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## Town to get input on draft of comp plan

By LIBBY SCHIRMER

The comprehensive planning process continues to move ahead, though it is about a month behind which recently has prompted discussions of a moratorium extension. Residents will be able to sound off about the draft version of the plan that's on the town's Web site at a meeting Thursday, March 3.

The town board last week named itself lead agency for the purposes of the State Environmental Quality Review Act, a routine process, Supervisor Theresa Egan said, but symbolic that the process is progressing.

"We've worked very hard to represent the interests of all our residents," Egan said. "The plan is reasonable, it addresses needs, but also is illustrative of the community survey."

Egan noted efforts to make the community survey as statistically accurate as possible, ensuring a range of groups were represented in the results, similar to the goal made when the Bethlehem Planning Advisory Committee was formed.

All along, the name of the comprehensive planning game has been to balance input from residents, interested groups and BPAC members but not to allow the public input to overwhelm or confuse BPAC or the town. Essentially, "you're not going to be able to please all of the people all of the time," Egan said. "Rather lay it all out on the table because the residents should have a say."

The board also passed a resolution that kicks off the drafting of the Generic

Environmental Impact Statement. The day before last Wednesday's board meeting, versions of the new draft comprehensive plan were posted for viewing on the town's Web site. The new version includes an executive summary, which Egan hopes will give residents a good idea of what's in the plan without having to read it cover to cover.

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Theresa Egan

"Hopefully it will avoid confusion," Egan said.

Changes were made after the most recent BPAC meeting. Egan declined to characterize them as significant.

Egan expects discussions about a moratorium extension to continue at the next town board meeting, scheduled for March 9, which should also be the same day the new comprehensive plan will be up for adoption by the town board.

The town board will be considering a three-month or six-month moratorium extension, which Egan said would allow BPAC to get back on track and which Department of Public Works Commissioner George Leveille, also a BPAC member, said would give developers time to get acquainted with the new zoning regulations that will be in place as a result of the process.

Moratoria extensions can be sticky situations, legally. Egan, a lawyer and former judge, has confidence in the basis for the moratorium and doesn't expect any problems, even with an extension.

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## Good skates



Victor and Nick Kruglov enjoy themselves at Elm Avenue Park skating rink Sunday.

Jim Franco

## Public gets say on part of Thruway plan

By MARY LANNON

Despite not issuing its long-awaited and controversial study of exits 21A to 25A, the New York State Thruway Authority began an initial step with a Feb. 15 public meeting on one project — the repaving and widening of the highway between exits 23 and 24 — identified as crucial in presentations of the study.

At least one community leader believes that the widening is not necessary.

"I don't think they need the

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## Scamp eases visits to doctor's office K-9 has wonderful 'bedside' manner

By KATHERINE MCCARTHY

He's aptly named, the schnoodle that belongs to Jonathan Pasternack, M.D., of Delmar Pediatrics in Delmar. Scamp, half schnauzer, half poodle, eagerly runs after a ball that Pasternack tosses down the corridor into the waiting room. He rolls over, offering a belly for a rub, and cozies up next to kids waiting their turn in the doctor's office. He's also ready to offer a comforting paw to patients in the exam rooms.

The dashing dog is a perfect example of pet therapy in action, and little kids grin just to see him.

"We were at a convention in Roanoke, Va.," Pasternack said of his now 8-year-old dog, "and there was an ad from a vet who raises schnoodles. We went to see him and my wife said my first reaction



Four-year-old Chelsea Alix gets a little pet therapy from Scamp at Delmar Pediatrics.

Katherine McCarthy

Scamp works the same Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays that Pasternack does at Delmar Pediatrics. Scamp goes room to room and lies on the floor with his feet in the air, always ready for a belly rub.

"If I go into a room without Scamp, kids will usually ask where he is," Pasternack said. When Pasternack's not in an exam room, or if he's taking care of a child who's skittish

□ SCAMP/page 5

was 'Can I please have him?'"

Scamp traveled back to the Capital District in a crate under Pasternack's airplane seat. Pasternack used to take Scamp to St. Peter's Hospice and now



# Bethlehem Police arrest three on DWI charges

Bethlehem Police made three driving while intoxicated (DWI) arrests this week.

On Feb. 25, around 11:36 p.m., police responded to a report of a car that someone was trying to dislodge from a snow bank in the parking lot of Del Lanes at 4 Bethlehem Court.

When police arrived, Andrew B. Lorence, 39, of 15 Avenue A in Albany said he had been drinking earlier at a bar with his friend, according to Officer Chris Hughes.

They had driven to Del Lanes, where an unknown man driving a Jeep challenged Lorence to a hill climb of the snow bank with their respective cars, police said.

Lorence did so and left his car in the bank and went into the establishment and ordered a drink at the bar. Police said that the bartender reported that he refused Lorence service when he realized Lorence was drunk and had driven.

During an interview with Lorence, Hughes said he was told by Lorence that he backed the vehicle off the snow bank into the parking lot from the passenger's side.

"That is, he shifted, steered and operated the gas pedal from the passenger position," Hughes wrote in his report. "He said by doing this he was not actually driving."

Lorence was arrested for DWI, anyway, after he failed four field sobriety tests and a chemical test later showed him to be positive for alcohol, police said.

He is due in Bethlehem Town Court on March 15.

On Feb. 27, around 12:47 a.m., on the Slingerlands Bypass, a stationary patrol vehicle saw a car driving at an "extremely low speed."

Melissa A. Whitmore, 18, of 2170 14<sup>th</sup> St. in Troy, was seen to be driving at 35 mph then slowed to 26 mph, while in a 55 mph zone,

according to Officer Jeff Vunck. Vunck also said she failed to keep right.

As he approached Whitmore, Vunck said she was visibly intoxicated and the floors of the car were "covered with empty beer bottles, malt liquor bottles, caps and cardboard containers."

Whitmore had admitted to drinking at The Post, a bar in Albany, Vunck said.

After failing field sobriety tests and taking a chemical test that showed her to be positive for alcohol, Whitmore was arrested for DWI, police said. Police also allegedly seized three containers full of alcohol from Whitmore's car.

On Feb. 27, around 12:47 a.m. in the area of 29 Elm Ave., police pulled over 22-year-old Katelyn J. Berger of 41 Windhaw Road in Glenmont on suspicion of DWI when they observed her car swerving in the lane and crossing the white fog lane.

Berger failed field sobriety tests, police said, and was detained for DWI.

According to police, Berger became uncooperative and upset, refusing to sign Miranda warnings. Eventually, after a phone call, Berger's father arrived at the police station and stood in as Berger's attorney.

Berger tested positive for alcohol. Police said that because of her agitated state and high Blood Alcohol Content (.17 percent), her photos and fingerprints will be filed at a later date.

While in the holding cell, Berger kicked the plexiglass, possibly leading to a criminal mischief charge if it was permanently damaged, police said.

She returns to town court on March 15 to face the DWI charge.

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## College admissions program set

Jill Rifkin of College Options in Delmar will present a free program for high school students and their parents or guardians on college admissions on Tuesday, March 8, at 7 p.m. at Bethlehem Public Library.

Rifkin will review various admission plans and discuss pros and cons of early decision.

A question and answer period will follow the presentation.

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# Boys charged with with burglary

By LIBBY SCHIRMER

Four juveniles face a range of felony and misdemeanor charges stemming from their involvement in a burglary with two adult males, who now also face a host of charges, including facilitation.

The burglary of the home at Indian Fields Road in New Scotland occurred on Jan. 29, with Albany County Sheriff's department deputies saying that 16-year-old Stepheon Sheldon, of Feura Bush, provided two juvenile males with information about the residence and the safe that contained cash, antiques and personal papers.

"(Sheldon) was familiar with the residence and knew the family and was able to provide details (about the safe and its location)," said Senior Investigator Mike Monteleone.

Police say 21-year-old Nathaniel Gordon of Selkirk drove Sheldon and two 15-year-old juvenile males to the house, which was unlocked.

During a canvass of the area, Albany County Sheriff's Department investigators interviewed two juvenile females in Ravena who claimed to have found a broken safe along Tracy Road.

Further interviews with the girls while their mother was present revealed that Sheldon and the two 15-year-old boys had brought the safe to the girls' house, police said. The girls were allegedly still in possession of an antique coin collection from the safe.

Monteleone said the juveniles were cooperative with police. Gordon and Sheldon, he said, were "initially uncooperative."

Sheldon was arrested on Feb. 10 and now faces charges of burglary in the second degree, a class C felony, conspiracy in the fifth degree, an A misdemeanor and petty larceny, another A misdemeanor. Sheldon was arraigned in the town of New Scotland Town Court and sent to Albany County Correctional Facility without bail.

Gordon, arrested Feb. 15, faces a second-degree burglary charge, along with third-degree criminal facilitation, an E felony, fifth-degree conspiracy, an A misdemeanor and petty larceny.

Gordon, also arraigned in New Scotland Town Court, was released on \$5,000 bail.

Both male juveniles, arrested Feb. 9 and Feb. 10, face second-degree burglary charges, conspiracy charges and petty larceny charges. The two juvenile girls, arrested Feb. 12, face mis-

demeanor charges of criminal possession of stolen property.

Sheriff's deputies were collecting statements over the course of the investigation, Monteleone said.

"They weren't too cooperative in the beginning," Monteleone said. "It took a couple of days to collect statements and talk to

people. We like to go out and verify who, if anyone, had knowledge."

The juvenile defendants were released to the custody of their parents and will make their way through the family court system and probation department, Monteleone said.

## V'ville election to have just one candidate

By MARTIN J. BANNAN

This year's election in Voorheesville will be a quiet one, since only one candidate is running for office. Trustee David Cardona, appointed to the village board last June to replace Tom Ruane, is seeking election in his own right. The outcome appears certain as there is no challenger for the \$5,000 a year position.

Full time, Cardona is a chief clerk at Albany County Family Court. In public life, he has served on the Voorheesville zoning board of appeals and the New Scotland planning board. In addition, he is a member of the Voorheesville Volunteer Fire Department.

Cardona said he is looking forward to preparing his first budget for the village, expected to be ready March 20.

"I've been learning a lot since July and I'm happy being part of what goes on in the village," he

said.

A Bethlehem native, Cardona, 34, has lived in Voorheesville since 1997. He and his wife Kimberly have two boys.

Elections will take place March 15 from noon to 9 p.m. at the Voorheesville Fire House.

In other business, board members made further revisions to a proposed amendment to the village's zoning law allowing for senior housing. At a hearing on Feb. 15, residents voiced concerns about the eligibility and definition of a senior citizen.

"There was a consensus that 55 as a minimum age for applicants was too young," Mayor Jack Stevens said. "Some added that many people are still working and quite able to live anywhere without assistance."

The board agreed to up the eligibility age in the proposed amendment to 62. Another public hearing is scheduled for March 9 at 6 p.m. at the village hall.

## St. Matthew's Church welcomes new priest

By MARTIN J. BANNAN

For the first time in 30 years, parishioners at St. Matthew's Church in Voorheesville are welcoming a new pastor. The Rev. Thomas Chevalier, formerly pastor at St. Margaret Mary's Church in Albany, celebrated his first Mass at his new assignment on Feb. 12. He replaces the Rev. Arthur Toole who retired in

Saratoga Springs, Fort Plain and Colonie, Chevalier comes to St. Matthew's experienced at working in urban, suburban and rural communities.

"At St. Matthew's we are a community closely intertwined with the surrounding village of Voorheesville," he said. "The people here are warm and welcoming."

Chevalier described his mission as one of celebrating God's presence in people's lives.

"It's about sharing the faith among the body of Christ," he said. "The church shares God's presence in the liturgy, sacraments and the homily. People show it through their faith as they face life's tests and ordeals."

Although the Catholic Church has been faced with a scandal, change and the lure of competing denominations, Chevalier says he is confident the church will prevail.

"Our faith is that Jesus is with us until the end of time," he said. "The church is always evolving and may not be what we remember it as when we were young, but our faith assures us that God is with us as we work through times of trouble and change."

Chevalier's immediate plans at St. Matthew's are to listen and find out how the spirit is moving in this community and where it is leading it.

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Rev. Thomas Chevalier

January.

A native of Cohoes, Chevalier, 50, attended seminary at St. Mary's in Baltimore and The Catholic University in Washington, D.C., before being ordained in 1980. "I first thought about being a lawyer but changed my mind," he said. "Instead, I chose the priesthood because I was inspired by the social message of Jesus: concern for the poor and powerless."

Having served at parishes in

## In memoriam



The Garden Study Club of Albany created an arrangement last weekend at New York in Bloom to honor Mildred "Midge" Baldwin of Glenmont, a longtime exhibitor and volunteer for New York in Bloom, who died last year at home after attending the New York in Bloom gala. Mrs. Baldwin formerly served as chairman of the Albany County Federated Garden Club, vice president of the Bethlehem Historical Society, past president of the Women's Council of the Albany Institute of History & Art and was active in many other civic organizations.

## Water upgrade plan drifting along the pipes

By LIBBY SCHIRMER

After the town board made a negative declaration in relation to the New Salem Water System upgrades, nearly 80 residents in and around that water district can expect notification soon about arrangements for easements.

The town approved a preliminary design concept for the \$17 million upgrade to the plant in the fall.

With the upgrades, the facility should be set for 30 years into the future, officials have said.

A 20-inch pipe will be laid within existing easements, said Department of Public Works Commissioner George Leveille, though some easements lay outside the district.

About 95 percent of the design concept is completed, meaning bids for work should soon follow, Leveille said.

Leveille won't know until those are completed whether the project is on budget, but so far, so good, he said. Residents who live within 150 feet of it have access to the pipe.

"Some of the residents may already be online with us," Leveille said. "For some, it may be an opportunity to get connected

(to the pipe)."

Leveille said officials are still working out whether there will be some sort of benefit or trade-off for those who live, for example, 200 feet out from the line and will give up their easements.

"Potentially we could make arrangements, but we don't know that yet," Leveille said.

Originally, the town had approved \$13 million in improvements, but that figure was increased to \$17 million after a miscalculation slid by, material prices increased and there was a change in the general scope of the project.

A long-term water planning study completed and released in April 2003 concluded that the Clapper Road facility would be capable of meeting the needs of its industrial customers through 2030.

Twelve alternatives to address a water supply deficit were identified through that report, and all of the alternatives suggested an upgrade and an expansion to the New Salem plant.

The vote for the bond increase will happen when the plans for the improvements are finalized.

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George Leveille

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# Natural light replaces allure of the television

By KATHERINE McCARTHY

My true love hesitated at the door of the playroom just before the school break, not quite daring to enter what has become my February post-children's-bedtime lair. I had already assumed the position — stretched out on my right side, head on a bolster pillow, throw wrapped around me, remote clutched tightly in my hand.

"You've been watching a lot of movies lately," Chris said.

