own detriment, they discount or ignore whatever they see in the media, when instead they should use the media as a vital "early warning system" to reveal potential threats to their reputations.

My first "Lesson in Reputation Management" is Pay Attention. Look around. Listen up. Are you seeing or hearing anything of note? Regardless of what you think of the fairness or accuracy of reportage, understand that the press is a remarkably accurate mirror of society's sensitivities.

In a recent Zogby poll commissioned by The Business Council of New York State, almost half of all respondents - 46.1 percent - believe that American businesses "engage in dishonest or unethical business practices."

Nearly half!

You should find this very sobering. If nearly one out of every two people believes that you - simply because you're a business person - are dishonest or unethical, you're starting every day with a serious reputation problem.

Reputations behave like two magnets. Think of one magnet as a business or organization, and another as the public. When the two magnets' poles are properly aligned and they attract one another, that's a good reputation. And a bad reputation? Just turn one magnet around to unalign the poles and feel how they strongly repel each other.

Good reputations attract people and relationships to organizations. Bad ones repel.

Wise leaders know the primary job of any CEO is to protect and enhance - in other words, manage - their company's reputation. It's one of the most valuable operating assets any organization possesses.

Good reputations attract customers. Bad ones repel them.

Good reputations attract investors, business and joint venture partners and a whole array of vital friends and allies. Bad reputations repel them.

And perhaps most important of all, good reputations attract the best, the brightest, the most dedicated employees. Bad reputations repel them. Everybody wants to work for the "successful, well-regarded quality company." Nobody wants to work for the "troubled company with the toxic reputation."

Every one of these situations corresponds to a real-world business expense. It costs money to obtain good employees - recruiting costs. It costs money to attract and keep customers - marketing costs. Over the long run, companies with good reputations accomplish far more with less money than those with weak or poor reputations. This is one of the most critical variables in the formula for long-term business success.

Organizations that actively manage and protect their reputations know listening is much more important than talking. They constantly listen...to monitor how the world views them. Not only does this make them smarter, it also gives them the "early warning system" they need to head off all sorts of impending trouble."

*The previous remarks were excerpted from the 2002 Berman Lecture, an address to an audience of undergraduate and graduate business students at Syracuse University. Eric Mower is chairman and chief executive officer of his namesake public relations agency. To view Mr. Mower's presentation, go to <http://www.som.syr.edu/connections/archives/index.cfm>*



# "Eighth wonder of the world" in Central New York's Destiny

by Daniel Lovell

Destiny USA executives in Syracuse have long promised jobs, recreation and an economic boom, all of which will be felt during construction and upon completion of the \$2.2 billion megaplex. But behind the scenes, Destiny and the Pyramid Companies have already spent well over \$100 million, and have begun a snowball effect that's spurring growth in Central New York.

According to a study Economic Research Associates completed for Onondaga County, Destiny USA could help spawn 122,000 jobs throughout Central New York. About 33,000 of those would be jobs within Destiny. The rest would be spin-offs, created by the increased need for vendors, truck drivers, home builders and much more. Some of those jobs will be high-paying research and development jobs in Destiny's "green" research park.

Over the past two years, Destiny has enlisted the help of hundreds of lawyers, engineers, designers, finance experts, marine life experts, water park experts and energy experts - all of whom are putting the pieces in place for the construction phase, which is scheduled to begin later this month.

At Destiny headquarters in Syracuse, 60 people are working full time on the project alone, said Destiny Executive Matt Chadderton. Each day, those workers meet with representatives from companies around the world, and spend money on lunches from restaurants at Armory and Clinton squares. They're enlisting the services of companies such as O'Brien and Gere, Robson and Woese, Dal Pos architecture, Kishmish and more to plan the largest entertainment,

recreation and research center in the world.

The promise of the megaplex was what finally convinced the Syracuse Pro Sports Club to bring professional soccer to Syracuse. The Syracuse Salty Dogs will begin play this season, and President Tim Kuhl says he hopes to see a synergy between the club and Destiny that will generate excitement.

"The group has had the ability to do this for a couple of years, but what ignited us was the fact that Destiny was going to be built," Kuhl said. "We think that having Destiny a tenth of a mile from the stadium is going to make for a great synergy. We know we have to attract people from out of town to make this successful."

With a budget of \$1 million a year, the club plans to package its 14 home games with concerts and tailgate parties to create true family events - not just soccer games. And in the coming years, Kuhl said, Major League Soccer and European teams will come in to play exhibition games.

O'Brien and Gere has a half dozen people working on Destiny now, figuring out how to relocate utilities, evaluating road improvements, and dealing with soil conta-

mination issues. Peter Grevelding, senior vice president, said he expects to have 20 to 25 people working solely on Destiny once the project is in its construction phase.

The company worked with Pyramid on Carousel Center. But Destiny, he said, is a project that will help build the O'Brien and Gere resume. And Destiny is likely to change building design and the way developers think about constructing large projects, he said.

"The research park will be even more beneficial to the profession," he said. "When they pull off Destiny it will generate an awful lot of business for O'Brien and Gere. It will be a good resume builder, and as green construction it will raise the bar for all other local projects."

Former Syracuse University basketball star Roosevelt Bouie has begun taking his excitement about Destiny overseas. With the contacts he made playing basketball in Europe, Bouie is heading to Italy and Switzerland, where he plans to market Central New York to entrepreneurs there - using Destiny as a centerpiece.

Former state Assemblymen Bill Sanford and Hal Brown, who've opened their own

consulting firm, are aiding in that effort. They're putting together a PowerPoint presentation in Italian to expose Central New York to the world market. And Brown and Sanford Consultants will help find lawyers, cut through the red tape and set up shop.

Chadderton says the skeptics will be surprised. The drawn out planning phase will be well worth the completed project, he said. And there are exciting things happening at the Destiny offices.

"People on the outside are saying 'when are they going to put it in the ground?'" he said. "We're trying to create the eighth wonder of the world. We don't want to screw up."

## Destiny's promise

- 122,000 new jobs, which exceeds the job growth in 34 states for 1999-2000
- 12 million to 24 million visitors from outside New York each year
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# Local news on demand on its way

## Time Warner to cover the region

by Brittney Jerred

Time Warner's Syracuse division will launch a 24-hour news station starting this November. Executives say the format will be much like CNN's Headline news. To fulfill its goals and make nonstop news programming a reality, the company will create about 90 jobs throughout the Central New York region.

But to make the station viable and competitive, executives will run corporate sponsored programming and weather forecasts six times an hour for viewers in a 10,000 square-mile radius.



Ron Lombard

Coverage will extend south to Tompkins County, north to St. Lawrence and Jefferson counties, west to Cayuga County and east to Herkimer. News bureaus will be established throughout the region. All who live in the area and subscribe to Time Warner will receive the station beginning on election day.

Ron Lombard, former news director at WIXT Channel 9 for 10 years, was hired in February as general manager. He and six other executives have been designing the station's format for about a year.

Whereas other local stations have to focus on buying syndicated programming to fill air time along with producing local

news, News 10 Now will focus solely on news, Lombard said.

"We believe in local news on demand," Lombard said. "Think of this as a local version of CNN's Headline news, constantly refreshed and updated, with weather every 10 minutes. You don't have to make an appointment to watch."

Other local evening newscasts air at 6 and 11 p.m. Time Warner has learned by launching 10 other news stations like News 10 Now in North Carolina, Texas and Florida, there is a big appetite for local news and people will tune in if it's offered to them.

"There are those people who can't catch the 6 o'clock news but can't stay up until 11," Lombard said. "It doesn't fit into their schedules."

WSTM-TV3 News Director Brennan Donnellan says though his station will compete for news stories with News 10 Now, more news outlets in an area forces news stations to be more competitive, which generally improves local news coverage. He expects people will still watch the same broadcasts they do now.

"As far as competing for those viewers, I don't think it's going to be a significant threat," Donnellan said. He's seen stations like News 10 Now operate in Boston where he used to work. "They don't normally make a significant ratings impact."

Lombard does not plan to go head to head with local news stations that have been in Syracuse for more than 50 years. Instead, he hopes people will see News 10 Now as a complement to other program-



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ming and says the station will give areas that typically don't have news coverage a place.

In addition to its own coverage area, News 10 Now will share programming with sister stations in Albany and Rochester, making it even more regional.

"I think the appetite for news extends beyond people's backyards and that people are genuinely interested in what happens around our region and around the state," Lombard said.

### Lousy weather helps ratings

News 10 Now's sister channel in Albany, Capital 9, was launched in October.

Its ratings have been higher than anticipated because of the difficult winter. Storms kept people tuned in and terrible news like a fire that killed four children in Fort Edward kept people watching for updates.

But weather updates, by far, have been the station's greatest asset.

"It's a big challenge being new to the market so weather has been a big draw for us," said General Manager Alan Marlin. So far, the company has met and surpassed ad revenue goals.

Another tactic the station is using to generate dollars is enlisting corporate sponsors.

Glens Falls Hospital sponsors the health report. The station employs four health reporters. Before their reports air, a billboard announcing the sponsor is shown on the screen.

Another corporate sponsor is the Civil Service Employees Association, the largest labor union in the state. The station uses the sponsored time to profile anyone in the work force. They look at what the person does for a living and find out what they're doing when they're not at work.

### Historic renovations happen

News 10 Now will be located at the old Syracuse train station, which was most recently the Greyhound bus station. When everything is finished, Time Warner will have spent \$8 million on restoring the building to its near-original 1936 condition. Indiana limestone on the lower portion of the building is being replaced. The original theater-like marquee is also being replicated. An additional \$4 million is being spent on infrastructure.

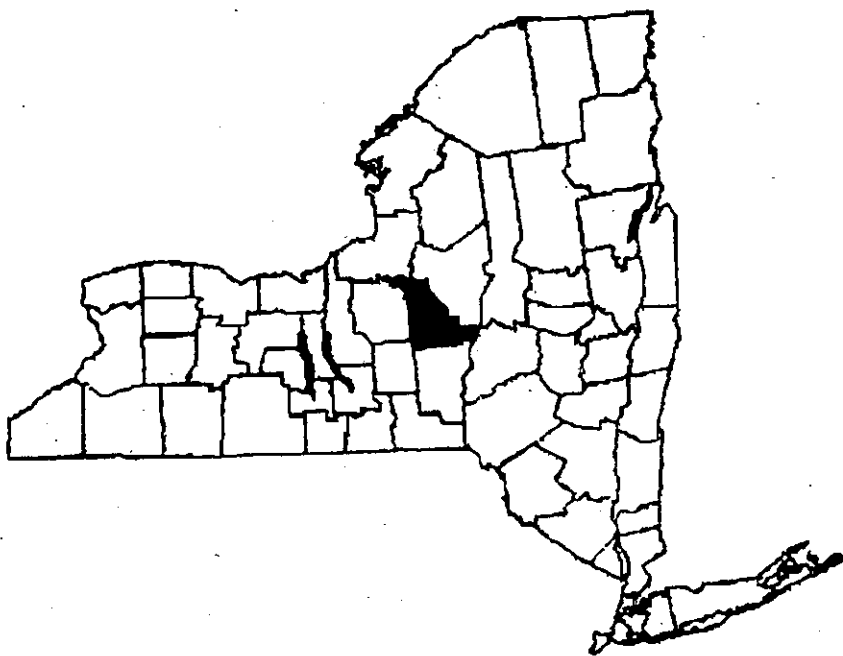
Managers should be able to move there in May.

The Syracuse Time Warner division is divided into nine geographic zones. The company is already producing commercials and selling air time according to those zones. News 10 Now will take advantage of that setup and build on the company's revenue by selling eight minutes of ad time per hour to start with.

The Web site is another asset Time Warner says provides an advantage.

Stories can be streamed online once they've aired and people can send links around the world.

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# USA Datanet booms as other telecoms go bust

by David Tyler

In a telecommunications industry that has had its share of expensive flops in recent years, one Syracuse company is setting a new standard for service, customer satisfaction and profitability.

USA Datanet, located on Clinton Street in Syracuse, continues to grow by offering low rate long distance service and cheap Internet access. The company now employs 124 people and further expansion is expected.

With its Voice over Internet Protocol technology, USA Datanet delivers telecommunications services to residential and business customers across the lower 48 states, and continues to look for new markets for its service. The company offers flat-capped telephone service, which gives customers unlimited duration calls for 99

cents per call within the Northeast calling region. Shorter calls are billed 10 cents per minute and calls outside the Northeast are capped at \$1.99.

## Viral marketing

In what new CEO David Montanaro terms "viral marketing," USA Datanet gets a few core customers in a given market, news of the customer savings and satisfaction spreads throughout the community, and the customers apply in droves.

"It's like a tree that's growing branches and it just keeps growing," he said.

Now almost five years old, more than 340,000 people use USA Datanet for their long distance service. A year ago, it had about 200,000 customers.

As Syracuse businesses go, it's a huge

growth industry and its taking place in a telecom industry that USA Today called "the biggest business debacle in U.S. history."

"It surpasses the collapse of the railroads in the 1890s, the savings and loan crisis of the 1980s and the dot-com crash of 2000-01," USA Today said of the telecom bust last year. "By some estimates, more than \$2 trillion of value in telecom stocks has been wiped out the past two years."

The fall of the telecoms is attributed to one major factor - too much growth, too fast, without enough demand. USA Datanet has focused on steady growth and careful planning as it enters new markets. To date, the pay off has been huge.

## Booming in downtown Syracuse

The Greater Syracuse Chamber of Commerce recently ranked USA Datanet first in Syracuse in productivity per employee, second in employee growth and second in revenue growth among Syracuse companies.

"We're the Southwest Airlines of the phone business," said Joseph Cunningham, senior vice president of marketing and sales.

## What's next for USA Datanet?

The company is just beginning to market a new teleconferencing service to businesses, which can bring as many as 60 people together from long distances. And Montanaro said USA Datanet will continue to research ways to bring services to small businesses.

"We're poised for some significant opportunities," Montanaro said.

## New CEO brings experience, energy Dave Montanaro is back.



After founding and growing American Dynatel Corp. in Syracuse in the late 1970s, the telecommunications exec had a lengthy and impressive career with Siemens Communications Systems, Inc. and later as president and CEO of NEC Business Communication Systems.

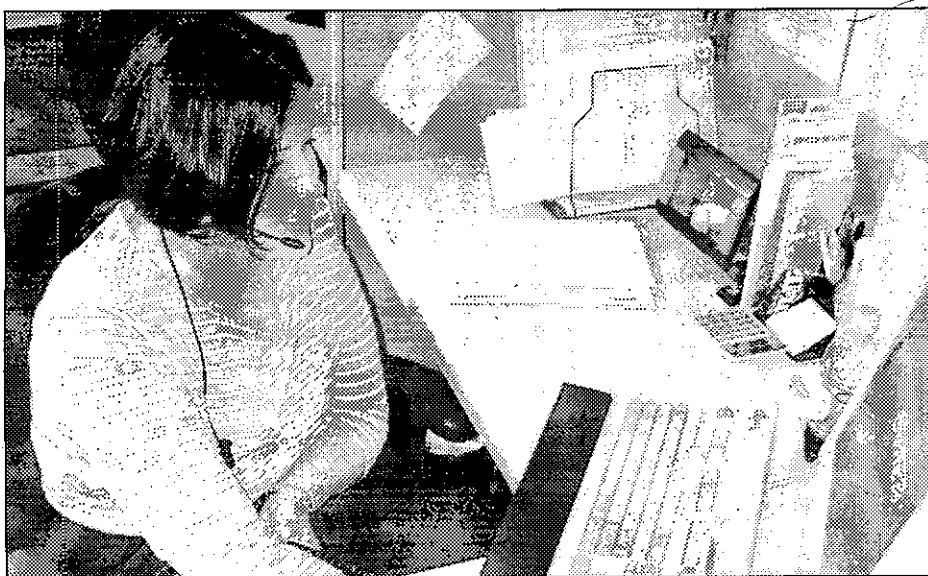
Now he's back in Syracuse with what may be the brightest up-and-comer in the Central New York business community.

On Feb. 26, Montanaro was named president and CEO of USA Datanet, which offers low cost long distance service and cheap internet access among its other services. The company, which started in 1998, has exploded recently and now has more than 340,000 customers and 124 employees.

"My roots run very deep here," he said last week. "I've always had a great passion to try to have opportunities and employment for people in the Syracuse area."

In his career with American Dynatel, Siemens and NEC, Montanaro has seen the ebb and flow of the telecommunications industry. But he's confident the fast-growing USA Datanet is made for the long haul.

"The thing that distinguishes us [from other small telecoms] is that we're doing it profitably," Montanaro said. "It's a factor of creating the right type of technology and having a business plan that really focuses on the market."



Dave Montanaro

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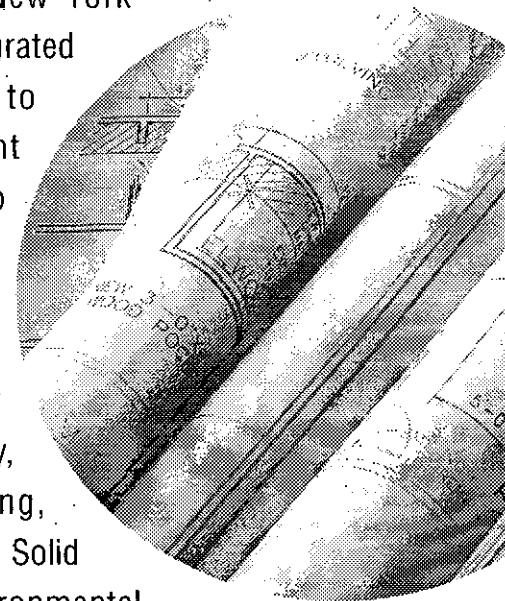
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# Empire Zones - a boon to businesses big and small

by Kelly Mantoan

The Pyramid Company scanned the country and talked to many economic development professionals before making Central New York its choice for Destiny USA. And when it came down to it, one of the biggest factors behind their decision to invest Upstate was New York's Empire Zone Program.

"There isn't a stronger tool we know of today than this program," said Pyramid representative Matt Chadderdon. "It will be a key tool to creating jobs in Upstate."

For many companies, big or small, who relocated, expanded or set up shop in New York since the programs inception in 1986, the Empire Zone program has meant big savings on sales and property taxes, employee wages and utility rates, just to name a few.

Chadderdon said as Pyramid talks with potential business partners for the Destiny USA project, they promote the benefits of working in an Empire Zone.

"We want them to partner with Upstate New York," he said. "They're going to do business with Destiny and be part of the project but it's more than that. They look at the Empire Zone Program, its property tax credits, wage tax credits, utility rate reductions and it becomes an attractive investment. They're smart business people and they know they need to offset their investment to make money. They've got a big customer in Destiny but we don't want fly by night partners. We want companies to come do business, but also invest in Central New York."

"This is a wonderful tool for communities through the state of New York to attract companies to do business here and expand. Zones are created in areas where we need jobs. We win on every level if we create jobs and create business growth. The program has led to the revitalization of a lot of areas and well needed jobs."

Michael Breslin, Albany County Executive

There are 62 Empire Zones set up in the state's most economically depressed areas. The goal of the Empire Zone Program is to offer incentives to stimulate job growth and encourage businesses to invest in New York. Business can receive benefits for up to 15 years.

Nicholas Pirro, Onondaga County Executive said almost 30 Empire Zones around the county were paired with business partners during the last year, with the possibility of 2,000 new jobs created over the next three years.

"We've done everything we can to publicize [the Empire Zone Program]," he said. "I think a lot of businesses are aware of the program and there's a lot of interest in doing something. We'll continue to use it as a marketing tool for development."

## Keeping business in NYS

Albany County Executive Michael Breslin said the Empire Zone program makes New York competitive with other states in the Northeast. The recent decision of Sealy Mattress to expand its operations in Albany, as opposed to Pennsylvania or Massachusetts, is the perfect example.

The Sealy expansion on Green Island

means 260 new jobs and a \$25 million boost to the state's economy. Operations will move into a new 307,000 square foot manufacturing and distribution facility on Green Island. In addition to tax benefits, Sealy is eligible to apply for a \$500,000 working capital grant, a \$100,000 training grant and a \$100,000 capital grant to assist with the cost associate with relocating equipment.

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Both Pirro and Breslin were strongly opposed to proposed changes to the Empire Zone program in the 2003 state budget that would have required local governments to pay property tax shares on Empire Zones. The change has been withdrawn but the current budget proposal calls for localities to pick up the administrative cost, an average of \$50,000, for each zone.

Alex Dudley, from the Empire State Development Office said 184,457 full-time

jobs and 23,198 part-time jobs have been created by Empire Zones and more than \$3.57 billion has been invested in Empire Zones across the state.

Margaret Scarinzi, zone coordinator for the Binghamton/Triple Cities area said her office receives numerous calls from business owners curious about Empire Zones.

"[Empire Zones] help businesses do business," she said.

## Small business support

SE Jones Construction owner and founder Frank Jones expanded his commercial construction and management company in a Broome County zone on Binghamton's east side.

Jones said it was less expensive to buy and renovate a deteriorated building within a zone than start from scratch elsewhere. He didn't have to pay sales tax on the material needed to renovate and the tax benefits for creating new jobs were excellent, he said. The reduced property taxes allowed him to put more money into expanding his business. Jones said he would recommend the Empire Zones Program to any business owner.

"There is a real benefit to municipalities also," he said. "To see the buildings in the zone before and after; because of that change the whole area is affected. What was a depressed area is now newer and more vibrant and it attracts more businesses and the process snowballs."

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# Homeland security means new technology for New York companies

## Anti-terrorism security and biological weapons protection created Upstate

by Ann Taylor

A sophisticated software system that - with a single click of a computer mouse - provides life-saving information in a disaster; tiny crystals that detect strains of anthrax and small pox in the human body, and specialized filters that siphon out interference with communications systems.

All three are answering America's demand for additional homeland security.

No doubt, the manufacturing industry at large is suffering as a result of the war raging in Iraq.

"I've seen it in our members - expansions of plants, investments of equipment, even hiring people - they're holding the line," said Randy Wolken, president of the Manufacturers Association of Central New York. "In general, they're trying to minimize their capital expenses, and becoming leaner in production methodologies."

But at least a dozen corporations throughout the state are building new business as a result of the nation's call for increased security and emergency preparedness.

Troy's MapInfo Corporation, for example, launched last month its first "homeland security solution" - a beefed-up Mapquest that arms government agencies and emergency response teams with critical information in disaster situations.

The Critical Area Response Manager zeros in on the disaster location, highlights entrance and exit points, and pinpoints nearby fire stations, police stations, hospitals, tunnels, bridges, power lines, gas lines and

government facilities.

In addition, "There's intelligence under these maps," explained Sabby Nayar, MapInfo's strategic industry manager for government. "If it was a terrorist attack, whatever might be tied to that place - photographs of the damage, video footage, headshots of the suspects - that information would be stored in the database and updated anywhere from nanoseconds to every 24 hours, depending on the (system) you choose."

Fetching \$25,000 to hundreds of thousands of dollars, the web-based system would be most useful to emergency organizations such as the federal Emergency Management Agency, which could use it once disaster strikes, or for training and planning purposes, Neyer said.

"The hope is that for the first responders, it's a valuable tool, but we also think that the concept of planning is important - answering what if scenarios," Neyer said.

Another company riding the homeland security wave is Colonie's Clough Harbor and Associates, whose new Security Services Group is upgrading security systems for airports, buildings, public facilities, water and wastewater treatment plants, and manufacturing operations.

Steered by Thomas Constantine, former head of the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency, the group has already completed security upgrades at the Greater Rochester International Airport, Newburgh's Stewart International Airport, and LaGuardia Airport. And given President George Bush's proposed 2003 budget of \$38 billion for homeland security, Clough Harbor is hopeful that its

client base will grow.

"Many of our customers are approaching us with concerns about how recent global events will impact the effectiveness of their security systems," said Raymond J. Kinley Jr., CHA's chief executive officer, of past clients like the state Office of General Services, the State Police, Metro-North Railroad, and several New York counties. "We feel that there will be an increase in infrastructure security projects...due to higher funding levels and our clients' need to protect their assets."

Still other companies are developing new technologies, including Troy's Evident Technologies, Inc.

In lieu of conventional dye testing, used in X-rays to highlight the inside of the human body, Evident will use tiny crystals of cadmium selenide, also known as quantum dots, to detect anthrax, small pox and the plague.

Unlike dye, which has fluorescence that lasts less than a second, the quantum dots' glow can last for weeks, explained Clint Ballinger, CEO of Evident. The dots also can emit several different colors, each attached to a different disease strain, whereas conventional dyes emit only one color. This means that one quantum dot test can detect at least 10 different disease strains, Ballinger said.

It's a technology that may one day diagnose victims of bioterrorism.

"That's a project we're hoping to have funded by the U.S. Department of Defense," Ballinger said. "We should hear an answer in October."

Other manufacturers, like East Syra-

cuse's Microwave Filter Co., are readying their products for when the economy bounces back.

"Has the war in Iraq affected us? Of course it has," said Sandy Nelepovitz, marketing representative for Microwave Filter. "I don't think there's a business out there that could say it hasn't. But we are focusing on new markets, engaging in new product development, and we're transitioning during the down time."

Microwave Filter manufacturers specialized devices that siphon out radar and other types of interference with satellite, cable, and wireless cable communications systems. The emergence of digital communications and growth within the telecom business have challenged the company's manufacturing mode, as did the country's increased security post Sept. 11, 2001.

The company is adopting new manufacturing techniques for its present line of products in order to bolster its competitive edge in the marketplace, Nelepovitz said. The company is also revamping from one and two-item orders for niche markets to high volume production for the OEM, or Original Equipment Manufacturers marketplace. The company experienced a noticeable increase in demand for large-volume orders after Sept. 11, Nelepovitz said, with hope that the demand will remain after the economy recovers.

"We're certainly proud that we've been able to hang on in this economy," Nelepovitz said. "We're a pretty good fighting machine here, and we're hoping that as our customers recover, we'll recover. We are certainly optimistic."

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Barton & Loguidice works with a number of different client sectors, including public sector work, bridge and highway, water/wastewater, solid waste, land planning and site design, education and health care, as well as power and utilities, telecommunications, financial and insurance institutions and more.

Barton and Loguidice recently designed the Jack's Reef water main for the towns of Elbridge, Van Buren, and Lysander. The \$1.66 million project supplied water to 270 households, farms and businesses.

"The residents were experiencing depleted and poor quality well water. The water was bitter tasting, foul smelling, and its heavy mineral content destroyed household appliances. The project provides potable water from the Onondaga County Water Authority System to Jack's Reef, a hamlet on the Seneca River where the three towns join together to complete this much-needed project," said Jennifer Perry, B&L spokesperson.

### Stearns & Wheler Environmental Engineers and Scientists

1 Remington Park Drive, Cazenovia.

The engineering firm Stearns & Wheler has offered a full range of services since 1950 to both private and municipal clients. The firm's staff contains 200 technical and support professionals, who cover a full range of technical design disciplines.

Stearns & Wheler has completed over 4,000 projects, and many of its current projects are from returning satisfied clients. Some of the firm's completed projects within Onondaga County include the environmental assessment and site design of Syracuse's Sam's Club and the hydrodynamic/turbidity investigation of Skaneateles Lake. It has also completed projects in several neighboring counties.

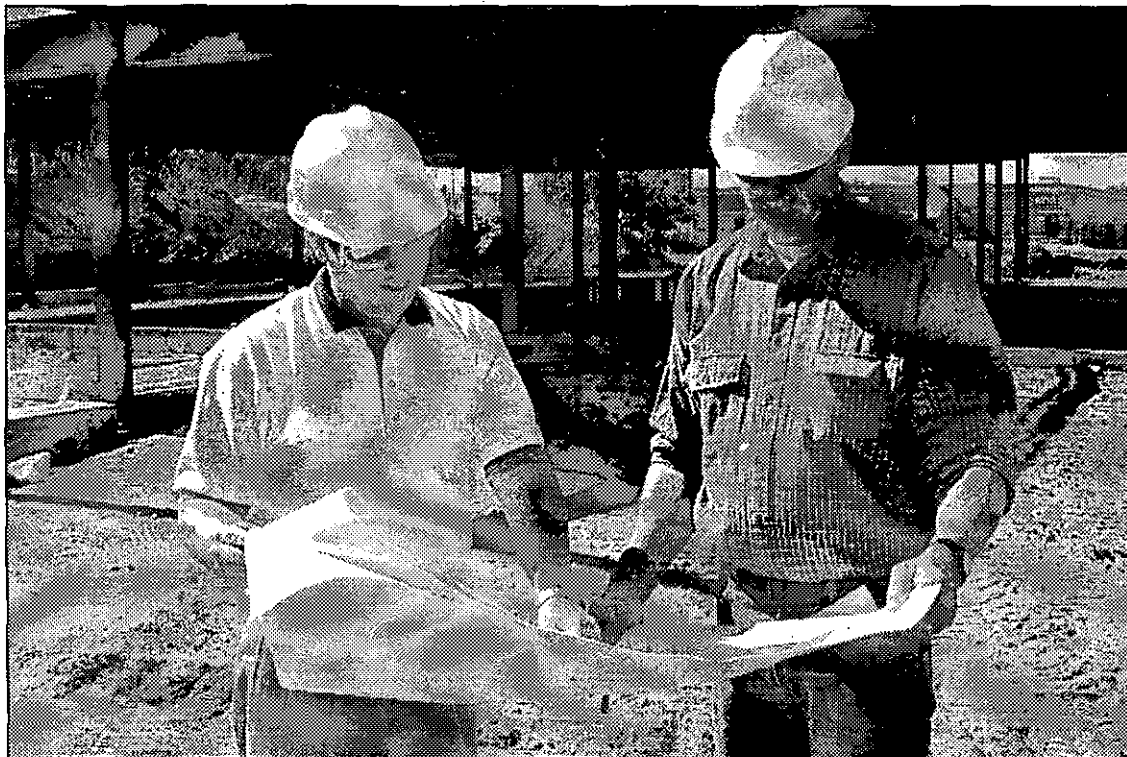
According to the firm's Web site, [www.stearnswheler.com](http://www.stearnswheler.com), "The firm's success is the result of a technical approach to client needs through innovative engineering designs and sensitivity to economic considerations."