I lifted my head in slow acknowledgment.

"It's February," I said. "I got nothin'."

He sighed and went off to do the dishes.

February is a month to be endured, this deadly month in which the pine wreaths, the last vestiges of living greenery, turn brown and have to be tossed out. Spring is far enough away that it still feels like a distant memory.

There are people who love winter: skiers, snowboarders, snowshoers and snowmobilers. A fresh coat of snow makes everything look clean and bright; pair it with a clear blue sky and it's an energizing palette of visually pleasing colors. Winter sun is a delusional delight that draws up memories of summer

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warmth and offers hope that we will again complain of heat and humidity.

Each winter, I vow to use my cross-country skis more than once. Every winter, the daily need to do laundry, grocery shop, work, chauffeur the kids around and make sure that homework gets done eats up everything that might look like a spare minute to attempt something different or new.

In the interest of full disclosure, I'm not a slave to housework. In January, the books that came as Christmas presents beat out vacuuming and finally painting the kitchen ceiling. This year, Lynne Truss' *Eats, Shoots and Leaves* made me laugh out loud and feel edified by her descriptions of the proper use of commas, semi-colons and dashes.

It's an act of bravery for any mother to sit down and read a book in her own home in the presence of her family. One of the greatest mysteries of the ages is why children (and, alas, some

husbands) think that a woman reading a book, going into the bathroom or answering the telephone is a signal to suddenly need poster board for a school project; to panic about where the tax forms that have been very carefully put in the filing cabinet are; or to dump an entire bottle of apple juice onto the kitchen floor.

February is another of life's great mysteries. How can it be so short but feel so interminable? It seems like a good time to start long-term projects, but if reading a book prompts family crises, what will happen if Mom is busy with a bucket of paint? Also, you'd have to choose death by inhaling toxic fumes or death by freezing if you opened the window to air the house out during smelly chores.

There's a hopelessness to February, something beyond the blahs, that makes me want to just sit there and do nothing. Reading a book in this brief, chilly month would be a victory. Television, where characters speak in uninterrupted-by-children sentences and accomplish great things — be they related to love, careers or life — looks pretty enticing. It's a built-in distraction with the push of a button. Far too soon, your pulse rate has slowed, your breathing has gotten more

shallow and like a baby who hasn't yet mastered the art of sitting up on its own, you topple over only to be caught by the pillow near the arm of the sofa.

My television Jonesin has been worsened by the fact that we ended up with HBO in a case of technology gone bad. When we joined the 21<sup>st</sup> century — to quote our kids — by getting more than one TV and computer, we connected everyone to the Internet via cable. HBO came in the deal, which seemed great at first. Soon, though, I was reminded of how much crap is on these screens that I use to get my romantic comedy fix. Since our children routinely stay up later than we do on weekends, I tried to get rid of it. Figure this one out: it would cost more to NOT have HBO than to have it. The nice person on the phone walked me through locking out the most objectionable programming.

So there I was in February, flipping among the channels left accessible, watching the same movies over and over again. On one of the nights that Chris entered the sanctum sanctorum, he caught me moving between "Bend it like Beckham" and "Love Actually." Hugh Grant makes him squeamish, so he left me in my spine-deteriorating position with the comment that if I missed a single word of either, I'd be able to fill in the dialogue.

My February indolence used to provoke an existential crisis. What sort of person was I to ignore all that needed doing for an hour and a half of escapism? Why was I short-changing myself? Surely I'd amount to more

if I put that time to use accomplishing something.

Now, I embrace the February torpor and see it as a window onto possibilities in a life full of mind-numbing chores. Measuring accomplishments has gotten more realistic: it's a triumph if there are clean clothes in everyone's drawers, a hot dinner on the table each evening and if the snapping and yelling at those I love most was replaced by a good dose of quiet words and big hugs.

Finally, though, it is March, which I hope blows in like a man-shaking lion and destroys my cable connection. The view out the deck door helps. After turning off the TV one night recently, I stood and looked at the yard, where the full moon made the tree limbs etch black shadows on the blue-tinted snow. During normal waking hours, daylight turns the snow into little rivulets of water in the driveway. One afternoon, Cormac came through the backyard looking up at the big maple where his grandfather and uncle built him and his brother a tree house eight years ago.

Those are the best mother moments: when the children who are my heart are intent on something and don't know I'm watching them.

"There's a discolored icicle in the tree," he reported. Sure enough, near a giant knot was a huge caramel-colored stalactite of ice. How perfect that our family's future had found a harbinger of milder days to come.

"It's sap," I told him, "The No. 1 reason to love spring here: maple-flavored icicles."

It's March. I got everything.

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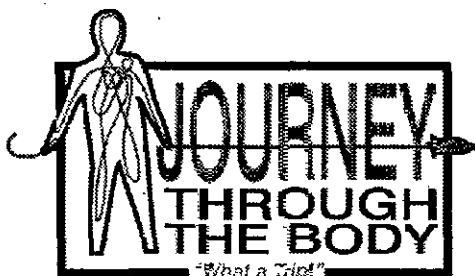
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## Scamp

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around dogs, Scamp hangs out in Pasternack's office.

More likely, patients come in and ask for Scamp.

"He brings out the playful side in people," Pasternack said. "He also loves baby socks and will sniff around them, if it's OK with the baby's parents. If a child has a fever or has to have a throat culture, they can hold on to Scamp."

Scamp has also provided comfort to more than one child being treated for minor lacerations — and to more than one parent.

"A woman came in with her daughter," Pasternack said. "She was nicely dressed and she just lay down on the floor with Scamp. When it was time to go, she asked if she could have just a few more minutes with him." Experts and pet lovers agree that there's a lot to pet therapy. Being around animals has proven to lower blood pressure and speed recovery in cardiac patients.

Frances Murphy, coordinator of the Albany Obedience Club's Canine Company, said the reasons that pets are effective therapists are simple. The Canine Company was established in 1981 and members take their dogs to nursing homes, hospitals, assisted living facilities and a number of schools.

For older people, dogs can offer reassurance.

"Life is hard for them," Murphy said. "With a dog, everything is fine. They can talk to them in a non-threatening way. They don't have to worry about slurring their speech or not being

understood. A lot of the people we see used to have dogs and now they're separated from their families and animals. Seeing the dogs makes them feel better."

Lois Marks, a 66-year-old housewife who moved from Delmar to Albany, takes her dog Trevor to visit nursing homes, especially The Good Samaritan Lutheran Home in Delmar. She started doing it with her dog Tyler, who has since passed away, about 15 years ago, to find an activity for Tyler to do.

"We go to the home and find people who like dogs," Marks said. "We often spend time with people who don't have a lot of company."

Dogs, pet therapy proponents reach, a lot of people that have shut themselves off from the world.

"My dog Tyler used to always go over to a man and let him pet him," Marks said. "Somebody said that nobody else could get through to him, but Tyler could."

Dogs can be great icebreakers, too, and Marks said she and her dogs have made a lot of friends through chatting about dogs.

The rewards come back as strongly for the pet owners as for the people being visited. Cydney Cross, the assistant manager at the Mohawk & Hudson River Humane Society, works with two pit bull therapy dogs that are part of an organization she founded called "Out of the Pits."

Alexis and Rose have passed canine good citizen courses, been checked out by a veterinarian and passed a standardized test given by Therapy Dogs International. They wear red collars on their

harnesses and have bright yellow tags that read "I am a therapy dog." They have identification cards and photos.

"The joy that they bring to people is great," Cross said. "We go to nursing homes, hospitals, schools, a lot of Alzheimer's units, even jails. If I could bottle how I feel after taking my dogs someplace, it would be great. Dogs are unconditional in their love; they look at us as we should look at each other."

Kids also respond well to dogs, although all therapy dog handlers are alert to which dogs make good therapy dogs and whether children like being around dogs.

"Kids like to be with other kids because there's nobody telling them what to do," Murphy said. "Dogs just love kids. They might shake hands with the kids or sit for them. Dogs also bring a lot of comfort to kids; there's nothing confrontational about them."

"A dog is like a child," Cross said. "They are who they are. For children, they learn responsibility by having a pet. They take care of a living thing and protect the dog. For children, a dog can be a child's best friend in the world. At 16, my horse and my dog were my best friends. I told them all my problems and the only thing that mattered to them was that I had my hands on them."

Murphy and Marks both take the Canine Company dogs to schools, especially Philip Livingston School in Albany.

"New York state has a

mandated curriculum to teach the humane treatment of animals," Murphy said. "When we go to a school, we teach kids how to teach a dog; to be kind to dogs; and to watch out for loose dogs."

"The kids love the obedience tricks," Marks said. "With my shepherds, a lot of the kids start out afraid, because he's a big dog. For the boys especially, it's a badge of courage to pet the dog. When we finish, the kids are hanging on the dogs."

When you're around dogs long enough, they seem more like people than animals. Scamp, for instance, gets a weekly shampoo and blow-dry and has his own bedtime ritual.

"He doesn't know he's a dog," Pasternack said. "He looks at you and doesn't stop. It feels like your soul is coming out through his eyes."

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"Legally speaking, we're on very solid ground," Egan said, noting input from several sources, from town attorneys to the state Secretary of State's office, during the drafting of the moratorium. Residents who attend the public hearing can expect a sign-in sheet and a podium from which to make their statements. Egan said comments will probably be limited to a two- or three-minute period, to ensure as many people as possible speaking time. When the town board considers adoption of the plan, the board will also likely consider adopting the new zoning regulations and the moratorium extension, which the public will also have a chance to sound off on. Egan said she hasn't heard any comments from developers. The public hearing will be held Thursday, March 3 at town hall, from 7 to 9 p.m.

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# Matters of Opinion

## Spring is in the air

For many of us the main thing about March is that spring officially goes on the books. Even though February went out with a bang dumping even more snow on the region, we now can look forward with some certainty to the rebirth of the region on Sunday, March 20.

By then, even if we get more snow after the official date, we know for sure that it will warm up, and things will actually begin to grow.

And we'll have the bonus of driving to and from work when it's almost light, and the car won't have to heat up for 10 or more minutes before it's bearable to drive.

Kids will begin to shed the bulky layers that help shield them from the elements. They'll also be able to ride their bikes and walk farther than just to the car and out of the cold. They also won't be confined to the house except when they are in school. They will actually be able to go outdoors and use some of their boundless energy.

Seniors will be able to venture out without fear of slipping on ice or snow. Even a trip to the store can be an ordeal for them during the winter months.

Driving conditions are daunting, and we long for the time when they fade into distant memory — at least for the next three seasons.

In the Northeast, driving on major highways is nothing short of nightmarish, especially when the road isn't plowed, and drivers insist on maintaining high speeds despite hazardous weather conditions.

With spring, we begin to think of when we can shut the furnace down (and move our depleted budgets forward) and actually open the windows for some much needed and wanted fresh air.

Mother Nature struts her stuff in the spring as she spews forth colorful spring flowers like daffodils, forsythia and hibiscus. Our area's magnificent trees will begin to unfurl their leaves bringing color and life to the entire region, making winter's faded, drab face a distant memory.

So here's to spring and all its promise. With due apologies to snow lovers, we are more than ready to spring into spring and all its glory.

Even though it's a tad premature, we all can think spring in the hope of ushering in the season sooner.

## Editorial

## Mastering the art of compromise

By KEVIN M. BRONNER, Ph.D.

*The writer is a member of the Colonie town board.*

Today there is a theme in our society that compromise is needed in government. Critical issues exist at the national, state and local levels of government. The job of legislators and chief executives is to solve complex problems.

Some of the more apparent issues include the Social Security system for the federal government, public school financing in New York state and managing smart growth by local governments. Many of these issues represent a negotiation process that is being carried out to solve them. Parties with differing views must offer their alternatives and an optimal solution must be developed.

American history is very instructive on how to carry out successful negotiations to solve problems. Famous Americans such as George Washington, Abraham Lincoln and Franklin Roosevelt faced grave problems that needed to be solved. They all were able to negotiate to some degree to solve problems.

It is ironic that as we face the numerous challenges, the 300th anniversary of an important event in American history will occur in less than one year. This is the birthday of Benjamin Franklin who was born in Boston on Jan. 17, 1706 and later settled in Philadelphia. Undoubtedly we will hear much this year about Benjamin Franklin. His career is interesting for many reasons.

Franklin, through the art of compromise, entered into negotiations on a series of projects all of which had favorable outcomes. These outcomes would not have been favorable if the parties involved had all not compromised, and in some cases stood firm. Five examples are presented to explain Franklin's efforts.

The first event occurred

## Point of View

during March 1765 when Franklin was on a mission in London as a representative of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. It is ironic that one of the reasons he traveled to London was in an attempt to increase taxes in Pennsylvania.

Franklin believed that the Pennsylvania colony had an inequitable tax system that favored the founders of Pennsylvania, the Penn family. At the same time England imposed the Stamp Act and Franklin initially supported it. Soon, however, he heard outcries from the North American colonies.

In Philadelphia, a mob gathered and almost burned down his residence. Soon thereafter he changed his position. Franklin used the art of compromise and spoke before the British Parliament and the Stamp Act was soon repealed.

Additionally, Franklin's ideas about increasing taxes on the ruling Penn family were also rejected. This episode shows how Franklin was able to offer two positions and eventually change his views on them and compromise. This is the type of negotiation that we need in 2005.

The second negotiation concerns the events of 1776. These events illustrate how one must stand firm if they believe their position is correct. The Declaration of Independence was developed on July 4, 1776, and there was an intense debate as to whether the colonies should really declare independence.

Franklin supported the idea, even though there were doubts about the concept in Pennsylvania during June and July of 1776. The Pennsylvania Legislature instructed its delegates to the Continental Congress to vote against the concept of independence. When the vote was taken, Franklin supported the Declaration of Independence and other members of the Continental Congress from Pennsylvania either abstained from the vote or did not attend the meeting. Franklin stood firm and successfully represented Pennsylvania in the development of the new United States. This episode shows how a negotiator must stand firm to their beliefs when necessary.

The third important negotiation that Franklin was involved in concerned a British effort to end the American Revolution by having the colonies back off from their claim of independence. The city of New York was surrounded by 40,000 British soldiers and sailors during the late summer of 1776.

Given the events of Sept. 11, 2001, it is ironic that on Sept. 11, 1776, the ultimate future of New York City was saved. Franklin was asked to attend a negotiation session with the British commander General Howe on Staten Island.

Howe demanded that the colonies give up the concept of independence. Franklin refused Howe's demand to give up on the idea of American independence. The battle for New York City quickly ensued and the city was captured.

Due to Franklin's resolve, however, the concept of American independence stood firm. This negotiation illustrates how people must stand firm with their beliefs even when threatened by arms or other hostility.

The fourth episode is represented by Franklin's foreign mission to France and England. During 1778 Franklin successfully negotiated with representatives of the French monarch Louis XVI to have France aid the American colonies during the revolution with arms and support.

Also, after the war ended, Franklin did a magnificent job in helping the United States negotiate the Treaty of Paris in 1782.

These negotiations were complicated since there were interests in America that wanted to support Britain. Others wanted a stronger alliance with France. The treaty was eventually signed, and Franklin compromised where necessary to achieve a positive outcome for the United States.

The fifth negotiation concerns the Constitutional Convention held in Philadelphia in 1787. This is truly one of Franklin's greatest achievements.

The major dispute was whether Congress should be formed with representatives from each state, a plan that favored the smaller states. The alternative was to have representation in Congress based on population. Franklin was a master in brokering a deal, which established Congress with the House of Representatives based on population, and the United States Senate based on the number of states. The United States Constitution resulted.

Benjamin Franklin provides us with a shining example of how government problems can be solved through skillful negotiation. One important principle is that one must stand firm when necessary. Another is to use compromise when needed.

The art of standing firm is illustrated by Franklin's stand on American independence. He argued this position during the Staten Island negotiations even when surrounded by thousands of British troops. Franklin shows us that even if your position is clearly wrong, as Franklin was on his initial positive reaction to the Stamp Act in 1765, it is necessary that a compromise occur.

Finally, those involved in governmental negotiations must develop innovative solutions, such as those crafted by Franklin when the United States Constitution was developed.

We should remember these historical events in 2005 as we proceed to solve and discuss issues facing our federal, state and local governments.

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# Your Opinion Matters

## V'ville will go extra mile in Relay for Life in May

Editor, The Spotlight:

Like all school districts, Voorheesville Central School District sees service as an important goal for our students.

As good citizens, we realize the importance of giving back to one's community. There are many ways to get involved, and many students already take part in numerous charitable activities. This year in Voorheesville, we decided to launch a larger effort.

Many of us are very fortunate in our lives, but few of us have not been touched in some way by cancer.

This year, we will host Relay for Life on May 20 at Voorheesville High School. Relay for Life is the American Cancer Society's signature activity. It offers everyone a chance to participate in the fight against cancer.

The event brings people together to raise money to help prevent cancer, save lives and diminish suffering from disease. It is a celebration of cancer survivors as well as a time to remember those we have lost to this disease.

This event will allow us to reach beyond our own community and take service beyond charity in order to affect change.

We want this to be a large community event and are inviting neighboring communities to get involved with us.

We are asking you to think about how cancer has touched

your life and join us in celebrating those who are winning the battle and honoring those who have fought valiantly, but lost. Together we can help fund the research that will allow for greater numbers to win the battle.

Please consider being involved as a team captain, team member or sponsor to help us make this a successful first in what we hope will become an annual community effort to battle cancer.

Thank you from all of us on the Team Recruitment Committee.

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Editor, The Spotlight:

Thank you to Bonnie Goldsmith for her Feb. 16 letter recognizing our efforts to combat childhood obesity at Slingerlands School. The media in the United States has given a powerful voice to the problems of obesity.

Nutrition for school-age children should promote growth and meet energy and nutrient needs without promoting unhealthy weight gain or obesity.

In our school environment, we are fortunate to have the support of our dedicated faculty who have been unwavering in their efforts to ensure that all daily snacks and the food brought in for holiday parties be healthy.

Of course, we could not be successful without the support of the parents who have positively embraced our healthy nutrition policy by sending in healthy snacks daily and for holiday parties. The children have also done a

fabulous job making healthy choices with their food selections.

It is said it takes a whole village to raise a child. During the school years, children will experience opportunities to make choices about their food intakes. Parents and schools (teachers, aides and coaches) can assist children in making food choices. The importance of good eating habits cannot be understated. Healthy habits formed in childhood are likely to carry into adult years.

Childhood obesity is a serious,

increasingly prevalent problem. Obese children are at risk for negative lifelong physical and emotional consequences. Intervention and education is crucial.

Most important is the prevention of the disease progression into adolescence and adulthood. We, the proverbial village, must do all we can to help our children learn to make healthy food and lifestyle choices.

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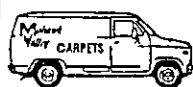
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# Matters of Opinion

## Girl Scouts team up to fight obesity

Editor, The Spotlight:

There has been much made about recent reports of obesity rates skyrocketing in this country.

The American Academy of Pediatrics reported that, in the last two decades, obesity rates have doubled in children and tripled in adolescents.

Obesity is now the most chronic health problem among American children. Girl Scouts of the USA commissioned a study, Weighing In, to address the various underlying causes leading to the epidemic of obesity. The study discovered there are many risk factors for young people, especially young girls.

Most children's diets are poor — too high in calories and saturated fat and too low in essentials like fruits and vegetables. Children are spending more time

indoors at an earlier age due in part to technology — television, video games and computers.

Major companies use this technology to launch media campaigns that target young children and focus on high sugar and high fat foods.

More children are eating meals out more often and eating much larger portions. All of this results in overweight children with the increased chance of developing serious medical problems.

Girl Scouting has a tradition of offering innovative programs in nutrition, health and sports for girls.

Today our council has teamed up with organizations like the Albany County Department of Health, Capital District EOC, Price Chopper, The Sage Colleges

and others to offer programs on fitness, wellness and eating right.

The result has been girls are becoming more aware of nutrition combined with new and fun ways to exercise.

We hope that when girls are faced with a vending machine, ad campaign or value menu, they will now make smarter choices.

We still have a long way to go. We welcome all who share this concern to help children make the right choices concerning their health. Choices made now are vital for a happy, healthy future.

*Louise McColgin*

Girl Scouts, Hudson Valley Council

Executive director, CEO

## Committee supports BC aides, support staff

Editor, The Spotlight:

I am writing this letter in support of classrooms aides and other support staff in the Bethlehem Central School District, who are currently negotiating for a new contract.

The Committee for Education of Unique Minds is a PTA-sponsored committee comprised of parents of special needs children attending school in Bethlehem, and we know the importance of the aides and other support staff. In the case of the classroom aides, these dedicated individuals spend much of their day with our children, helping ensure that their academic goals are properly advanced.

In addition, the aides provide emotional and social support daily for our children as they negotiate the sometimes confusing world of school. We are aware of several aides who have gone above and beyond the training afforded

them by the school district to research — in their off hours — additional materials that would provide insight into our children's conditions. And they currently do all this for about the same wages paid to fast food workers.

So, to the bus drivers who cheerfully greet our children in the morning, to the kitchen staff who cook their food and to the noon aides who regale our children with fascinating tales at recess, we thank you and support your fight for a decent living wage.

There is something wrong with a society that values corporate CEOs above those who devote their lives to teaching, guiding and transporting our children through much of their young lives.

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*Susan Radosh-Klein*

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## Let's keep moratorium

Editor, The Spotlight:

The Bethlehem building moratorium has been largely successful in slowing single-family home construction in 2004 to only 54 houses (down from 157 in 1999).

The Feb. 2 *Spotlight* had an article about the town board considering extending the moratorium for a longer period. This is a great idea to help hold down class size as well as our school taxes, which directly relate to how many school-age kids move here.

The landowners who are most concerned about the land use management plan can always build the commercial property

Bethlehem desperately needs.

I don't blame families for wanting to move here to get a better education but since so many families want to move here, the schools have become overcrowded and the 25 student class size maximum of a few years ago has been forced up to 27 to 28, too high for a quality education.

Please keep the building moratorium in place as long as possible. It is one of the most painless ways to keep Bethlehem green and show the ever increasing school property tax burden.

Good job, town board!

James Murray  
Selkirk

## Parts of plan raise questions

Editor, The Spotlight:

One of the goals of the proposed comprehensive plan is to manage and protect stream corridors.

"Protect," according to the proposed plan, is to restrict certain development and vegetative clearing activities that might degrade water quality.

Obviously, the water quality of these streams does not rise to the level of potability and it is difficult to see how cutting brush along a

creek can affect water quality. I note that poison ivy grows very well in moist locations.

In order to manage this provision, some sort of regulatory group or agency will be needed, along with a compliance officer.

The implementation of this plan will require additional costs but are some of these necessary in view of current state and federal guidelines.

Fred Richter  
Selkirk

## 5 Rivers Friends support part of plan

Editor, The Spotlight:

The Friends of Five Rivers is a nonprofit citizens group that supports the programs at Five Rivers Environmental Education Center and advocates for the center in the community.

The board of directors and Friends would like to show our support to the towns of Bethlehem and New Scotland (the two towns in which Five Rivers is located) as they progress through the various stages of developing comprehensive plans. We find it encouraging that our communities are engaged in this process, and we endorse the planning process to the extent that it protects and enhances the mission of

Five Rivers and the Friends of Five Rivers.

To that end, there are specific aspects of the Draft Comprehensive Plan for the town of Bethlehem that we enthusiastically support. These include the concept of "Conservation Subdivisions," the establishment of a Conservation Advisory Committee for the town; the establishment and promotion of recreational trails; the protection of stream corridors, steep slopes, wetlands and flood plains; the inventory of farms, open spaces, recreation areas and natural resources in town; the consid-

eration of town funding for land acquisition and preservation; and creating incentives to maintain farm land and open spaces through the purchase of development rights and conservation easements.

We strongly encourage the town of Bethlehem to implement these aspects of the plan as they directly relate to Five Rivers and our mission to assure the preservation of the center for future generations.

Dan Lewis  
Friends of Five Rivers  
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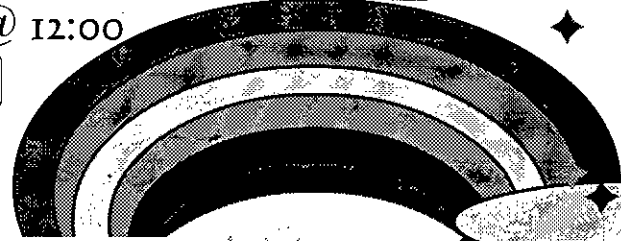
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# Matters of Opinion

## It's time to put more muscle into treating teen depression

Editor, The Spotlight:

The headline in the Nov. 17, 2004, *Spotlight* read, "Teen suicide panel cites grim statistics." I was a member of that panel discussion, at the high school on Nov. 9.

That night I wore two hats. My professional hat was that of a psychologist who has worked with adolescents and young adults for more than 36 years.

Most of that time I have been the director of the Counseling Center at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

My personal hat was that of a father of a 2001 graduate of Bethlehem Central High School who took his life almost two years to the day after his graduation ceremony during which he delivered the graduation speech.

Yes, the statistics are grim, but they cannot touch the depth of pain and desperation that so many of our teenagers experience. Statistics tell us that 23 percent of our middle school children and 20 percent of those in high school have seriously considered ending

their lives during the preceding 12-month period.

They don't let us know the incredible hell that these children feel trapped in; a hell so horrible and trap so strong that death is thought to be, if only briefly, the only means of escape. The statistics tell us that 80 percent of those in such great pain respond well to treatment, but that only 15 percent of those who end up killing themselves had never been in treatment. How many of these would be alive if they had gotten treatment? How many who continue living in this hell can have fulfilling lives if they get treatment? The concern here is not just for students who are at risk to harm themselves.

The statistics also tell us that a significant number of students (27 percent) go through sufficiently strong depression such that they are not able to function as well as they usually do for two or more weeks. Students who are

depressed have a more difficult time learning.

The reason they do not get the help is not that we don't love or care about them. We all too often do not see or recognize the signs. We don't know they are in pain because they do not tell us, or we do not know what to look for.

Depression is a silent disorder, and the depressed often feel too ashamed to let anyone know what they are going through; to seek or follow through with treatment. Shame will only disappear when children are taught a different set of attitudes toward those with any form of mental illness or developmental disability.

All of us need to know we are valued, accepted and cared for if we are to have mentally healthy lives. We must teach our children that this includes those with mental illness or developmental disabilities if the shame is to be lifted. The teaching needs to begin in the earliest grades and

in the home.

If we are to recognize those in pain, we need to learn what to look for. An increasing number of colleges are attempting to make the entire campus community sensitive to the signs of depression and other disorders.

This means developing programs to teach faculty, staff and, most important, students to know not only what to look for but how to reach out to their fellow students and get them to helping resources. It also means that the resources have to be in place to give the help.

This paradigm is every bit as important and achievable in our school system as at the university level, and now is the time to put it into place in the Bethlehem Central School District. On March 8, the school board will discuss plans to fund increased counseling services, teaching awareness of signs of emotional distress and referral to existing mental health services.

I encourage those who share my concern to get more information about the details of the plan. I think you will find the financial cost is quite modest while the potential quality of life and educational gains for our students is great.

Please let the school board know what you think and how you want them to vote on the proposal.

Joe Albert  
Delmar

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To register for the workshop, call 439-7740 and leave both parent's and child's name and a phone number. Register early as space is limited.

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## Fish fry dinners

New Salem Volunteer Fire Dept. is holding its annual fish fry dinners on Fridays through March 25, from 4:30 to 7 p.m. at the firehouse on Route 85A. Takeouts are available. For information, call 765-2244.

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and 20 and March 26 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Call 475-0291.

## Girl Scouts Dinner

Voorheesville Neighborhood Girl Scouts will hold its annual spaghetti dinner on Saturday, March 12, from 4 to 7 p.m. at St. Matthew's Social Hall.

Tickets will be available at the door. The cost is \$7 for adults and \$4 for children.

## Beauty and the Beast

The Voorheesville Dionysians will present "Beauty and the Beast" on March 17, 18 and 19, at 7:15 p.m. and March 20 at 2:15 p.m. at the Voorheesville Performing Arts Center. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$8 for students and seniors. Call 765-3314.

## Kindergarten meeting

Parents who will have a child entering kindergarten at Voorheesville Elementary School in September must attend an informational meeting on Thursday, March 10, at 7:30 p.m. at the school. For information, call 765-2382, extension 514.

## More events

•The St. Matthew's Men's Association will host breakfast on Sunday, March 6, from 7:30 a.m. to noon in the social hall. Cost is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children.

•The Voorheesville Central School District will hold a special budget meeting Monday, March 7, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the high school.

•There will be a middle school teen night at the high school on Friday, March 4, from 7 to 10 p.m.

•The Friends of Music will meet Tuesday, March 8, at 7 p.m. in room 159.

•The Helderview Garden Club will meet Thursday, March 3, at 6:45 p.m. at the Voorheesville Public Library.

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Sally M. Ten Eyck, a certified educational planner will present the program on Tuesday, March 15, at 7 p.m.

She is an educator and member of the Independent Educational Consultants Association, the National Association for College Admission Counseling and the state Association for College Admission Counseling.

Signup is necessary.

## News and notes

•In case you haven't heard, Youth Services Librarian Joyce Laiosa is in Gainesville, Fla. She is studying children's literature on a Bechtel Fellowship at the University of Florida.

Assistant Gail Brown will be in charge of children's programming until Laiosa returns in April.