### Plumley Engineering

8232 Loop Road, Route 31, Baldwinsville.

Plumley Engineering began in 1985 with what its Web site, [www.plumleyeng.com](http://www.plumleyeng.com), states as "the vision of providing quality, innovative, civil engineering solutions tempered with common sense to clients in New York state."

The firm offers services in environmental and geotechnical engineering as well as civil engineering. Clients include AT&T Small Business Lending Corp., the Adirondack Scenic Railroad and the village of Baldwinsville.



Central New York's engineering excellence traces its roots to the Erie Canal and the innovations at Carrier.

## CNY: A hotbed of engineering

by Fritz Diddle

At the beginning of the 19th Century, to Central New Yorkers, the Allegheny Mountains were the Western Frontier. Precious resources in the northwest — such as timber, minerals and fertile farmland — took weeks to reach on rutted roads that dissolved into mud in the winter.

In 1808, Albert Gallatin, a Swiss emigrant appointed secretary of the treasury by Thomas Jefferson, proposed a giant network of canals, including one between Lake Erie and the Hudson River. Two years later, New York City Mayor Dewitt Clinton began publicly supporting the idea, which got him elected governor in 1817 in a landslide. Later that year, Clinton convinced the state legislature to authorize \$7 million for construction of a canal 363 miles long, 40 feet wide and four feet deep.

"The city will, in the course of time, become the granary of the

world, the emporium of commerce, the seat of manufacturers, the focus of great moneyed operations," Clinton said. "And before the revolution of a century, the whole island of Manhattan, covered with inhabitants and replenished with a dense population, will constitute one vast city."

When work on "Clinton's Big Ditch" began, it's no surprise that the governor became the laughingstock of many New Yorkers. The inland port of Buffalo, at the east end of Lake Erie, lies 568 feet above sea level. Connecting Lake Erie with the Hudson River in Albany seemed impossible. After all, at the time, there wasn't a single engineering school in the U.S.

New Yorkers were right to be skeptical, but "Clinton's Folly" would become New York's gain. Construction of the canal was completed in eight years, supervised by four engineers who had never seen one before. It involved building 83 locks, 18 aqueducts — including an 802-foot aqueduct to carry water over the Mohawk River — and countless other innovations. All 363 miles were built with the muscle power of men and horses, and the canal was declared the engineering marvel of the 19th Century.

Construction of the Erie Canal resulted in a number of social and economic changes that affected the entire nation. Shipping by canal cost one-tenth as much as shipping by road and could be completed in days rather than weeks. Nearly all New Yorkers now had access to the vast waterway of the Great Lakes, a waterway that touches Minnesota, Wisconsin, Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, Ohio and Pennsylvania.

In addition, the construction of the Erie Canal marked the beginning of a long tradition of

engineering excellence in Central New York that continues to this day.

### Carrier's contribution

For a boy who had to slice a peck of apples into halves, quarters and eighths to grasp the notion of fractions, Willis Haviland Carrier did pretty well. An only child, Carrier was described by some as a solitary youth who entertained himself playing games of his own invention.

Carrier earned a degree in mechanical engineering from Cornell University and got a job with the Buffalo Forge Company designing systems to dry lumber and coffee. There he developed a table to determine how much heat air would hold when blown across steam-heated pipes, saving the company thousands of dollars with each heating system it designed.

Carrier, barely a year out of college, was made head of the company's experimental engineering department. It was in this position that he began his work in temperature and humidity control.

Carrier designed his first air conditioning system in 1902 for a frustrated Brooklyn printer who couldn't print a decent color image due to changes in heat and humidity. In 1906, he patented his "Apparatus for Treating Air."

Over the next few years, the list of industry leaders who felt they could improve their products using Carrier's device became so enormous he and six friends scraped together \$32,600 to form the Carrier Engineering Company in 1915. In 1922, Carrier developed his most significant achievement: the centrifugal refrigeration machine.

First used in industry, the real test of the machine came in

### C&S Companies

1099 Airport Boulevard, North Syracuse.

C&S was founded as a partnership in 1968. In its 34 years, the firm has steadily grown to more than 250 employees.

C&S has completed projects throughout the United States, including projects in California, Oregon and Maine. It also provides services to public and private sector clients locally, including the city of Syracuse, the state Department of Transportation, Bristol Myers-Squibb and Lockheed Martin.

One of the firm's most successful projects has been the "QuietHome Program." This program works in conjunction with the firm's airport projects, working to insulate residential homes to block out the noise from the airport.

During phase 2 of the Hancock airport project, C&S held an open house to promote the program, allowing the rest of the homeowners involved to sample its effectiveness. Many of those who attended the open house were in awe of the sound insulation. For C&S this shows the success of the company's sound insulation measures and the quality of its materials and workmanship.

Another major component to the success of the project has been GIS. GIS allows C&S to monitor not only the sound produced in the area but also the effectiveness of their system, showing them any points of weakness.

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"Strong relationships, technical passions, and an unbeatable entrepreneurial spirit have been the mainstays of O'Brien & Gere since [its] original partners—Earl F. O'Brien, William S. Gere, and Glenn D. Holmes—got together in 1945," states the Web site of O'Brien & Gere Companies, [www.obg.com](http://www.obg.com). This firm has grown to include several employee-owned companies, conducting business in a global, highly competitive economy.

According to its Web site, the firm employs approximately 800 individuals throughout 22 domestic and international locations. The staff includes a diverse group of professionals, many whom hold certifications in their field of study, allowing clients to take advantage of diversity, receiving the best thinkers and quality available at the firm.

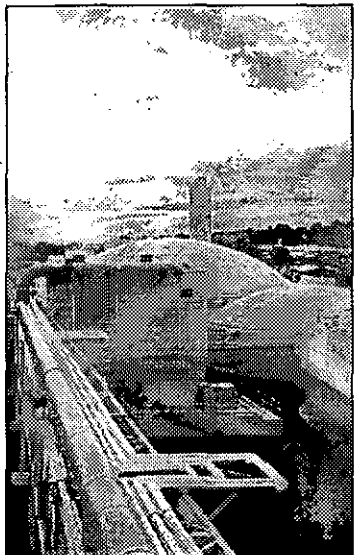
### Blasland, Bouck & Lee, Inc.

6723 Towpath Road, Syracuse.

BBL is a privately held, employee-owned, environmental consulting firm with more than 30 offices and 600 employees throughout the United States.

Many of the company's services involve the environment. It is ranked 13th on Engineering News-Record's list of the country's top hazardous waste firms, and 70th on ENR's list of design firms.

The firm sees itself "as the nation's leader in the field of contaminated sediment issues, having directed environmental programs at more rivers, harbors, tributaries, lakes, and estuaries than any other firm in the United States."



O'Brien & Gere was recently involved in a major structural redesign and expansion at Bristol Myers in Syracuse.



# Changing the system - 'Frivolous' lawsuits hit Americans' wallets

by Daniel Lovell

When grievances can't be settled any other way, the court system is often a last resort. But media reports are rife with stories about the U.S. legal system that seem too ludicrous to be true. The story of Stella Lieback, who sued McDonald's after she spilled a hot cup of coffee in her lap and won \$2.9 million, is legendary.

Most often, those stories earn a shake of the head, a shrug of the shoulders. Perhaps they become interesting dinner conversation. But proponents of tort reform say the American legal system is abused constantly. Taxpayers and consumers bear the brunt of that abuse, they say.

This battle has been waged for years in Washington and Albany. But in recent weeks, tort reform has gained momentum, as evidenced earlier this month by Congress's adoption of a bill that would cap pain and suffering awards in medical malpractice cases at \$250,000.

President Bush called the legislation "an important step toward creating a liability system that fairly compensates those who are truly harmed, punishes egregious misconduct without driving good doctors out of medicine and improves access to quality affordable health care by reducing health care costs."

But that legislation, which faces a tough battle in the Senate, fails to address the injury-related claims that have employers shelling out large sums for liability insurance.

According to Wayne T. Brough, Citizens for a Sound Economy chief economist, the direct cost of the U.S. tort system is more than \$180 billion annually - roughly 1.8 percent of the nation's output. More than 1.5 million civil cases are processed in state courts alone every year.

CSE, which is based in Washington D.C., reports that it takes an average of five and a half years for legitimate injury cases to be heard because they are crowded out by frivolous lawsuits. The average cost of defending one of those suits is \$66,000.

## Paved with good intentions

Tort law was developed to compensate accident victims and deter behavior that could cause accidents. It was meant to show

individuals and businesses that harmful behavior or products would cost them more in lawsuits than they'd make in profits. And the punitive damages section of the law was meant to punish wrongdoers.

Brough says those principles aren't always applied correctly, and trial lawyers have taken such advantage of the system that the laws' original intent has been lost.

Everyone is affected by frivolous lawsuits and outrageous jury awards, said Randy Wolken, president of the Manufacturers Association of Central New York. Businesses that lose large judgments pass those costs along to their consumers. Construction companies are forced to raise their costs because insurance rates are up - particularly due to a law that bars companies from defending themselves in cases involving gravity-related injuries. Those increased construction costs are passed on to municipalities that pass them on to taxpayers. Or they're passed on to businesses that pass them on to consumers.

"Many people don't know the effect litigation has on their daily lives," Wolken said. "Health care costs go up because of malpractice insurance, businesses who get sued pass those off to their consumers. It's not as if these businesses get sued and it goes no further."

MACNY is lobbying for caps on jury awards in certain circumstances, and would like laws changed to allow companies to defend themselves in gravity-related cases.

Thanks to the costs of litigation and New York's laws, Wolken said, New York's workers compensation rates are 30 percent higher than the national average, yet the weekly benefit to those on workers compensation is the lowest in the nation.

## On the other side...

The Association of Trial Lawyers of America, a powerful lobbying association of lawyers, says tort reform would only benefit big business. Juries, the ATLA claims, should always be the final arbiters of justice, and any attempt to limit jury awards would undermine the legal system. The ATLA characterizes tort reform as "limits on the legal rights of individuals to hold corporate wrongdoers accountable for causing death and injury."

"Corporate lobby groups like the U.S. Chamber of Commerce - which has

launched a multimillion-dollar advertising war against trial lawyers - intentionally mislead the public in an attempt to convince Americans that our legal system is broken and needs fixing," the ATLA writes on its Web site. "They want Americans to distrust their fellow citizens who serve on juries - our friends, relatives, neighbors and coworkers."

Calling the recently-passed Congressional legislation "anti-patient," the New York State Trial Lawyers Association is urging its members to lobby U.S. senators who will soon be hearing a version of the bill. The NYSTLA also launched an ad campaign in March that focuses on the hardships faced by negligence victims.

Proponents of reform say trial lawyer opposition is easy to understand; the bigger the jury award, the larger the take for the attorneys.

## Starting the dialogue

Interest in tort reform - and in frivolous lawsuits - drove Randy Cassingham to post some of the wildest cases on his Web site, [www.stellaawards.com](http://www.stellaawards.com). Cassingham took the name "Stella Awards," named after the plaintiff in the McDonald's coffee case, after reading several bogus chain e-mails about ludicrous court cases. Cassingham, a syndicated columnist, investigated and found most of those cases were fabricated.

On his site, he provides only true court cases. And they're enough to make people take notice. So much so that Cassingham's e-mail service boasts 31,000 subscribers - all of whom have joined since September.

"People are so interested in this stuff, without me doing any advertising at all I'm getting 200 to 300 people subscribing per day," he said.

Now Cassingham's Web site is helping to drive public debate on tort reform - getting people to talk about the issues and not just shake their heads or shrug their shoulders.

Cassingham is not connected to a particular tort-reform group, but said he's happy to provide true information to help keep talk of reform alive.

And that's just fine by Wolken.

"The more we talk about these issues, the closer we're going to come to making some changes," he said.

## What's at issue?

### Pain and suffering

In President George W. Bush's recent State of the Union address, he proposed a \$250,000 cap on pain and suffering awards in medical malpractice cases, similar to the cap in place in California. That cap was passed by Congress in March and now faces a tough battle in the Senate.

Pain and suffering awards in other liability cases are not addressed in that legislation, but have been suggested in New York by Senate Majority Leader Joseph Bruno.

In 1986, when outrageous judgments were even more commonplace and insurance premiums were skyrocketing, the state changed the standard of an excessive verdict. Prior to 1986, an award was considered excessive if it "shocks the conscience." After the 1986 change, if an award "materially deviated from reasonable compensation," it was considered excessive and reduced.

In addition, all awards are reviewed by the state appellate court and reduced if they are not in keeping with that standard.

### Joint and several liability

Prior to 1986, if there was shared liability, the plaintiff could pick and choose between the responsible parties, a decision that was typically based upon which defendant had the greatest ability to pay. In that scenario, a defendant who shared just 1 percent of responsibility for an injury could be joint and severally liable for 100 percent of the award.

In 1986, that law was changed to make only those with 51 percent of the responsibility or more joint and severally liable for non-economic damages like pain and suffering. However, the 1986 reform - called Article 16 - does not include cases involving automobile accidents, which make up a large percentage of tort cases.

Those in favor of tort reform would, ideally, like to do away with joint and several liability completely. At the very least, they would like to see Article 16 expanded to include cases involving automobile accidents.

### The scaffolding law

Most frustrating to employers is a section of the state labor law that deals with workers or objects falling from an elevated work site. Damage awards are larger in these cases because unlike other cases, the worker's negligence can't be used to reduce the employer's liability. Therefore, the employer has absolute liability for these damages, even if the injured employee is partially responsible for the accident.

"There is no consideration of any negligence on the part of the worker," said William Gandy, an attorney with Hiscock & Barclay, based in Rochester. "The absolute liability increases the value of the damages."

Not only are the damages larger, but the employers have no recourse in the courts, even if the employee was partially or completely to blame for the accident.

The Syracuse Chamber of Commerce estimates that liability insurance for contractors adds between \$6,000 and \$10,000 to the cost of each new home built in New York. Those premiums are typically funneled out of state because there aren't any admitted insurance carriers left in New York who will write a liability policy for contractors.

## Getting their messages out

### Lobbies spend big bucks to protect interests

by David Tyler

Clear winners in the tort reform debate include some of the publications that cover the comings and goings in Albany, as powerful lobbies on either side of the tort reform issue spend thousands to sway the minds of legislators and drum up support for their position. Ads in favor of tort reform focus on how frivolous lawsuits are crippling companies' ability to do business. Ads opposed to reform focus on individuals who have been injured as the result of negligence.

In a series of ads launched March 18, the New York State Trial Lawyers Association tells the sad stories of people injured by negligence, arguing that large settlements in their favor are just.

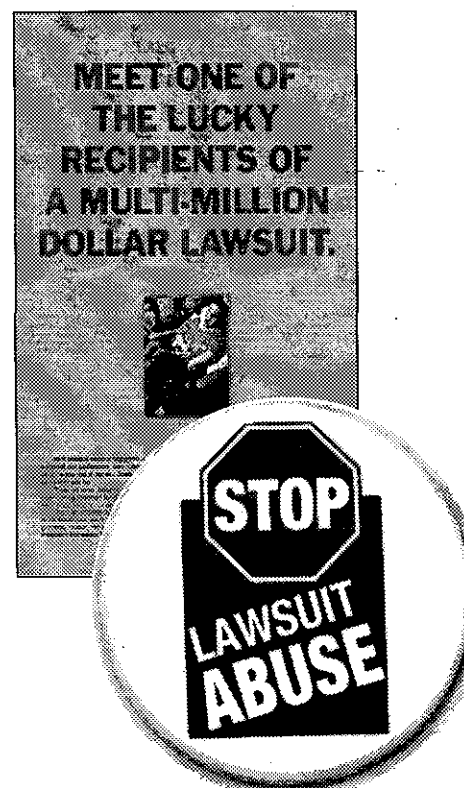
"Meet one of the lucky recipients of a multi-million dollar lawsuit," blares one of the ads, above a photograph of a boy on medical support and a write-up about the

medical negligence that left the boy disabled.

"As a result of medical negligence, Michael will be burdened with confinement, pain, suffering and medical costs for the rest of his life," the ad reads. "Clearly, the compensation for Michael was fair."

An ad challenging that position bought by New Yorkers for Civil Justice Reform quotes Senate Majority Leader Joseph Bruno.

"Tort reform can save a billion dollars by making common sense changes to a system that costs state taxpayers \$14 billion, more than any state in the country," the ad states. "...Professional organizations and businesses of every size in virtually every sector of the economy are pleading for relief from lawsuits that cripple the state and place an enormous burden on taxpayers."



Ads, buttons and other lobbying materials flood the offices of Albany legislators.

# Energy

## Flynn sets priorities as PSC commissioner

by Katherine McCarthy

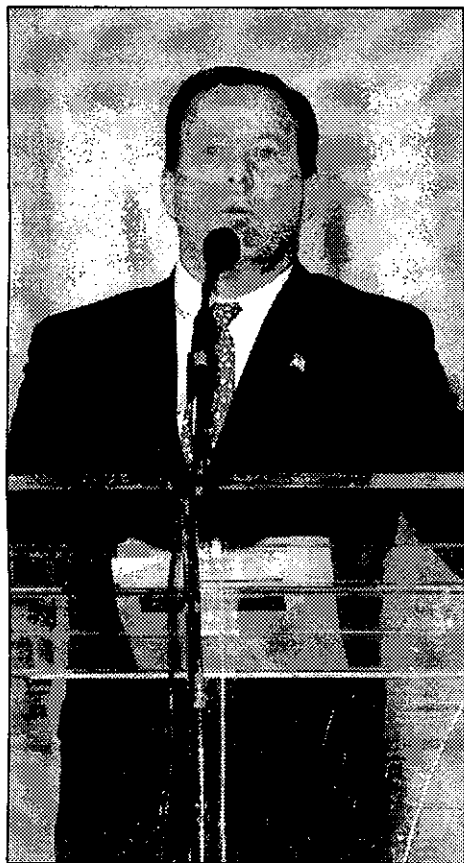
When we get up in the morning, we turn on the lights. In the evening, we watch television. Checking e-mail and telephone messages is second nature, and when it's bitterly cold or stiflingly hot, we remain comfortable by adjusting the thermostat in our homes.

We need energy to do all this, and while we might not think about where it comes from, the newly-appointed chairman of New York's Public Service Commission, William Flynn, does. So does the man who appointed him to his job, Gov. George Pataki.

"Every time I see the governor, he asks me if the lights are on," Flynn said.

Flynn's job is to make sure that New York's Public Service Commission meets its broad mandate of ensuring that all New Yorkers have access to reliable and low-cost utility services. The PSC regulates the state's electric, gas, steam, water, telecommunications and cable industries.

Flynn's No. 1 goal is to make sure that the infrastructure conveying that energy remains secure. In today's world, that includes protection from possible terrorism. As a member of the board of the state's Disaster Preparedness Committee, Flynn works closely with James Natoli, director of state operations, and the Office of Public Security and SEMO.



Bill Flynn at the New York Tech Summit in Albany in 2001, where he helped the Governor host the event to discuss the emergence of new high technology industry development in the Capital District.

### Befriending the environment

Flynn's other top priority is to diversify the state's energy sources, to help meet Gov. Pataki's goal of having 25 percent of the state's energy come from renewable resources within 10 years. Currently, 17 percent of New York's energy comes from renewable sources like wind and solar.

Flynn keeps three points in mind while moving the state towards that goal. "We are working to save the environment," he said, "to develop the economy, and to create savings for consumers."

To implement these strategies, Flynn draws on successes he had in his most immediate past job, president of the New York State Energy and Research Development Authority, where he is still on the board.

Before becoming NYSEERDA's president in 2000, Flynn was vice president, treasurer and secretary. As president, he saw NYSEERDA's budget grow from \$100 million to more than \$210 million, and its staff double from 90 to nearly 200. NYSEERDA's growth was not a burden on taxpayers, because the programs it implemented resulted in more than \$200 million in energy savings, created or retained some 4,000 jobs, and created alternative energy sources.

In particular, Flynn pointed to the success of the Systems Benefit Charge of NYSEERDA's New York Energy Smart Program, instituted in 1998. The SBC on electricity transmitted by the state's investor-owned utilities funded programs in energy efficiency, research and develop-

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*William Flynn,  
Chairman of New York's  
Public Service Commission*

ment, low-income and environmental programs. By requiring the utilities to put up some of their own money with NYSEERDA's, Flynn said, they had a greater stake in the programs' outcomes. While the business community had not entirely welcomed the SBC, when it was renewed for five more years in 2001, more utilities came on board.

"We want to have a big role in market transformation," Flynn said. "Government's role is to create a market for low-pollution, economically efficient power, and then step back and let private industry take over."

### A STEP forward

Flynn also pointed to the Saratoga Technology and Energy Park (STEP), 250 acres in the town of Malta, Saratoga County, as a sign of New York's readiness to take the lead in developing renewable energy.

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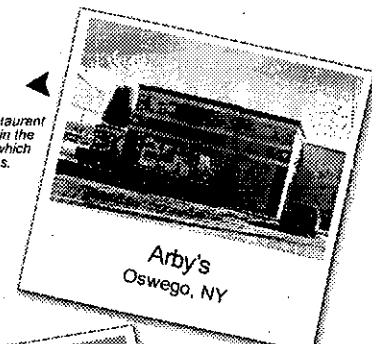
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The addition of a new frozen soup bowl product line at Birds Eye Foods resulted in an investment of over \$750,000 and 20 more full-time employees. OOC, New York State, Fulton Community Development Agency, Oswego County Workforce Development Board and the Metropolitan Development Association helped secure economic development benefits and grants for the expansion.



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**Felix Schoeller  
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A \$6.2 million imaging paper expansion project was announced by Felix Schoeller Technical Papers, Inc., which will result in 25 new jobs over the next three years. Financial assistance was provided by Empire State Development, New York State, OOC (from the Economic Development Initiative Fund) and the County of Oswego IDA.



## Flynn sets priorities

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"That's the only alternative energy technology park in the country," Flynn said. "It's completely devoted to clean technology." STEP, a partnership between NYSEDA, the State University at Albany, and Saratoga Economic Development, will remain environmentally pleasing and a home to incubator businesses.

Throughout the state, Flynn hopes to attract businesses that generate renewable energy. "We want companies that build turbines, make solar energy available, and places like Plug Power, a fuel cell company in Latham, Albany County, to come to New York," Flynn said.

The largest wind farm east of the Mississippi River is located in the town of Fenner, in Madison County. Flynn said he maintains a striking image of old and new together, that of a modern-day metal windmill, with a farmer on his tractor, plowing his fields around it.

"Leasing land for windmills can yield an extra \$2,000 to \$3,000 annually for farmers," Flynn said. A current study is also underway to examine the possibility of converting Lake Erie's offshore wind into energy.

In addition to the positive economic impact of bringing alternative energy generating companies to the state, providing reliable power will attract other types of businesses, Flynn said.

Flynn is also working to make sure that homeowners know they can choose renewable energy for their homes. The PSC has made sure that all utility bills carry environmental labeling. Flynn wants everyone to be able to take advantage of a growing field.

"Clean energy technology is going to be an \$82 billion market by 2010," Flynn said.

Flynn said he has come to know New York well, and is convinced it will realize its energy and communications potential.

"As New Yorkers," he said, "we are leaders, and we have a responsibility we can't shirk."

## Background: William Flynn

Flynn began his public service working for two state Assembly minority leaders, James L. Emery and Clarence D. Rappleyea Jr. After graduating from the University of Dayton Law School in 1987, he worked as an executive assistant and assistant U.S. attorney for Dennis Vacco in the Western District of New York. He also worked for Vacco when he was the state's attorney general.

Flynn's sense of public service comes from growing up in the small town of Mt. Morris in Genesee County. He attended LeMoyne College in Syracuse, where he and his wife, Mary, first met.

After living outside of Buffalo and commuting to Albany for a number of years, the Flynn's moved to Glenmont, outside of Albany. They have two sons, 8-year-old Kevin and 4-year-old Sean.

# SUNY is using the wind



NYSEDA Acting President Peter Smith shakes hands with Lt. Gov. Mary Donohue following the announcement that SUNY at Buffalo is the largest purchaser of wind power in the state.

Last month, SUNY Buffalo became the largest purchaser of renewable wind power in the state through a recent partnership with the state Energy Research and Development Authority and wind marketer Community Energy, Inc.


Peter R. Smith, NYSEDA acting president, said UB became the first campus in the SUNY system to buy a portion of its electrical power from a commercial supplier of wind-generated electricity in 2002 through the purchase of 1.5 megawatts from the Fenner Wind Farm in Madison County.

Smith said UB's 2003 purchase agreement with Community Energy, Inc. is for about half of the output of the entire




Wethersfield Wind Farm in Wyoming County and UB's 2004 purchase will be for the output of three 1.5 megawatt wind turbines from the Fenner Wind Farm in Madison County.

Last year, the governor and NYSEDA announced new awards of \$17 million to support five new wind projects that would increase the number of wind projects in New York from three to eight, and the installed capacity from about 50 to about 365 MW.


Tom Collins, spokesman for NYSEDA, said contracts on these new wind projects are awaiting expected renewals of federal tax credits before construction can get underway.



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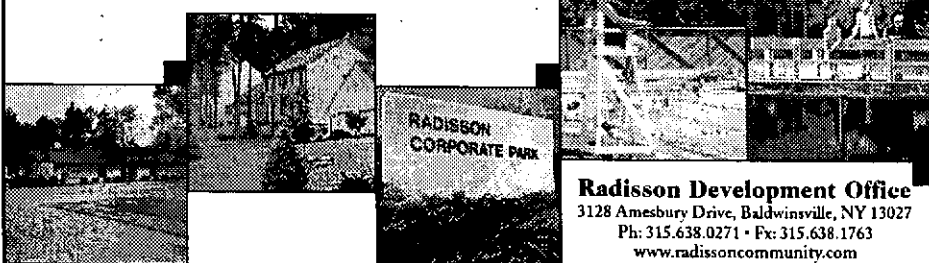
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## CNY engineering

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1925, when Carrier was commissioned to air condition the famed Rivoli Theater in New York. The appeal of air conditioning began to overshadow the films themselves, and before long Carrier had installed similar systems in 300 movie theaters.

Today, Carrier remains the world leader in air cooling systems and employs more than 45,000 in over 171 countries. And the unique tradition of excellence and vision in engineering Carrier had is exemplified in Central New York today.

### A region with a vision

Central New York - and, more specifically, Syracuse - remains a leader in engineering firms and jobs. Some say these jobs, particularly civil and systems engineering and environmental technology, can trace their roots to the Erie Canal and Carrier.

"To me, that's why Central New York has a plethora of environmental firms," said Lee Davis, executive director of the New York Indoor Environmental Quality Center. "The tech heritage goes back to the Erie Canal and the Carrier Corporation."

ENSR International, formerly Galson Corporation, with six offices in Syracuse, is a world leader in indoor environmental air quality and one of the first companies to license DNA-based classification of toxic mold. Davis is ENSR's former CEO. Barton & Loguidice is a leader in bridge, highway, water, wastewater, land planning and site design engineering. Blasland, Bouck & Lee, Inc., a major national engineering firm headquartered

in Syracuse, is a leader in contaminated sediment issues, having directed environmental programs at more polluted waterways than any other firm in the U.S. The Syracuse Research Group is the largest U.S. Environmental Protection Agency contractor in New York. And the list goes on.

"There's a real strong environmental heritage in this community," Davis said. "That's why we're here today."

Central New York environmental companies employ about 10,000 people, according to Davis. Fifty environmental technology companies are headquartered here and four of the country's top 100 engineering firms - C&S Companies, Stearns & Wheler, O'Brien and Gere and Blasland, Bouck & Lee - have offices in Syracuse.

Orrin MacMurray, president and CEO of C&S, said his company has been hiring an average of five new engineering graduates each year - not including the hire of more experienced workers - and now employs about 250.

And the future of engineering - particularly indoor environmental quality - in Syracuse looks especially bright. As the Destiny project gains momentum, a number of local firms are hoping to prosper from it. Although C&S is not currently involved with the project, MacMurray said, "It's a possibility."

MacMurray said the possibility of a petroleum addiction park and buildings run by entirely green technology could be a boon to the indoor environmental quality engineering firms.

"There's a tremendous opportunity for engineers there, outside of the work required to build the project itself," he said.

And many companies that won't be involved with building the mall are hoping

"There's a real strong environmental heritage in this community. That's why we're here today."

Lee Davis, executive director of the New York Indoor Environmental Quality Center.

to cash in on related projects.

"Barton & Loguidice won't be involved with the Destiny USA developers, but we hope to be involved assisting local municipalities deal with infrastructure needs and improvements that the project may require," said Scott Chenet, associate director of marketing with Barton & Loguidice.

And Upstate schools like SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry, Syracuse University Engineering School, Upstate Medical University, Cornell University and Clarkson University aim to keep local firms supplied with graduates with a variety of specialties.

### A future in excellence

If Clinton and Carrier were creative thinkers years ahead of their time, the same could be said of Gov. George Pataki. Many believe Pataki's Centers of Excellence initiative, a groundbreaking partnership between education and industry, offers a unique engine for economic development.

Each Center of Excellence is intended to cater to its region's strengths. The Syra-

cuse Center of Excellence - the Indoor Environmental Quality Center - has already partnered with more than 40 private firms, which have committed more than \$100 million in support of the center, and 12 universities on future research projects.

The center will ensure that New York remains a leader in engineering, Davis said.

"We need to continue to focus on making this happen and continue to invest in this resource," he said.

The goal is long term - the center will not create 1,000 jobs tomorrow, Davis said. It is designed to create a sustainable increase in jobs year after year. Some of the research projects coming out of the center will simulate dynamics of the Onondaga Lake cleanup project, he said, and could directly affect quality of life in Central New York.

The vision of the center is well documented, Davis said. Central New York is losing some of its best tech grads out of high school who are choosing colleges out of the region. And many tech students who go to college here are not choosing careers here, Davis said.

But a \$38 million research infrastructure that the center will create will include world-class labs, which will attract world-class faculty, he said.

"Faculty follow laboratories," Davis said.

Excellent faculty will inspire students to stay and work in laboratories on research projects, ideally in partnership with local firms, he said.

"We're just going to have better trained and educated students in Central New York," Davis said.

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# Label gives local growers an identity

## Wal-Mart hitches to Pride of New York

by Brittney Jerred

A simple label which features Lady Liberty overlooking a farm field and the words "Pride of New York" is giving local growers and producers an identity in a global marketplace.

The Pride of New York campaign was launched by the state Department of Agriculture and Markets in 1996. Since then, it has grown to include 700 members. Those members own the right to use the label and that logo is cropping up in snack aisles and dairy cases around the state.