•Lapsit storytime, designed for children under two accompanied by a caregiver, meets at 10:15 a.m. on March 3. The next Lapsit is Thursday, March 17. Signup is necessary.

•There is a new KidSearch catalog on our Web site. The catalog button gives you two

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Barbara Vink

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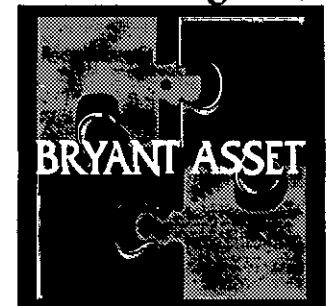
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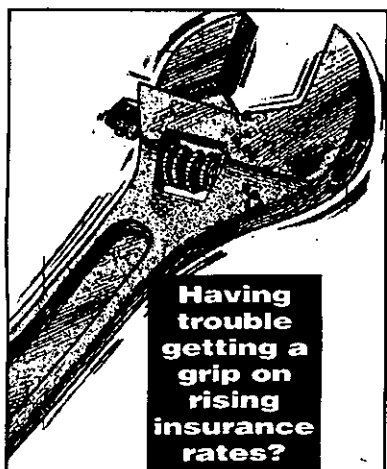
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# Reinhard Straub's expressionist painting on display at library

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Straub's nontraditional approach to the canvas has been linked to the drama of his life. Along with his parents, he emigrated to the U.S. as a refugee from Austria following World War II. Classically trained in violin,



Straub electrified his instrument and turned his musicianship to the rock scene, opening for the up-and-coming band *Aerosmith* in the 1960s and working in New York City as a session musician

with some great names of the 1980s.

His early art took the form of detailed drawings; his work has evolved to the more expansive expressionist painting he does today.

Straub holds a masters degree in social work and is trained as a psychotherapist and substance abuse counselor. He has exhibited his paintings in Albany, Saratoga, Troy, Munich and most recently at A Perfect Blend in Delmar. He lives in Albany with his family.

## More exhibits

Joan Mullen's art returns to the library this month with "Flowers in the Chinese Manner."

Model ships built by William Bub are on display in the glass case. Bub has been building models of all kinds since he was a boy.

In the youth services area,

Noah Poust displays his Chitty Chitty Bang Bang collection.

## Upcoming programs

• Harpist Elizabeth Meriwether Huntley will demonstrate her instrument's range and versatility in a concert at the library on Sunday, March 6, at 2 p.m.

Huntley has performed with the opera companies of Boston, New York, Glimmerglass and Lake George, and with several regional orchestras. She also has played at prestigious Boston hotels and with touring companies of *Evita*, *A Chorus Line*, *Peter Pan* and *Camelot*. She is harp instructor at Adirondack Community College and Skidmore, and editor of *American Harp Journal*.

The concert closes our season of "A Little Sunday Music," sponsored by Friends of Bethlehem Public Library.

• High school students and parents are invited to a presentation by Jill Rifkin of College Options next Tuesday, March 8, at 7 p.m.

Rifkin will review the steps leading to college admission: selection of high school courses and extracurricular activities, filling out applications, preparing for interviews and writing college essays. She will also explain various admission plans and discuss the pros and cons of early decision.

• A reminder that "Nurturing Your Newborn," a program for parents next Thursday, March 10, at 7 p.m., will introduce the basics of baby massage, the history of the practice and its benefits for parents, babies and pediatricians. The First Years, a half-hour video, also will be shown. Presenter Linda Morrison is a licensed massage therapist and certified infant massage instructor for Capital Region Massage Therapy.

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# Sports

## V'ville hoop teams earn split decision in finals

By ROB JONAS

Had everything gone well Saturday, the Voorheesville boys and girls basketball teams could have carpooled to the upcoming class B regionals in Potsdam.

The boys team held up its end of the bargain by edging Schuylerville 41-39 in the Sectional finals at Glens Falls, but the girls lost to Johnstown 37-30 in its title game at Hudson Valley Community College.

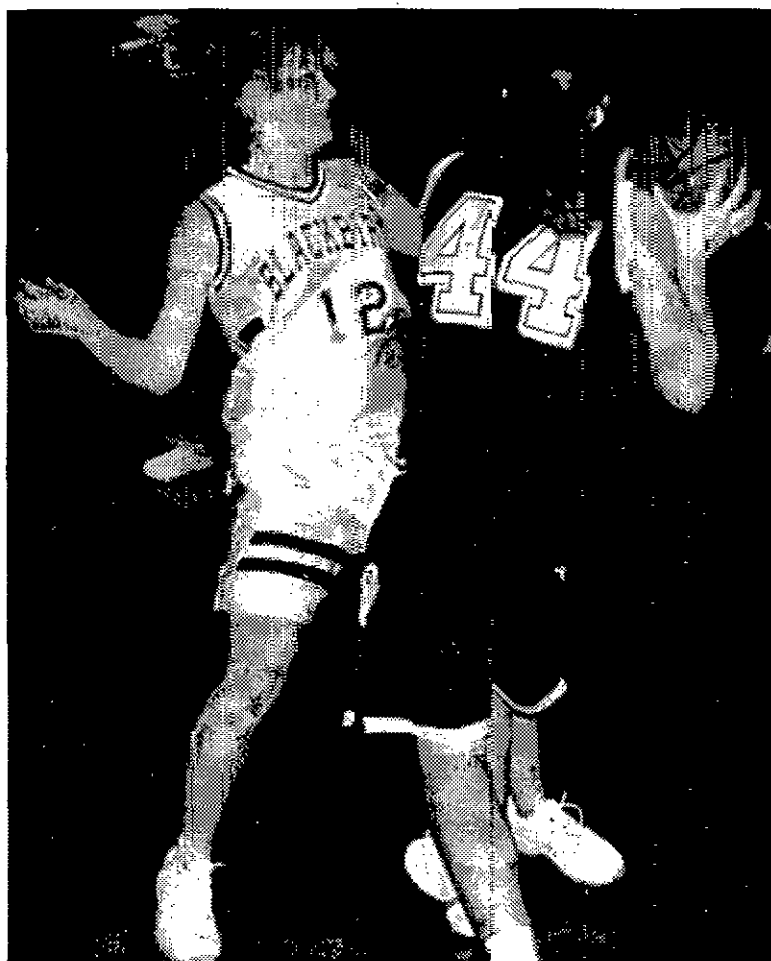
"It would have been nice," Voorheesville boys coach Don Catellier said. "(Coach) Jon (McClement) does a good job with the girls, and they had a nice season."

The Voorheesville boys team had to fight to keep its season going. Trailing 19-16 at halftime, the top-seeded Blackbirds (20-2) scored 15 points in the third quarter to grab a one-point lead.

"I told the kids at halftime that we were beating ourselves," Catellier said. "We were playing a little bit nervous, and we picked it up in the second half."

The game remained a very tight affair until Mark Carson made a clutch field goal with less than two minutes left in the fourth quarter to give the Blackbirds enough of a cushion to fend off the Black Horses and win their first Sectional title since 1995.

"I thought those (final) 30



Voorheesville's Ame Nadratowski defends against Johnstown's Katie Kollar during Saturday's Section II, Class B girls basketball championship game at Hudson Valley Community College.

Rob Jonas

seconds took about three hours," Catellier said. "Every second was an eternity, and then (Schuylerville) called a time out. We stole

the ball on the inbounds play, but then Greg Delaney tripped and let the ball go out of bounds with 10 seconds left. They get it in and get

a shot off, but we were able to knock the rebound away."

Carson and Nick Duncan each scored 10 points to lead Voorheesville's boys team to its first regional playoff game since 1983.

"The kids pulled it together and did a great job," Catellier said. "We had to win the third and fourth quarters, and we did."

The Blackbirds meet Section III champion Westhill of Syracuse Friday at SUNY Potsdam. The winner advances to Saturday's regional final against either the Section VII or Section X champion.

"We're going to take things one at a time," Catellier said. "We'll go after Westhill and then worry about the regional final."

### Third quarter collapse

The Voorheesville girls team was looking to go back to the class B regionals for the second consecutive season, but a poor third quarter doomed the Blackbirds in their 37-30 loss to Johnstown.

Fourth-seeded Voorheesville (12-11) battled back from a nine-point deficit early in the second quarter to get within two points of third-seeded Johnstown at halftime. Unfortunately for the Blackbirds, they didn't score again until Alexandra Fish put back her own miss with 2.2 seconds left in the third quarter. By that point, Johnstown had

opened up a double-digit advantage.

"They went to a little match-up zone (in the third quarter) and still double-teamed (center) Brigit (Feeney) down low," McClement said.

The Blackbirds chipped away at Johnstown's lead in the fourth quarter from the foul line. Voorheesville took 15 free throws in the final period and made seven of them to pull as close as seven points, but it was not enough to overcome its third-quarter shooting woes.

"I felt they were being physical, especially with Brigit," McClement said. "And with the way the game was being called, we didn't adjust to it."

Guard Megan Maikoff scored eight points, and Feeney contributed six points for the Blackbirds, who made only 21 percent of their shots from the field including a 2-for-17 performance from behind the three-point arc.

It's the second time in the last 10 years that Voorheesville has not reached the regionals, but McClement said he was pleased with the late-season run his team put together.

"The second half of the season, we went 6-2 in the (Colonial Council) and finished third. We had two competitive games against a good Averill Park team, and we got to the finals in Sectionals," he said.

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# Girls basketball program thriving under Gillham

By ROB JONAS

*This is part of an on-going series of stories on community sports programs in the town of Bethlehem.*

Jeff Gillham took one Bethlehem youth girls basketball team and turned it into a year-round program.

As a result, the Bethlehem Girls Basketball Club president is receiving this year's Community Spirit Award from the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce.

"Jeff took the reins," BCC

president Marty Delaney said. "He saw something that needed to be done, and he's done it. It's a huge time commitment from what I can see, and he has a full-time job and a family to raise. But, he still finds the time to deal with all the coaches, referees and parents."

The BGBC has grown by leaps and bounds since it started as an offshoot of the Bethlehem Basketball Club in the mid-1990s. It now has seven travel teams, a house program for girls in fourth through sixth grade and an

Amateur Athletic Union program, the Orange Crush, that plays in the spring and summer months.

"Our program is not just a winter program anymore," Gillham said. "It's really become a year-round club."

It's a giant leap forward for a town where girls used to have to play on boys' teams if they wanted to learn the sport before entering middle school.

"We have multiple teams at every level, so we have teams for every level of ability," Gillham said.

BGBC travel teams have been especially strong at the biddy (fifth- and sixth-grade) level. The biddy A team won its division of the Capital District Youth Basketball League, and the biddy A and B teams are hosting first-round playoff games Saturday at Bethlehem Central Middle School.

Gillham said the CDYBL helps not only Bethlehem girls but also girls from other communities develop their basketball skills.

"It gives girls an opportunity to play at a good, competitive level,"

he said. "Most of the Suburban Council teams have clubs in the CDYBL."

Once players reach middle school, they have to make a choice between the school team and the club. Gillham said his program doesn't allow players from the middle school team to play on its junior division teams, mainly to allow other seventh- and eighth-graders to participate.

"We haven't had to cut a player yet," Gillham said. "I shudder to think about the day when we have to make cuts."

The addition of the Orange Crush AAU teams to the BGBC roster was a hit last year, and Gillham said he sees growth opportunities for that side of the program.

"We had two teams last year. This year, we hope to add a third team and keep adding teams every year at the bottom age levels," he said.

As it grows, more BGBC alumni are popping up on the

Bethlehem high school varsity girls team. When Bethlehem won the Section II, Class AA title two years ago, only two players had come up through what was then known as the Little Lady Eagles. Today, several varsity players have BGBC pedigrees.

"Working with (assistant coach John) Hooper and (head) coach (Mark) Nealon, that's what we were hoping for — to become a feeder program," Gillham said.

The BGBC holds tryouts for placing players in September. The travel team season runs from November through February, with CDYBL playoffs beginning in March.

The Orange Crush AAU teams will be holding tryouts for their season March 19 and 20. There will be a registration session Saturday from 9 to 11 a.m. in the lobby of the Bethlehem Central High School lower gym. A \$20 registration fee is due at the session, and pre-registration is required to participate in the tryouts.

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## Day earns state berth

Bethlehem's Kendall Day grabbed a spot on the Section II team by placing fifth in the vault at the Sectional gymnastics championships Feb. 17 at Shaker High School.

Day earned a score of 8.65 to qualify for the state meet, which takes place March 5.

BC finished second in the team standings with a score of 160.425. Saratoga won with a Section II-record score of 180.325.

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# Coles, Malinowski win at Sectional track meet

Bethlehem's Emily Coles and Emily Malinowski each won individual events at Sunday's Section II Indoor Track and Field Championships at the University at Albany.

Coles turned on the jets to win the 55-meter high hurdles finals. After placing second in the preliminary and semifinal heats, the senior lowered her time to 9.01 seconds to take first place. Shaker's Brittany Northrup was

second in a time of 9.17 seconds. Coles also qualified for the 55-meter dash finals, but was out-learned by Cobleskill-Richmondville's Nomi-Kate Bennett for second place and a guaranteed state meet berth by .01 of a second. Coles' third-place time of 7.55 seconds was under the qualifying standard though.

Malinowski took first place in the 1,500-meter race with a time of 4:44.81.

On the boys' side, Bethlehem's Cody Germain earned a spot at the state meet in Syracuse by placing second in the triple jump with a distance of 42 feet, 8.5 inches. Shaker's Mike Kippins won with a distance of 43-1.

Bethlehem's Matt Shaffer and Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk's Sam Craven each had third-place performances in individual events. Shaffer grabbed third in the 3,200 with a time of 9:37.77,

and Craven finished third in the 600 with a time of 1:28.57.

The top two individuals and all winning relay teams earned automatic berths to this weekend's state meet. Those individuals who placed third and met the qualifying standard at either Sectionals or any time after Jan. 1 also earned individual berths. Anyone who placed third in the 300, 600, 1,000, girls 1,500 or boys 1,600 and did not meet the qualifying standard could qualify for the intersectional relay team.

Malinowski and Coles gave the Bethlehem girls track team a lift

at last Tuesday's class A Sectional meet. Coles won the 55 hurdles and placed third in the 55 dash, and Malinowski added a third-place finish in the 1,500 to help the Lady Eagles take fifth place in the team standings with 28 points.

Kristin Kenney (fourth, 3,000), Nike Kadri (sixth, 55 hurdles) and Sara Turner (sixth, high jump) added top-six performances.

The Bethlehem boys track team placed ninth at the class A meet with 19 points. Germain led the Eagles with a third-place finish in the triple jump.

## BCMS hosts girls basketball clinic

There will be a basketball clinic for girls in grades two through eight March 12 and 19 in the upper and lower gyms at Bethlehem Central Middle School.