Wal-Mart has become a big player in the Pride of New York campaign by contracting with local growers whose products bear the label. All 22 Wal-Mart supercenters in New York carry homegrown cabbage, apples and potatoes, to name a few, which are labeled Pride of New York.

Maureen Torrey, a farmer in Niagara and Orleans counties, sells produce to Wal-Mart. She recently marked her cabbage with Pride of New York stickers. She had been selling her cabbage to Wal-Mart but it was coming into the store in plain, black plastic cases.

Torrey says she and her farm company have been selling squash, mixed greens, cucumbers along with cabbage to the distribution center in Johnstown for about a year now but this is the first time Wal-Mart shoppers will know the cabbage is grown



The Pride of New York label puts the focus on products grown in New York state.

locally.

That distinction is important to Wal-Mart. The giant chain store knows consumers want to support their local economy. That's why it launched the community concept, an attempt for Wal-Mart buyers to work with vegetable brokers and suppliers that carry homegrown produce.

"I think customers are always looking

for quality produce they're familiar with," said Wal-Mart spokeswoman Karen Burk.

The Pride of New York program typically operates on about a \$500,000 budget, but a \$500,000 specialty crop grant from the federal government doubled the budget last year. Onions, apples, potatoes and carrots are examples of specialty crops. A good portion of the budget is used for promotion and advertising.

The New York Apple Association received a \$100,000 grant from Pride of New York last year. The apple association matched that grant and launched a \$200,000 ad campaign that allowed it to promote the health benefits of apples. Spokes for the apple association Peter Gregg says the campaign has been a tremendous success.

Advertising on the radio and on television made a dramatic increase in sales, Gregg said.

"We're trying to capitalize on consumer loyalty to homegrown produce," Gregg said. Wal-Mart has also been kind to the New York apple industry. As Wal-Mart supercenters try to compete with other local food chains, it has found a friend in Pride of New York. Last fall, the Utica Wal-Mart hosted the world's largest Empire apple display.

"Wal-Mart has really become a big supporter of Pride of New York," Gregg said. "Its produce buyers are big supporters."



Jessica Chittenden, director of communications for the state Department of Agriculture and Markets, says her job is to raise awareness of New York produce.

and Markets, says her job is to raise awareness of New York produce.

"Many people don't know that New York is a leader in beets, sweet corn, cherries and green beans," Chittenden said.

She sees Pride of New York as a community-building effort where local consumers can learn about local producers and support each other.

Part of the campaign centers around educating youth. This October, public school menus will feature Pride of New York week. New York french fries, apple cider, cheese and milk will be offered.

"It's positive for the economy and positive for our bodies," Chittenden said.

Other state efforts complementing the Pride of New York program include Uncork New York, a wine promotion, and New York Cuisine month, which is held in New York City in September. All month long, restaurants feature homegrown products.

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## Syracuse moving forward with airport authority

by David Tyler

Syracuse's Hancock International Airport will soon be the last major upstate airport to fall under the control of an authority. At an announcement earlier this year, Syracuse Mayor Matthew Driscoll said the city is poised to make good on one of his campaign promises and create an authority to run the city-owned and operated airport.

Driscoll expects to put the enabling legislation in front of the city's common coun-

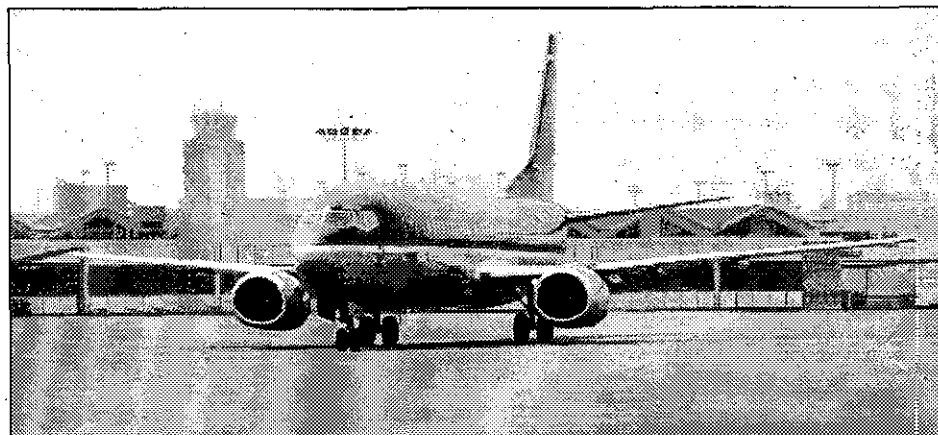
cil within the next month to six weeks. Once the common council passes the enabling legislation, it will be sent to Albany for review by the governor and state legislature and will be out of the city's control.

City Operations Director Charles Everett said Syracuse is looking at regional airport authorities in Albany and Rochester, trying to piece together a proposal that will best suit Hancock's needs. The authority, he said, would be governed by a board of

directors made up of local, state and federal representatives. The exact composition of that board is currently being reviewed by the mayor's office. Once the board is in place, it will appoint an executive to run operations at the airport.

Everett said gaining regional input is necessary for the authority to succeed and

the city is combing the entire Central New York region for representatives to serve on a regional advisory board. That board could be composed of people from Cayuga, Cortland, Madison, Oneida and Oswego counties as well as the Northland and other parts of Central New York that use Hancock as their primary airport.



Syracuse officials are considering plans for a regional airport authority, which they believe would help lower airfares.

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"Dating back to August of 2002, the Greater Binghamton airport has experienced six consecutive months of positive passenger growth," said Broome County Executive Jeffrey Kraham.

Although nationally air travel was down 4.7 percent in 2002, Binghamton showed an increase of slight more than 1 percent, according to the Air Transport Association.

The Greater Binghamton Airport offers service from four of the nation's six largest airlines with 44 flights per day. Airlines serving Binghamton include Delta Connection, Northwest Airlin, United Express and US Airways Express.

## High speed rail inches toward reality

by Katherine McCarthy

It sounds like the sort of word problem that vexes grade school children: if a train traveling at 125 miles per hour leaves Albany at noon, what time will it arrive in New York City?

The lesson rapidly evolves beyond elementary school abilities, though, as real math brings in factors that make the answer impossible to easily determine.

Gov. George Pataki initiated the high speed rail project in 1998, and two of the seven retooled RTL III Turboliners are ready to rush along the tracks between Albany and New York City. The trains use 1,600-horsepower fossil-fueled turbine engines, and can travel up to 125 miles per hour. Each train holds 264 passengers, has a spacious business class section, upgraded menus, larger windows, outlets for laptop computers, halogen lighting and 'residential-style' restrooms. They are expected to shear 20 to 30 minutes off the two-and-a-half-hour trip between the Capital City and the Big Apple.

When the program was initiated, the trains were to have been running by early 2001. By last November, media reports had state Department of Transportation President Joseph Boardman calling Amtrak President David Gunn on the carpet for being \$14 million behind its commitments, and 1.5 years behind schedule on laying double track between Schenectady and Rensselaer to facilitate passenger movement between those two stations.

In January of this year, Boardman and Gunn met again, and Boardman said he

expected the two completed trains to start running within two to three months.

Amtrak, which has been seeking about \$1.2 billion annually from the federal government, declined to comment on the status of high speed rail in New York.

"The state is taking the lead on this," Amtrak spokesman Dan Stessel said. "We have financial restrictions, and there are budgetary restrictions in the state. The situation is in flux, and changes day to day."

At DOT, which oversees all land, air and rail transportation in the state, Jennifer Post said high speed rail certainly remains a priority in the state.

"President Gunn made a commitment, and we look forward to him honoring it," Post said. "Two trains have been delivered to Amtrak, and Super Steel Schenectady has a contract to build seven turboliners."

Super Steel Schenectady recently said it has not received the remaining engines and transmissions to complete the final four trains. Attempts to reach Super Steel for this article were unsuccessful.

With several micro-chip companies, led by Sematech, poised to enter the Capital District in the next few years, leading to more upstate growth, the need for a quicker rail lines would make moving around the state easier.

Stessel defended the state of train travel in New York when asked if high speed rail would become a reality in the Empire State.

"Define high speed rail," he said. "We operate portions at 110 miles per hour."



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# Governor George Pataki's proposed state budget is stunningly out of touch with working New Yorkers.



**J**ust when we needed a budget proposal that will have New Yorkers pulling together, Governor Pataki presented a plan that will have us pulling apart. And New York taxpayers, especially working families and small businesses, will wind up paying for the governor's refusal to make the right tax choices for our state.

The governor talks about avoiding 'job-killing taxes' while putting out job killing proposals that will decimate services, destroy lives and force local governments and school districts to either kill jobs or raise taxes to cover the shortfall. Top economists, including Nobel Prize winner Joseph Stiglitz, agree that service cuts will have a much more negative effect on the economy than targeted tax choices will.

It should be clear that New York can only deal with a budget deficit of this size with a fair and balanced approach that includes revenue and reform, not simply slash and burn cutbacks.

No one wants to pay more taxes. But it makes no sense for the state to keep cutting taxes when we are already short on revenue. And by attempting to avoid state taxes to try to score misguided political points, the governor is really slamming local property tax payers and small business owners who will have to deal with the fallout.

New York leads the nation with a widening gap between the rich and the poor, and property tax increases hurt working people a lot more than state income taxes.

On that point, CSEA believes the state must be realistic about its fiscal situation and consider a surcharge on high income New Yorkers as the best way to help raise desperately needed revenues while having the least negative effect on the vast majority of New Yorkers.

Remember, CSEA members don't just provide government services, we're also taxpaying citizens who utilize government services just like everyone else. We believe New York taxpayers, as well as businesses considering locating to New York, would agree the value we receive for our tax dollar is what's most important.

CSEA's been around for 93 years and we've seen a lot of good times and bad in this state. Just a decade ago we saw the devastating effect that massive state and local government deficits had on the lives of real people and the delivery of needed services.

The lesson of that experience should have been that state and local government must seek to avoid fiscal crises and manage their operations better. Work force planning and responsible budgeting will always be better than the cost, upheaval and demoralization that follows in a crisis.

It is difficult at this point to determine specifically what the impact of state workforce reductions will mean on people and services. However, even the threat of layoffs of state employees signals a failure of this administration to manage

its workforce. To date there has been no outreach from the administration despite the Governor's assertion that he will work with the employee unions on downsizing.

Squeezing working people while bowing to corporate fat cats is bad for business. Because, instead of investing overseas or socking it away in some international stock portfolio, working families actually spend what money they take home in their communities, helping small businesses and local economies.

CSEA has called on the governor to be fair and responsible in his approach to balancing the budget and we are looking to work with the governor and state lawmakers on finding real solutions to our real problems. We can get New York back on the road to recovery if we all pull together.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Danny Donohue".

Danny Donohue is president of the 265,000 members of CSEA - New York's leading union.

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# A manufacturing perspective on taxes and tort reform

by Chris Fish



It is important that elected officials remember that despite talk of a 'post-industrial' economy, manufacturing is still,

far and away, the most important creator of jobs in Upstate New York. In fact, throughout Upstate New York, one in every two jobs depends directly or indirectly on manufacturing. That's why it is important our state elected officials examine what will happen to manufacturing when they considered increasing corporate taxes or reforming the civil justice system.

While some in Albany consider increasing taxes, others are realizing the need for reform in our civil justice system. Lawsuit jury awards are spiraling out of control, threatening the health of key professions and ultimately increasing costs to consumers and taxpayers. In fact the lawsuit industry is costing New Yorkers \$14 billion each year, almost \$800 per person. And it adds hundreds of millions of dollars every year to the property tax burden because of runaway lawsuits against municipalities.

The challenge is to ensure that we have a fair and balanced civil justice system that protects innocent injured plaintiffs, but doesn't abuse the rights of defendants. This is why MACNY applauds Senate Majority Leader Bruno for championing "tort reform" for our judicial system. Part of this plan will cap jury awards for non-economic damages at \$250,000 and create a 10-year limit within which product-liability suits must be filed. These are reasonable steps to take the focus of our civil justice system off the needs of trial lawyers and instead emphasize fair and reasonable compensation for legitimate victims.

From a manufacturing standpoint, Albany is ready to yet again tax corporations to the point that they are forced to move out of state. At the same time Albany may finally be ready to reform New York's civil justice system to ensure the days of the lawsuit industry are numbered. For now one thing is for sure - MACNY will continue to lobby for growth in the upstate economy.

*Chris Fish is director of government affairs and communications for the Manufacturers Association of Central New York, which represents more than 300 employers and 65,000 workers.*

# Education cuts could mean 20,000 lost jobs

By Daniel Lovell

If adopted, Gov. George Pataki's executive budget proposal would cost New York some 20,000 jobs in education, according to the state's largest teacher union.

Pataki's plan cuts more than \$1 billion in aid to public schools - the largest single program cut in the budget. He said, when offering up the plan, that the cuts were necessary to keep taxes low, drive economic development, and create jobs. But a survey of local union presidents from New York State United Teachers projects schools will cut 15,000 kindergarten-through-12th grade teachers and 4,000 faculty positions in the state's university system - some 7 percent of teaching positions statewide.

NYSUT claims the layoffs will further damage New York's economy, delaying the state's economic recovery.

According to the report, "It is very clear the spectre of massive job cuts would destroy years of progress in public education while further weakening New York's tax base and economy. Thousands of highly skilled, highly educated professionals will be shuffled out of jobs at precisely the time their brain power is needed to continue New York's drive for higher standards and better student performance."

And NYSUT worries that cuts to the state university system could mean a hit to communities that host SUNY campuses.

According to the report, Stony Brook received \$270 million in state funding in 1998, but generated \$2.5 billion in economic activity on Long Island. That money was spent on food gasoline, dry cleaning, clothing and entertainment. The \$580 million proposed cuts to the system would be disastrous, NYSUT claims.

Ken Brown, of Pataki's budget office, said times are lean in New York, and difficult decisions had to be made. But Pataki's support of education, he said, is unquestionable.

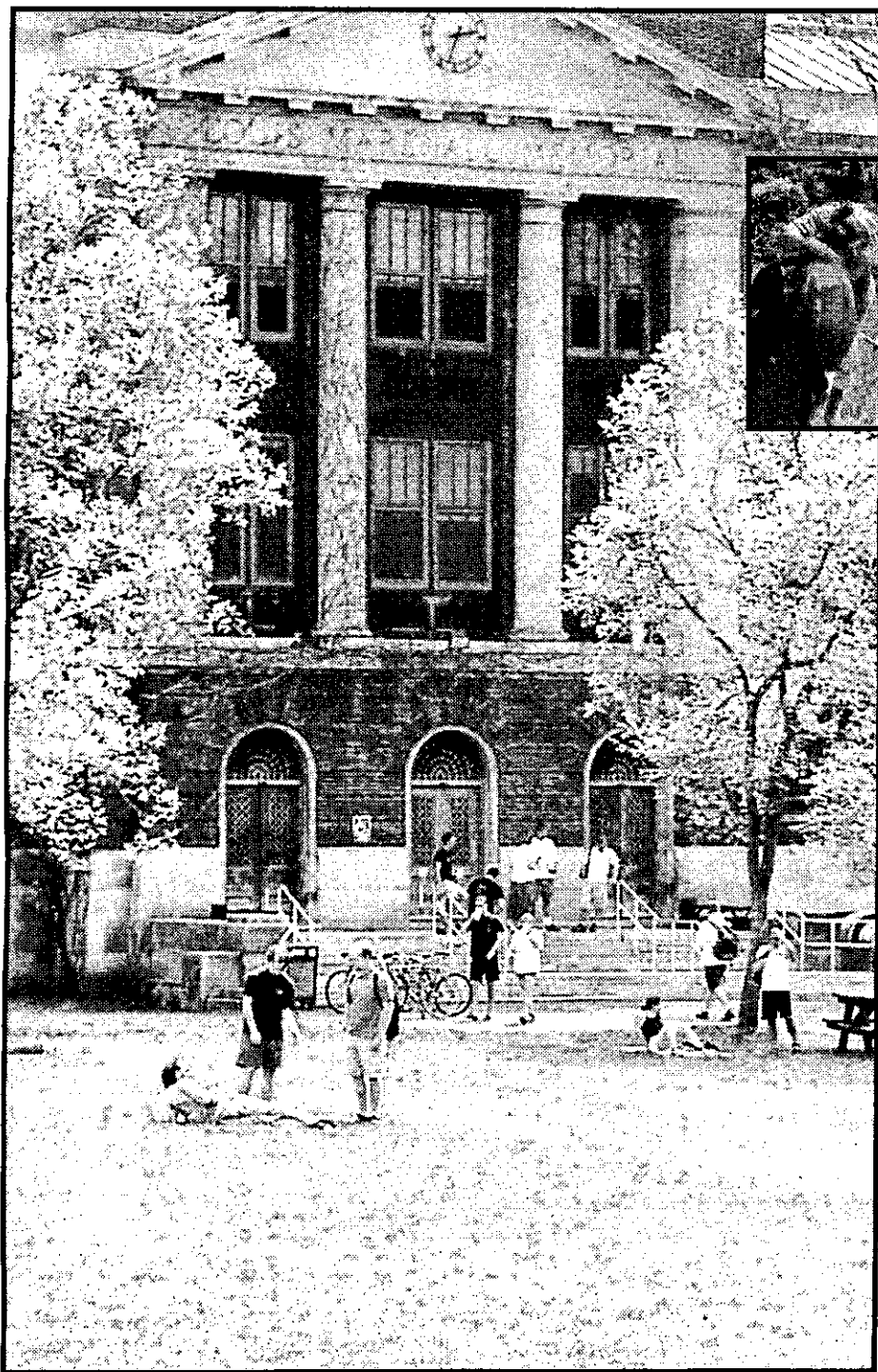
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NYSUT

tionable. Since taking office, school employment has increased by nearly 40,000 people, and aid to schools has increased by 36 percent.

Pataki has also launched programs to train, recruit and retain teachers, has offered programs to help districts lower their costs, and offered pension reforms.

"Governor Pataki believes in public education and has made record investments in our schools," he said. "While we're clearly facing challenging fiscal times, New Yorkers will continue to invest more in education than the rest of the nation."



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James and Diana Garnett

## Woodworth, Garnett marry

Diana L. Woodworth, daughter of Neil and Holly Woodworth of Delmar, and James R. Garnett, son of William and Barbara Garnett of Paris, Tenn., were married Dec. 28.

The Rev. Thomas Wood performed the ceremony at the Catholic Chapel of the Most Holy Trinity at West Point.

A reception followed at the Holiday Inn in Fishkill.

The maid of honor was Melissa Mendola. Bridesmaids were Amber Truelson, Amanda Gray and Melissa Padula.

The best man was Patrick Killoran. Ushers were Vikash

Patel, Timothy Mosher and Nicholas Suhr.

The bride is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and SUNY Geneseo.

She is a special education teacher in the Lawton School District in Lawton, Okla., and a graduate student at Cameron University.

The groom is a graduate of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point.

He is a second lieutenant in the Army, stationed at Fort Sill, Okla.

After a cruise to Mexico, the couple lives in Lawton.

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## Dean's List

### Johnson & Wales University

Heidi Wiesmaier of Voorheesville.

### University at Buffalo

Alexander Heiss and Elizabeth Fox-Soloman, both of Delmar; Steven Altmayer and Rachael Shatsoff, both of Slingerlands; and Amy Fiato, Edward Demauro and Melissa Maikoff, all of Voorheesville.

### University of Rochester

Matthew Olinzock of Glenmont; Jennifer Zogg of Delmar; and Amy Shatsoff of Slingerlands.

## Births

### Bellevue Hospital

Girl, Caitlin Ainsley Dubin, to Kathie and Dave Dubin of Delmar, March 14.

### Attorney named partner at firm

Jeffrey Osterman, son of Melvin Osterman and stepson of Norma Meacham of Delmar, has been named partner in the Trade Practices & Regulatory Law Department of Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP, one of the largest law firms in the nation.

Osterman concentrates in the area of intellectual property, with a particular focus on complex transactional matters.

He has had extensive experience with technology development and licensing agreements, professional service agreements, e-commerce agreements and outsourcing arrangements.

Osterman is a member of the state Bar of New York and is admitted to practice before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

He serves as executive editor of *The Journal of Proprietary Rights*.

He is a graduate of Cornell University and Harvard Law School.

Weil, Gotshal & Manges is an international law firm of approximately 1,000 attorneys, including over 285 partners.

Headquartered in New York, the firm has offices in Austin, Boston, Brussels, Budapest, Dallas, Frankfurt, Houston, London, Miami, Paris, Prague, Silicon Valley, Singapore, Warsaw and Washington, D.C.



Michael Lurie and Melissa Mocny

## Mocny, Lurie engaged

Melissa Mocny, daughter of Douglas and Deborah Mocny of Rochester, and Michael Lurie, son of Gregory and Eileen Lurie of Delmar, are engaged to be married.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of SUNY Geneseo. She is a graduate student at the University of

Albany's School of Public Health.

The future groom is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and SUNY Oswego.

He is a certified public accountant for Lurie and Co. in Albany.

The couple plans an August wedding.



Liza Carusone and Benjamin Cline

## Carusone, Cline to wed

Liza Carusone, daughter of Leonard and Susan Carusone of Delmar, and Benjamin Cline, son of Richard and Kathleen Cline of East Greenbush, are engaged to be married.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Mercy High School and Hudson

Valley Community College. She works in customer service for Hannaford Bros. in Delmar.

The future groom is a graduate of Columbia High School. He is a loss prevention coordinator for Hannaford Bros.

An Oct. 11 wedding is planned.

## Community



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### Local author to speak at library

Allison Bennett will talk about her new book, *Saratoga Sojourn*, at the Bethlehem Public Library on Monday, April 21, at 2 p.m.

The book recounts the life of Ellen Hardin Walworth, historian, educator, and founder of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Author of five local history books, Bennett is also a former Bethlehem town historian and longtime writer for *The Spotlight*.

Call 439-9314 to register for this free program.

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# Obituaries

## Pauline Geurtze

Pauline Charlotte Geurtze, 74, of Delmar died Wednesday, April 9, at her home.

Born in Tamaroa, Ill., she was a graduate of Pinkneyville, Ill., schools.

Mrs. Geurtze worked as a bookkeeper and secretary in the family business, Harold H. Geurtze & Co. for more than 40 years.

She was a Sunday school teacher at First United Methodist Church in Delmar and was a cofounder of the Treasure Cove used clothing exchange at the church. She was a 4-H leader for 12 years.

Mrs. Geurtze was an avid gardener and enjoyed baking and sewing.

Survivors include her husband, Harold H. Geurtze; two daughters, Cher Geurtze of Birkenrod, Denmark, and Deborah Geurtze of Cooperstown and Southold; two brothers, Henry Schwarz of Tamaroa and William Schwarze of Cathlamet, Wash.; two sisters, Louise Trigg of Tamaroa and Anne Lott of Santa Clara, Calif.; and four grandchildren.

Services are scheduled at 4 p.m. today, April 16, at First United Methodist Church in Delmar, 438 Kenwood Ave., Delmar. A reception will follow the service.

Arrangements are by the Tebbutt Funeral Home in Delmar.

Contributions may be made to the Treasure Cove Equipment Fund, c/o Jeanne Herrmann, 11 Dumbarton Drive, Delmar 12054 or the Roger Barber Landscaping Fund, Middleburgh Reformed Church, PO Box 112, Middleburgh 12122.

## Eleanor Haywood

Eleanor Monroe Gage Haywood of Slingerlands died Monday, April 7.

Mrs. Haywood was the widow of William Haywood.

Survivors include a daughter, Joan Helene of Hackettstown, N.J., and five grandchildren.

Services were from

Community United Methodist Church in Slingerlands.

Arrangements were by the Tebbutt Funeral Home in Albany.

Contributions may be made to Friends of Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, 56 Game Farm Road, Delmar 12054 or Community United Methodist Church, 1499 New Scotland Road, Slingerlands 12159.

## Simon Van Ryn

Simon Van Ryn, 84, of Delmar died Friday, April 4, at his son's home.

Born in Woubrugge, South Holland, he emigrated to the United States after World War II.

He was in Albany

Mr. Van Ryn was a member of the Delmar Fire Dept. for 24 years and the Elsmere Fire Dept. for 24 years.

He was an EMT and a past board member and president of the Albany County Volunteer Firemen's Association and a former board member of the Hudson Mohawk Firemen's Association.

In March, he was honored as Fireman of the Year by the Elsmere Fire Dept.

He was a member of the Over 70 Ski Club and an avid gardener.

Survivors include his wife, Trudy Van Ryn; three sons, Leonard J. Van Ryn of Cohoes, Dr. Jacques S. Van Ryn of St. Louis, Mo., and Paul W. Van Ryn of Slingerlands; two daughters, Debbie Van Ryn of Austin, Texas, and Tammara Van Ryn of Greenwich; two brothers, Matthius Johannes van Rijn of the Netherlands and Hendrikes Simon van Rijn of Australia; three sisters, Hester Wilhelmina Elsgest, Wilhelmina Maria Kniest and Sister Hendrika Margaretha van Rijn, all of the Netherlands; and nine grandchildren.

Services were from the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle in Delmar.

Arrangements were by the Applebee Funeral Home in Delmar.

Burial was in Calvary Cemetery in Glenmont.

Contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society or the Elsmere Fire Dept.

## Eleanor Haywood

Eleanor Monroe Gage Haywood of Slingerlands died Monday, April 7.

Survivors include a daughter, Joan Helene of Hackettstown, N.J.; five grandchildren; and two step great-grandchildren.

Services were from Community Methodist Church in Slingerlands.

Arrangements were by the Tebbutt Funeral Home in Delmar.

Donations may be made to Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, 56 Game Farm Road, Delmar 12054 or Community Methodist Church of Slingerlands, 1499 New Scotland Road, Slingerlands 12159.

## Richard Lennon

Richard R. Lennon of Voorheesville died Tuesday, April 8, at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

An Albany native, he lived in Voorheesville for the last 18 years.

He was an Army veteran of World War II.

Mr. Lennon worked for Fitches Advertising for many years and was also a clerk for the Postal Service, retiring in 1975.

He was husband of the late Mary Creed Lennon.

Survivors include two sons, Richard J. Lennon of Dunedin, Fla., and John J. Lennon of Albany; six grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren.

Services were from the Daniel Keenan Funeral Home in Albany and St. John's-St. Ann's Church.

Burial was in Calvary Cemetery in Glenmont.

## Leo Soucy

Leo A. Soucy, 76, of Glenmont died Monday, April 7, at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

Born in Brentwood, N.H., he received a bachelor's degree from Suffolk University, a master's degree in education from Boston University and a doctorate in education from Syracuse University.

He was the recipient of a Fulbright Grant and a Ford Foundation Scholarship.

After retiring in 1982 from the state Department of Education as an assistant commissioner, he did consulting work for Instructional Systems in Hackensack, N.J.

He had also been district

superintendent of Cayuga County BOCES, superintendent of the Union Springs School District and a teacher in West Newbury, Newburyport and Haverhill, Mass.

Mr. Soucy was a member of the state Commission for the Olympics at Lake Placid, past president of the Rural Regional Education Association and a life member of the National Education Association.

He was also a member of the New York State Council of School Superintendents, Phi Delta Kappa and the American Legion Blanchard Post 1040.

He was a communicant of the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle in Delmar.

Survivors include his wife, Marilyn Welch Soucy; two sons, David Soucy of Union Springs and Douglas Soucy of Malta; a daughter, Karen DiVito of Monroe, Ga.; three stepsons, Mark McCarthy and William McCarthy, both of Delmar, and Michael McCarthy of Glenmont; two brothers, Armand Soucy of Seabrook, N.H., and Roland Soucy of Haverhill, Mass.; a sister, Ramona Fici of Haverhill; and 13 grandchildren.

Services were from the Applebee Funeral Home in Delmar and the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle.

Contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association, Eastern Regional Office, 50 Colvin Ave., Albany 12206 or the St. Thomas Memorial Fund, 35 Adams Place, Delmar 12054.

## Donald Stevens

Donald B. Stevens, 91, of Slingerlands died Monday, April 7, at the Mayo Hospital in Dover-Foxcroft, Maine.

Born in Newburyport, Mass., he earned a bachelor's degree in chemical engineering from Northeastern University and a master's degree in sanitary chemistry and biology from Harvard.

He was an officer in the U.S. Public Health Service, attaining the rank of captain.

Mr. Stevens spent 25 years with the state Department of Health and later with the state Department of Environmental Conservation as a sanitary engineer. He retired in 1973 as director of research.

He was a registered professional engineer and president of the New England Interstate Water Pollution Control Commission.

He was a member of First

United Methodist Church in Delmar, where he served as treasurer and on various committees.

He was a committee member of Boy Scout troops 75 and 78 and Helderberg District.

He was a volunteer for the Red Cross, Easter Seals, March of Dimes, Albany First Methodist Society and the American Cancer Society.

In 1999, he received the Capital District Senior lifetime Achievement Award for his charitable work.

He was husband of the late Priscilla Stevens.

Survivors include two sons, John Stevens of Northfield, Vt., and Peter Stevens of Bradford, Maine; eight grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Services were in Newburyport, Mass.

A memorial service was held at First United Methodist Church in Delmar.

Arrangements were by the Raymond E. Thompson Funeral Home in East Corinth, Maine.

## Frances Burkart

Frances M. Burkart, 81, of Delmar died Thursday, April 10.

She was the widow of Joseph E. Burkart.

Survivors include a son, Eric Burkart of Delmar; a sister, Jean Barry; three grandchildren; and four step-grandchildren.

Services were from Calvary Cemetery in Glenmont.

Arrangements were by the Durant Funeral Home in Glenmont.

Contributions may be made to the American Red Cross of Northeastern New York, 35 Everett Road, Colonie 12205.

## Pamela Higby

Pamela MacKay Higby, 71, of Venice, Fla., and formerly of Delmar, died Saturday, March 29.

Born in New Haven, Conn., she was a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and a longtime resident of Delmar.

Mrs. Higby was a partner in an insurance firm in Orchard Park before she retired.

Survivors include her husband of 50 years, Paul N. Higby; a daughter, Cynthia Higby of Marshfield, Mass.; two sons, Mark D. Higby of Granby, Conn., and Scott M. Higby of Dallas, Texas; a brother, Raymond G. MacKay Jr. of Seven Lakes, N.C.; and three grandchildren.