The clinics are run by Bethlehem varsity girls coach Mark Nealon with assistance from his staff and players from the junior varsity and varsity teams. The

focus is on learning basketball skills through fun activities.

The clinic goes from 9 to 11 a.m. both days. The cost is \$30 per participant, and registration can either be mailed in advance by March 10 or taken the day of the

clinic. Registration forms are available at all elementary and middle school offices.

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## OPEN LETTER TO THE TOWN AND BETHLEHEM PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

We applaud the efforts of the Town of Bethlehem and the Bethlehem Planning Advisory Committee (BPAC) to develop a collective vision for the Town through its proposed Comprehensive Plan. We also continue to support the Town's decision to enact a moratorium on residential development, giving us time both to develop the plan and establish Town-wide priorities to carry us forward at the moratorium's conclusion. We feel that both of these actions have been necessary for the realization of how and where we as a town want to grow.

Over the past several months, BPAC, The Saratoga Associates (the consulting firm) and Town officials have worked diligently to provide the public with opportunities both to inform and become informed. We feel that the resulting planning document reflects the priorities of most Town residents. These include:

- ♦ A holistic approach that acknowledges the rights of property owners while balancing residential growth with a need for economic development and open space protection;
- ♦ Protection of valued resources by: encouraging developers to safeguard natural areas via the conservation sub-division design option; establishing a Conservation Advisory Council; and supporting the creation of a Lands of Conservation Interest Map;
- ♦ Promotion of the "hamlet" concept such that small scale retail operations can coexist with residential properties functioning as vibrant hubs of the community;
- ♦ Promotion of design standards suitable for different forms of commercial development with the goal of encouraging a sense of place, addressing pedestrian safety issues, raising aesthetic standards, and supporting energy conservation;
- ♦ Promotion of greenways and trails connecting people and communities;
- ♦ Acknowledging the need for a targeted planning effort along and near the Hudson River that resolves truck traffic issues in Selkirk, identifies the risks and benefits of Hudson River development, and is sensitive to the concerns of residents and the needs of the Town; and
- ♦ More certainty regarding allowable land uses with the goal of streamlining the project approval process.

We also feel that, in moving into the plan's implementation phase, the Town should fulfill the promises embodied in this important document. Specifically, the Town should institute a viable Conservation Advisory Council, promptly develop the Local Waterfront Revitalization Plan, and carefully codify the land use and design recommendations contained within the Comprehensive Plan.

**We strongly urge the Bethlehem community to embrace this planning effort,** which addresses the public good and long term needs of the entire town. Signed,

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# Obituaries

## Gertrude McCoy

Gertrude G. McCoy, 68, of Selkirk died Feb. 23.

Mrs. McCoy was born in Albany.

She worked as a secretary.

She was the widow of Thomas McCoy.

Survivors include a daughter, Edith McCoy; three sons, Robert McCoy, Timothy McCoy and Thomas McCoy; a brother,

Charles Jones; and nine grandchildren.

Services were from Dreis Funeral Home and St. John's-St. Ann's Church, both in Albany.

## Max Schnurr Jr.

Max J. Schnurr Jr., 86, formerly of New Scotland, died Wednesday, Feb. 23, at Good Samaritan Lutheran Health Care Center.

Mr. Schnurr was born in New Scotland. He was a graduate of Albany Academy and attended Syracuse University.

He was an Army veteran of World War II.

He worked in the family business; Schnurr's Market in Albany, for many years. He later was employed for Citibank and Court Courier in Albany before retiring in 1996.

He was a member of the F&

A.M., Masters Lodge 5, a member of Voorheesville First United Methodist Church and a former member of Trinity United Methodist Church in Albany.

Survivors include his wife, Betty Jean Koonz Schnurr.

Services will be private and at the convenience of the family.

Burial will be at a later date.

Contributions may be made to the Lions Foundation at Albany, 35 Hackett Blvd., Albany 12208.

## Marion Vincent

Marion Vincent, 57, of Delmar, formerly of Berne, died Wednesday, Feb. 23, at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

Mrs. Vincent worked for the state Department of Taxation and Finance.

Survivors include her husband, Richard Vincent; a daughter, DeAnna Capella of Glenville; a son, Michael Vincent of Carlisle; and five grandchildren.

A private funeral service will be held at the convenience of the family.

Contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association, 7 Washington Square, Albany 12205.

## Eleanor Oknewski

Eleanor Bishop Oknewski, 85, formerly of Ravena, died Friday, Feb. 25, at Albany Memorial Hospital.

Mrs. Oknewski was born in Albany, lived in South Carolina, East Greenbush and had lived in Ravena for 42 years.

She was a member of Presbyterian Church in South Carolina and First Presbyterian Church in Rensselaer.

She was the widow of Clyde Bishop Sr.

Survivors include her husband, Bernard Oknewski of East Greenbush; a daughter, Carol Dunn of Selkirk; a son, Clyde Bishop Jr. of Arizona; two sisters, Annie Crawford and Mary Velez; five grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Services were from Babcock Funeral Home in Ravena.

Burial will take place in the spring.

Contributions may be made to First Presbyterian Church, 34 Broad First Way, Rensselaer 12144.

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By Katherine McCarthy

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Vendors will include cruise lines, amusement parks, casinos, destinations throughout New England and Pennsylvania, and one of Yankee Trails' most popular new destinations, Las Vegas. Last year, Yankee Trails took 40 people to Ireland. "People hear we went to Ireland, and they ask if the buses can float," Hughes said. "A lot of people don't realize we much more than just bus tours."

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Yankee Trails has a sold-out trip scheduled to the New York Yankees' spring training camp in early March and as spring and summer arrive, will be booking more bus trips to Cooperstown and the Baseball Hall of Fame. The company also travels to games at Yankee and Shea stadiums.

"We take a lot of day trips to New York City," Hughes said. "There are shopping trips, trips to Broadway shows and museum visits."

Yankee Trails also goes to Boston and offers daily trips to Foxwoods Casino in Massachusetts.

Hughes also works with school groups, youth groups, church groups — any kind of group — to take them to the destination of their choice.

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## Correction

The incorrect article about Yankee Trails appeared in last week's Update supplement. The Travel Expo will take place on Wednesday, March 9 at Guptill Arena on Route 9 in Latham from 3 to 7 p.m. Spotlight Newspapers regrets this error.

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# Spring

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A Supplement to Spotlight Newspapers  
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# Pella windows, doors spruce your home up for spring

Spring's renewal presents a perfect time to refresh your home and your home's style. Sure, a deep cleaning may be in order. But a new season also brings an opportunity to redecorate for spring and summer. Why not use this time to try a new paint color, bring out a new color in a room with pillows, cushions or rugs or move the furniture for a new look and new perspective?

A recent survey of homeowners found that 45 percent of Americans would change the look of a room at least once a year if they could do so simply and affordably.

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Respondents to the Pella survey said pet hair (19 percent), the old, worn carpet (19 percent) and the dust that accumulates (15 percent) were the single most discomforting things in their home.

Yet most people are hard-pressed to identify that one item which makes them the most proud. Responses were split pretty evenly on what offers the greatest satisfaction in a home: the view (21 percent), the living room (21 percent), cleanliness (19 percent) and sense of style (17 percent).

Recognizing that color is the fundamental design element of any home, Pella created a palette of 25 new colors for the Designer Series blinds and shades.

Experts from the Pantone Color Institute, a recognized authority on color, say the emerging trends in color tones for this spring include colors of the European natural landscape, such as: blue turquoise, slate gray, kelp, coral reef, vibrant green, and begonia pink.

Spring is also the perfect time to update or replace the entry door to make a dramatic first impression for guests and neighbors. Adding a storm door will change the look for your entry and will welcome in the warm air by replacing the glass with a screen or simply rolling the screen into place if the door features a Pella Rolscreen.

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# New device flushes away need to call plumber for clogged toilets

If you're dreading the thought of reaching for your plunger the next time your toilet gets clogged, you're not alone. Just about every household in America will have to deal with the messy problem this year.

According to a recent survey, the average American home gets a clogged toilet or drain between one and three times each year.

Some people, like Kirk and Mark Leaphart of Simpsonville, S.C., have to deal with the problem more often. The brothers are in the property management business.

"We got tired of tenants calling and saying they had tried to plunge the toilet, but work so they needed a plumber or maintenance man to come out. We also had numerous drain clogs at our personal residences that never went well. Out of personal frustration, we set out to find a better way," says Kirk Leaphart.

After four years of engineering, research and testing, their solution has now hit the market. The Jet Plunger is a two-piece barrel system made of anti-microbial plastic and rubber.

It works on the same principal as a traditional plunger, but in a much smarter way.

In addition to unclogging drains, the Jet Plunger's hands-free stand also contains the mess left behind.

To use it, Leaphart says all you have to do is pull the inner barrel out until it reaches the stop collar, then put the device in the toilet, being sure to create a seal when covering the drain. Once in place, you push the inner barrel back in and the force of its movement sends a volume of air into the outer barrel, which is compressed by a

unidirectional seal.

The seal then penetrates the clog at the drain entrance and blasts it away.

The device is effective in all kinds of toilets, and even does a particularly good job in older homes.

"Our house has smaller pipes and low flow toilets which my children are constantly clogging with toilet paper," says Michael

Brown of Charlotte, N.C. "Until I found the Jet Plunger, it was always a drag to have to get up and try to unclog the toilets. The water would turn a soupy brown and splash everywhere. With Jet Plunger, I place it over the drain, push the handle down once or twice and the clog is gone. No splashing, no disgusting water getting all over the place."

As they were working on the plans for their invention, the Leapharts took the "disgust factor" into consideration. The 'hands-free' stand is designed to hold the Jet Plunger and any excess water so it will never leak on the floor.

"All you have to do to get rid of any excess water is tip the Jet Plunger on its side, after placing it in its stand, and pour the water back into the toilet bowl."

The stand that comes with the device contains a built-in dry well that holds the water. The stand has two-foot holds, so it's hands free.

In addition to being user friendly — it works by the virtue of sheer muscle, but requires so little force, even a small child can use it — the device is also environmentally friendly. There are no chemicals or CO2 cartridges to contend with.

When asked, 54 percent of Americans who had called a plumber to clear a clogged drain or toilet said they paid \$50 or more for the service. The Jet Plunger retails for \$24.95 and can be used in either the toilet or sink.

"If you had to gauge the Jet Plunger on 1-to-10 scale with a 1 being a plunger and a 10 being a plumber, the Jet Plunger is a 5 or 6. It will revolutionize the plunger industry," says Leaphart.



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# Your backyard can be a place to play and a place to grow

While your front yard is a place that welcomes visitors and friends, your backyard is the place for you and your family. A retreat for relaxation, play and time spent together, the backyard is often a combination of gardens, toys and areas for entertaining.

You can create a special play area for your children that not only fits their needs now, but will adapt to them in the future, and you can create this area in harmony with whatever is already in your backyard.

Many large play systems mean sacrificing garden, lawn or deck space to accommodate the features you hope your children will grow have a small yard, or have spots you'd like to keep untouched, consider a play system that is adaptable to your needs, both now and in the future.

Unlike readymade systems, kits like those sold by Detailed Play Systems, allow homeowners to choose only the features they want, from a basic tower to slides, climbing walls and swings.

Because the lumber is purchased by the homeowner, the cost for a full set up is much lower

as well. Pre-made play systems — that do not sacrifice size, features, or quality — typically cost between \$2,000 and \$3,000. There are cheaper pre-made sets available, but these are usually smaller and weaker and skimp on lumber and hardware to save on cost.

With a kit, you receive the plans and the best hardware and accessories, and you get to control the lumber quality that will be used to build the set.

Karl Jessen was a dad searching for a way to bring the playground to his backyard, and was shocked to learn what a readymade system would cost. Inspired to

he built his own playground and then created Detailed Play Systems, an online company that provides plans and accessories so homeowners can construct their own customized fun.

Select the wood of your choice using the included Lumber Purchase Guide that makes it easy to select each piece needed for each layout.

According to Jessen, building this type of project yourself should



take about a weekend, depending on the size of your playground, the tools you have available and how much help you have.

But casual do-it-yourselfers needn't be intimidated. Only basic measuring, cutting and drilling skills are required.

The company's most popular kit, the Jungle Fort Swing Set, sells for \$389.00. It features a 6- by 6-foot fort with sandbox, included stepladder, gangplank ramp and three-position swing set. Slides are sold separately allowing customers to fully customize the playground kit to their needs.

"The best part is how your system can change over time, to create the perfect playground for your children based on their needs and interests, says Jessen. "Accessories such as periscopes, telescopes, steering wheels and

specialty swings can be added on as children grow. Or maybe they have their heart set on wave slides and trapeze bars. Whatever they love to do, from climbing to spinning, you can create the perfect set-up."

It may make sense to have a sitting area for grown-ups near the structure when kids are small. In a few years, use that space to attach a gangplank ramp, spiral slide or even additional swings.

"The beauty of a customizable system is that you can choose a configuration that best fits your space now, while still leaving your options open for the future," says Jessen.

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# Creative Kitchens recognizes latest trends in local kitchens



Ed Pacuk, owner of Creative Kitchens of Glenmont, shows a wood range hood to a customer.

By Edward Pacuk  
President, Creative  
Kitchens of Glenmont.

The trend in local kitchens this year is traditional, but high functioning. While Capital Region homeowners tend to choose a classic look, they reflect their own lifestyles as they customize the layout and materials.

Professional kitchen designers use cabinetry to create work centers that meet a customer's individual needs. Cabinet manufacturers now offer a wide variety of accessories for these work centers to better organize our lives.

With the latest built-in pantry rollout shelves or pot organizers, it is easier to find what you want when you need it.

Large islands are a must if space permits, to enhance storage, entertainment and meal preparation.

Some designers are leaving out the separate table in the eat-in kitchen, and extending the island for casual seating.

The most common cabinet style is a raised panel door, more often with a natural wood finish than all white. The latest choices include glazes that are applied to add color and character to the wood.

Many homeowners are choosing more than one cabinet finish and a variety of heights to create interest in the room.

Turned legs, carved corbels and special moldings give cabinetry the look of furniture to coordinate the kitchen with surrounding rooms in open floor plans.

Ornate wood range hoods are taking center stage in designs for upscale homes.

Granite remains a popular selection for countertops, but it can be mixed with acrylic or laminate surfaces for a unique combination.

A newer counter material winning rave reviews is natural

quartz composite because of its durability and good looks. Greens, browns and other earth tones are frequent choices.

Hardware, or the "jewelry" of cabinetry, has become more distinctive and less shiny than in the past. Knobs and pulls in bronze, iron or pewter finishes give an elegant look to a simple door.

In more contemporary designs, many people choose a stainless steel knob or handle to match their new stainless steel appliances.