Services were from Venice Presbyterian Church in Venice.

## Retirement dinner slated for chief

The Bethlehem Police Department is hosting a retirement dinner honoring Chief Richard J. LaChappelle on Friday, May 16, from 6 p.m. to midnight at Normanside Country Club.

Music will be by the Sound Dynamics.

Dinner choices include prime rib, chicken piccata or stuffed filet of sole.

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Under Section 203 of the Limited Liability Company Law. The undersigned, for the purpose of organizing a limited liability company in the State of New York, does hereby certify: FIRST: The name of limited liability company is HOLLYFIELD FARMS, LLC. SECOND: The county within this state in which the office of the limited liability company is to be located is ALBANY COUNTY. THIRD: The Secretary of State is designated as an 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 copy of any process against the limited liability company upon him is HOLLYFIELD FARMS, LLC C/O MICHAEL PARMELEE 109 SUSSEX COURT VOORHEESVILLE, NY 12186. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this certificate has been subscribed this 2/21/2003 by the undersigned who affirms that the statements made herein are true under the penalties of perjury. S/MICHAEL PARMELEE MICHAEL PARMELEE/ ORGANIZER 109 SUSSEX COURT VOORHEESVILLE, NY 12186 LCD-2851 (April 16, 2003)

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MM SANDCREEK, LLC. Notice of formation of a domestic Limited Liability Company (LLC) Articles of Organization filed with the New York Secretary of State on March 28, 2003. 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 2 Tower Place, Albany, New York 12203. LCD-2999 (April 16, 2003)

LEGAL NOTICE

MM TOWERS, LLC. Notice of formation of a domestic Limited Liability Company (LLC) Articles of Organization filed with the New York Secretary of State on March 28, 2003. 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 2 Tower Place, Albany, New York 12203. LCD-2997 (April 16, 2003)

LEGAL NOTICE

NM SANDCREEK, LLC. Notice of formation of a domestic Limited Liability Company (LLC) Articles of Organization filed with the New York Secretary of State on March 28, 2003. 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 2 Tower Place, Albany, New York 12203. LCD-2998 (April 16, 2003)

LEGAL NOTICE

NM TOWERS, LLC. Notice of formation of a domestic Limited Liability Company (LLC) Articles of Organization filed with the New York Secretary of State on March 28, 2003. 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 2 Tower Place, Albany, New York 12203. LCD-2993 (April 16, 2003)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of HKL Development LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 4/8/2003. 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 Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207, registered agent upon whom process may be served. Term: until 4/8/2053. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-3023 (April 16, 2003)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of High Peaks Venture Partners, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 3/18/03. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 10/18/01. 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. Principal office of LLC: 160 Water St., Williamstown, MA 01267. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy.

LEGAL NOTICE

of State, 401 Federal St., Suite 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: all lawful purpose. LD-3015 (April 16, 2003)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of High Peaks Ventures, L.P. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 3/18/03. Office location: Albany County. LP formed in Delaware (DE) on 10/18/01. SSNY designated as agent of LP upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o CT Corporation System, 111 8th Ave., NY, NY 10011, registered agent upon whom process may be served. Principal office of LP: 160 Water St., Williamstown, MA 01267. Name/address of each genl. ptr. available from SSNY. Cert. of LP filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Suite 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: all lawful purposes. LD-3014 (April 16, 2003)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of formation of 120 MORELAND STREET REALTY LLC a NYS limited liability company (LLC). Formation filed with SSNY on 03/24/2003. Off. Loc: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agt. of LLC, upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: The LLC, 120 Moreland St., Staten Island, NY 10306. Purpose: All lawful purposes. LD-3012 (April 16, 2003)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). The name of the LLC is Kingsview Realty, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on March 28, 2003. 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 1676 New Scotland Road, Slingerlands, New York 12159. LCD-3005 (April 16, 2003)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Pyramid Laser LLC. Art. of Org. filed Secy. of State (SSNY) 3/26/03. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process: 28 White Tail Circle, Wyantskill, NY 12198. Purpose: any lawful purpose. LCD-3001 (April 16, 2003)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of limited liability company (LLC): Name: Biosthetic Holdings, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 03/05/03. 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: Bioshtetic Holdings, LLC 877 Western Avenue, Albany, New York 12203. Term: Perpetual. Purpose: real estate holding company and any other lawful purpose. LD-3000 (April 16, 2003)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Neelytown Road Investors LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 3/26/03. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 3/11/03. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: c/o Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207, registered agent upon whom process may be served. Principal office of LLC: c/o UBS Realty Investors LLC, 242 Turnbull St., Hartford, CT 06103. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Suite 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-2982 (April 16, 2003)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of formation of Harris, Blazer & Conway, PPLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 3/10/03. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as the agent of PLLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to 5 Clinton Sq., Albany, NY 12207. The latest date upon which the PLLC is to dissolve is 12/31/2080. Purpose: to practice the profession of law. LCD-2974 (April 16, 2003)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). The name of the LLC is SABLE TECHNICAL SERVICES, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on March 27, 2003. 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 2642 Marco Avenue, Odessa, Texas 79762. LCD-2971 (April 16, 2003)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LLC Articles of Organization for AGS GROUP, LLC were filed with the Secretary of State of New York on March 12, 2003. Office located in Albany County. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent upon which process may be served and copy of process shall be mailed by the Secretary of State to the LLC, 241 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York 12054. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. LD-2968 (April 16, 2003)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY A Certificate of Conversion of Viceroy Investment Properties to Viceroy Investment Properties, LLC ("LLC") was filed with the Secretary of State of New York ("SSNY") on March 18, 2003, effective upon 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 c/o 8 Breeman Street, Albany, NEW York 12205. The purpose for which the LLC is formed is to engage in the acquisition, improvement, finance, construction, management, leasing, operation, and sale of residential and/or commercial real estate and for any lawful act or activity in furtherance thereof, in connection therewith, or incidental thereto, for which limited liability companies may be formed under the Limited Liability Law of the State of New York. LCD-2957 (April 16, 2003)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY Pursuant to Section 206 of the New York Limited Liability Law 1. The name of the Limited Liability Company is JMB Capital, LLC. 2. The Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State on March 19, 2003. 3. The office of the Limited Liability Company is to be located in Albany County. 4. The Secretary of State is designated as agent of the limited liability company upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address within or without New York to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the limited liability company served upon him or her is: JMB Capital, LLC 121 State Street Albany, New York 12207 5. The limited liability company is formed to engage in any lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be formed under the laws of the State of New York. LD-2939 (April 16, 2003)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of MessagePro of Houston, L.P. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 1/29/03. Office location: Albany County. LP formed in Texas (TX) on 9/13/00. SSNY designated as agent of LP upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: c/o CT Corporation System, 111 8th Ave., NY, NY 10011, registered agent upon whom process may be served. TX address of LP: 9700 Bissonnet, Suite 1500, Houston, TX 77036. Name/address of each genl. ptr. available from SSNY. Cert. of LP filed with TX Secy. of State, P.O. Box 13697, Austin, TX 78711. Purpose: all lawful activities. LD-2938 (April 16, 2003)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Centrix Financial LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 3/10/2003. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Colorado (CO) on 6/30/1998. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: c/o Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207, registered agent upon whom process may be served. CO address of LLC: 6782 South Potomac St., Englewood, CO 80112. Arts. of Orig. filed with CO Secy. of State, 1560 Broadway, Suite 200, Denver, CO 80202. Purpose: any lawful activity LD-2927 (April 16, 2003)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). The name of LLC is THE COLONIAL INSURANCE AGENCY, LLC. The articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on March 19, 2003. 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 7 Airport Park Boulevard, Latham, New York 12110. LCD-2925 (April 16, 2003)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Cornerstone Apartment Venture I, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State N.Y. (SSNY) on 3/07/03. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 1/9/03. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: c/o Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207, registered agent upon whom process may be served. Principal office of LLC: One Financial Plaza, Suite 1700, Hartford, CT 06103. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Suite 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-2923 (April 16, 2003)

LEGAL NOTICE

PROPERTY TAX REPORT CARD FOR VOORHEESVILLE (011003) 2003-2004 SCHOOL YEAR April 8, 2003 School District Contact Person: Dr. Alan R. McCartney School District Telephone Number: (518) 765-3313 ext. 104 (A) Budgeted 2002-2003 Total Spending- \$16,729,172 Total Estimated School Tax Levy- \$10,464,651 Public School Enrollment- 1,292 Consumer Price Index- (B) Budgeted 2003-2004 Total Spending- \$17,368,005 Total Estimated School Tax Levy- \$11,477,303 Public School Enrollment- 1,294 Consumer Price Index- (C) Percent Change Total Spending- 3.82% Total Estimated School Tax Levy- 9.68% Public School Enrollment- 15% Consumer Price Index- 1.60% LD-3010 (April 16, 2003)

## LEGAL NOTICE

## LEGAL NOTICE

## PUBLICATION NOTICE

1. The name of the Limited Liability Company is DCM ENTERPRISES, LLC (hereinafter referred to as the "Company").

2. The Articles of Organization of the Company were filed with the Secretary of State on January 13, 2003.

3. The County within the State of New York in which the office of the Company is to be located is Albany County.

4. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent upon whom process against the Company may be served. The Post Office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail process is 421 Second Avenue, Watervliet, New York 12189.

5. The purpose of the business of the Company is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under the Limited Liability Company Law of the State of New York.

LD-2917  
(April 16, 2003)

## LEGAL NOTICE

## PUBLICATION NOTICE

1. The name of the Limited Liability Company is CHANGE TAC, LLC (hereinafter referred to as the "Company").

2. The Articles of Organization of the Company were filed with the Secretary of State on December 12, 2002.

3. The County within the State of New York in which the office of the Company is to be located is Albany County.

4. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent upon whom process against the Company may be served. The Post Office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail process is 4 Arbor Court, Albany, New York 12211.

5. The purpose of the business of the Company is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under the Limited Liability Company Law of the State of New York.

LD-2916  
(April 16, 2003)

## LEGAL NOTICE

## PUBLICATION NOTICE

1. The name of the Limited Liability Company is INVENTORY MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS, LLC (hereinafter referred to as the "Company").

2. The Articles of Organization of the Company were filed with the Secretary of State on August 13, 2001.

3. The County within New York in which the office of the Company is to be located is Albany County.

4. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent upon whom process against the Company may be served. The Post Office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail process is 2622 Seventh Avenue, Watervliet, New York 12189.

5. The purpose of the business of the Company is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under the Limited Liability Company Law of the State of New York.

LD-2915  
(April 16, 2003)

## LEGAL NOTICE

## PUBLICATION NOTICE

1. The name of the Limited Liability Company is ROI PROPERTIES, LLC (hereinafter referred to as the "Company").

2. The Articles of Organization of the Company were filed with the Secretary of State on August 13, 2001.

3. The County within New York in which the office of the Company is to be located is Albany County.

4. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent upon whom process against the Company may be served. The Post Office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail process is 2622 Seventh Avenue, Watervliet, New York 12189.

5. The purpose of the business of the Company is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under the Limited Liability Company Law of the State of New York.

LD-2914  
(April 16, 2003)

## LEGAL NOTICE

VOORHEESVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

## LEGAL NOTICE

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING, BUDGET VOTE AND ELECTION NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

THAT a public hearing of the qualified voters of Voorheesville Central School District, County of Albany, State of New York will be held on May 12, 2003 at 7:30 p.m. in the Commons Area of the Clayton A. Bouton High School in said district for the presentation of a budget for the school year 2003-2004.

And notice is also given that said vote will be held on Tuesday, May 20, 2003. The polls will open at 2:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Saving Time and voting will proceed until 9:30 p.m. on the following:

1. To elect a member of the Board of Education for a 5-year term to fill the vacancy created by the expiration of the term of Thomas J. McKenna.

2. To vote on the Annual School Budget and the appropriation of the necessary funds to meet the estimate of expenditures, and to authorize the levy of taxes for this purpose.

3. NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that at said Annual District Election and Budget Vote to be held on May 20, 2003, the following proposition will be submitted:

**PROPOSITION**

Shall the following resolution be adopted, to-wit:

**RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Voorheesville Central School District, Albany County, New York, is hereby authorized to purchase buses and vans at a maximum estimated cost \$246,500 and that such sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be raised by the levy of a tax upon the taxable property of said School District and collected in annual installments as provided by Section 416 of the Education Law; and in anticipation of such tax, obligations of said School District shall be issued.

And notice is also given that a copy of the statement of the amount of money which will be required for the ensuing year for school purposes, exclusive of public money, may be obtained by any taxpayer in the district during the fourteen days immediately preceding the Annual Meeting, except Saturday, Sunday or holiday, at the following schoolhouses in which school is maintained during the hours designated:

Schoolhouses  
Voorheesville Elementary School  
Hours  
8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
Clayton A. Bouton High School  
Hours  
8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

And notice is also given that petitions nominating candidates for the office of member of the Board of Education must be filed with the Clerk of the district not later than the 30th day preceding the school meeting. Each petition must be directed to the Clerk of the district, must state the name and residence of the candidate and must describe the specific vacancy for which the candidate is nominated including at least the length of the term of office and the name of the last incumbent.

And notice is further given that letters requesting application for absentee ballots may be received by the District Clerk not earlier than the thirtieth (30th) day nor later than the seventh (7th) day before the election. Requests should be addressed to:

Clerk Board of Education  
Voorheesville Central School District  
P.O. Box 498  
Voorheesville, New York 12186  
Dated: April 2, 2003  
Dorothea Pfeider  
District Clerk

**AND NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN** THAT at said public hearing of the qualified voters of Voorheesville Central School District, County of Albany, State of New York held on May 12, 2003 at 7:30 p.m. in the Commons Area of the Clayton A. Bouton High School in said district, the Public Library budget for the year 2003-2004 will be considered and such other business transacted as is authorized by law.

And notice is also given that said vote will be held on Tuesday, May 20, 2003. The polls will open at 2:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Saving Time and voting will proceed until 9:30 p.m. on the following:

1. To elect a member of the Library Board for a 5-year term to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of the term of Ellen Bidell.

2. To vote on the Public Library budget and the appropriation of the necessary funds to meet the estimate of expenditures, and to authorize the levy of taxes for this purpose.

## LEGAL NOTICE

And notice is also given that a copy of the statement of the amount of money which will be required for the ensuing year for library purposes, exclusive of public money, may be obtained by any taxpayer in the district during the fourteen days immediately preceding the Annual Meeting, except Saturday, Sunday or holiday at the following schoolhouses in which school is maintained during the hours designated:

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Voorheesville Elementary School  
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And notice is further given that letters requesting application for absentee ballots may be received by the District Clerk not earlier than the thirtieth (30th) day nor later than the seventh (7th) day before the election. Requests should be addressed to:

Clerk, Board of Education  
Voorheesville Central School District  
P.O. Box 498  
Voorheesville, NY 12186  
Dated: April 2, 2003

Gail Sacco  
Clerk

LD-2954  
(April 16, 2003)

## LEGAL NOTICE

## NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION PURSUANT TO NY LLC LAW SECTION 1203 (c)

The name of the professional service limited liability company is LEONARD F. VALLETTA ENTERPRISES, LLC. The date of the filing of the Articles of Organization with the Secretary of State was February 13, 2003. The County in which the office of the LLC is to be located is Albany. The agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served is the Secretary of State and such shall mail a copy of any process to: Burke, Casserly & Gable, P.C. 255 Washington Avenue Extension, Albany, New York 12205. The purpose of the Company is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be formed under the Limited Liability Company Law.

LD-2985  
(April 16, 2003)

## LEGAL NOTICE

## NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: BOULEVARD APARTMENTS LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 01/03/03. The latest date of dissolution is 12/31/2049. 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 Stanley Rosenberg, 112 High Street, Hoosick Falls, New York 12090. Purpose: For any lawful purpose.

LD-3004  
(April 16, 2003)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of West End Pharmacy, LLC, Art. of Org. filed Secy. of State (SSNY) 2/26/03. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process: 68 Ontario Street, Albany, NY 12206. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

LCD-2889  
(April 16, 2003)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Brandywine Development, LLC, Art. of Org. filed Secy. of State (SSNY) 1/24/03. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process: c/o Becker & Becker, P.O. Box 575, Albany, NY 12201-0575. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

## LEGAL NOTICE

LCD-2880  
(April 16, 2003)

## LEGAL NOTICE

## NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: BALMORAL PARTNERS, LLC.

Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of State of New York ("SSNY") on 09/12/02. 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, 200 LANCASTER ST #100 ALBANY NY 12210. Purpose: For any lawful purpose.

LD-2874  
(April 16, 2003)

## LEGAL NOTICE

## NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: RIVERTOWN INVESTMENTS, LLC.

Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York ("SSNY") on 10/18/02. 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, 200 LANCASTER ST #100 ALBANY NY 12210. Purpose: For any lawful purpose.

LD-2873  
(April 16, 2003)

## LEGAL NOTICE

## NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC).

The name of the LLC is UNIFIED HOLDINGS, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the Secretary of State on February 25, 2003. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the LLC is to be located in Name 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 5 Edgewood Circle. Menands, New York 12204.

LCD-2866  
(April 16, 2003)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Capitol Construction Services, L.P. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 2/18/03. Office location: Albany County. LP formed in Delaware (DE) on 4/30/02. SSNY designated as agent of LP upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: c/o Corpora-

## LEGAL NOTICE

tion Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207, registered agent upon whom process may be served. Principal office of LP: 220 North Smith, Suite 202, Palatine, IL 60069. Name/address of genl. ptr. available from SSNY. Cert. of LP filed with DE Secy. of State, Loockerman & Federal Sts., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity.

LD-3013  
(April 16, 2003)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Business Incubation Support Services International, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 3/07/03. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in New Jersey (NJ) on 1/29/03. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: c/o Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207, registered agent upon whom process may be served. NJ address of LLC: 350 W. Passaic St., Rochelle St., Rochelle Park NJ 07662. Arts. of Org. filed with NJ Dept. of Treasury, Division of Revenue, 225 West State St., Fl., Trenton, NJ 08608. Purpose: any lawful activity.

LD-2905  
(April 16, 2003)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of New Bedford Realty Development, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 3/3/03. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Massachusetts (MA) on 3/19/01. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: c/o Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207. MA address of LLC: c/o The Richmond Company, Inc., 7 Essex Green Dr., Suite 56, Peabody, MA 01960. Arts. of Org. filed with MA Secy. of Commonwealth, One Ashburton Place, 17th Fl., Boston, MA 02108. Purpose: any lawful activity.

LD-2879  
(April 16, 2003)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of NB Realty, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 3/3/03. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 2/27/03. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: c/o Corporation Service Co. (CSC), 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207. DE address of LLC: c/o CSC, 2711 Centerville Rd., Suite 400, Wilmington, DE 19808. Arts. of

## LEGAL NOTICE

Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Suite 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity.

LD-2878  
(April 16, 2003)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Xerox XBS Warehouse Holding LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 2/4/03. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 12/18/02. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: c/o Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207, registered agent upon whom process may be served. Principal office of LLC: 800 Long Ridge Rd., Mail Stop 2-4B, Stamford, CT 06904. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, Loockerman & Federal Sts., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity.

LD-2872  
(April 16, 2003)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Eby-Brown Transportation, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 2/21/03. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 9/17/01. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: c/o Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207, registered agent upon whom process may be served. Principal office of LLC: 280 West Shuman Blvd., Suite 280, Naperville, IL 60536. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, Federal & Duke of York St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity.

LD-2871  
(April 16, 2003)

## LEGAL NOTICE

## NOTICE OF FORMATION OF DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC)

The name of the LLC is NXIUM PROPERTIES, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on January 23, 2003. 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 455 New Karner Road, Albany, New York 12205. LCD-2944

(April 16, 2003)

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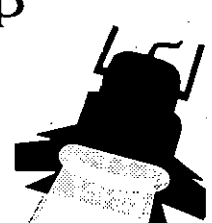
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SPOTLIGHT ON CALENDARS ♦ ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

## Lions and artists and bears...oh my!

By DEV TOBIN

Steamer No. 10, The Egg, and local museums offer lots to do over Easter break

For those who aren't taking their spring break in some Southern locale, local museums and theaters are offering a busy week of varied activities for the Easter vacation week, April 21 to 25.

The New York State Museum is perhaps the busiest place in the Capital District on school holidays, next week including a special Earth Day celebration on April 22. And all its programs are free.

"These activities offer great opportunities for children and their parents to discover more about science, history and their environment while having lots of fun in the process," said State Museum Director Cliff Siegfried.

On Tuesday, April 22, the museum will host Smokey the Bear, a hybrid electric car (the Toyota Prius) and programs on zebra mussels, camping and hiking etiquette and safety, coyotes in the Pine Bush, pollution prevention, recycling, energy efficiency and gardening.

Experts from the Museum, the state Department of Environmental Conservation, the New York State Energy Resource & Development Authority, the U.S. Geological Survey, Albany County Cornell Cooperative Extension and the Columbia Land Conservancy, among others, will present the programs.

Also next week, Monday will feature a variety of programs and activities about eggs in the afternoon.

Wednesday will have a scavenger hunt and a program on mastodons and native peoples of New York.

On Thursday, there will be another scavenger hunt, stories about the Iroquois and a journal-writing activity.

Friday features a scavenger hunt and several art programs.

For times and other information on these State Museum programs, call 474-5877.



The Cashore Marionettes bring their show "Simple Gifts" to Steamer No. 10 on Friday at 10 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3:30 p.m.

The Albany Institute of History & Art at 125 Washington Ave. will feature Aha Art! as its Spring Break Special on Wednesday to Friday, from 10 a.m. to noon, for children ages 7 to 12.

Students will review artworks in the museum, then create artworks of their own.

On Wednesday, the program will focus on the

museum's major exhibit of Richard Callner's work. On Thursday, the program will look at landscapes in the museum collection. On Friday, the current exhibit of historic hats will be featured.

The cost is \$60 for institute members, \$75 for nonmembers, \$30 for a single morning's program.

Reservations are required for these programs; call 463-4478.

Steamer No. 10 Theatre at 500 Western Ave. will present a variety of performing arts programs for what

it calls April Vacation Daze.

On Monday, Catskill Puppets will perform "The Lion's Whiskers," an African coming-of-age story, at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Professor Putter will bring his magical inventions to the Steamer No. 10 stage on Tuesday at 1 and 3:30 p.m.

Alex the Jester's one-man circus shows on Wednesday are already sold out.

An original Steamer No. 10 production of "The Frog Prince," a story about sharing, will be on stage on Thursday at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.

The Cashore Marionettes bring their show "Simple Gifts" to Steamer No. 10 on Friday at 10 a.m. and 1 and 3:30 p.m.

And Steamer No. 10 will present an encore performance of its original play, "Clinton's Ditch — The Saga of the Erie Canal," on Sunday, April 27, at 3 p.m.

Tickets are \$12, \$10 for students and seniors, \$2 off for advance purchases. For information, call 438-5503.

Also in the performing arts vein, The Egg at Empire State Plaza will again present ARTBreak, a week-long participatory program of visual art, dance music and theatre for children ages 8 through 12.

Members of local arts groups, like the Ellen Sinopoli Dance Company, Capital Repertory Theatre and Albany Center Galleries, will work with the children from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday to Friday of vacation week. The program will conclude with an open class and exhibition on Friday from 3 to 4 p.m.

The cost is \$125 and registration is required. For information, call 694-4000, ext. 12.

Most town and county libraries are also offering special programs during vacation week.



Tuesday, April 22, the State Museum will host a program on zebra mussels.



The cast of "Clinton's Ditch — The Saga of the Erie Canal," will present an encore performance of its original play at Steamer No. 10, on Sunday, April 27, at 3 p.m.



"The Lion's Whiskers," performed by the Catskill Puppets, at Steamer No. 10 in April.



# ARTS and ENTERTAINMENT

## Theater

### DRIVING MISS DAISY

Capital Repertory Theatre, 111 N. Pearl St., Albany, through April 19, \$30 to \$38. Information, 445-7469.

### THE COCKTAIL HOUR

A.R. Gurney comedy, Curtain Call Theatre, 210 Old Loudon Road, Latham, through April 27, \$15. Information, 877-7529.

### DICKEY BETTS AND GREAT SOUTHERN

Northern Lights, Route 146, Clifton Park, April 17, 8 p.m., \$17.50 in advance, \$20 at the door. Information, 371-0012.

### CHEAP TRICK

The Egg at Empire State Plaza, Albany, April 22, 7:30 p.m., \$24. Information, 473-1845.

### ARNALDO COHEN

pianist, Memorial Chapel of Union College, Schenectady, April 23, 8 p.m., \$20. Information, 372-3651.

### ALBANY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

playing works by Creston and Mahler, Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, State and Second streets, April 25, 8 p.m., \$17, \$29 and \$36. Information, 273-0038.

### KLEZPERANTO

WAMC Performing Arts Studio, 339 Central Ave., Albany, April 26, 8 p.m., \$22. Information, 1-800-323-9262, ext. 4.

### SUZANNE VEGA

The Egg at Empire State Plaza, Albany,

April 26, 8 p.m., \$24. Information, 473-1845.

### THE CHAMBER MUSIC SOCIETY OF LINCOLN CENTER

playing works by Rossini, Glinka and Mendelssohn, Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, State and Second streets, April 26, 8 p.m., \$28 and \$32. Information, 273-0038.

### SCHENECTADY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

playing Beethoven's Ninth, Proctor's Theatre, State Street, Schenectady, April 27, 3 p.m., \$22, \$12 for college/high school students, up to three children under 13 free with one adult ticket. Information, 381-1111.

### PEARL JAM

Pepsi Arena, South Pearl Street, Albany, April 29, 7:30 p.m., \$35. Information, 476-1000.

## Dance

### DANCE DAY

National Museum of Dance & Hall of Fame, Saratoga Springs, dance around

the world program featuring African, Irish, 'ai chi and hip hop, \$20, \$15 for nonmembers, for two people. Registration required by April 19, 584-2225.

## Comedy

### CHICAGO CITY LIMITS

The Egg at Empire State Plaza, Albany, April 25, 8 p.m., \$24. Information, 473-1845.

## Visual Arts

### NEW YORK STATE MUSEUM

Strangely Familiar: Approaches to Scale in the Collection of the Museum of Modern Art, through June 29, plus permanent collections on New York state history and geography, Empire State Plaza, Madison Avenue. Information, 474-5877.

### ALBANY INSTITUTE OF HISTORY AND ART

Richard Callner retrospective, through

June 1; plus exhibits on Hudson River School painting, American sculpture, Egypt and the history of Albany, 125 Washington Ave. Information, 463-4478.

### SCHENECTADY MUSEUM

Spirit of Schenectady and Collection Highlights, Nott Terrace Heights. Information, 382-7890.

### ALBANY CENTER GALLERIES

161 Washington Ave., photographs by Joan Barrett, through May 23. Information, 462-4775.

### ALBANY INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT GALLERY

Albany-Shaker-Road, Colonie, "Show Off," artwork and ephemera from 57 upstate museums and historic sites, through April 30, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily. Information, 242-2241.

### YATES GALLERY

at Siena College, Route 9, Loudonville, photographs of Ecuador by Dale Raisig, through May 21, Wednesday to Sunday. Information, 783-2517.

### LOCAL COLOR ART GALLERY

961 Troy-Schenectady Road, Latham, "Winter Blues," through April 30, Wednesday to Sunday. Information, 786-6557.

## Call for Artists

### ARTISTS WANTED

exhibit space available for original paintings at Local Color Art Gallery, 961 Troy-Schenectady Road, Latham. Information, 786-6557.

### 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 Altamont Village Hall, 115 Main St. 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.

### SIENA CHAMBER ORCHESTRA AND CHOIR

rehearsals Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. for orchestra, Wednesdays at 6 p.m. for choir, Siena College, Route 9, Loudonville. Information, 783-2325.

### ANNIE SCHAFFER ORCHESTRA

openings in the string section, rehearsals Thursdays 9:30 a.m. to noon Nott Terrace and Eastern Avenue, Schenectady. Information, 372-5146.

### MALE SINGERS NEEDED

for Electric City Chorus, training provided, rehearsals at Faith United Methodist Church, Brandywine Avenue and Eastern Parkway, Schenectady, Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m. Information, 785-4807.

### 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.

### CRAFTERS WANTED

for 2003 New Scotland Plum Fest on Sept. 20. Information, 439-5488.

## Classes

### DANCE CLASSES

ongoing, all levels, ballet, jazz and modern, New School of Ballet, 1098 Parkwood Blvd., Schenectady, Mondays to Thursdays and Saturdays. Information, 346-1096.

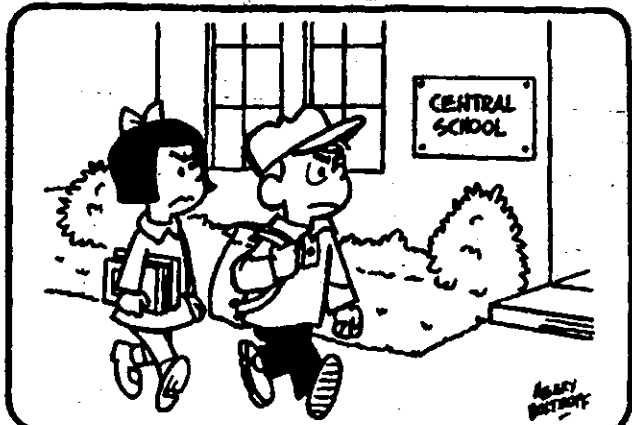
### ART CLASSES

watercolor, oil and drawing, beginner and intermediate, Wednesdays and Thursdays, taught by Kristin Woodward. Information, 783-1828.

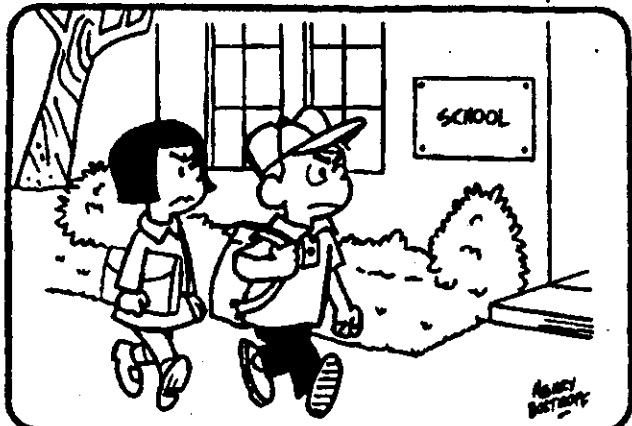


## HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. School sign is different. 2. Boy is missing instead of books. 3. Tree is gone. 4. Hat is different. 5. Girl has bracelet. 6. Boy has short sleeves.