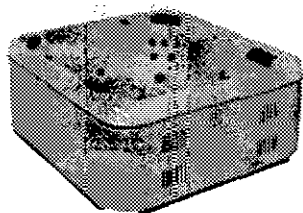
Kitchen faucets are also available in a wide variety of finishes to coordinate with decorative hardware.



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These supersized ranges, high-tech refrigerators and ultra quiet dishwashers are the "Mercedes" of appliances. People choose them despite their high price tags because they want the best performance on the market.

The final touch to create a personalized space is the tile backsplash. Each one can be a unique combination of patterns and materials.

Some of the newest patterns include glass, metal or stone. Monochromatic brick tile works well for a minimalist look. Many people are highlighting their stove by adding a mosaic inset to the backsplash in that area.

Whether your budget is large or small, incorporating some of the latest kitchen features in a renovation can really pay off later.

A recent article in *Remodeling Magazine* stated that a moderate kitchen remodel in the Albany area yielded a 109.2% return when owners sold their homes. And, when your kitchen looks and functions the way you want it to, it will be a pleasure to live in now.

The writer is president of Creative Kitchens, located in the Glenmont Plaza on Route 9W in Glenmont. For information on the latest trends in kitchen remodeling and help with your upcoming project, call Creative Kitchens at 432-1320.



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# Keep your home cozy without breaking the bank.

Simple steps can save money on winter energy bills

## This winter's weather is going to play an important role in home heating costs.

And, with fuel prices rising, keeping a house warm and cozy without breaking the bank takes some planning.

The New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) can help make a home more energy-efficient, giving residents some control over energy usage while maintaining home comfort. **With the Home Performance with ENERGY STAR® Program, homes of any size or style can be improved to reduce energy consumption by up to 40 percent.**

Through this program, a participating Building Performance Institute (BPI)-certified Home Performance contractor performs a Comprehensive Home Assessment. During the assessment, the contractor will perform a number of tests on the home to determine what areas will benefit from energy efficiency upgrades. Specifically, the contractor tests the home for air leakage, and looks for opportunities to improve the home's insulation, heating and cooling system, windows, appliances, and lighting. A participating contractor can also conduct tests to identify health and safety issues, such as high levels of carbon monoxide. Next the contractor will identify what improvements can be made, as well as the cost of making the improvements. If the homeowner decides to go forward with any of the work, the fee for the assessment, which can be up to \$250, will be credited towards the cost of the work

performed by the participating BPI-certified Home Performance contractor. There are also a number of financing options available to help pay for making the improvements.

Peter Desmond from Loudonville, New York was experiencing uneven room temperatures, especially on the upper floor of his home. With the help of BPI-certified contractor Gary Goodman of Energy Construction, Desmond received a Comprehensive Home Assessment, which showed him where all the air was leaking out of his home and confirmed his suspicion that he needed insulation in his attic.

As a result, all the drafts in Desmond's home were sealed, energy efficient windows were installed, and light bulbs in the home were replaced with energy efficient compact fluorescent bulbs for even more energy savings.

"The rooms upstairs were always either too hot or too cold and the results of the initial assessment proved that we needed to do something about it," explains Desmond. "Everything has worked out well with the improvements to our home, and we feel well equipped to face the winter."

Whether a home is old or new, inefficient heating/cooling systems, insufficient or improperly installed insulation, and air leaks through cracks and gaps in the attic or basement are common culprits that increase energy usage and waste money. In addition to high energy bills, homeowners may not be getting the comfort they expect. Many homes

have rooms that are too hot or cold, or have drafts, poor indoor air quality, and ice build-up on the roof that can cause structural damage. These may be common signs that the house is not sealed, insulated, or heated properly.

## Some ideas to keep your home energy-efficient this winter include:

**Double check storm windows and drafty doors:** To button up your house for the winter, make sure that your storm windows are down and secure. Lock double hung windows to be sure that they are sealed. Otherwise, you may not notice that the window is open a crack at the top where cold air can leak into the house. Add weather-stripping to drafty doors.

**Check heat registers:** Make sure that carpet, furniture or other objects aren't blocking heating vents and radiators, which can affect air circulation and cause systems to be imbalanced.

**Turn down thermostats:** Turning down your thermostat by a few degrees during the night or while you're away on vacation also helps control heating bills. Many models of thermostats can be digitally programmed to setback temperatures at night and while you're away. Look for thermostats that carry the ENERGY STAR label.

**Control lighting costs:** As the days remain shorter, lights stay on longer. Simply turning off unnecessary lights

can have a tremendous impact on utility bills. Also consider replacing existing incandescent bulbs with compact fluorescent lights (CFLs). ENERGY STAR qualified CFLs use two-thirds less energy than a standard incandescent bulb and last up to 10 times longer. Replacing a 100-watt incandescent with a 32-watt CFL can save you at least \$30 in energy costs over the life of the bulb.

For more information on how to improve the comfort of your home and save money at the same time, including a list of participating BPI-certified Home Performance contractors, homeowners may visit [www.GetEnergySmart.org](http://www.GetEnergySmart.org) or call toll-free **1-877-NY-SMART**.

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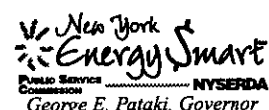
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# New technology takes stress out of spring painting

Are you — and your house — suffering from a case of the end of winter blahs?

Dark colors and heavy textures are comforting during the winter, but when the promise of spring is in the air, brighter colors and a lighter touch in fabrics are in order.

An easy and relatively inexpensive way to update a room is with a fresh coat of paint in one of spring's exciting new colors.

Shades of blue are on the horizon, as are citrusy hues of green, yellow and orange. A trip to your local hardware or big box store will spark your imagination with a wealth of color choices.

If you're painting over old paint, you'll want to do the usual preparation — taping off window sills and other trim; removing light switch plates; and protecting furniture and floors from possible paint drips or spills with a durable drop cloth.

Dealing with wallpapered surfaces means it will take you a bit

more work before you can paint.

But removing old wallpaper isn't nearly the drudgery it once was. If you have memories of soaking the wallpaper with chemicals and then laboriously peeling it off bit by bit, you'll be happy to know that advances in technology have made removing wallpaper much faster and easier.

Wagner Spray Tech sells the only consumer wallpaper steamer in the United States. The steamer works like a charm the first time in all types of situations,

including on vinyl wallpaper, painted wallpaper and multiple layers of wallpaper; with chemical strippers, you may need multiple applications to completely remove the wallpaper. Chemical strippers can also be messy; with the steamer, the only "mess" is the pile of old wallpaper.

Steaming your wallpaper is cost effective, too. To strip wallpaper from one average-size room with a chemical stripper,

you'd spend around \$30 for the stripper, roller, tray, sponge and other necessary supplies and the cost would repeat itself for each room. Renting a wallpaper steamer costs around \$40 to \$50 for a weekend project (and rental units are heavy and bulky to move around).

The Wagner 705 steamer is lightweight, very portable and can be used again and again throughout the whole house. At a cost of around \$49, it is a smart investment for current and future projects.

Once your walls are prepped and ready to paint, consider using a power roller for fast and easy painting. It's simple to use, and can actually make painting fun. Just plug in the machine, insert the hose into the paint, and press the handle button to begin pumping paint to the attached roller cover; release the button to stop the flow of paint.

The Wagner Power Roller 980 maintains a continuous paint flow, providing you with an even stream of paint for smooth, even coverage that gives you professional results at a fraction of the cost.

The power roller comes with a 14-inch extension attachment for

reaching tall walls and ceilings and a splatter shield attachment to prevent paint speckles.

For a more dramatic look, faux finishing fills the bill. WallMagic from Wagner simplifies the steps and cuts the time involved while giving you beautiful faux finish effects you see in magazines and high-end homes.

The patented process simultaneously blends two or three colors on your wall with an arching criss-cross motion. A dual roller with split tray easily produces instant dimension, eliminating the mystery of traditional hand tools.

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## Outdoor lighting improves your home's appeal

Every year, as spring arrives, homeowners busy themselves with an array of home improvement projects. Beautiful trees, gardens and landscaping are once again a source of enjoyment and home beautification.

But according to the lighting experts of Nite Time Decor, a little outdoor lighting can increase the value of the investments these homeowners make in their landscaping.

"Outdoor lighting is an easy and cost effective way to make a dramatic improvement to your home's landscape," says Curtis Hogan, president of Nite Time Decor. "Not only can you enjoy the landscaping after dark, but the lighting itself creates an elegant, unique atmosphere."

Outdoor lighting not only adds warmth and beauty, but also valuable curb appeal. According to the Associated Landscape Contractors of America, landscaping can increase the value of a home by 15 percent, and can allow homeowners to recoup 100 percent to 200 percent of their investment.

"Landscaping is one of the first things people notice, so there's no reason to let some of the most beautiful features of your home and yard be shrouded in darkness half of the time," says Hogan. "In fact, this first impression is so important that some realtors estimate that 95 percent of house shoppers will not even consider a house that lacks curb appeal."

Nite Time Decor professionals are outdoor lighting experts with

the experience and know-how to use various lighting techniques to create a beautiful night environment. Hogan is offering these tips to homeowners, helping them improve upon their normal landscaping activities:

• Uplight to create depth. A light on the ground, pointed up towards an object is perfect for showcasing a beautiful tree, sculpture or an architectural feature like a gazebo or arbor. Setting an uplight behind an object emphasizes that object's silhouette, while setting an uplight in front will cast an interesting shadow on the yard behind it. This not only highlights the object, but also creates a layered look, extending the yard. "We all look forward to spending time outdoors during the spring," says Hogan. "Think about the extended enjoyment you will get by lighting the landscape."

• Downlight for safety, security and aesthetics. Another technique is downlighting, or moonlighting, where lights are mounted high above eye level. When light comes from above, the effect looks natural. Mounting lights high in trees or on walls will cause light to shine down through tree branches, creating a unique, layered look. Illuminate a flowerbed by mounting a downlight closer to the ground on a tree trunk, fence or wall. "Downlighting is also an effective way to illuminate spots where someone might stumble or dark areas that may look inviting to an intruder," says Hogan. "And the elegance of the soft light will add a look all its own."

• Add a third layer of lighting with path lights. Small, low voltage lamps create a third layer of lighting in your yard, and also can be used to effectively line a path to

help you and your guests safely navigate through your yard at night. Placing lights under railings, benches and stairs can help eliminate accidents and increase the usability of decks, porches and patios.

"Landscape lighting is less expensive than painting or remodeling, but can deliver powerful and dramatic results at a fraction of the cost," says Hogan. "The right outdoor lighting bathes your home and yard in a warm glow and enhances your home's charm and adds curb appeal all year long. What better way to increase the value of your home?"





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Instead of making pricey changes like replacing the fixtures and furniture, dress the room up with a combination of color, textile and accessory updates.

A good place to start is with a fresh coat of paint. It's the most inexpensive change you can make, and the one that will have the most impact.

If you want to transform your room into a tropical oasis where you can just relax, good color choices are green, brown, beige and tan. To make the room appear brighter and more spring-like, yellow will do the trick. If you feel like you need a daily emotional lift, go with orange or red; blue will make the room feel more formal; and if space is an issue, violet will make the room seem larger.

Once you decide on a wall color, move on to the bed.



"One of the fun things about bedding is that you can completely change the look of a room just by changing the sheets," says Amaury Fremaux of Yves Delorme, a purveyor of fine bed linens since 1845. "In the same way that people grow tired of their summer clothes after a few months and look forward to breaking out the sweaters and corduroys once the weather turns cool, it's great to be able to shift from lightweight blanket covers and pastel shades to richer colors and textures – and vice versa."

versa."

These days, people are giving their bedrooms a coordinated, upscale look with a combination of pettiskirts, top-of-the-line sheets, and pillows of all shapes and sizes.

"Whether you're inspired by the design of the bed, the architecture of the room, a favorite color palette, or even the memory of an alluring place, the bed is the ideal canvas for creative exploration and the expression of changing moods, likes, and desires," says Fremaux.

Yves Delorme just released its 2005 collection and there's really something for everyone in it. The 14 original designs span three design sensibilities – les romantiques for people who want a whimsical, romantic feel; les raffinés for those who want to create an aristocratic feel; and les décoratifs for those looking to create a look with rich colors and striking design.

All of the designs elegantly combine colors, patterns and textures.

"Pattern adds drama and interest to the bed; the most creative beds mix patterns for a fresh, one-of-a-kind look. The number of colors used in a pattern contributes to its depth and overall character. The scale of a pattern also determines its character," says Fremaux.

A large-scale pattern such as Rosa, for instance, makes a bolder statement. It is more assertive, appears to take up more space, and creates more energy.

To counter the tendency of a bold pattern to dominate, mix it with a smaller, more delicate one such as Palmettes for a dynamic balance.

The key to successful combinations is in understanding patterns that are too similar will compete with one another. Combine florals with stripes or plaids, or bold patterns with delicate prints or solids to let them play off one another in a pleasing symphony of layers.

Fremaux points out that in addition to elegantly presenting color, design and texture, all Yves Delorme sheets are woven of combed Egyptian cotton, acknowledged as the best quality, longest-staple cotton in the world.

"The higher the quality of the cotton, the more luxurious the feel," he says.

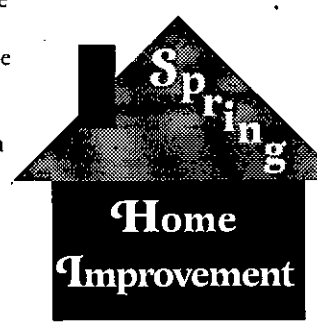
The best-quality cotton results in a stronger fabric with a smooth, soft hand.

Once you dress up the bed, look for complementary accessories that showcase texture – quilted coverlets; throws woven of wool and silk; and accent pillows in a range of fabrics, from pretty organza to contemporary leather and suede.

And don't forget coordinating towels for the master bath to tie the whole look together.

"All of our collections include pieces that are intended to be mixed and matched," says Fremaux.

Whether reducing the bed to its essentials or building a sumptuously layered fantasia of colors, patterns and textures, the look of the bed need not be set for all time. The joy of linens lies in the endless possibilities they offer for transformation without great effort or expense.



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## **Comprehensive Plan**

### **BPAC Public Hearing**

The Bethlehem Planning Advisory Committee (BPAC) will be holding a public hearing on the Draft Comprehensive Plan.

All interested parties are encouraged to attend!

**Thursday, March 3, 2005**

**7:00 PM**

**Town Hall Auditorium**

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The Draft Comprehensive Plan is available for public review  
at the following locations:

- > Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar
- > Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Avenue, Delmar
- > Town Website at **[www.townofbethlehem.org](http://www.townofbethlehem.org)**

Additional copies of the Draft Plan are available for purchase  
at Mail Boxes, etc. at 159 Delaware Avenue, Delmar

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# Thruway

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widening. I don't think they need the flyover. I think they just need to redesign the toll booths," said Don Reeb, president of the McKownville Neighborhood Association.

Reeb's group would like to see high-speed EZ Pass put in place and collection of tolls only on one direction of the thruway in the corridor.

Thruway Authority officials have said that their numbers show that within the next three years traffic is expected to merit the widening and that more

public hearings will be held on the project.

Last year and the year before at four public meetings, where the Thruway Authority has floated preliminary proposals, residents along the thruway from Exit 23 to Exit 25A have said that they are worried about noise, pollution, and increased traffic from the proposed reconstruction, and they have repeatedly criticized the authority for not being more forthcoming.

The Thruway Authority had promised the report on the Albany Corridor Study, which they have repeatedly characterized as preliminary,

would be available in September, 2004 then again in January 2005, but now it says the report will not be ready until the spring.

Thruway Authority Spokeswoman Sarah Kampf said that the report has been delayed because of technical difficulties in its production, not because of any dispute over content.

Slightly more than 100 people turned out for the Feb. 15, meeting, Kampf said. Of those, about 30 people were from Guiderland Reeb said.

The meeting was held as a preliminary scoping session for a project that may not happen, Kampf said. If it does go forward,

it will not be in progress until 2007, she added.

Still, according to its Web site, the thruway authority has declared itself the lead agency under the State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) law and determined that the project requires a long-form SEQR review. It has also prepared an 11-page scoping document for a possible draft environmental impact statement.

Residents have expressed concern that the go-ahead on this project would indicate that plans for the other exits must be in place, and they wonder why they

are not being informed of the decisions, Reeb said, after the meeting.

When told of the concern, Kampf explained the Thruway Authority's response.

"There are no other specific projects that stem from the study at this time," she said, adding, "The reason (the project between exit 23 and 24) was pushed was because of the condition of the road. That was driving the timing of the project. We want to make the public aware as soon as possible of what we are going to be doing."

Reeb added that he didn't see how a decision on the roadway between exits 23 and 24 could be made without a final plan for Exit 24. Reeb's group has been passionately opposed to constructing a flyover (overpass) over Western Avenue, which was in two of four proposals in the preliminary study.

Public comment from the Feb. 15 meeting will be used to alter the scoping of the draft Environmental Impact Statement for the project between exits 23 and 24. More public meetings will also be held in the course of preparing that statement.

According to the draft environmental impact statement, available on the thruway's Web site ([www.thruway.state.ny.us](http://www.thruway.state.ny.us)), the Thruway Authority tentatively concludes that the most impact will be on water resources, ecology, archaeological resources, noise and possibly air. It also tentatively concludes that there will no impact to the visual scenery, to traffic on adjacent roadways, to nearby schools, recreation areas and places of worship or to the local economies. It relies for many of these preliminary conclusions on the fact that the widening will occur on the current Thruway right-of-way. The environmental impact statement will also include a section called "unavoidable adverse impacts" that cannot be mitigated, which will discuss the significance of these impacts.



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# Obituaries

## Albert Hammon

Albert Hammon of Voorheesville, died Saturday, Feb. 19, at Albany Memorial Hospital.

Survivors include his wife, Amelia Hammon; two sons, James Hunsinger of Albany and Patrick Hunsinger of Punta Gorda, Fla.; a daughter, Emily Hunsinger, of Albany; two grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Arrangements are incomplete and will be announced at a future time.

Correctional. He was a member of the American Legion Post 166 in Cossackie.

Survivors include his wife, Theresa Van Cott; a son, Alan Ollmetzer of Hannacroix; three grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Services were from Sopris Funeral Home.

Contributions may be made to Medway-Grapeville First Responders, County Route 51, Medway.

## Jessie M. Church

Jessie M. Church, 65, of Glenmont died Tuesday, Feb. 22, at the Hospice Inn in St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

Mrs. Church was born in Albany and had lived in Glenmont for five years.

She worked for St. Peter's Hospital, retiring in 1995.

She was the widow of Robert L. Church Sr.

Survivors include three sons, Robert L. Church Jr. of Wisconsin, Kevin Church of Washington and Douglas Church of Albany; five daughters, Holly Church of Colonie, Sandy Church of Washington, Patricia Church of Texas, Linda Church of Cohoes and Deborah Church of Watervliet; three sisters, Katherine Rathbun, Edna Wyatt and Rita Daniels; three brothers, Robert Zukowski, Daniel Zukowski and Joseph Zukowski; and several grandchildren.

Services were from Babcock Funeral Home in Ravena. Burial will take place in the spring.

Contributions may be made to Community Hospice of Albany, 445 New Karner Road, Colonie 12205.

## Helen Haker

Helen Cora Potter Haker, 93, of Hoosick Falls, formerly of Delmar, died Monday, Feb. 21, at the Hoosick Falls Health Center.

Mrs. Haker was born in Scotia. She graduated from Greenville High School and the Nursing School of Albany.

She worked as a LPN in Albany Hospital and as a private duty nurse prior to retirement.

She was a member of the Elsmere Fire Co. Auxiliary and St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Albany.

She was the widow of John Bentley Haker.

Survivors include a daughter, Terry Barber; and a grandchild.

Services were from Applebee Funeral Home in Delmar and St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

Burial was in St. Matthew's Evangelical Lutheran Cemetery in Glenmont.

Contributions may be made to the Hoosick Falls Health Center, 19 Danforth St., Hoosick Falls 12090.

## Alfred Ollmetzer

Alfred W. Ollmetzer, 85, of Hannacroix, died Sunday, Feb. 20, at Albany Medical Center Hospital.

Mr. Ollmetzer was born in Brooklyn.

He was an Army veteran of World War II having served in France and Europe.

He worked as a stationary engineer at Cossackie

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# Obituaries

## Louise Basch

Louise V. Basch, 91, of Delmar died Tuesday, Feb. 8, at Good Samaritan Lutheran Nursing Home.

Mrs. Basch was born in Voorheesville and lived in the Capital District all her life. She was a resident of Delmar since 1941.

She was a graduate of

Bethlehem Central High School and Mildred Elley Business School. For about 10 years, she was employed in the state Bureau of the Budget and Department of Education.

She was a member of the Slingerlands Community Players.

Survivors include her husband, Alfred Basch; a son Larry Basch of East Greenbush; a daughter, Judy Stamwitz of Fort

Wayne, Ind.; three granddaughters; and five great-grandchildren.

Services were from Meyers Funeral Home in Delmar.

Contributions may be made to Community Hospice of Albany, 445 New Karner Road, Colonie 12205 or Good Samaritan Lutheran Health Care Center, 125 Rockefeller Road, Delmar 12054.

## Thomas Dowling

Thomas W. Dowling, 92, formerly of Glenmont, died Friday, Feb. 18, at Wesley Health Care Center.

Mr. Dowling was born in Watervliet. He attended LaSalle Institute, RPI and Syracuse University.

He was an Army veteran of World War II having served with the 10th Mountain Division.

Following officer's candidate school, he became a signal officer stationed in the Philippines where he received the end of the war telegram from General Douglas MacArthur.

He worked for Niagara Mohawk in several capacities from 1935-1975 including manager in Amsterdam, Ticonderoga and Canajoharie and district manager in Albany. From 1977-1990, he was a realtor with the British American Development Corp.

He was a volunteer with the Albany Red Cross; was president of the Canajoharie Kiwanis; and was active in the Chamber of Commerce in Troy, Canajoharie, Ticonderoga and Amsterdam. He was a member of the Society of Industrial Realtors and has served on the National Ski Patrol. He also was a Bethlehem elections poll watcher for several years.

He was a communicant of Church of St. Thomas the Apostle in Delmar.

Survivors include his wife, Frances J. Bilderback Dowling; three daughters, Theresa Dowling, Allyce Dowling and Karen Silverman; and three grandchildren.

Services were from Applebee Funeral Home in Delmar and the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle. Burial will be in St. Mary's Cemetery in Cossack in the spring.

Contributions may be made to the Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar 12054.

## Henry Marks

Henry F. Marks, 83, of Delmar died Saturday, Feb. 19, at Albany Medical Center Hospital.

Mr. Marks was born in Ilion.

He was an Army veteran of World War II. He was a member of the local chapter of the Veterans of the Battle of the Bulge.

He worked as a purchasing agent for Sterling Winthrop in Rensselaer, retiring in 1983.

Mr. Marks was a 41-year member and past president of the Mendelssohn Club of Albany and

a tenor soloist at First United Methodist Church of Delmar.

He volunteered for Habitat for Humanity, drove for the Red Cross and town of Bethlehem Seniors and also delivered Meals On Wheels.

Survivors include his wife, Eleanore Case Marks; a son, Tom Marks of Delmar; a daughter, Cheryl Stees of Colonie; a sister, M. Elizabeth Marks of Herkimer; and two grandchildren.

Services were from Applebee Funeral Home in Delmar. Burial was in Bethlehem Cemetery in Delmar.

Contributions may be made to Bethlehem Senior Projects, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar 12054.

## Hugh McDonald

Hugh J. McDonald, 86, of New Salem, died Monday, Feb. 21.

Mr. McDonald was born in New York City. He graduated from Power Memorial High School and attended Siena College.

He worked as a clerk for the state Department of Labor, retiring in 1983 as director of administrative analysis.

He was a communicant of St. Matthew's Church in Voorheesville and was a member of the Men's Association and the Human Concerns Committee.

He was a past president of the Voorheesville Library board of directors and was instrumental in the building of the new library.

Survivors include his wife, Dorothy L. McHugh McDonald; two daughters, Dorothy E. McDonald of Slingerlands and Maureen T. Alonzo of Voorheesville; two sons, Hugh K. McDonald of Yorktown Heights and John P. McDonald of Bonney Lake, Wash.; a sister, Anne Snee of Fairlawn, N.J.; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Services were from Reilly & Son Funeral Home in Voorheesville and St. Matthew's Church.

Contributions may be made to St. Catherine's Center for Children, 40 N. Main Ave., Albany 12203 or the Voorheesville Area Ambulance, P.O. Box 238, Voorheesville 12186.

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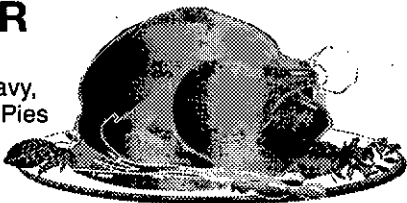
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## Kramer, Taylor marry



Christopher Taylor and Laura Kramer

Laura Kramer, daughter of Joanne Kramer of Voorheesville and the late Sanford Kramer, and Christopher Taylor, son of John Taylor of O'Brien, Fla., and the late Charlene Taylor were married Aug. 22.

Rabbi Leslie Tannenwald performed the ceremony at Stone House Club in Little Compton, R.I. A reception followed.

The maid of honor was Pamela Buss. Bridesmaids were Mary Beth Davis and Bridget Bleckmann.

The best man was Eric Dennis. Groomsmen were Will Sweeney, Gregory Taylor and Michael Scheiner.

The bride is a graduate of Albany Academy for Girls and Rhode Island School of Design. She received a master's degree from Ohio State University. She is the owner of LBK Studio in New York City.

The groom is a graduate of Ohio State University. He received a master's degree from Rhode Island School of Design. He is a professor in the glass department for Rhode Island School of Design and is a self-employed sculptor.

After a wedding trip to Belize, the couple lives in New York City.

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Robert Gerard Wakeman of Slingerlands.

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Emily Feustel, Frances Ford, Jenna Molella and Matthew Perazelli, all of Delmar.

Jonathon Bartow and Patrick Selby of Slingerlands.

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Ali Maher of Delmar.

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Patricia Eames of Delmar.

Caitlin Sommer of Voorheesville.

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Alissa Python and Kelly Rider of Glenmont.

Andrea Chorbajian of Slingerlands.

**Colgate University**  
Jessica Czajka of Slingerlands.  
Bethany Harren and Katherine Donovan, both of Delmar.

Catherine Hartman of Delmar.

**University of Rochester**  
Emily Bango, Lindsey Caldwell, and Jennifer Zogg, all of Delmar.

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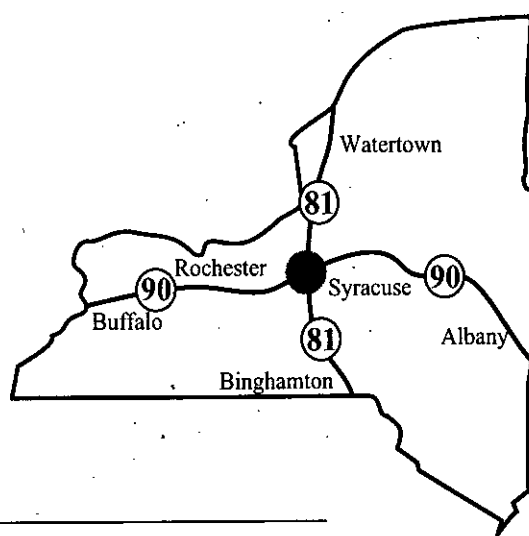
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# Family ENTERTAINMENT

## CALENDARS ♦ ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

The Irish American Heritage Museum in East Durham, will be presenting "A Salute to St. Patrick," on Thursday evening, March 10, at The Historic Troy Savings Bank Music Hall



Joe Cuddy, Ireland's most celebrated comedian



Deirdre Reilly, America's Irish country colleen

## It's time for the wearin' o' the green

BY DONNA J. BELL

**M**arch is a great time to be Irish, or just Irish at heart.

The Irish American Heritage Museum is taking advantage of our love of St. Patrick's Day to present Ireland's most celebrated comic, Joe Cuddy, direct from Jury's Irish Cabaret in Dublin, and the sparkling voice of America's Irish country colleen Deirdre Reilly, from Nashville to celebrate Irish wit, song and dance. The Historic Troy Savings Bank Music Hall will host "A Salute to St. Patrick," on Thursday evening, March 10, at 8 p.m. when Cuddy and Reilly cut loose on stage.

The Irish are known the world over for their story telling, wit, wisdom and music — their songs, jigs, reels and step dance. All of which you will be able to see in the show, which is a benefit for the museum. Cuddy and Reilly will be joined by our own local dancers from the Farrell School of Irish Dance and the classic sounds of pipes and drum.