## MAGIC MAZE • SIGHTINGS

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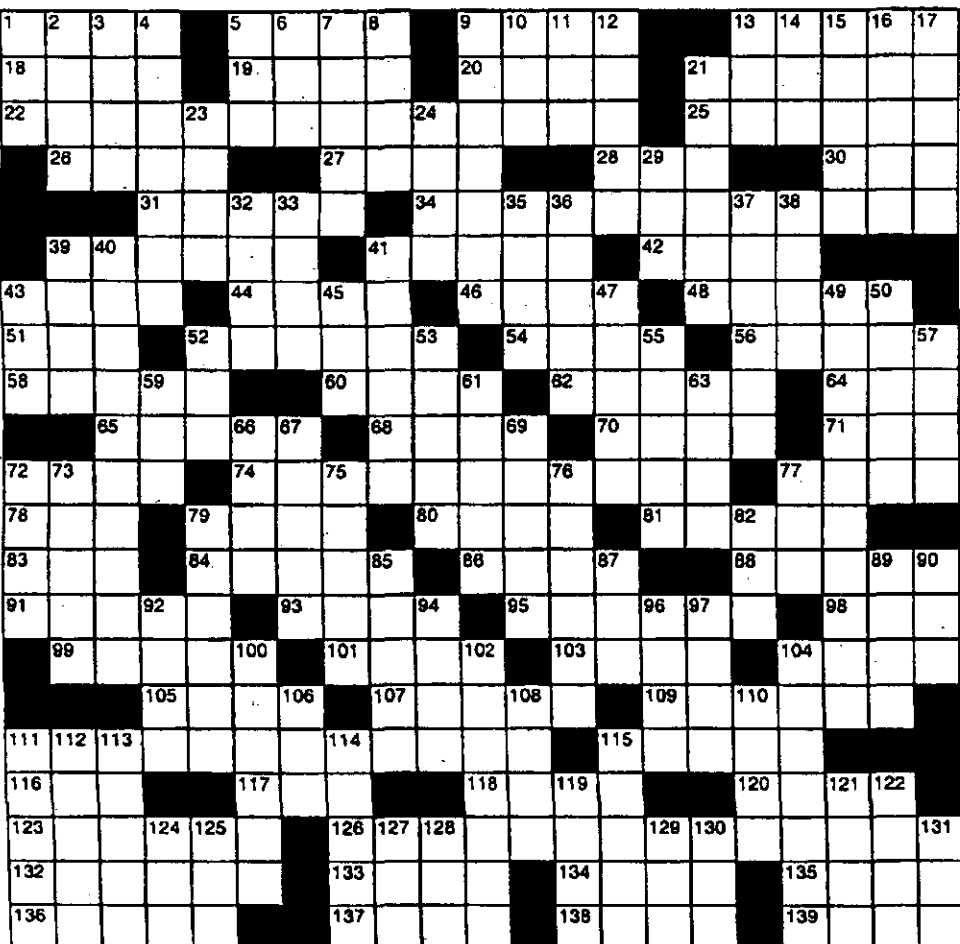
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Ghosts  
Lights  
Mirage  
Monsters

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Phantom  
Santa Claus  
Sasquatch

Specter  
UFO  
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## The Super CROSSWORD



### ACROSS

- 1 Exchange
- 5 "— on Entebbe" (77 film)
- 9 TV's "— Bridges"
- 13 Canadian peninsula
- 18 It may be bitter
- 19 — Spumante
- 20 Director Kazan
- 21 Chaos
- 22 "Green Card" actress
- 25 Put the match to
- 26 Big kid?
- 27 Lofty
- 28 Ford of football
- 30 Hightailed it
- 31 One of a bunch
- 34 Green Bay Packers stadium
- 39 Dieter's snack
- 41 Strep of "The Hours"
- 42 Act like a stallion
- 43 Loathe
- 44 Bucks beginning
- 45 Mine car
- 48 Coronet
- 51 Gray matter?
- 52 Occult

- 54 The — Brothers
- 56 Depart
- 58 Stiller's partner
- 60 He gave us a lift
- 62 Carve a canyon
- 64 Illuminated
- 65 Nick of "Cannery Row"
- 68 To — (perfectly)
- 70 Alum
- 71 Arafat's grp.
- 72 Gulf state
- 74 "Green Acres" actor
- 77 Jackie of "The Tuxedo"
- 78 Brooks or Ott
- 79 — dieu (kneller)
- 80 Galaxy glitterer
- 81 Neighbor of
- 72 Across
- 83 "— of You" ('84 hit)
- 84 Annoys
- 86 Budge
- 88 Eye opener?
- 91 Shortstop Pee Wee
- 93 German river
- 95 Bright inventor?
- 98 — as Salaam

- 99 Come in
- 101 Job opening
- 103 Vegetate
- 104 Impudent
- 105 "— Leaf" (71 film)
- 107 One of the Osmonds
- 109 Blazing
- 111 "The Green Man" author
- 115 "Don Giovanni" setting
- 116 Year, in Yucatan
- 117 Nabokov novel
- 118 Raindrop sound
- 120 Leaf part
- 123 Polly-syllabic one?
- 126 "Green Tambourine" group
- 132 Dubious
- 133 Joyce's land
- 134 Part of HOMES
- 135 Den
- 136 Abounds (with)
- 137 Risked a ticket
- 138 Coming up
- 139 Org. founded in 1844

- 4 Supple
- 5 Aries animal
- 6 Fit — fiddle
- 7 Like a mosquito bite
- 8 Actress Conn
- 9 Inn-based sitcom
- 10 Bristol brew
- 11 "— vous plait"
- 12 Berry of "Monster's Ball"
- 13 Silence
- 14 Writer Rand
- 15 British county
- 16 Pansy part
- 17 Correct
- 21 Stately dance
- 23 Raison d'—
- 24 Inspect too closely?
- 29 Corn portion
- 32 Bilko's employer
- 33 Colors
- 35 Pianist Hess
- 36 Criticize
- 37 Went down in history?
- 38 "Dies —"
- 39 Ablative or dative
- 40 Green Mountain Boys leader

- 41 Cocktail choice
- 43 Actor's lunch?
- 45 Pontiac model
- 47 Consolidate
- 49 Green Party candidate
- 50 Salnt Theresa's home
- 52 "— de mer"
- 53 Quotes an expert
- 55 "My fault?"
- 57 007's school
- 59 Baseball's Gidry
- 61 Throne and pew
- 63 See socially
- 66 Austin of "Knots Landing"
- 67 Roman magistrate
- 69 Gladden
- 72 Poet Khayyam
- 73 Donnybrook
- 75 Exploits
- 76 It has a bit part
- 77 "Fantasia" frame
- 79 Fussess with feathers
- 82 Guy
- 85 Alabama city
- 87 — Grande

- 88 Seldom seen
- 90 "The A-Team" actor
- 92 Forest father
- 94 Wander
- 96 Clout a cad
- 97 "Eugene Onegin" character
- 100 Tall tales
- 102 Increased by 200 percent
- 104 Full array
- 106 Tie the knot
- 108 Land in the sea
- 110 Ferrer musical
- 111 Done for
- 112 Cockamamie
- 113 Scandnavian
- 114 Early Eastwood role
- 115 Fern feature
- 119 Harbinger
- 121 Put on a happy face
- 122 Lexicographer Partridge
- 124 Al Down
- 125 Hosp. areas
- 127 Cool
- 128 Poetic preposition
- 129 Veto
- 130 Cosset a corgi
- 131 Mexican Mrs.

# The Spotlight CALENDAR

**Wed. 4/16**
**BETHLEHEM**
**BETHLEHEM LIONS CLUB**

Quality Inn, Route 9W, Glenmont, 7 p.m. Information, 439-4857.

**ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP**

North East NY Alzheimer's Association meetings for families, caregivers, and friends; Delmar Presbyterian Church, 585 Delaware Ave., 7 p.m.

**SOLID ROCK CHURCH**

Kenwood Ave., evening prayer and Bible study, 7 p.m. Information, 439-814.

**ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**

Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-4955.

**BINGO**

Wanchard American Legion Post, 16 Poplar Drive, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-819.

**BOY SCOUT TROOP 58**

Elsmere Elementary School, 247 Elsmere Ave., 7:30 to 9 p.m.

**BC SCHOOL BOARD**

District office, 90 Adams Place, 8 p.m. Information, 439-7098.

**BETHLEHEM ELKS LODGE 2233**

216 River Road (Route 144), Cedar Hill, 7 p.m. Information, 767-2886.

**ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR**

Onesquethaw Chapter, Masonic Temple, 21 Kenwood Ave., 8 p.m. Information, 439-2181.

**TESTIMONY MEETING**

First Church of Christ, Scientist, 555 Delaware Ave., 8 p.m. Information, 439-512.

**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, 765-8390.

**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.

**Thurs. 4/17**
**BETHLEHEM**
**BETHLEHEM SENIOR CITIZENS**

Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave., 12:30 p.m. Information, 439-4955.

**TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY**

Weekly meeting at Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 1-2:30 p.m. Information, 465-8732.

**YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICES**

Parks and Recreation Office, Elm Avenue Park, 2-5:30 p.m. Information, 439-0503.

**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**
**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.

**Fri. 4/18**
**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.

**Sat. 4/19**
**BETHLEHEM**
**AA MEETING**

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., 7:30 p.m. Information, 489-6779.

**EASTER EGG HUNT**

Ages 2 through 3rd grade, games, crafts and eggs, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m., First United Methodist Church of Delmar, 428 Kenwood Ave., Call 439-9976 if attending.

**Sun. 4/20 (Easter)**
**BETHLEHEM**
**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE**

Masses — Saturday at 5 p.m. and Sunday at 7:30, 9, 10:30 a.m. and noon, 35 Adams Place. Information, 439-4951.

**ST. STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL**

Holy Eucharist, 8 and 10:30 a.m., coffee and fellowship, nursery care provided, church school, 9:25 a.m., Poplar Drive and Elsmere Avenue. Information, 439-3265.

**BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN**

85 Elm Ave., worship services 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. coffee/fellowship following worship. Sunday School and Bible classes 9:15 a.m., infant and nursery care, assistive listening devices. Bible class for developmentally disabled, second and fourth Sundays of each month. Information, 439-4328.

**BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN**
**(SUMMER ONLY)**

85 Elm Ave., summer communion worship service 9:30 a.m., following 8:30 a.m. fellowship breakfast. Assistive listening devices, handicap accessible. Information, 439-4328.

**DELMAR REFORMED**
**[SCHOOL YEAR ONLY]**

Worship services, 9 & 11 a.m., with child care, Sunday school for all ages T.G.I. Sunday contemporary worship at 5:30 p.m. with child care and children's program through grade 6. 386 Delaware Ave. Information, 439-9929.

**BETHLEHEM COMMUNITY CHURCH**
**(NOT SUMMER)**

Worship service 10 a.m.; nursery and Sunday School through 5th grade provided at both services. 201 Elm Ave. Information, 439-3135.

**BETHLEHEM COMMUNITY CHURCH**
**(SUMMER ONLY, STARTING JUNE 28)**

Worship service 9:30 a.m.; nursery and Sunday School through 5th grade provided. 201 Elm Ave. Information, 439-3135.

**SOUTH BETHLEHEM UMC**

Sunday school, 9:30 a.m., worship service, 11 a.m., followed by coffee hour,

65 Wil owbrook Ave. Information, 767-9953.

**DELMAR FULL GOSPEL**

Sunday service, 9:30 a.m., with Sunday school and nursery, home groups, women's Bible studies and youth group, 292 Elsmere Ave. Information, 439-4407.

**FIRST REFORMED OF BETHLEHEM**

Church school 9:30 a.m., worship 11 a.m., fellowship hour after worship; child-care provided, vespers 7 p.m. Wednesdays, Route 9W, Selkirk. Information, 767-2243.

**FIRST REFORMED OF BETHLEHEM**
**(SUMMER ONLY)**

Summer hours, worship service, 10 a.m., child-care provided, no church school for summer. Route 9W, Selkirk. Information, 767-2243.

**FAMILY OF GOD COMM. CHURCH**

Church of the Nazarene; Sunday school 9:45 a.m., worship 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Krumkill Road at Schoolhouse Road, North Bethlehem.

**FIRST UMC OF DELMAR**

Sunday school and worship service, 9:30 a.m., 11 a.m. (in chapel); adult classes and fellowship 11 a.m., child-care provided, 428 Kenwood Ave. Information, 439-9976.

**MOUNT MORIAH MINISTRIES**

Sunday school, 9:45 a.m., morning worship, 11 a.m., youth group, 6 p.m., evening service, 7 p.m., Route 9W, Glenmont. Information, 426-4510.

**UNITY OF FAITH CHRISTIAN**
**FELLOWSHIP**

Sunday school and worship service, 10 a.m., 436 Krumkill Road. Information, 438-7740.

**FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST,**
**SCIENTIST**

Sunday school and worship service, 10 a.m., child-care provided, 555 Delaware Ave. Information, 439-2512.

**KING'S CHAPEL**

Traditional Baptist Bible service, 10 a.m., 434 Route 9W, just south of Glenmont Road, Glenmont. Information, 426-9955.

**BETHLEHEM CONGREGATION OF**
**JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES**

Bible lecture, 10 a.m., Watchtower Bible study, 10:55 a.m., Elm Avenue and Feura Bush Road. Information, 439-0358.

**SLINGERLANDS COMMUNITY UMC**

worship service and church school, 10 a.m., fellowship hour, nursery care provided, 1499 New Scotland Road. Information, 439-1766.

**DELMAR PRESBYTERIAN**

worship service, church school, nursery care, 10 a.m., fellowship and coffee, 11 a.m., adult education, 11:15 a.m., family communion service, first Sunday, 585 Delaware Ave. Information, 439-9252.

**GLENMONT COMMUNITY CHURCH**

Sunday school and worship service, 10:30 a.m., child-care available, 1 Chapel Lane. Information, 436-7710.

**SOLID ROCK CHURCH**

worship service, 11 a.m., 1 Kenwood Ave. Information, 439-4314.

**NORMANSVILLE COMMUNITY**
**CHURCH**

Services Sundays, 6:30 p.m. Mill Road, Normansville, beneath the Normanskill Bridge on Delaware Ave., Delmar. Information, 439-5710.

**BREAKFAST AT ELKS LODGE**
**(LAST SUNDAY OF MONTH ONLY!)**

Pancakes, French toast, eggs, sausage, bacon, toast. Bethlehem Elks Lodge # 2233, 1016 River Road (Route 144), Cedar Hill, 8:30 a.m.-noon. \$5 adults, \$4.50 seniors, \$3 for ages 3-12. Information, 767-3038.

**NEW SCOTLAND**
**ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH**

Masses Saturday at 5 p.m. and Sunday at 8:30 and 10:30 a.m., Mountain View Road, Voorheesville. Information, 765-2805.

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST**
**[SEPT-JULY]**

early worship, 8:30 a.m., worship celebration, 10 a.m., church school classes for nursery through high school, 10 a.m., choir rehearsals, 11:15 a.m., 68

Maple Ave., Voorheesville. Information, 765-2895.

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST [AUG**
**18, 25, SEPT. 1]**

10 a.m., hosting joint summer worship celebration with New Scotland Presbyterian; church school, nursery service available. 68 Maple Ave., Voorheesville. Information, 765-2895.

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST [AUG**
**4, 11]**

No service at church; visiting New Scotland Presbyterian for joint worship. 68 Maple Ave., Voorheesville. Information, 765-2895.

**BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH**

Sunday school, 9:15 a.m., worship service, 10:15 a.m., Auberge Suisse Restaurant, Route 85. Information, 475-9086.

**UNIONVILLE REFORMED**

Sunday school, 9:15 a.m., worship service, 10:30 a.m., followed by fellowship, Delaware Turnpike. Information, 439-5001.

**CLARKSVILLE COMMUNITY**
**CHURCH**

Sunday school, 9:15 a.m., worship service, 10:30 a.m., followed by coffee hour, nursery care provided, Route 443. Information, 768-2916.

**MOUNTAINVIEW EVANGELICAL**
**FREE CHURCH**

Family Bible Hour, 9:15 a.m.; worship service, 10:30 a.m., nursery care provided. Route 155, Voorheesville. Information, 765-3390.

**ONESQUETHAW REFORMED**

worship service, 9:30 a.m., Sunday school, 10:45 a.m., Tarrytown Road, Feura Bush. Information, 768-2133.

**FAITH TEMPLE**

Sunday school, 10 a.m., worship service, 7 p.m., New Salem. Information, 765-2870.

**NEW SCOTLAND PRESBYTERIAN**
**CHURCH (SEPT-JULY)**

worship service, 10:30 a.m., fellowship following worship service; Sunday school, 9:15 a.m., nursery care provided; 2010 New Scotland Road, New Scotland. Information, 439-6454.

**NEW SCOTLAND PRESBYTERIAN**
**CHURCH [AUG 18, 25, SEPT. 1]**

No service at church; visiting First United Methodist, Voorheesville, for joint worship. 2010 New Scotland Road, New Scotland. Information, 768-2021.

**NEW SCOTLAND PRESBYTERIAN**
**CHURCH [AUG 4, 11]**

10 a.m., hosting joint worship celebration with First United Methodist, Voorheesville; no church school, nursery service available. 2010 New Scotland Road, New Scotland. Information, 439-6454.

**UNITED PENTECOSTAL CHURCH**

Sunday school and worship service, 10 a.m., choir rehearsal, 5 p.m., evening service, 6:45 p.m., Route 85, New Salem. Information, 765-4410.

**JERUSALEM REFORMED**

worship service, 10:30 a.m., followed by coffee hour, child-care provided, Route 32, Feura Bush. Information, 439-0548.

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**NEW SCOTLAND HISTORICAL**
**ASSOCIATION (SEPTEMBER AND**
**OCTOBER)**

in the Wyman Osterhout Community Center, New Salem, 2 to 4 p.m. Information, 765-4446.

**THE DRAGON'S EGG (FOURTH**
**SUNDAY ONLY!!!!!!)**

Welsh language group of the Saint David's Society of the Capital District, New Scotland Presbyterian Church, 2010 New Scotland Road, 2:30 to 5 p.m. Information, 861-6976.

**Mon. 4/21**
**BETHLEHEM**
**PEACE VIGIL**

Bethlehem Neighbors For Peace, weekly peace vigil, Four Corners intersection, Delmar, 5-6 p.m., Information, 439-1968.

**MOTHERS' TIME OUT**
**(SEPTEMBER-JUNE 12 ONLY)**

Christian support group for mothers of preschool children, Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., nursery care provided, 9:30 to 11 a.m. Information, 439-9929.

**DELMAR KIWANIS**

Quality Inn, Route 9W, 6:15 p.m. Information, 439-2437 or 439-6952.

**CLASS IN JEWISH MYSTICISM**

Delmar Chabad Center, 109 Elsmere Ave., 7 p.m. Information, 439-8280.

**INDOOR PISTOL SHOOTING**

Albany County Pistol Club, Winne Place, 7 to 9 p.m. Also Tuesday. Information, 439-0057.

**EXPLORER POST 157**

For boys and girls 14-21, focusing on environmental conservation, 310 Kenwood Ave., 7:30-9 p.m. Information, 439-4205.

**DELMAR COMMUNITY**
**ORCHESTRA**

rehearsal, Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave., 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-7749.

**ROYAL ARCH MASONS**

Temple Chapter No. 5; Masonic Temple, 421 Kenwood Ave.

**AA MEETING**

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., 8:30 p.m. Information, 439-6779.

**NEW SCOTLAND**
**LIBRARY BOARD**

Every third Monday, Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, 7 p.m. Information, 765-2791.

**QUARTET REHEARSAL**

United Pentecostal Church, Route 85, New Salem, 7:15 p.m. Information, 765-4410.

**SELKIRK**
**BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS**

Monthly meeting, 7 p.m. Information, 465-3193.

**Tues. 4/22 (Earth Day)**
**FOURTH TUESDAY**
**BETHLEHEM**
**DELMAR ROTARY**

Quality Inn, Route 9W, 7:30 a.m. Information, 767-2930.

**TREASURE COVE THRIFT SHOP**

First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

**THRIFT SHOP AND LUNCH**
**(THROUGH ELECTION DAY)**

# THIS EASTER

## WORSHIP WITH US

### HOLY WEEK/EASTER SERVICES



#### Good Friday Vespers

First Presbyterian Church of Albany  
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April 18, 2003 7:30 p.m.

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#### Delmar Presbyterian Church

#### Holy Week & Easter Services

Maundy Thursday	April 17	7:30 pm
Good Friday	April 18	7:30 pm
Easter Sunday	April 20	10:00 am

The public is invited

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#### HOLY WEEK SERVICES

##### MAUNDY THURSDAY

Upper Room Communion Service  
Thursday, April 17 at 7:30 p.m.

##### GOOD FRIDAY

Friday, April 18 - Chapel will be open all day for prayer.  
12 noon - Ecumenical Service at  
St. Stephens Episcopal Church  
Elsmere Ave. & Poplar Drive

##### EASTER SUNDAY

Easter Family Worship - 9:30 & 11:00 a.m.  
Junior Church - 9:30 a.m.

Easter Choir and Brass Ensemble Providing Joyful Praise!

#### You are invited ... to HOLY WEEK & EASTER SERVICES



##### MAUNDY THURSDAY (April 17)

10:00 am  
7:30 pm

The Holy Eucharist  
The Holy Eucharist

##### GOOD FRIDAY (April 18)

12 noon to 1:00pm

Ecumenical Service of Hymns, Prayers, and Scripture Readings with preaching by local clergy on the seven last words of Jesus (come and go as schedule permits)  
The Good Friday Liturgy

7:30 pm

##### EASTER EVE (April 19)

8:00 pm

The Great Vigil of Easter, followed by festive Easter Party

##### EASTER DAY (April 20)

8 am and 10:30 am

The Holy Eucharist followed by Easter Breakfast. Festival Eucharist with music by the Choir of St. Stephen's followed by Easter Party, including Easter Egg Hunt and Pinatas for the children.



Come and celebrate the joy of new life!

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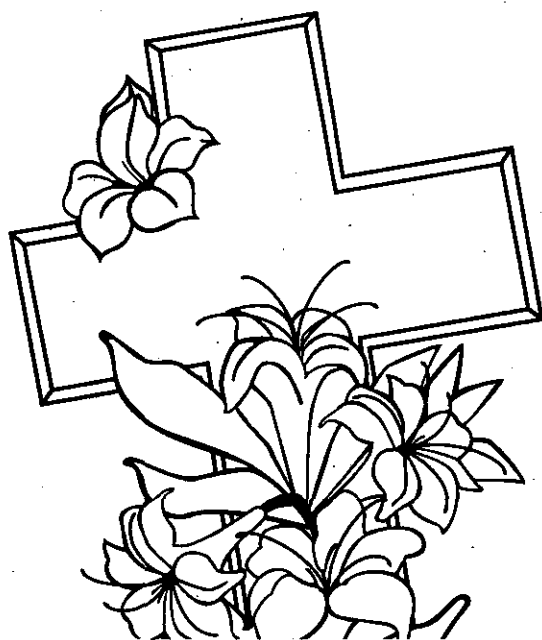
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# THIS EASTER

## WORSHIP WITH US

### HOLY WEEK/EASTER SERVICES



#### COME AND WORSHIP

**GOOD FRIDAY April 18<sup>th</sup>  
12 Noon**

Ecumenical Service of Worship  
With preaching by local clergy

The Service will last for about one hour  
The Church will remain open for prayers  
Until 3:00 p.m.

At St. Stephen's  
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**PASSION/PALM SUNDAY - 8:30 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.**

The Reading of the Passion Story according to Matthew.

**MAUNDY THURSDAY - 7:30 p.m.**

Tenebrae Services with Holy Communion.

**GOOD FRIDAY - 7:30 p.m.**

Vespers Service featuring The Choir and Orchestra.

**HOLY SATURDAY - 7:30 p.m.**

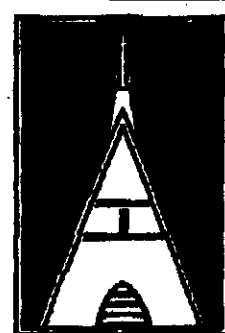
The Great Vigil of Easter

Candlelight, Procession, Holy Communion.

**EASTER SUNDAY - 8:30 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.**

Holy Communion. Easter Breakfast from 9:00-10:15 a.m.

Easter Egg hunt at 9:45 a.m. for children under 12.



ST JOHN'S  
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CHURCH

#### Invites you to celebrate The Great Week

**Tuesday April 15**

- Service of Reconciliation 7:00 P.M.

**Thursday April 17**

- Foot Washing Mass  
of the Lord's Supper 5:30 P.M.

**Friday April 18**

- Stations of the Cross 12:10 P.M.  
- Liturgy of the Passion. Veneration  
of the Cross 5:30 P.M.

**Saturday April 19**

- The New Fire and  
Great Vigil of Easter 8:00 P.M.

**Easter Sunday Morn 10:00 A.M.**

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#### Come join us for HOLY WEEK WORSHIP AT DELMAR REFORMED CHURCH

**Maundy Thursday, April 17**

Tenebrae Worship  
7:00 p.m.  
Including Communion

**Good Friday, April 18**

Grove City College  
Touring Choir Concert  
7:00 p.m.

**EASTER WORSHIP**

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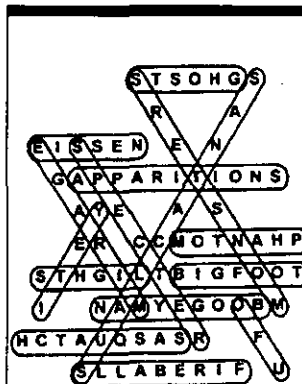
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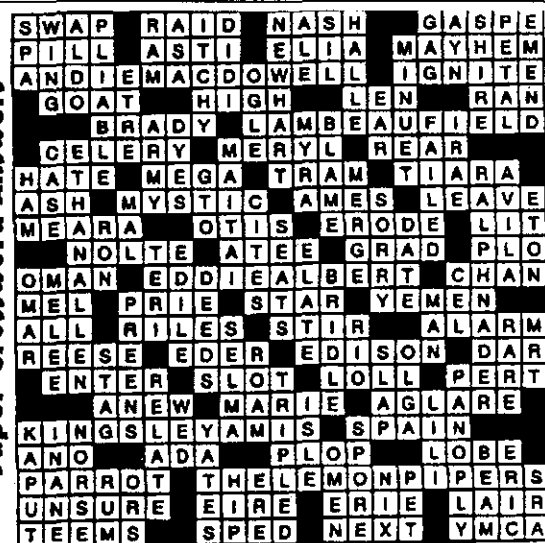
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If your older vehicle needs major repairs to the air conditioning system you can expect to

tioner without first flushing the system. Further, according to the Car Care Council, some substitutes are volatile mixtures of propane, butane and flammable hydrocarbons.

An annual inspection of the vehicle, including the air conditioning system, may help forestall costly repairs. Many automotive service shops offer AC



replace refrigerant and the oil in the compressor in addition to the old components. You also may need to install a retrofit conversion. Do not allow anyone to mix refrigerants. They're not interchangeable. You cannot add R-134a to your older air condi-

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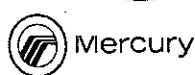


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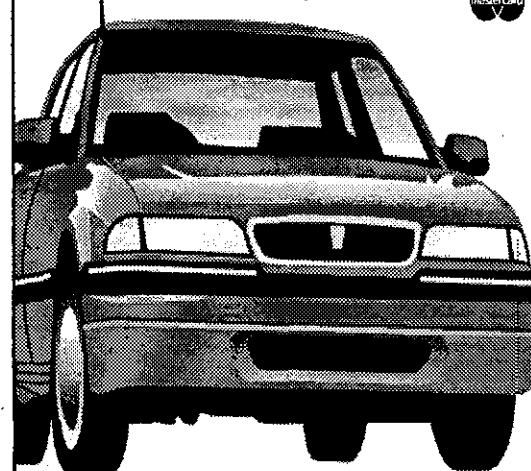
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Her vehicle is her home away from home and gifts that enhance her enjoyment of that second home are likely to be appreciated, suggests Rich White, spokesperson for the Car Care Council. "We tend to

gravitate toward gifts like jewelry, a framed photo or flowers," he says. "But why not break from the traditional and dress up her car? Maybe she's always wanted a sun roof or has admired someone's wood grained dash trim. Her wish could come true, with the help of your local auto specialty shop."

White suggests that, beyond the obvious gifts such as a car phone or floor mats, Mom might appreciate having her damaged steering wheel replaced

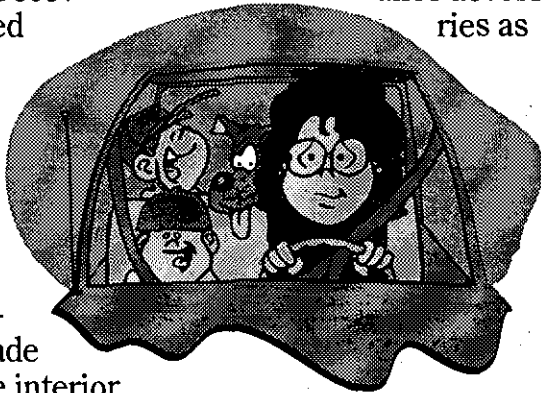
with one that's stylish, possibly leather covered. Her sun-damaged and faded padded dash could be repaired, replaced or recovered to

upgrade the interior.

"Security devices such as a remote keyless entry or alarm systems are popular add-ons,"

says White, "as are custom wheels or wheel covers.

Women usually are interested in the safety and appearance accessories as



ping bags, for example, that hook on back of the driver's seat, are great gift items."

Right on the heels of Mother's Day, of course, is Father's Day, with additional categories of gifts to consider: special tools, a bug deflector, running boards or stereo equipment, to mention a few. "Gifts for the car generally are well received and", adds White, "the variety of innovative products never stops growing."

For more ideas and prices visit your

auto supply store or specialty shop listed in the classified phone directory.

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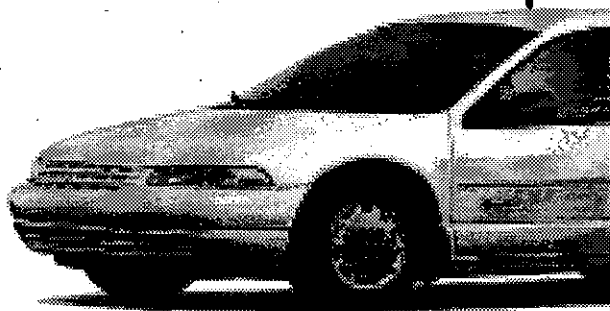
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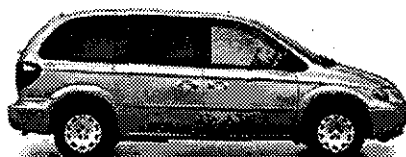
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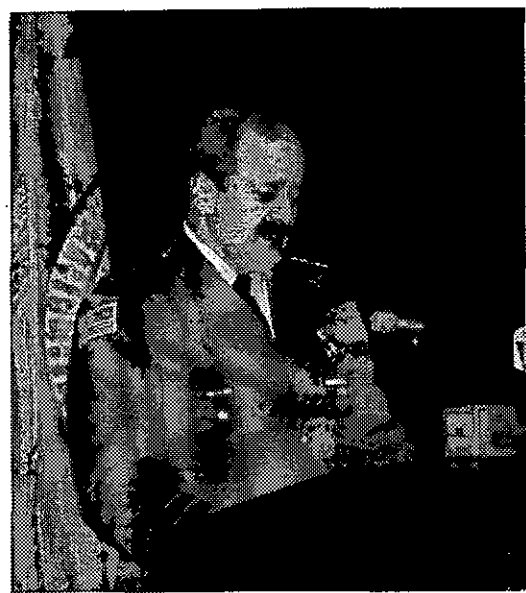


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## Chief

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Chief Louis Corsi

The new chief vowed the department will continue to provide the highest standard of public safety service to the community at all times. Corsi said the police department will remain committed to detail and accountability.

"Thank you for your trust and

confidence in me, and I pledge not to let you down," said Corsi.

Corsi joined the Bethlehem Police Department in 1985 and in December 2001 was promoted to deputy chief. Prior to serving in Bethlehem, Corsi worked for the town of Coeymans Police Department and the Albany County Sheriff's Department.

He is a Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk High School graduate with a degree in criminal justice from Schenectady County Community College. Corsi is currently pursuing a bachelor's degree at the University at Albany.

Corsi will oversee 66 employees, 41 of whom are officers, and an annual budget of \$5 million.

## Graduation party organizers seek help

A special thanks goes out to all the businesses and individuals in the community that have made donations to the Bethlehem High School Graduation Celebration.

This is the 13th year for the all-night gathering for seniors to celebrate their graduation

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Almost all of the seniors attend the celebration, and donations are necessary to keep the cost reasonable. If you would like to make a donation, call Glenna Grant at 439-8228.

## Country store relocates

A longtime Delmar business is open for business after moving into a new location. The Little Country Store moved from 410 Kenwood Ave. across the street into what was once the Village Frame Shop.

Owner Marlene Brookins says she needed more space to expand the country store, which is in its 15th year of business, featuring a vast array of American made products.

"I really didn't have much wall space," Brookins said of her former location.

The new layout includes about 50 more square feet and an upstairs loft.

Heavy Kenwood Avenue traffic also made it difficult for customers to cross the street to visit the store, according to Brookins. The new location has a municipal parking lot next to it, giving customers easier access.

Brookins is planning a grand opening celebration for the end of April.

## BCHS class of '73 schedules reunion

Bethlehem Central High School class of 1973 is planning its 30th reunion for Saturday, Aug. 16, at John Boyd Thacher State Park.

Classmates are asked to inform others that they keep in touch with about the reunion.

To be placed on an e-mail list, e-mail Keith Austin at [kaustin@nycap.rr.com](mailto:kaustin@nycap.rr.com) or [cloverave@aol.com](mailto:cloverave@aol.com).

## Daylily society to meet at extension

The Hudson Adirondack Daylily Society will meet Saturday, April 19, at 10 a.m. at Cornell Cooperative Extension of Albany County on Martin Road in Voorheesville.

Melanie Mason, owner of North Country Daylilies, will be the featured speaker.

For information, call 438-1819 or 371-7081.

## Return

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works as a teacher's aide, and by first-graders at an elementary school in Windham.

Her mother said Jennifer shares the letters with fellow soldiers to boost their spirits at a time when so many miss home.

"She dreams about taking a shower, going to Outback

Steakhouse, which is our favorite place, and watching TV," said Ginger.

The family is planning a special homecoming for their favorite soldier when she returns to Fort Hood, Texas, sometime this summer. All four Delaneys will fly down to welcome Jennifer off the plane, and back home, with open arms.

## Budget

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increase."

Town of New Scotland resident Kevin Kroenke said he would rather see a tax increase.

"It's the second year we're cutting stuff. We're losing too many things," he said.

Board member Joseph Pofit agreed, "I'd pay more. But there are people who say, 'If you cross that line, they won't support it.'"

"The populace I've had contact with supports a bigger increase," said board member Thomas McKenna. "But history tells us otherwise. And I hear that next year we'll have some equally ominous news."

"We still have a school district we can hold our head up and be proud of," school board President John Cole reminded the group.

McCartney noted that the district still doesn't know whether the state budget will be passed.

"We are in the spot we were in a few weeks ago in that we don't know what's going to happen," he said. "The budget is already six days late. There isn't any money for them to argue about, but they're finding things to argue about."

He did find a bright spot: a general consensus that most of the BOCES cuts will be restored.

The purchase of new buses is separate from the school budget. The school district plans to use a three-year bus bond anticipation note (BAN) to replace three vehicles purchased in 1990.

School Business Official Sarita Winchell iterated the reasons for a bus bond anticipation note.

"Older vehicles are very hard

to maintain and have to meet DOT regulations," she said, adding, "Guilford always does bus BANS."

Purchase decisions will be made in June, in time to have the vehicles on the road by the start of school in September. This is not the first time the district has gone this route. In 1990, a bus BAN was used to purchase five buses.

The proposed budget will increase taxes by 8.83 percent. The bus BAN will increase that number by less than 1 percent.

McCartney and Winchell met with Voorheesville Mayor Jack Stevens and village trustees Bill Houghtaling and Tom Ruane to discuss continuing to park school buses at the firehouse. The buses have been parked there for the last six years.

Winchell said that the school and the town differ: "There's a bit of a discussion on what they're asking for and what we want to pay. We're not ready to sign on the dotted line."

## NS fire department to serve fish fries

The New Salem Volunteer Fire Department on Route 85A will serve Fabulous Friday Fish Fries through April 18 from 4:30 to 7 p.m.

The cost is \$6.50 for adults, \$6 for seniors and \$4 for children under 12.

The dinner includes a fish/clam roll, french fries/baked potato, cole slaw by Picard's Grove and a beverage. New England clam chowder and deserts will also be available for \$1.50 each.

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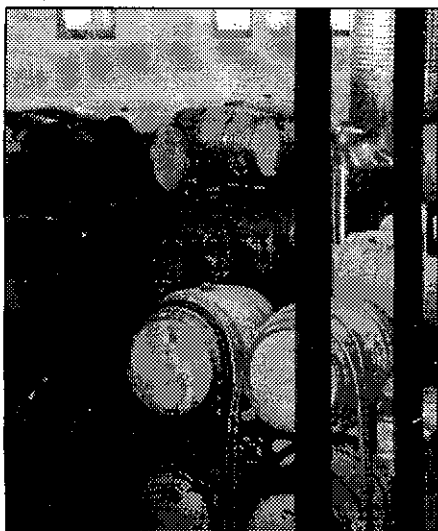
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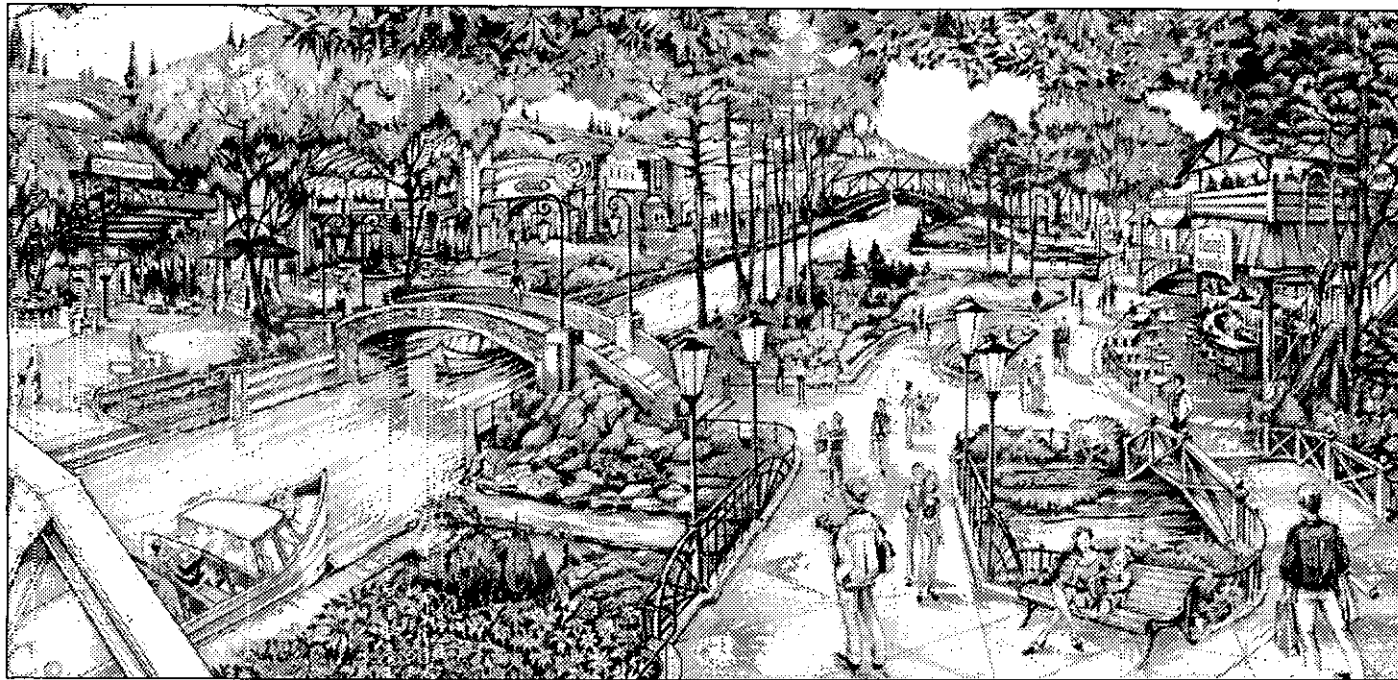
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Among Destiny's plans is an indoor replica of the old Erie Canal.

# Riding the Destiny wave

Local attractions, locales ride coattails of megaplex

By Daniel Lovell

Executives at the Pyramid Companies' Destiny USA project are reaching across New York, looking to form attachments with other attractions and locales interested in riding the tourism wave Destiny is expected to create.

The \$2.2 billion megaplex will start rising from the ground around Carousel Center in Syracuse this month, executives say. And when it's finished, Destiny will be one of the state's largest tourist draws, and the biggest thing to happen in Upstate New York in decades. All told, Destiny officials expect 12 million to 24 million visitors from outside the state to come to the region every year.

Destiny Executive Michael Lorenz said the focus now is on marketing the state, showcasing the resources and creating momentum, getting everyone ready for the tourist boom.

"Our mission is not to promote Destiny but New York and the region to those who'll want to visit."

Michael Lorenz, Destiny Executive

"Our mission is not to promote Destiny but New York and the region to those who'll want to visit," he said.

"We're influencing the mindset of the region to the possibilities."

One idea is to bring Destiny visitors to Finger Lakes wine country, using the railroad. Cindy Aikman of the planning and economic development office in the city of Auburn said discussions of a "Destiny wine train" have centered around bringing visitors by rail to Auburn, where they'd sample the wares of some of the best wineries on Cayuga and Seneca lakes.

Aikman said the city hasn't been sold on the idea yet, but has a committee working to see how it can benefit from the Destiny project.

"We've gone ahead and talked to communities outside 30 miles from Mall of America," she said. "It turns out that starting in year three, people started to look for the Auburns because they'd gotten their fill of worshipping capitalism."

And in Fulton, Oswego County, which was hit hard this year when Nestle closed its chocolate plant there, Chamber of Commerce President Betsy Saunders said a committee has also been formed to see how Fulton can market its many eateries to Destiny visitors.

Howe Caverns in Cobleskill is already an established year-round tourist spot. But General Manager John Sagendorf said he's been in contact with Destiny officials to find out how a marriage of the two could increase traffic there. And there's a lot of potential for traffic.

"We're located within a day's drive of 25 percent of the nation's population," he said.

Lorenz said Destiny's vision is to draw attention to the entire area, so that those who visit Destiny will also take advantage of the many cultural and natural resources available in Upstate New York. The more there is to do, the longer people will stay, he said. And New York has a lot to offer.

"What it needs is some marketing and some vision," Lorenz said.

## CROSSING THE BORDER THIS SUMMER?



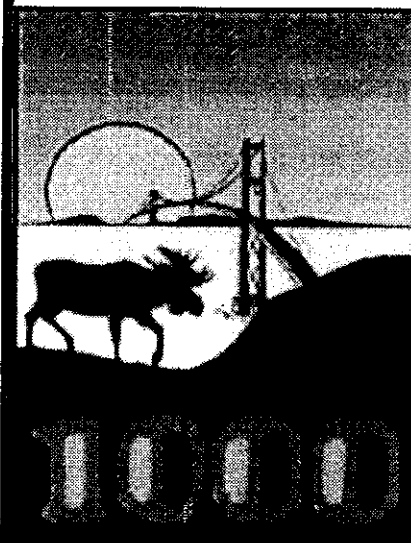
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# Take a gamble on Upstate casinos

When it comes to games of chance, New York's got a lot to offer

by Daniel Lovell

For those who like to take their chances, a trip to one of New York's casino resorts could be in the cards this summer. And there's one sure bet: In the next few years, the state will have more, bigger and better gambling and recreation venues than ever before.

With the recent opening of the Seneca Niagara Falls casino, the expansion at Turning Stone Casino Resort in Verona, the planned development of a high-stakes Indian-owned bingo hall in Cayuga County, and the recent announcement that the Cayuga Indian Nation plans to build a casino resort in Sullivan County, Indian nations — and other investors — in New York are throwing millions into the gaming industry.

The Oneida Nation's Turning Stone Casino Resort offers world-class golf, gaming, entertainment and accommodations. Turning Stone has more than 120,000 square feet of gaming space, including blackjack, craps, roulette, slots, high-stakes bingo, poker, keno and pull tabs.

Turning Stone pulls in more than 4 million visitors each year and has a workforce of 3,300. The resort's expansion project will add 1,000 new jobs, and includes 15,000 additional square feet of gaming space, a two-story addition, 500 instant multi-games and more. The latest expansion project, now underway, includes a 20-story, 300-room hotel tower, a luxury spa, and a 98-suite

hotel with an atrium and pool.

## Outside Turning Stone

The Seneca Niagara Falls casino project is located in what was formerly known as the Niagara Falls Convention Center. On over 50 acres of land, the casino is 82,000 square feet and contains 2,595 slot machines and 91 table games.

Future plans include construction of an additional restaurant, a non-smoking casino area and high-limit table games and slot areas.

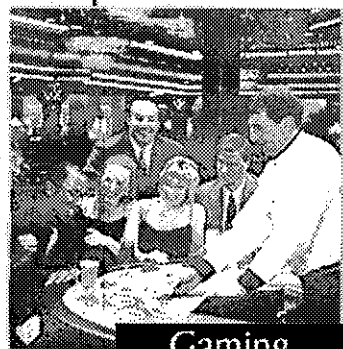
The Seneca-Cayuga Tribe of Oklahoma is banking on a \$25 million high-stakes bingo hall in the Cayuga County town of Aurelius, just off the state Thruway. Tribal representative Jerry Dilliner said plans are to complete the building by the first of 2004. Included will be 1,200 electronic bingo machines, table games, restaurants and more.

And the Cayuga Nation of Indians, now based in Gowanda, has decided to reverse its long-held opposition to gaming. It plans to open its own \$500 million casino resort by the start of 2005. Nation representative Clint Halftown was in Arizona recently at a gaming exposition, making contacts he hopes will help the resort become a destination.

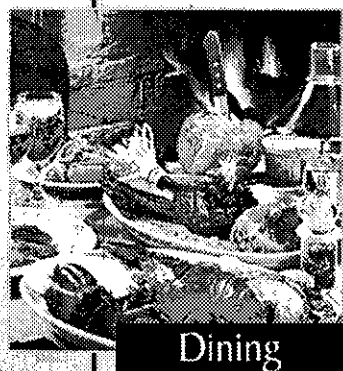
Located next to Monticello Raceway in Sullivan County, the resort will be just 85 miles from New York City, and will likely draw the majority of its clientele from there, Halftown said.



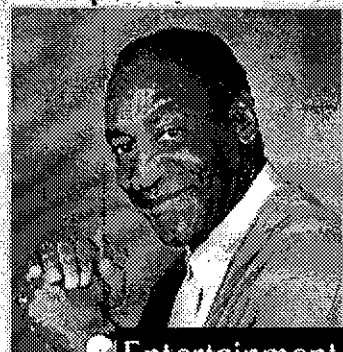
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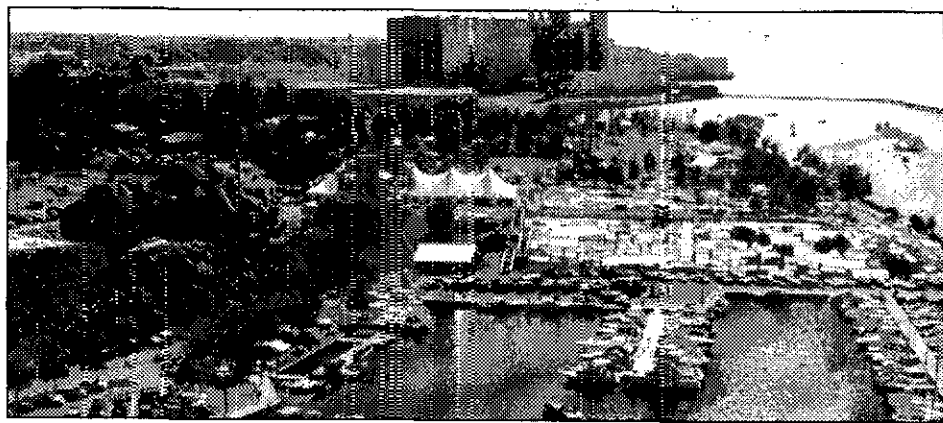
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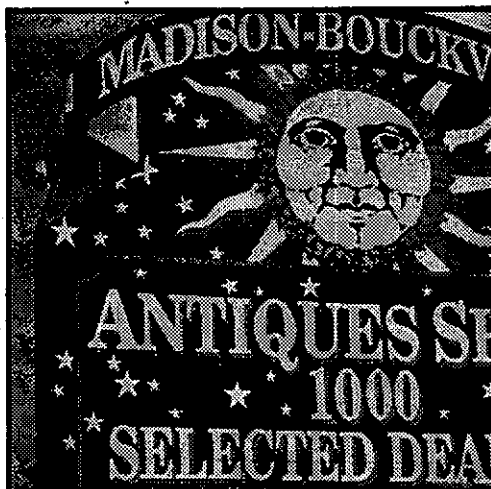
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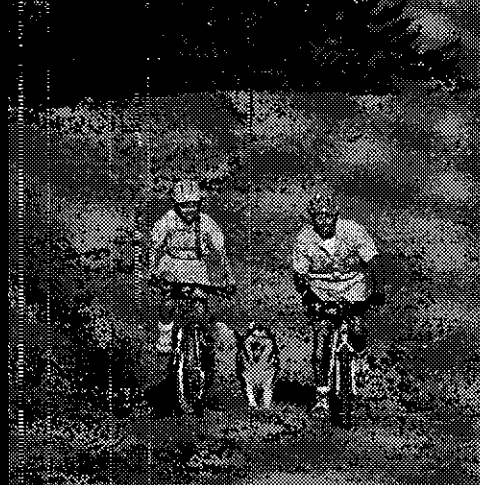


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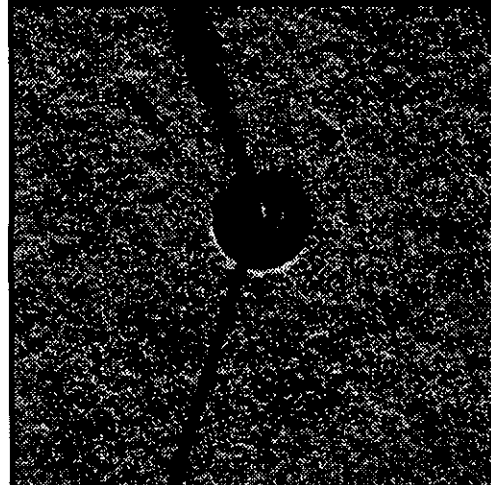
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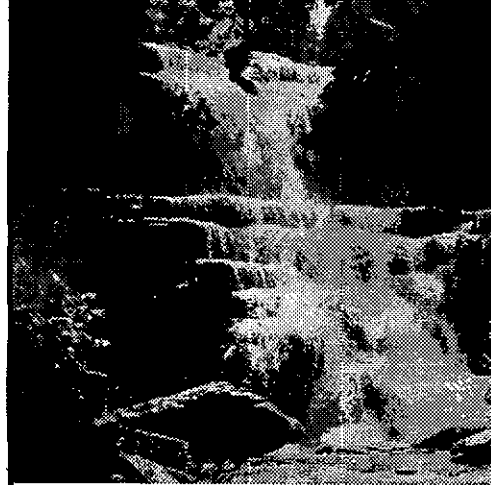
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# Oval Office replica planned at State Fair

## Organizers committed to president's agenda

By Brittney Jerred

Every year a million people make the State Fair part of their summer. For many, it's a tradition to see the famous butter sculpture, grab a slice of pizzafritte and listen to live entertainment. It's also a chance for people to see the best of what New York has to offer when blue ribbons are awarded for anything from floral arrangements to hogs.

But really, it's all about having a good time.

Organizers and administrators just want people to have a clean and fun time during the 12-day event. To keep it interesting, the fair adds new exhibits every year and though State Fair Director Peter Cappuccilli won't tell all he has planned for the 2003 fair, he let a few secrets out early.

In the center of the Price Chopper Horticulture building this year will be an life-sized replica of the President's Oval Office.

Since so many decisions that affect the nation are made in the Oval Office, fair organizers thought people deserved to see the 50 by 50 foot room with real presidential memorabilia. Nixon's desk may be there with Carter's chair, for example. To make room, the famous sand display that is built during the fair and completed by the fair's end will move to the wing of the horticulture building.

"So much focus and attention is on the White House and the president today," Cappuccilli said, especially with the concerns of our nation. It's a perfect opportuni-

ty for people to get a sense of the president's everyday setting.

Musical entertainment planned at the Grand stand and at Cole Muffler Court will be announced after contracts are signed, sealed and delivered. Cappuccilli did say there's some great oldies bands planned to hit the stage.

Another new addition this year are street entertainers. Mimes and clown bands will be a part of the fair's 6 p.m. daily, parade where characters like Barney and Raggedy Anne and Andy will march.

The State Fair hopes to bring even more kids and their families through its gates this year with a corporate-sponsored event. In conjunction with Syracuse Mayor Matt Driscoll and Onondaga County Executive Nick Pirro, the fair plans to invite kids who might not normally be able to attend. Details have yet to be decided but some kids will be invited through agencies such as the Boys and Girls Club of Syracuse and the city's community outreach centers.

The Department of Agriculture and Markets continues to have a large presence at the fair. Certain New York grown products now feature a Pride of New York emblem on their packages, which lets people know they are supporting New York produce.

"Agriculture is the foundation of the fair," Cappuccilli said. "Each year it continues to have a larger presence."

Planning for the fair begins immediately after Labor Day, the last day of the event. A 10-member senior staff, representing each department, submits written suggestions. The staff also considers e-mails, telephone



Last year Gov. George Pataki and Department of Agriculture and Markets Commissioner Nathan Rudgers cut the ribbon on opening day of the State Fair together and remembered the victims of Sept. 11. A steel beam from the World Trade Center can be seen at the fair.

calls and written suggestions that any visitor has.

"It's the people's fair," Cappuccilli said.

A big complaint in years past from the public is the tendency to get lost or not know where certain activities are held. The fair has responded to this in a few different ways: 1. All 1,300 fair employees wear a bright orange "May I help you?" button. If they don't know how to help, they direct people to the nearest guest relations booth. 2. Guest relations booths are now situated at every gate to help people get their bearings or answer any questions. 3. Large billboard directories, similar to mall directories, are located throughout the fair.

Another frequent complaint used to be access to handicap parking. Last year the fair

spent over \$1 million to bring handicap parking closer to the gates.

More bathroom facilities and seating throughout the fairgrounds have been added as well.

The fair keeps breaking attendance records and for the past two years has welcomed over a million people each year. But Cappuccilli and his staff are more proud to hear that people had fun in a good, clean and welcoming environment.

"If the numbers follow because God gave us good weather, that's great," Cappuccilli said.

To send suggestions to the State Fair, e-mail the staff at [nysfair@nysnet.net](mailto:nysfair@nysnet.net) or call 800-475-FAIR.

## Spring brings construction boom

### Brings Oneida Nation's investment to \$500 million

The Oneida Indian Nation's Turning Stone Casino Resort has commenced an ambitious two-year expansion plan that will more than triple the amount of floor space housed on the resort property, and add 1,000 jobs to the Nation's existing workforce of approximately 3,300.

Much of the progress is already visible, as ironworkers are erecting the columns and girders that will be transformed into a 98-suite hotel. Scheduled to open in the fall, the grand facility will include a large atrium and pool. A luxury spa, connected to the suite hotel via an enclosed walkway, will be completed by the end of the year.

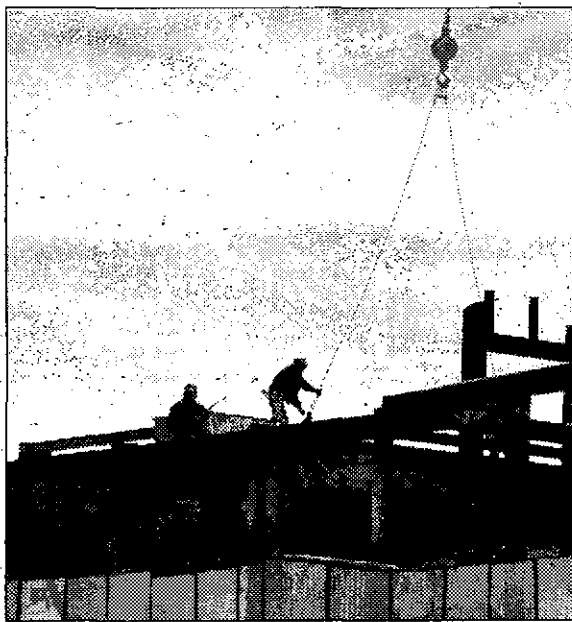
A 2,400-vehicle parking garage is also being constructed on the property, and is slated for completion in the fall.

While 2003 will be marked by steady growth at Turning Stone, the changes are bound to be even more dramatic in 2004. A 20-story, 300-room hotel tower will refine the area's skyline. The majestic structure will include a restaurant on the top floor and a winter garden atrium.

An events center, with seating for up to 5,100 people, will also join the resort's landscape. The arena has been designed to host concerts, trade shows, boxing matches and other sporting events such as soccer and lacrosse.

While Turning Stone currently resort boasts an impressive 500,000 square feet of floor space, that number will catapult to a remarkable 1.8 million square feet when the expansion is complete.

The outer environment of the resort is also undergoing a transformation, with the construction of two championship-caliber golf courses to complement the immensely popular Shenandoah Golf Club. The new layouts were designed by two of the biggest names in the industry, Robert Trent Jones Jr. and Tom Fazio. The Jones course is scheduled to open August 1, while the Fazio design will welcome players in 2004.



Iron workers set the steel girders that will become the 98-room Suite Hotel at Turning Stone Casino Resort.

"When we first opened the casino, we told our people and the public that we would diversify, and what we're doing now is a result of that promise," noted Brian Patterson, Bear Clan representative to the Nation's Men's Council.

Wolf Clan Representative Chuck Fougner agreed that the 1993 launch of Turning Stone was considered the beginning of a long-range mission. "When we're finished with this expansion, Turning Stone will be a full-fledged, four-season destination resort that happens to have a casino."

Turning Stone already attracts more than 4 million visitors a year, and that figure will undoubtedly widen in the years ahead, providing a further boost to the region's successful tourism industry.

"We're creating something that people can enjoy without having to travel far," said Turtle Clan Representative Clint Hill.



Robert Trent Jones Jr.'s latest design will set Turning Stone apart as a golf destination.

## Golf design's biggest name comes to Turning Stone

The golf landscape at the Oneida Indian Nation's Turning Stone Casino Resort, with its signature Shenandoah Golf Club, will become even more spectacular this summer with the opening of a course designed by one of the biggest names in the business, Robert Trent Jones Jr.

Jones brings an impressive pedigree and decades of experience to the design table. The eldest son of legendary golf course architect Robert Trent Jones, he has designed or remodeled more than 200 courses spanning four continents. Many of his designs are regarded as among the finest in the game, and more than half have hosted professional and amateur championships.

Jones is widely respected

throughout the golf world for his remarkable ability to incorporate a site's distinctive visual and natural features into each course design. "At Turning Stone, we have a site that unites meadows, wetlands, and woodlands in a unique combination that will yield holes of great variety and interest," he noted.

Measuring nearly 7,300 yards, the Jones design will invite players to navigate a challenging and scenic lay-out marked by narrow, tree-lined fairways and five large lakes.

"The golf course is, without a doubt, one of the best I've seen," said Bob O'Brian, the Oneida Indian Nation's director of golf. "From tee to green, it's a fabulous golf course."

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## High Peaks offer spectacular views, sense of achievement

by David Tyler

It started at the top of Mount Emmons, 4,040 feet above sea level, on June 10, 1925.

That's when George and Robert Marshall and their guide, Herbert Clark, stood at the top and realized they were the first on record to hike up all 46 of the Adirondack High Peaks.

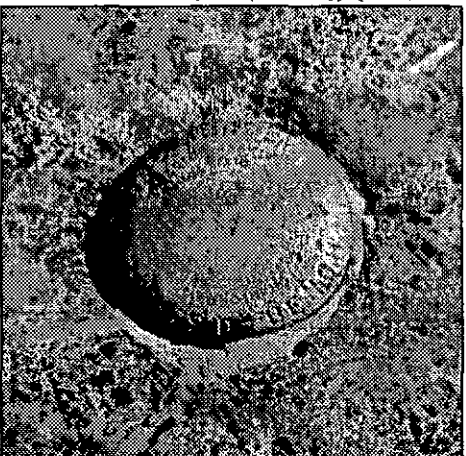
Three-quarters of a century later, some 5,000 or so hikers have followed in their huge footsteps, and entered a most elite club - the Adirondack 46ers.

At the top of each of the High Peaks is a small brass disk, about the size of a golf hole. The disk, drilled into the granite by the U.S. Geological Survey, marks the pinnacle of the day's achievement - the top of the mountain. Twenty of the 46 mountains have no state-maintained trails, making the trek that much more difficult.

For some, becoming a 46er is a lifelong passion - a task that takes decades to complete. Others have made the 46 climbs in little more than a climbing season.

For all, it is an achievement - the exhilaration of conquering New York's tallest and looking out over hundreds of square miles of wilderness.

The rules of membership are simple, but you can't join by simply filling out a form and sending a check. All members have climbed each of the 46 High Peaks and documented their ascents, either with photographs or by signing the log book in the



It's not a brass ring, but it's close. The brass benchmarks signal a hiker has reached the pinnacle of the mountain.



The view from the top of Giant Mountain is something to behold.

Sherry Tyler

canisters at the top of some of the mountains.

But the privileges of membership are priceless. First, there is the patch - an emblem of the club that is only worn by members. For those in the know, the patch brings its own respect. Members also receive Adirondack Peaks magazine, hold the right to vote on club issues and can participate in the club's projects and social gatherings.

But the most important membership privilege is the feeling of accomplishment. That, and the 46 great views.

### The mission: preservation

The 46ers are much more than a club whose members are intent on clapping themselves on the back for making it up 46 mountains.

Tops in the club's bylaws, right under the name, is the organization's purpose - to foster and protect the natural resources within

the Adirondack Park and preserve the wilderness character of the region.

To that end, much of the club's activities focus on maintaining trails, picking up litter, reseeding summits and educating people about wilderness preservation. The Adirondack Peaks magazine focuses its attention equally on the interesting climbing stories from the club's members and the mission to educate about the needs of the flora and fauna of the Adirondack environment.

The club has made safe hiking (for both the hiker and the environment) prominent throughout its Web site, and the 46ers chime in on environmental issues facing the Adirondack region.

"The Adirondack High Peaks are beautiful and unique," the site reads. "The vegetation is as fragile as the rock is durable. Treat the area with care and respect so future generations can enjoy it as you do."

For more information on Adirondack 46ers, go to [www.adk46r.org](http://www.adk46r.org).

### The 46 High Peaks

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Maps of the 46 High Peaks can be found at [www.adirondacks.com](http://www.adirondacks.com)

## Three down, 43 to go

by David Tyler

Climbing up any one of the 46 High Peaks is, literally, a walk in the park.

But anyone who thinks it's easy should strap on a pair of hiking boots and hit the trails.

Each of the past two years, I spent a few days in the High Peaks region and had the opportunity to head up three of the High Peaks, as well as a few mountains that didn't quite make the High Peaks grade.

My first was Giant Mountain, which at 4,627 feet ranks 12th on the list. The path up passes through dense woods and a beautiful mountain pond before emerging on a long granite face that leads to the top. When I got there, I thought I had never been so high in my life.

Next was Phelps, which at 4,161 feet is kind of the little brother of Mount Marcy, right next door. The walk in from the Adirondack Loj is a pleasant stroll alongside

a babbling brook. But from the base of the mountain to the top, it is a straight uphill climb to one of the best views of the Adirondacks.

Finally, last summer, my parents and I tackled Dix Mountain, which at 4,857 feet is sixth on the list. At more than 15 miles round trip from the Elk Lake Lodge, the hike took us nearly from dawn until dusk. Sore muscles aside, I look back on the hike as one of the finer physical achievements of my life.

For me, climbing the 46 High Peaks is more likely to be a lifelong quest. I'll pick off one or two a year and sometime in late middle age, the journey will be complete.

I don't consider myself an avid hiker and it's been a long time since I could say I was in good shape. But there's something about looking at a mountain from afar, saying "I'm going to hike all they way up there," and then actually going out and doing it. The views from the top - as well as some of the uphill climbs - are breathtaking. But the feeling from within is even better.



The Tyler family gets ready to make the ascent up Phelps Mountain, one of the Adirondack High Peaks. From left are Dave Jr. (the author), Sherry, Christy and Dave Sr.



# Finger Lakes wine country by appointment

by Nicole Glab

I began my latest weekend getaway to the Finger Lakes wineries by sipping Wagner's 2001 Cayuga White paired with raspberry salsa capanelle and purchasing a teabag holder decorated in an "Abundant Harvest" motif from their large gift shop.

It ended at Hazlitt winery with stuffed shells and handfuls of popcorn, as the entire wine bar erupted in their signature toast: "Red Cat Red Cat, it's an aphrodisiac! Red cat, Red Cat, it'll get you in the sack!"

In between I sampled about 40 different wines and six different wonderful pasta concoctions. It was a gourmet weekend at bargain basement prices.

Not only does each Finger Lakes winery have its own personality, from elegant to casual, but that personality shines through even more when you tour by appointment. It's as easy as going to the Web sites of Keuka, Cayuga and Seneca Lakes' wine associations, clicking on the events calendar, and calling or booking online in advance.

In most of these wine events the cost is between \$11 and \$20 per person, with seasons passes available at some, designated driver discounts and discounts for couples. That price allows you to tour an entire weekend between the hours of 10 a.m. or noon to 5 or 6 p.m., depending on the winery. The best part about stretching your dollar through a whole weekend of scenic wine tasting is that at these events the wine is paired with themed food samplings from Upstate New York restaurants. (And they let you take the recipes)

I tried Anchor Bar (creator of the Buffalo wing) wing sauce for the first time, and now that and Keuka Slaw from McGregor's Winery on Keuka Lake are both staples at all my summer get-togethers. I also toured Seneca Lake's "Pasta and Wine" weekend and discovered a new favorite cabernet sauvignon from Logan Ridge Estates.

By the growing crowds, and buzz about the recent Mardi Gras event on Cayuga Lake, it appears that I'm not the only one who discovered that touring the wineries on these special events calendars is the best way to get the most for your weekend dollars.

Kathy Millsbaugh, from Cayuga Lake Wine Association, says that in the Mardi Gras event's first year, they sold 830 tickets, and are on their way to sell out their most popular event, the two weekend Wine and Herb Tour, which started in 1992.

"Tickets for the Wine and Herb event in May usually sell out a week in advance. We are aiming for 3,200 people this year," Millsbaugh said. "After that, the holiday shopping spree is our most popular event."

The holiday event popularity is quickly growing. Millsbaugh said last year alone the crowd jumped from 1,000 people in 2001 to 1,500 in 2002.

When they don't host special events, the weekend crowds vary from week to week and winery to winery, but October tends to be the busiest month because of the beauty of the harvest season, she said.

Over on Seneca Lake, a group of wineries on the west side of the lake began having a German wine festival in the mid-1980s. Those wineries formed the Seneca Lake Winery Association in 1994.

Barbara Adams is the executive director of the Seneca Lake Winery Association, which has grown to 25 wineries, the largest in the region, and has three events over four weekends.

"The Deck the Halls' winter holiday event is the most popular and sells out usually around Jan. 30, almost 10 months in advance," Adams said. About 2,000 people attended this event last year in November and December.

The Keuka Lake Wine Association has the fewest winery members with eight, but boasts the most events with six different themes over eight weekends. Besides the "Keuka Holidays" events, the wineries hold a "Be Mine with Wine" for two weekends in February, a "Wine Murder Mystery Tour," an "Italian Fest," "Barbecue at the Wineries," and an "Oktoberfest."

Can't decide on which lake to try first? Most of the Finger Lakes wineries come together for two large combined events each year: "Wine on Ice" in Elmira is held in January and "The Finger Lakes Wine Festival" happens each July at Watkins Glen.

One reason for the popularity of these pre-planned winery events is that for less than \$20, depending on the event, you get a knowledgeable wine server to teach you the history and characteristics of each wine, and sometimes as many tastings as you'd like.

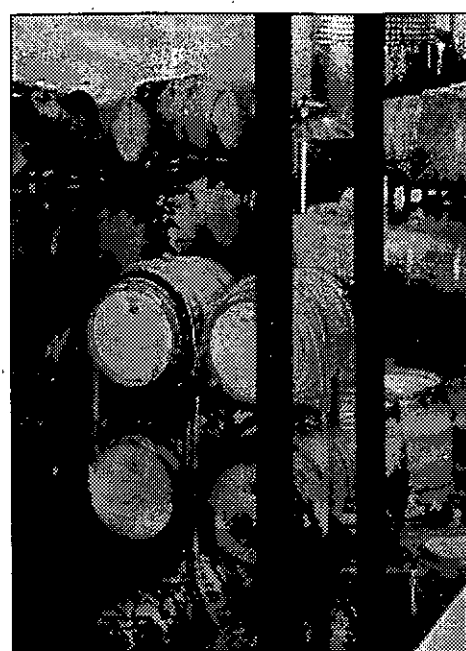
Adams said the events especially appeal to those new at wine tasting.

"Novices feel more comfortable taking their first wine tour during these events because everyone is doing the same thing, they don't have to know everything about wine and they then tend to come back to either certain wineries they loved on a normal weekend, or start attending more of the events," she said.

The experienced and novice tasters have one thing in common that brings both groups to these events: the food. The added sample-sized food offerings, either from the wineries' own cooks or catered from local Upstate New York restaurants, not only keep everyone's stomachs full, but teaches what wines go best with which foods.

This education about wine and food combinations is priceless, and in case you do need something more than a great time, better wine knowledge and a full rack of inexpensive wines you know you already love, each event usually has its own souvenir.

I'm already planning my birthday party this June during "Barbeque at the Wineries" on Keuka Lake, and I'm wondering if Heron Hill will have the skewered shrimp again this year.



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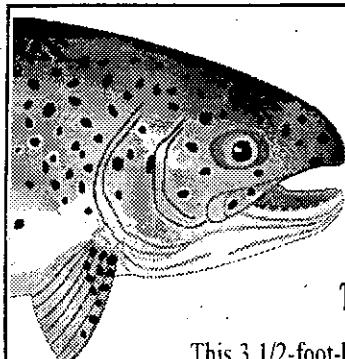
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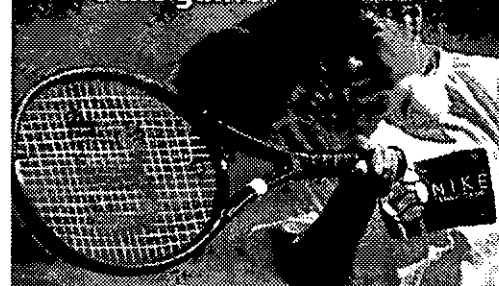
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# Finding fun on the farm

## Agritourism efforts get a boost from the state

by Brittney Jerred

Keeping the average American family interested and informed about where their food comes from is a challenge every New York farmer faces. The small farmer's livelihood depends on people who go out of their way to support them when grocery stores make it so easy not to.

Farm stand owners realize they can't rely solely on loyal friends and quality produce if they want large crowds. So some go beyond the marketplace.

In an attempt to quench the public's thirst for entertainment, farmers are entering agritourism or, agritainment.

The wineries in the Finger Lakes region have been at it for some time now and their example is leading the way for other New York producers.

Critz Farms in Cazenovia, a Christmas tree farm and pumpkin stand, hopes to attract 50,000 people. It neared that mark last year after it expanded its playground and started serving breakfast on chilly winter mornings.

For the last four years, the farm has offered a 10-acre corn maze that owner Matthew Critz designs and carves. They host a petting zoo with llamas, ponies, goats, sheep, kittens, ducks and chicks when warm weather arrives.

Location is key. Critz Farms is situated three miles south of Cazenovia on Route 13. But owners Juanita and Matthew Critz have invited schools to take field trips and staged fund-raisers for the Rotary Club at their farm, which have raised their profile in the community and helped draw people in.

### Agribusiness of the year

Critz Farms is a farm stand state representatives are holding up as an example.

The farm was called the Agribusiness of the Year by the state Department of Economic Development in 2002. The year before, it received the Champion of Tourism award from the Madison County Chamber of Commerce.

It's also one of 20 farms in a seven-county region that received grants that totaled more than \$300,000 to help create farm educational attractions throughout the state last year.

The money, which comes from the federal Department of Agriculture, is intended to reimburse farmers for bus turnarounds, picnic areas, shelters and pavilions, among other things.

Critz Farms used its grant of \$9,800 to help pay for public restrooms. The farm will apply for another grant this year to help pay for a bus turnaround.

Juanita Critz and her husband grew into agritourism when they realized that people were lingering after they picked out their pumpkins.

"They want something to do with their family and friends," Juanita Critz said.

Field trips are offered during the spring and fall. Kids and their teachers can take a hayride to learn about the maple syrup process when the sap runs in March. Hayrides are also open to the public during the fall months and the farm charges admission. Food and restrooms don't hurt business either.

State Sen. Nancy Lorraine Hoffmann, chair of the state Senate Agricultural Committee, envisions a trail where people can stop and visit farms, sometimes staying

overnight, "while enjoying either a step back into the past or simply appreciating today's enterprising agriculture," Hoffmann said.

Many Maples Farm in Georgetown received \$21,000 for its dairy and maple production.

Pete Walrod of Many Maples Farms said he's excited about turning his maple syrup business into a hands-on experience.

"Once you put the food producer face-to-face with the customer, well, you'd be surprised how many friends you can make with a little maple syrup," Walrod said.



Debbie Becker, a tour guide for Critz Farms, shows second-grade students from Jamesville Elementary School how sap is extracted from maple trees.

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by Kelly Mantoan

I settled into the Mirbeau Inn & Spa in Skaneateles with the ease and comfort one finds in slipping on a favorite sweater.

Although only open three years, the Monet-inspired French provincial inn seems like it has welcomed guests for centuries. I quickly found myself wishing I could run away to somewhere just like this.

Mirbeau is actually three entities, an award-winning restaurant, a luxurious spa and a nationally recognized 34-room inn. Come enjoy them all, stop in for a tasting of Chef Edward Moro's five-course dinner, drop by for a 50-minute mud wrap or simply spend the night on your way through Central New York. You won't be disappointed.

Mirbeau General Manager Joachim Ohlin credits the three-in-one concept for the resort's popularity, despite a location some might consider smack dab in the middle of nowhere.

"You won't find anything like it in a 300-mile radius," Ohlin said.

American Spa Magazine rated it best new resort spa and the restaurant received best new restaurant honors from Esquire Magazine. It is also one of only two hotels in the state outside New York City to



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Despite the national publicity, which doesn't hurt, Ohlin said most clients are referred through word of mouth.

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snuggled close to the gas fireplace. Cotton robes hung waiting next to a claw foot soaking tub and the view out my sliding glass doors was straight out of a Monet painting.

If I didn't have to leave my room to receive a 100-minute Kur treatment at the spa, I might not have. Spa services include massage facial, manicure, pedicure, body wraps, scrubs and kurs, a combination wrap, soak and massage. Guests not receiv-

ing a spa treatment can still enjoy the exercise room, a range of fitness classes, a sauna, steam room and the roman bath-inspired relaxation room. The focal point is a heated foot-soaking pond with a large stone found on the property. A fireplace warms the relaxation area as well as each treatment room and murals adorn the walls.

Through each step of the Kur I became more and more removed from the daily stresses of life and by the end, I needed help sliding off the massage table and into a robe.

A table covered in fresh linens was set up in my room with the fireplace glowing. Dinner was on its way and was a palette pleaser with many extra courses courtesy of the chef. Turndown service included a hot water bottle placed strategically in bed so even though I didn't have my husband with me this time, I wasn't cold. I dined fireside in my robe, something allowed in the restaurant during breakfast and lunch, and sampled a baby spinach salad with portobello mushrooms, tuna with wasabi mashed potatoes, roasted red pepper soup, lobster and a scoop of coconut sorbet.

Checking out was difficult, but after making a promise to myself to return, and possibly bringing my husband, I left behind the bit of the French countryside nestled amongst the Finger Lakes.

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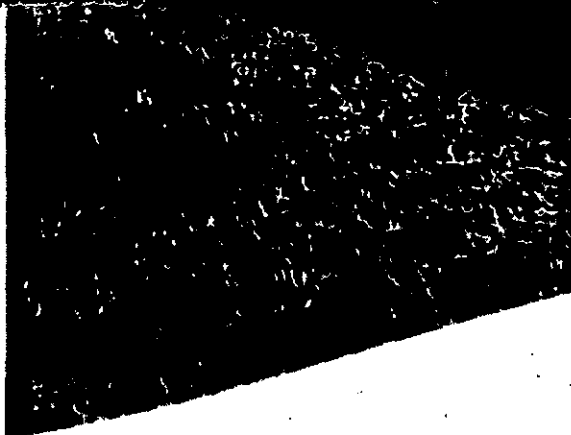
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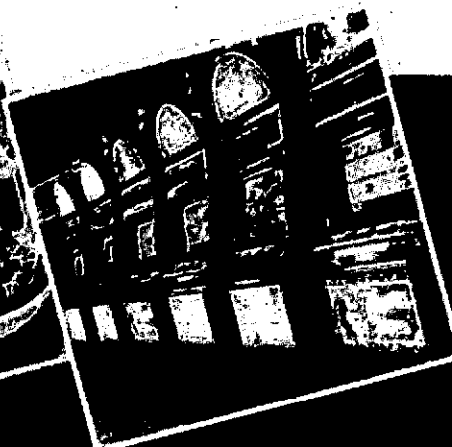


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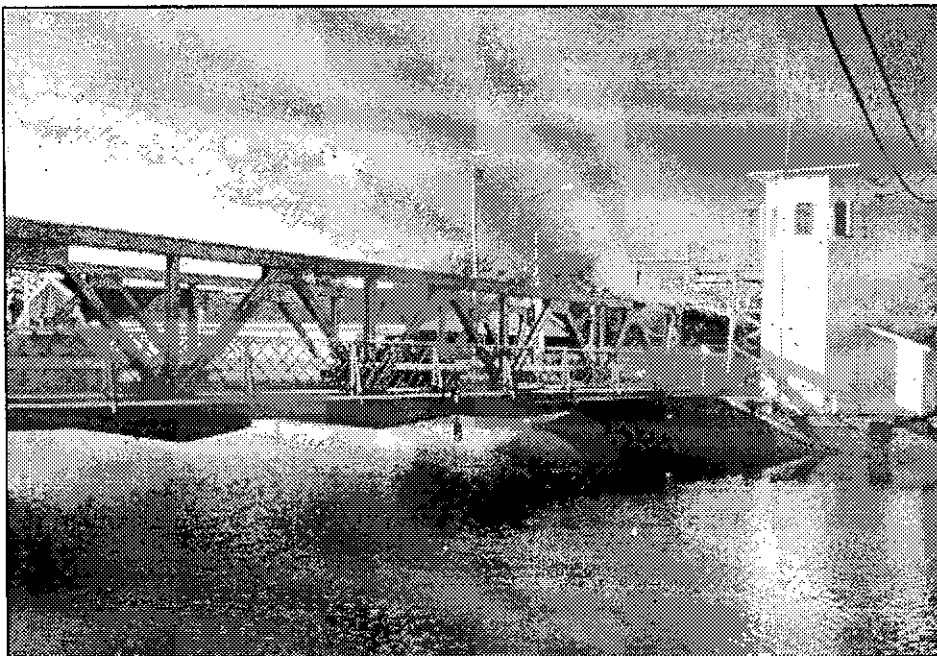
by Katherine McCarthy

Sure, you know about that old mule, Sal, but there's more to the New York State Canal System than the song's 15 miles on the Erie Canal. The Erie Canal is just one of the four canals that make up the 524-mile artery that pulses through the heart of the Empire State.

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The best known of the four canals is the Erie Canal, which, as every school child can tell you, runs from Albany to Buffalo-o-o, with bridges low and high across it. The Champlain Canal will take you from Waterford to Whitehall, and let you trace the roots of American independence as you travel from the Hudson River to Lake Champlain.

The Oswego Canal will take you from Syracuse to Lake Ontario, to do a little salmon fishing or enjoy the splendor of one of our nation's Great Lakes. The Cayuga-Seneca Canal connects the Erie Canal to the Cayuga and Seneca Lakes, and attaches those two Finger Lakes to each other. By way of this canal, you can learn more about women's history in Seneca Falls, or head south to sample some of New York's fruit of the vine in wineries around the lakes.



New York's canal system offers a cruise back through history as well as modern-day recreation.

## The Erie Canal

The Erie Canal is a good example of what ingenuity and determination can accomplish when they come together. Gov. DeWitt Clinton was the prime advocate of the canal, and when work began on it in 1817, it was derisively referred to as "Clinton's Ditch."

History changed forever in 1825, though, when Clinton poured a bucket full of Lake Erie water into the Atlantic Ocean at New York Harbor, after traveling from Buffalo to New York City entirely by boat.

With access to the Midwest now available, New York City became the nation's busiest port. The legacy of the Erie Canal is visible today in the towns and villages that welcome visitors to the canal, many of

whose names end in "port."

Those port towns are still accessible by water, and since the Erie Canal runs parallel to the Thruway, they're also accessible by car, bicycle or foot.

If you want to immerse yourself in the history of the canal, the Erie Canal Village and the Erie Canal Museum are two good places to start.

Located on Routes 46 and 49 in Rome, the Erie Canal Village lets you experience life along the canal as it was in the 1800s. Celebrating its 30th anniversary this year, the outdoor living history museum is located at the spot where the first shovelful of dirt for Clinton's Ditch was turned.

You can ride in a replica of the mule-drawn packet boats that once conveyed

goods and people along the canal, or relax in the train that runs along the Erie Canal in the village. You could imagine life along the canal as you wander the streets of the 19th-century village, visiting the blacksmith, the store, the school, or stopping in for a cool drink or lunch at Bennett's Tavern.

Three museums at the Erie Canal Village tell different tales about the Canal. The Erie Canal Museum tells the history of the waterway, from its first proposal to the emergence of the Barge Canal System in 1918. The Harden museum exhibits a collection of horse drawn vehicles that range from farm equipment to elegant coaches. To get the full picture of traveling in the 1800s, the carriages are placed on the three prevalent types of road of the era - dirt, plank and cobblestone.

The Erie Canal Village is open Wednesdays through Saturdays - from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sundays from noon to 5 p.m. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$4 for seniors, \$3 for students aged 5 - 17, and free for children under 5. Combination tickets for the boat and train are available. For more information, call (888) 374-3226, (315) 337-3999, or visit [www.eriecanalvillage.net](http://www.eriecanalvillage.net).

In Syracuse, the Erie Canal Museum is located in a "weighlock" building that dates to 1850. Originally designed to weigh canal boats and collect tolls, it's the only one of its kind left, and is a National Register Landmark. In addition to hands-on history exhibits, the museum is home to a 65-foot passenger cargo boat. There are outdoor exhibits, including the Locktender's Garden, and the museum is the perfect

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## Canal Sails & Trails welcomes you

Welcome to the inaugural issue of "Canal Sails & Trails," our very special visitor's guide to the New York State Canal System. The publication is proudly presented as a partnership between the New York State Thruway Authority/Canal Corporation and Empire Media, publisher of 27 weekly newspapers in the Capital Region, Central New York and the Southern Tier.

The Canal Corporation worked with Empire Media staff to develop concept and content of "Canal Sails & Trails" as well as assist with statewide distribution at Thruway tourist information booths and along the canal. Most importantly, we owe a huge thanks to the many canal-related business whose enthusiastic advertising support and editorial assistance have made this project possible.

Over the past several years, we've seen enormous

improvements to our state's canal system. Up and down the length of the canal, there are "boatloads" of enthusiasm, excitement and imagination. Canal communities, big and small, are bursting with events and entertainment for the whole family.

From hiking and biking or renting canal boats and discovering quaint towns and festivals along the way, our canal system and its surrounding attractions can provide visitors with well over a week's worth of fun and activities.

As with any new publication, we are particularly anxious to hear your comments. Please feel free to contact Kristen Hanifin, director of marketing for the NYS Thruway Authority/Canal Corporation ([kristen\\_hanifin@canals.state.ny.us](mailto:kristen_hanifin@canals.state.ny.us)), or John McIntyre, vice president of Empire Media ([mcintyrej@aol.com](mailto:mcintyrej@aol.com)), with your suggestions and ideas for future editions.

Inquiries on advertising for our second edition, to be published in mid August, should be directed to Amy Homa, Empire Media project director, at 315-434-8889, ex 317 ([ahoma@cnylink.com](mailto:ahoma@cnylink.com)).

Thank you for visiting our New York State Canal System.

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## New York's canal system

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starting point for a walking tour of Columbus Circle, Armory Square and Hanover and Clinton Squares in Syracuse.

It's also home to the Syracuse Urban Cultural Park Visitor's Center, where brochures and pamphlets about Syracuse are available.

The Erie Canal Museum, located at 318 Erie Boulevard East, is open seven days a week, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call (315) 471-0593, or check out their Web site, [www.eriecanalmuseum.org](http://www.eriecanalmuseum.org).

## The Champlain Canal

If the Erie Canal is responsible for expanding the country, the Champlain Canal traces the nation's road to independence. The Champlain Canal's "Lakes to Locks" passage connects the Hudson River at Waterford to Lake Champlain at Whitehall. From the 64 miles of canal, on or along U.S. Route 4, visitors can retrace steps taken by Native American tribes, Albany's Dutch settlers, or British General John Burgoyne before meeting defeat in the town of Stillwater.

At opposite ends of the Champlain Canal, Waterford and Whitehall's urban parks have made the canal a welcoming and enjoyable place for visitors coming by boat, car, bike or foot.

The Hudson and Mohawk Rivers come together in Waterford, and visitors can tour the new Waterford Harbor Visitor's Center, and enjoy the park that fronts the canal. The Waterford Historical Museum and Cultural Center is located at the head of the Champlain Canal towpath walking trail, and is a great place to learn more about the relationship between labor, industry and New York's two main waterways.

Waterford is home to one of the great wonders of canal engineering. "The Waterford Flight" is a set of five lift locks that raise boats from the Hudson River at Lock 2 to the Mohawk River west of Lock 6 above the Cohoes Falls. At an elevation of 165 feet, it's the highest set of lift locks in the world.

Whitehall sits near the foot of Lake Champlain, and is proud to be the birthplace of the United States Navy. It also has a harbor park, where people can step back into the history of life in a canal town with a look at the visitors center's dioramas, wooden ship models and artifacts of 19th century life.

If the towns along the Erie Canal are ports, those along the Champlain Canal are forts. Fort Edward, Fort Ann, and Fort Miller, along with the towns of Victory, Schuylerville and Saratoga, are devoted to their role in the French and Indian War, and the American Revolutionary War.

The cannons at Saratoga National Historical Park in Stillwater still keep watch over the Champlain Canal and Hudson River, and you can visit the site of the turning point of the American Revolutionary War from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. all summer long. Adjacent to it is the Gerald B.H. Solomon Saratoga National Cemetery, and in the town of Victory, the Saratoga Monument commemorates Burgoyne's surrender to American General Horatio Gates on Oct. 17, 1777.

If you're traveling the canal in the summer, you might want to catch some of the horseracing at Saratoga Racecourse. The 2003 season will run from July 23 to Sept. 1.

## The Cayuga-Seneca Canal

In central New York, the Finger Lakes stretch their hands across the hills and valleys of the state. The Cayuga-Seneca Canal connects the Erie Canal to two lakes that afford

an endless variety of activity.

If you're a wine lover, Cayuga Lake and Seneca Lake are ringed by about 40 vineyards, many with tasting rooms and summertime activities. State parks and beaches make the lakes wonderful summertime destinations, and the Cayuga-Seneca Canal is a great starting point for a Finger Lakes visit.

Humans aren't the only visitors to the Cayuga-Seneca Canal; at the confluence of the Cayuga-Seneca and Erie Canals is the Montezuma National Wildlife Refuge, a 7,000-acre haven for migratory birds and other marsh animals journeying to and from nesting areas in northeastern and east-central Canada.

The refuge, just a few miles east of Seneca Falls, spans Seneca, Cayuga, and Wayne Counties, and is situated in the middle of one of the most active flight lanes in the Atlantic Flyway.

The refuge has a visitors' center that's open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on weekends from April to November, and from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on weekdays. The Main Pool observation tower near the visitors' center has a telescope for better bird-watching, and a 3.5 mile Wildlife Drive through part of the refuge will provide great viewing of marsh life. There are bald eagles throughout the refuge, and fishing is permitted in some parts.

A little further down the canal is Seneca Falls, which became the birthplace of the Women's Suffrage Movement. At the Women's Rights National Historical Park, visitors can see Elizabeth Cady Stanton's home, where, in 1848, the 32-year-old mother of three, felt like a trapped and isolated "caged lioness." After sharing her frustration with a group of Quaker abolitionists, they banded together and held the first Women's Rights Convention in the Wesleyan Chapel of Seneca Falls - now also part of the park.

Stanton went on to have four more children, and continuing to strive for the right to vote, own property and be educated.

The National Women's Hall of Fame is one of Seneca Falls' many museums, and continues what Stanton started by honoring the achievements of extraordinary American women.

One of the 14 New York State Heritage Areas, Seneca Falls is a charming town proud of its history as an industrial boomtown of the 19th century and a center of social reform. Building on the success of the Erie Canal was the Oswego Canal, which, when opened in 1828, further facilitated trade between the Eastern Seaboard and the Great Lakes and the Midwest.

Just west of Syracuse at Three Rivers, the Erie Canal meets the Oswego River, a "canalized" river comprised of seven locks flowing the 24 miles north to Oswego and Lake Ontario.

If you like to fish, the Oswego Canal is the one for you. Full of Chinook salmon, northern pike, walleye, carp and small mouth bass, the Canal has also been home to some of New York's prize-winning fish. These include a 47-lb., 13-oz. Chinook salmon, a 33 lb., 2 oz. Brown trout, and a 33 lb., 7 oz. Coho salmon. Charter boats can be hired in Oswego to guide you to some of the area's best fishing, and let you see why Oswego is known as the salmon capital of the Northeast.

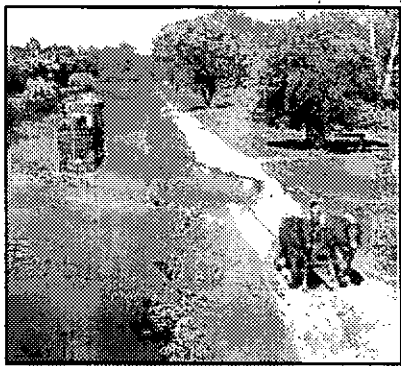
Like the other canals, diverse architecture shows the shaping of America, from Federal style to Italianate and Greek Revival.

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## BALDWINSVILLE CALENDAR OF EVENTS MAY-SEPT. 2003

May 24  
*Spring/Summer  
Concert Kickoff,  
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May 31  
*Blessing of the Fleet at  
Lock 24 Baldwinsville, N.Y.*  
(Call Baldwinsville Chamber of  
Commerce for details, 638-0550)  
Boat registration,  
Southwest Trail 12:00  
Parade of Boats/Blessing,  
Southwest Trail 1:30-3:30  
Chicken BBQ,  
Paper Mill Island 3:30-5:30

June 14  
*Old Fashioned Days at  
Shacksboro School House*  
Shacksboro School House Museum,  
Canton St., Baldwinsville.  
(Call the School House  
for details, 638-2452).  
Old fashioned fun,  
games, music, food.

July 11-12  
*Seneca River Days at  
Mercer Park on Seneca River*  
Intersection of Charlotte, River and  
North Street, Baldwinsville.  
(Call Chamber of Commerce for  
details, 638-0550).

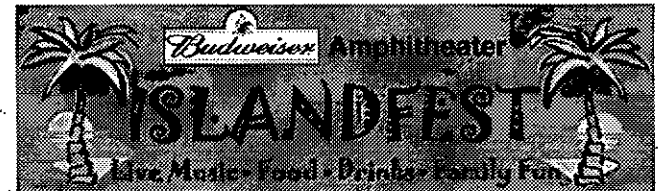
Friday night Fire Works,  
Music and activities in the park.  
Saturday 9-4 fun, games, activities,  
music, crafts in the Park.  
Concert on Paper Mill Island.

September 9  
*Golden Harvest Festival,  
Beaver Lake Nature Center*  
Huge craft fair, horse drawn wagon  
rides, nature games, trail tours,  
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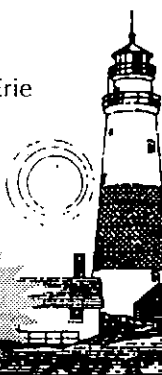
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# "On the Canal" could be heaven on earth for boat owners

by Russ Tarby

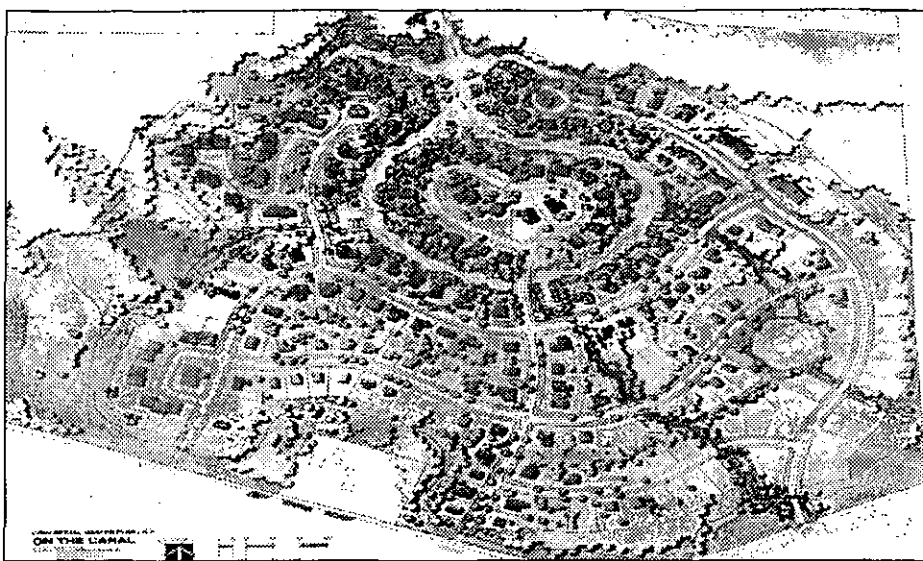
If you're a boat owner, you'd probably like to live within easy access of your favorite waterway. Cicero real-estate developer Michael Bragman hopes to make that dream come true for some 275 future homeowners in his "On the Canal" housing development. The project is proposed for 215 acres of private land adjacent to the Oneida River in Brewerton, in the town of Clay along its east/west border to the town of Cicero.

If the development is approved by the Clay Town Board May 19, up to 275 upscale homes could be built along a seven-foot-deep, 80- to 100-foot-wide private canal connecting the houses to the river and to New York state's 524-mile Erie Canal system.

Between 60 to 75 homes would have docks directly in the newly constructed mini-canal, while the remaining 200 or so would gain access at neighborhood docking areas. The houses with docks would sell for about \$600,000, while others would cost about \$300,000.

## First of its kind

Bragman, a former Assembly majority leader, envisions On the Canal as one piece of a much larger development, one that could result in similar waterway-based homes constructed in six counties along the state's canal system. He has acquired the rights from Hutchens & Associates of Buffalo to build canal-side housing projects in six Central New York counties, including Onondaga. Bragman is president of Heather Associates, the developer of On the Canal.



On the canal will include 275 acres - all will access to a private waterways.

Officials from state's Canal Corporation, want to transform the canal system into boating, recreation and tourism network. The corporation has entertained proposals for canal-side development since 1996, but Bragman's On the Canal is a "first of its kind," according to spokesman Terry O'Brien. The entire state will benefit from canal-oriented housing developments, O'Brien said.

Bragman's son, Michael Bragman Jr., director of operations for the Bragman Companies, noted that the project would locate its homeowners less than five minutes from Interstate 81 and less than 20 minutes from downtown Syracuse. By water, residents could sail to the Great Lakes and to the Atlantic Ocean.

## Economy booster?

Bragman Sr. thinks the development could rejuvenate the Central New York economy.

For instance, he predicted that Brewerton would benefit from immediate retail growth, including the establishment of a supermarket, which it now lacks.

Applications for zone changes and subdivision development have been filed with the town of Clay, and Heather Associates has had preliminary meetings with representatives of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the state Department of Environmental Conservation.

To build the mini-canal into the project, a channel will need to cut through about

five acres of federal wetlands. Bragman will need to secure Army Corps of Engineers permission to do that, and in return for that permission, Heather Associates has pledged to create 12 acres of additional wetlands elsewhere on the site.

## Lining up support

One of Onondaga County's most prominent Democrats, Bragman has asked for support for the project from fellow party members U.S. Sens. Chuck Schumer and Hillary Rodham Clinton, and he plans to meet with U.S. Rep. James Walsh, a Republican, to solicit his support as well.

Clay Supervisor Mark Rupprecht said sewers, water, natural gas and other utilities are already in place adjacent to the site. The On the Canal project could complement Clay's Three Rivers Point project, making Clay a major waterway-access location. If the town board approves the project, and if the Corps of Engineers OKs the mini-canal to the river, construction could begin as early as December.

"We're very enthused about this project," Bragman told the town board on April 7. "There's no question this is a business venture, but at the same time we regard it as an enormous opportunity for Onondaga County and beyond."

**Name:** On the Canal Community

**Developer:** Heather Associates of Cicero, one of the Bragman Companies

**What:** 225 to 275 upscale homes with access to Oneida River

**Where:** East/west boundary of towns of Cicero and Clay, fronting on Guy Young Road, running west to within 1,000 feet of Anthony Road.

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April 26-27 May 3-4	Seneca Falls Cayuga-Seneca Canal	10th Fresh Herb and New Wine Festival Contact: (800) 684-5217	Finger Lakes
7-Sept 4	Rexford Erie Canal	Northern NY Paddlers Time Trial Series Canoe Trials (Wednesdays) Cont.: Alec Davis (518) 399-1435	Capital/Saratoga
10	Waterford Erie Canal	Canal Fest '03 Contact: Riverspark/Hudson Mohawk Urban Cultural Park (518) 237-7999	Capital/Saratoga
24-26	Geneva Seneca Lake	Trout Derby Cont.: Geneva Area Chamber of Commerce (315) 789-1776 or Finger Lakes Sportsarama (315) 789-8634	Finger Lakes

# JUNE

DATE	LOCATION/CANAL	EVENT/CONTACT	REGION
5-8	Chittenango Erie Canal	Ozfest Contact: (315) 687-3423 L. Frank Baum Oz Museum	Mohawk Valley
6	Phoenix Oswego Canal	17th Annual Canal Day Contact: Glenda Stanbridge (315) 695-2291	Finger Lakes
6-Aug 29	Medina Erie Canal	Cruise Nite & Music by the Canal Friday nights Contact: (585) 798-0220	Greater Niagara
7	Glens Falls Champlain Canal/ Feeder Canal	Annual Feeder Canal Canoe Race Contact: Howard Raymond, Feeder Canal Alliance (518) 792-5363	Capital/Saratoga
7-8	Fairport Erie Canal	Fairport Canal Days Contact: Jan Dwyer (585) 425-7596	Finger Lakes
8	Seneca Falls- Waterloo Cayuga-Seneca Canal	23rd Annual Finger Lakes Carp Derby People's Park on Cayuga-Seneca Canal Cont.: Bucky Buchwald (315) 568-9063 or (315) 224-3994	Finger Lakes
14	Watkins Glen Seneca Lake	Waterfront Festival & Cardboard Boat Race Contact: Carol Suddlerby (607) 732-4400	Finger Lakes
14	Seneca Falls Cayuga-Seneca Canal	Seneca County Chamber of Commerce Bass Derby Contact: (315) 568-2906	Finger Lakes
14-15	Pittsford Erie Canal	Pittsford Invitational Regatta Contact: Rick Feins (716) 381-2305 e-mail: rfeins1@rochester.rr.com	Finger Lakes
15	Chittenango Erie Canal	Canal Festival Day Contact: Chittenango Landing and Boat Museum (315) 687-3801	Mohawk Valley
19	Scotia Erie Canal	Towpath Canoe Regatta Contact: Sue Brisley (518) 843-8133 e-mail: sbrisley@localnet.com	Capital/Saratoga
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# SUMMER EVENTS ON THE CANALS

## JULY

DATE	LOCATION/CANAL	EVENT/CONTACT	REGION
5	Waterford Erie Canal	<i>1st Annual Steamboat Rally</i> Contact: Dick Hurst (518) 233-9123	Capital/Saratoga
6-13	Buffalo-Albany Erie Canal	<i>Cycle the Erie Canal Bicycle Tour</i> Contact: New York Parks and Conservation Association (518) 434-1583 <a href="http://www.nypca.org/canaltour">www.nypca.org/canaltour</a>	Greater Niagara, Finger Lakes, Mohawk Valley, Capital/Saratoga
7-22	Whitehall to Tonawanda Champlain, Erie, Oswego, Cayuga- Seneca Canals	<i>Canal Cruise</i> Contact: NYS Canal Corporation (800) 4CANAL4	Capital-Saratoga, Mohawk Valley, Finger Lakes, Greater Niagara
7-20	Albion Erie Canal	<i>Erie Canal Fishing Derby</i> Contact: (716) 772-7972	Greater Niagara
10-12	Whitehall Champlain Canal	<i>Whitehall Festival</i> Contact: Carol Greenough (518) 499-1155	Capital/Saratoga
11-12	Baldwinsville Erie Canal	<i>9th Annual Seneca River Days</i> Contact: Stan Dombroski (315) 638-0345 or Tom Taylor (315) 696-8918	Finger Lakes
12-13	Rochester Erie Canal	<i>Corn Hill Arts Festival</i> Contact: (585) 262-3142	Finger Lakes
13	Fulton Oswego Canal	<i>Fulton's Canal Heritage Days 2003</i> Contact: Elma Smith (315) 598-4616	Thousand Island Seaway
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The river was the path of the first Jesuit missionaries to the area, the scene of many French & Indian War and War of 1812 skirmishes, and the setting for James Fenimore Cooper's *The Pathfinder*.

Today, modern explorers will travel alongside the remnants of early canal locks, historic Battle Island State Park and Fort Ontario, and friendly communities like Phoenix, Fulton and Oswego with their welcoming parks, shopping areas, and restaurants.

Then there are the many annual canalside events and festivals, from Oswego's famous weekend-long Harborfest to Fulton's Canal Heritage Experience, and several concerts and music festivals.

Plan a visit to Oswego County, via the waterway or the highway, sometime this summer. It's an easy trip, whichever route you choose.



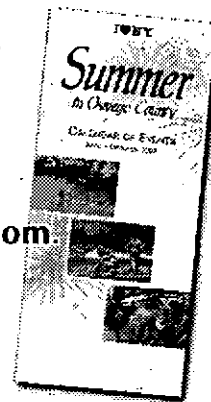
Oswego's annual Harborfest

**Canalling Oswego River** offers detailed navigation maps for the entire Oswego River Canal from Three Rivers to Lake Ontario, with facilities, parks, and lock information, including historical and architectural highlights. Safety, "locking through" and distance information is also included. Just call (315) 349-8322 for your free guide, or go to our website, [www.oswegocounty.com](http://www.oswegocounty.com).



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# Boating on New York's canals

by Katherine McCarthy

When Gov. DeWitt Clinton sailed from Buffalo to New York Harbor to pour that symbolic bucketful of Lake Erie Water into the mighty Atlantic, he created a legacy that lives on today. Although the commercial usefulness of New York's canals has yielded to trucks, trains and planes, recreational boaters today can make full use of the waterways that changed the nation.

The 524 miles of canal in the Empire State are great destinations for day trips, weekend excursions, or to serve as the connecting points to other great waterways in the nation (see accompanying piece).

The New York State Canals will open on May 5 this year, with operating hours from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. until May 21. From May 22 to Oct. 1, the canals will be open from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. From October 2 to Nov. 2, the canals will again be open from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

To pass through the locks or lift bridges, motorized boats can purchase either a two-day pass or seasonal permit. The two-day passes are valid for any two consecutive days during the season they are issued, and cost between \$5 and \$20, depending on the length of the vessel.

Seasonal permits are good from May until November, and cost also varies from \$25 to \$100 based on the length of the vessel.

For those taking a weeklong excursion through the canals, 10-day passes are available. Cost is also determined by vessel length, and ranges in price from \$12.50 to \$50.



New York's canal system has few remaining commercial uses, but recreational opportunities abound.

Passes and permits are sold at Canal Corporation offices, and designated lock and vendor outlets, which include many marinas throughout the state. To obtain a permit application by mail, or for more information on canal vendor locations, call (518) 436-2799.

A comprehensive cruising guide to the canals is available, with boating rules and regulations of the New York State Canal System; detailed maps and lock information; marinas and service listings; updated bridge clearances; and things to see and do along the canals.

The Cruising Guide to the New York

State Canal System costs \$29.95 plus \$6 shipping and handling, and checks and credit cards are accepted. The Cruising Guide can be ordered online at [www.canals.state.ny.us](http://www.canals.state.ny.us); or by phone at 1-800-422-1825.

If you don't have your own vessel, but still want to enjoy the canals by water, you can rent a boat, or take day or overnight cruises. A full listing of places to rent boats or find cruises is available by calling the New York State Canal Corporation at 1-800-4CANAL4, or by checking [www.canals.state.ny.us](http://www.canals.state.ny.us).

## From here, the world by Katherine McCarthy

When Huck Finn set out from Hannibal, Mo., he and escaping slave Jim only knew they would end up someplace very different from where they started.

If your "raft" is calling you to seek new worlds, New York's canals may be where you want to start plying the waters.

If you start in Waterford, not far from Albany, the Champlain Canal will take you to Lake Champlain, and on to the Canadian canals of Chambly and Saint Ours, which lead to the St. Lawrence River. A ride along the Lachine Canal takes you into the heart of Montreal, and from there, you can branch off to the Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupre Canal or the Carillon Canal and land in Canada's capital city, Ottawa.

The St. Lawrence River from Montreal and the Rideau Canal from Ottawa both lead to Lake Ontario.

Lake Ontario is also accessible from the Erie and Oswego Canals, and at Kingston or Trenton in the Canadian province of Ontario, boaters can access the Trent-Severn Waterway and continue north to Georgian Bay of Lake Huron.

The Erie Canal, of course, is part of Lake Erie, and from there, boaters can loop through Lakes Huron and Michigan to connect to the Illinois River, and on to the Mississippi River. From there, you can head along the Gulf of Florida, traversing the coast past Mississippi, Louisiana and its dreams of the Big Easy, Alabama and Florida.

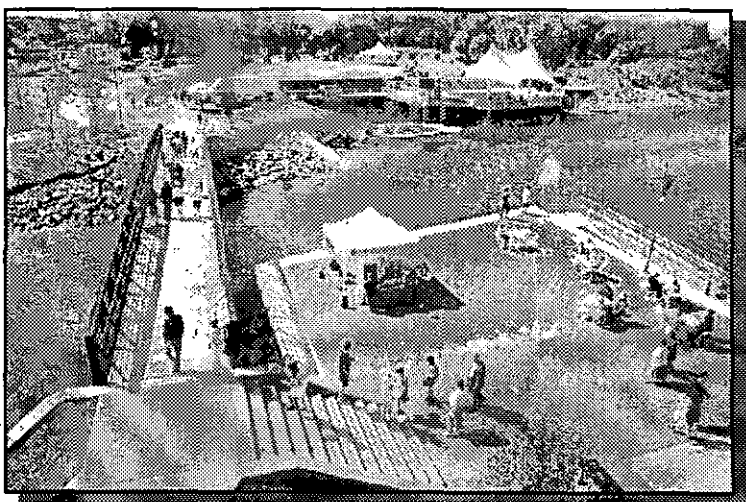
If all waterways head south eventually, boaters can also take the Erie or Champlain Canals to the Hudson River, and from there, you can cruise the Intracoastal Waterway all the way to Florida.

Perhaps, as a tribute to Gov. DeWitt Clinton, who poured a bucketful of Lake Erie Water into New York harbor when the Erie Canal was completed in 1825, you will also want to take along a little bit of the New York water that launched you into the wider world.

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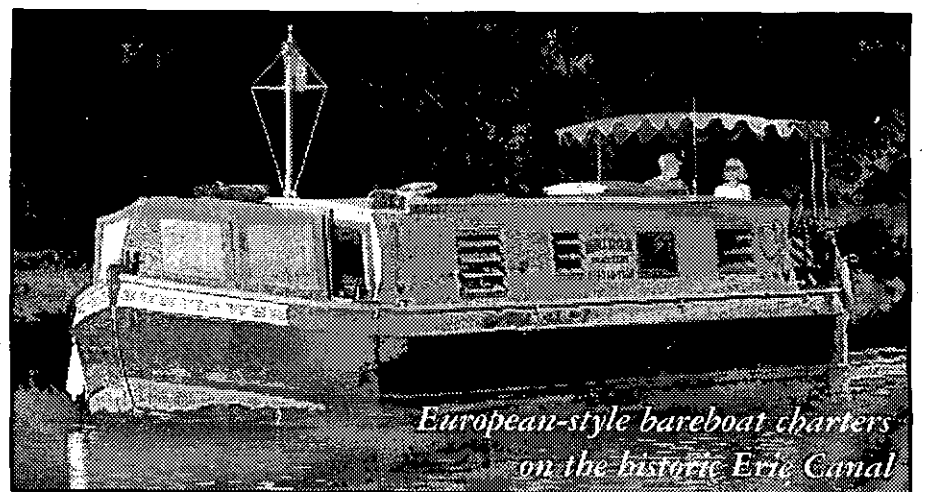
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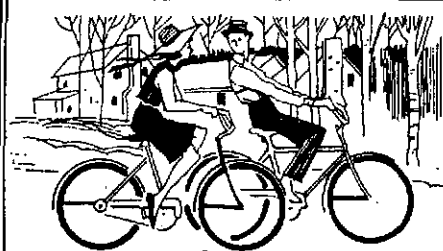
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# Restoring the skyline of Niagara Falls

Developer specializes in urban residential revitalization projects

One of the most exciting facets of USA Niagara Development Strategy for Niagara Falls was unveiled late last year when USA Niagara Chairman Charles Gargano and Carl Paladino, CEO of Ellicott Development, gathered to announce the designation of First Street Group, LLC, an affiliate of Buffalo-based Ellicott Development Co., as developer for the restoration of the historic United Office Building.

Ellicott Development will invest \$5.2 million of its own money for the redevelopment of this signature building for mixed-use, high-end commercial and residential use.

"Today we proceed with a significant redevelopment project that will transform an icon of decline and disrepair into a pillar of progress and optimism," Gargano said.

The United Office Building, built in 1929 and designed in the art deco style of that era, is located at 222 Rainbow Boulevard North. Ellicott Development proposes approximately 10,000 square feet of Class A office space and 27 luxury apartments for the approximately 77,000 square foot, 20-story building.

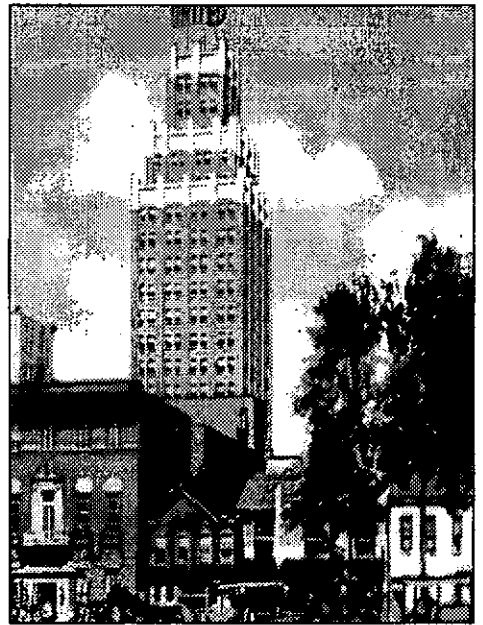
In redeveloping the building, Ellicott Development will remain sensitive to the historic character of the building. The exterior will be cleaned and painted, the terra-

cotta repaired and all windows will be replaced with modern energy-efficient units with similar appearance as existing design, and in keeping with state historic preservation guidelines.

Preliminary engineering and design work began in late November 2002, with construction scheduled to start at mid-year 2003. A spring 2004 occupancy is targeted.

The project will return the property to the tax rolls after 15 years of standing idle, create construction and permanent jobs and have a year-round positive impact on the city economy.

USA Niagara President Michael Wilton



Ellicott Development will remain sensitive to the historic character of the United Office Building while restoring it to its original splendor.

said, "As a strategic link in our development strategy, USA Niagara is proud that this landmark will be returned to the stature it deserves. We would like to extend our thanks to city officials for their timely cooperation in making this a catalyst project for the revitalization of downtown."

## Casino opens Bear's Den Theater

New showroom adds another entertainment venue to facility

Seneca Niagara Casino has added another element to its entertainment offerings with the opening of Bear's Den, a showroom theater.

The 400-seat theater, located on the north end of the casino's main concourse, offers guests the opportunity to experience live entertainment in an intimate, modern setting. Inaugural acts included the Grammy-award winning oldies/soul group, The 5th Dimension.

"The opening of Bear's Den is an important step for the Seneca Nation in that it rounds out the entertainment venues we are offering at the casino," said Rickey L. Armstrong Sr., president of the Seneca Nation of Indians. "In addition to Club 101's circular stage at the center of the gaming floor, which has live music seven nights a week, Bear's Den adds an important aspect to the overall entertainment package at Seneca Niagara Casino."

Armstrong added that Bear's Den shows combined with the existing gaming and dining, makes the casino a convenient and ideal entertainment destination.

Casino officials say that Bear's Den will host a variety of local and national musical acts, as well as other kinds of entertainment like magicians and comedians.

"The intimate setting at Bear's Den makes it an ideal venue for many different kinds of shows. It will be a great place to see your favorite acts from the 60's through the 90's as well as today's up and coming entertainers," said Armstrong.

Seneca Niagara Casino is New York's only casino featuring reel-spinning slot machines. Located just a few blocks from Niagara Falls, the casino has an 82,000 square-foot gaming floor housing 2,625 slot machines and 93 table games.

In addition to gaming, Seneca Niagara casino offers several restaurants, plus a showroom-style theater and a stage on the gaming floor providing live entertainment. The casino is operated by Seneca Niagara Falls Gaming Corporation and owned by the

## Enjoy a Visit to Niagara Falls at a New York State Park

Spectacular Niagara Falls is the centerpiece of Niagara Reservation State Park, the oldest state park in the United States. Walk through the Great Lakes Garden at the park entrance and stop at the Visitor Center for information and exhibits about the park's history, geology and technology. Experience the new Discovery Center; take the trolley to the Horseshoe Falls overlook; ride the elevators down to the Cave of the Winds where walkways come within arm's reach of the thundering waters at the Bridal Veil Falls. Enjoy the thrills of the Niagara Gorge with a ride on the Maid of the Mist or atop the renovated Observation Tower.

Visit any of the Niagara Region's many state parks and the Old Fort Niagara State Historic Site for an extraordinary variety of recreational opportunities.



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# Sprucing up around a natural wonder

Refurbishing projects improve Niagara Falls area

by Bernadette Castro

Niagara Falls State Park, the oldest active state park in the nation, is one of the world's premier tourist attractions.

As part of the overall revitalization of Niagara Falls, since 2000, the state and Gov. Pataki have committed, combined with private sector investment, more than \$49 million to restore this truly unique resource to its rightful place as a world class destination.

Niagara Falls and the Niagara Reservation State Park are world-renowned natural treasures and tourist destinations. Designed by the famous American landscape architect Frederick Law Olmsted, the 400-acre Niagara Reservation State Park was founded in 1885 and is the oldest state park in the nation. The Niagara Falls area is a community rich in history, cultural resources and dramatic natural wonders.

Niagara Falls State Park welcomes approximately 8 million visitors each year, more than Yellowstone and Yosemite National Parks combined.

The state has made a historic commitment to capital projects in and around the park to improve the visitor's experience and encourage tourism and related development. Some of the highlights include:

## Observation Tower

The \$24 million tower project is upgrading the existing structure and providing access to the lower gorge. Improvements include resurfaced deck, new elevators, improved handicapped access, new restrooms, gift shop, and enclosing the tower with a transparent/reflective glass.

## Goat Island

In 2002 the park, working with the Department of Transportation, refurbished the American Rapids Bridge with the goal of improving pedestrian and vehicle access to Goat Island at Niagara Reservation State Park.

## Niagara Gorge Discovery Center

The former Schoellkopf Museum will be adaptively reused as a Niagara Gorge Discovery Center and serve as a gateway to the Gorge Trail with interpretive information and exhibits, food service and restroom facilities for visitors and those hiking the gorge trail

*Note: Bernadette Castro is commissioner of the state office of Parks Recreation and Historic Preservation.*

# Biking the Canals

By Katherine McCarthy

When the Erie Canal opened, it changed the way America did business.

Though train and plane shipping eventually made the canal commercially obsolete, it - along with New York's other three canals - is meeting the modern-day desire for smart growth in towns and cities, and the population's desire to get regular exercise.

The New York State Canalway Trail is a network of more than 230 miles of existing multi-use, recreational trails across Upstate New York. Most of the trails are adjacent to the state's canals, or run along remnants of the original canals no longer in use. For bicyclists, the trails are a dream come true, offering off-road, scenic places to bicycle. For families, the often-flat terrain means that kids will be able to cycle long stretches without fatiguing. Distinctive trailblazers mark the trails, making them easy to follow.

The state Canal Corporation's long-term goal is to increase the Canalway Trail so that it parallels most of the state's 524-mile canal system. For now, bikers can "fill in the gaps" of the Trailway by using New York State Bike Routes 5 and 9, which go west and north, respectively, along current state roads.

One group that helps advocate for the completion of the trail system is the New York Parks and Conservation Association, a non-profit organization whose mission includes the creation of greenways, rail trails and heritage corridors.

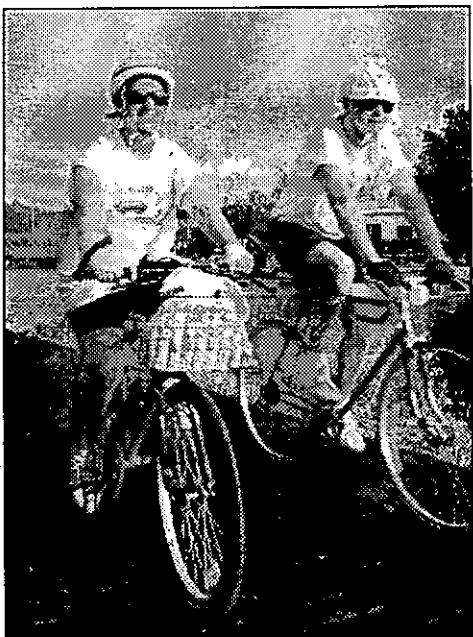
One way they've brought attention to one of the state's greatest trail is with their fifth annual bike tour, "Cycling the Erie Canal."

"We started with 75 straggling bicyclists," NYPCA's Executive Director Robin Dropkin said of the seven-day, 400-mile bike tour from Buffalo to Albany along the Erie Canal. "This year, we'll limit participation to 400 people."

The bike tour started, Dropkin said, to promote the visibility of the canal corridor.

"We wanted a vehicle, no pun intended, to promote completion of the Canalway Trails," Dropkin said. "The Erie Canal is a National Heritage Corridor, and Gov. Pataki has pledged to finish the trail. We'd like to be a guiding force to bring national visibility to the Trailway."

Dropkin said she's seen the potential of the Erie Canal to draw visitors from around the world.



The Canal system offers miles and miles of bike trails that are on the level.

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