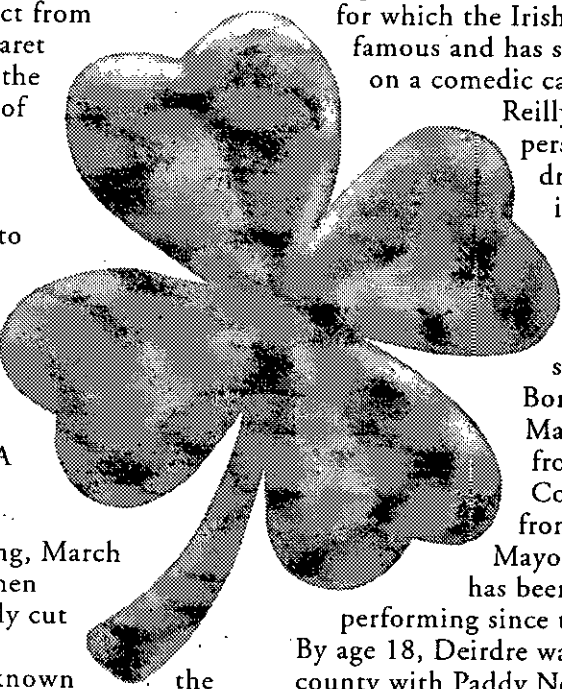
Cuddy has had a number of hit albums from a singing career in Ireland second to none: he has had three number one hits in Europe and appearances on stages all around the world where he has wowed audiences with his rich baritone voice in singing classic Irish melodies. In the last decade he began weaving into his performances the witty stories for which the Irish are world-famous and has since embarked on a comedic career.

Reilly beautifully personifies the dramatic influence that Irish music has had on today's American country scene.

Born in Holyoke, Mass., to a mother from County Cork and a father from County Mayo, Ireland, Reilly has been singing and performing since the age of five. By age 18, Deirdre was touring the country with Paddy Noonan's Irish Variety Show and vaulted from there to Nashville where she has been performing for much of the past decade at Opryland Show Park. Tickets are \$20 for reserved seating. Museum members receive a 10 percent discount. Tickets can be purchased by calling the Irish American Heritage Museum at 432-6598.

Tickets are also available from the museum offices and at Celtic Treasures in Saratoga, Maggie's Gift

Shop in Waterford and Tipperary Trading in Troy.



### A little bit of Texas



Two of today's finest Texas singer/songwriters Guy Clark and Slaid Cleaves (pictured) will perform at The Egg on Sunday, March 6th at 7 PM. Guy Clark helped define the sound of Texas country music in the 1970s, writing classic songs such as "Desperadoes Waiting for a Train" and "L.A. Freeway". Still considered one of the finest songcrafters of the day, Guy Clark has written hit songs for artists such as Vince Gill, Johnny Cash, Jerry Jeff Walker, Ricky Skaggs and others, while releasing his own acclaimed recordings. Slaid Cleaves has become the singer/songwriter of the moment with his recent release *Wishbones*. Tickets for the concert are \$22 and are available by contacting The Egg box office — 473-1845 — or any Ticketmaster location.



# ARTS and ENTERTAINMENT

## Theater

### EL HAJJ MALIK

A play based on the life of Malcom X performed by the UGR Players, the Underground Railroad History Project's theater collective, Schenectady County Community College, 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 4 p.m. Sundays through March 5. Information, 465-7672.

### A STREETCAR NAMED DESIRE

Tennessee Williams' famous play about love between a working-class man and a Southern belle, Albany Civic Theater, 225 Second Ave., Albany, through March 13, \$12. Information, 462-1297.

### MESHUGGAH-NUNS (THE ECCUMENICAL NUNSENSE)

Cohoes Music Hall, 58 Remsen St., Cohoes, through March 13, 8 p.m. Fridays, 3 and 8 p.m. Saturdays, 3 p.m. Sundays, \$17-28. Information, 237-7999.

## Music

### GARNET ROGERS

Baritone singer, March 4, 8 p.m., WAMC Performing Arts Center, Albany, \$15. Information, 465-5233.

### GUY CLARK AND SLAID CLEAVES

Roots rockers from Texas, March 6, 7 p.m. at The Egg, \$22. Information, 473-1845.

### 'SALUTE TO ST. PATRICK'

Featuring Joe Cuddy and Deirdre Reilly, March 10, 8 p.m. at the Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, \$20. Information, 432-6598.

### 'AN EVENING OF IRISH MUSIC'

Featuring Martin Hayes and Dennis Cahill, March 12, 8 p.m. at the Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, \$23 to \$26. Information, 273-0038.

### MARIA MULDAUR

With the Joshua Wolff Trio, March 12, 9 p.m., WAMC Performing Arts Center, Albany, \$22. Information, 465-5233.

### 'LEAVES OF GRASS'

Featuring the Fred Hersch Ensemble, Kurt Elling and Kate McGarry, March 13, 7 p.m. at the Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, \$24 to \$27. Information, 273-0038.

### THE BOYS OF LOUGH

Celtic music group, March 17, 9 p.m., Proctor's Theatre Schenectady, \$19.50 to \$29.50. Information, 346-6204.

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Bass-playing virtuoso from Bela Fleck and the Flecktones, March 19, 8 p.m. at The Egg, \$24. Information, 473-1845.

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Capital District jazz band, March 19, 8 p.m., WAMC Performing Arts Center, Albany, \$8. Information, 465-5233.

### THE SELDOM SCENE

Bluegrass band, April 1, 8 p.m. at The Egg, \$24. Information, 473-1845.

### 'SHOUT, SISTER, SHOUT!'

Featuring the Holmes Brothers, Odette and Marie Knight, April 1, 8 p.m. at the Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, \$24 to \$27. Information, 273-0038.

### ARTURO SANDOVAL

Legendary Cuban trumpet player, April 2, 8 p.m. at the Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, \$26 to \$29. Information, 273-0038.

### B.B. KING

Blues singer and guitarist, April 7, 7:30 p.m. at the Palace Theatre, Albany, \$39.50 to \$59.50. Information, 465-3334.

## Comedy

### GEORGE CARLIN

March 25, 8 p.m., Proctor's Theatre Schenectady, \$29.50 to \$42.50. Information, 346-6204.

## Visual Arts

### NEW YORK STATE MUSEUM

Permanent collections on the 9/11 recovery effort, New York state history and geography, Empire State Plaza, Madison Avenue. Information, 474-5877.

### THE CLARK

Ongoing exhibitions include "A River Runs through It: Images of the Seine" through April 3, and "A Walk in the Country: Inness and the Berkshires" through April 17. Information, 413-458-0524.

### ALBANY INSTITUTE OF ART

Exhibits on Hudson River School painting, American sculpture, Egypt and the history of Albany, 125 Washington Ave. Information, 463-4478.

### SCHENECTADY MUSEUM

Giants of Industry: Edison's Powerful Legacy, through April 18. The Sky Above Mister Rogers Neighborhood, a program that introduces children to the wonders of

the sky, hosted by characters from Mister Rogers Neighborhood, Suits-Bueche Planetarium, through June 26. Plus Spirit of Schenectady, collection highlights and planetarium, Nott Terrace Heights. Information, 382-7890.

### LOCAL COLOR ART GALLERY

"Seasonal Changes," a collection of paintings by members of the Colonie Art League, through April 1, 961 Troy-Schenectady Road, Latham. Information, 786-6557.

### UNIVERSITY ART MUSEUM

Presents "Edward Mayer: Tracing Changes," an overview of his 30-year career plus three site-specific installations, through April 3, University at Albany uptown campus, hours 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, noon to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Information, 442-4035.

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Presents "Your Tax Dollars ... and Other Drawings," by Elise Engler, through March 17, Center for Art Design, Picotte Hall, 324 State St., Albany, hours 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Friday, noon to 4 p.m. Sunday. Information, 485-3900.

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Presents "New York School: Another View," through March 20, The Sage Colleges, 140 New Scotland Ave., Albany, hours 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, 6 to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday, noon to 4 p.m. Sunday. Information, 292-7742.

### UNION COLLEGE

"Walter Harke: Recent Work," a collection of paintings, drawings and prints completed by Union professor Walter Harke, through March 13, Mandeville Gallery, Nott Memorial. Information, 388-6714.

### THE HYDE COLLECTION

Presents "Carrie Mae Weems: The Louisiana Project," the artist's examination of the history of New Orleans through still photography, narratives and video projection, through April 10, Charles R. Wood Gallery, 161 Warren St., Glens Falls, hours 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. Information, 792-1761.

## Call for Artists

### 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 7:30 p.m. at Lynnwood Reformed Church, Route 146, Guilderland. Information, 861-8000.

### ALBANY TULIP FESTIVAL ARTISTS

Call for artists for an exhibition at the 57th Tulip Festival, May 7 & 8. Deadline for applications March 4, 2005. Contact City of Albany Special Events, Visual Arts Exhibition, City Hall Room 402, Albany 12207 or phone 434-5416.

### 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.

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### THE ORCHESTRA ON THE COMMON

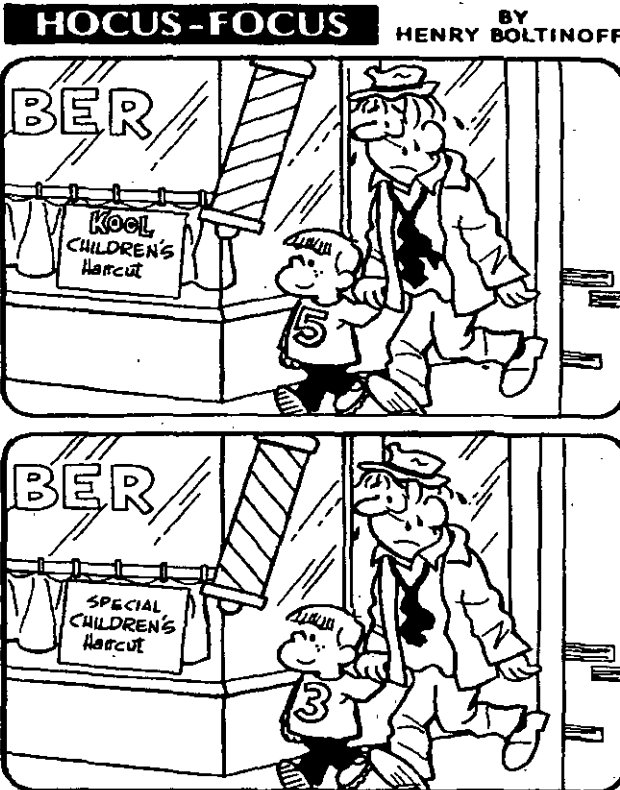
Openings in the string section, also need French horn, trombone, flute and bass drum players, rehearsals Friday at 9 a.m., Shenendehowa Senior Center, Clifton Common, Clifton Park. Information, 372-5146.

### ELECTRIC CITY CHORUS

Male singing group, training provided, rehearsals at Faith United Methodist Church, Brandywine Avenue and Eastern Parkway, Schenectady, Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m. Information, 785-4807.

### RIVER VALLEY CHORUS

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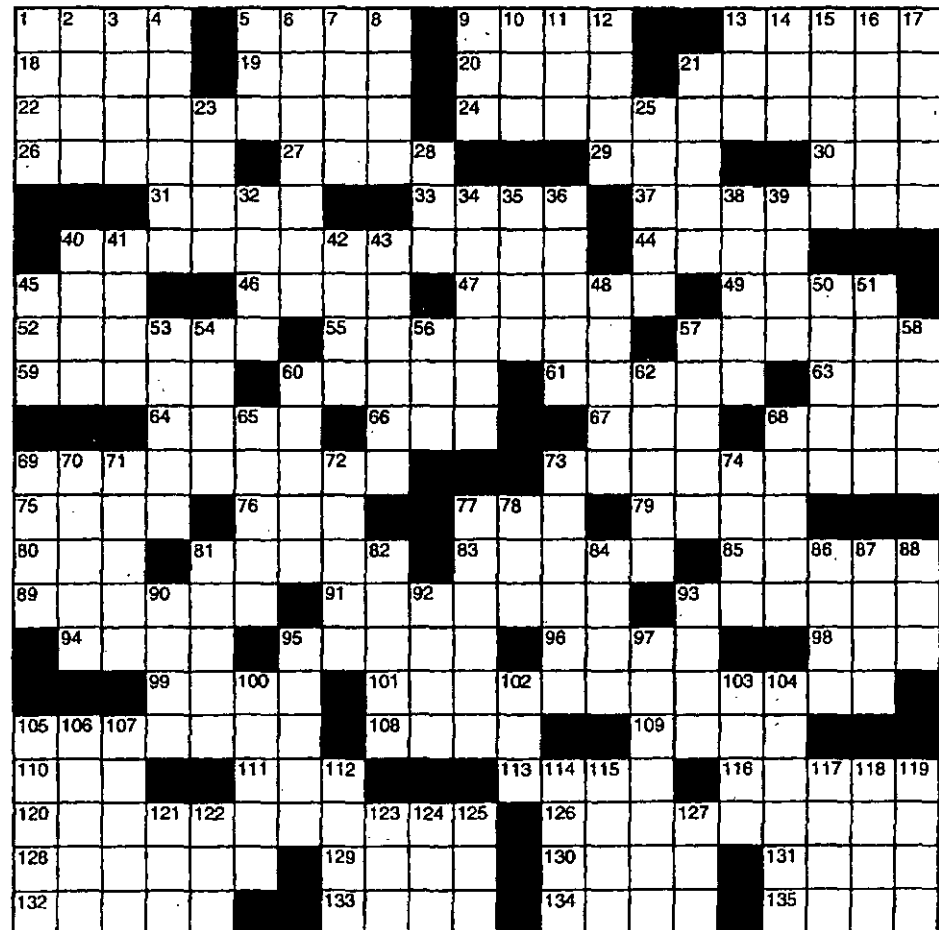
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- 73 Hire a private eye?
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- 28 — Lanka
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- 34 Moss Hart's autobiography
- 35 "— Game" ('71 film)
- 36 Up and about
- 38 Requests
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- 40 Spanish sherry
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- 43 Tried a mouthful

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- 107 "GoodFellas" group
- 112 Return address?
- 114 "Hi, sailor!"
- 115 Battery part
- 117 — mater
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- 121 Cornerstone
- 122 "Evita" character
- 123 "— Tiki"
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# The Spotlight CALENDAR

## Wed. Mar. 2

### BETHLEHEM

#### DELMAR ROTARY

Normanside Country Club, 7:30 a.m., Information, 767-2930.

#### MOTHERS OF PRESCHOOLERS (MOPS)

Christian fellowship group for mothers of preschool children, at the Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., nursery care provided, 9:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m., Information, call Jennifer at 439-9929 or e-mail, [info@drchurch.org](mailto:info@drchurch.org).

#### OPPORTUNITIES UNLIMITED

Board meetings first Wednesday of each month, open to public. Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave., 4 p.m.

#### BETHLEHEM BUSINESS WOMEN

Normanside Country Club, Salisbury Road, Elsmere, 6 p.m.; dinner 6:30 p.m., program and meeting to follow dinner. Information, 439-7237.

#### SOLID ROCK CHURCH

evening prayer and Bible study, 1 Kenwood Ave., 7 p.m. Information, 439-4314.

#### CHENREZIG PRACTICE AND MEDITATION

Meditation on the Bodhisattva of Compassion, at the KTC Buddhist Center, Doane Stuart School, Route 9W, Albany, 7 p.m., Information, 374-1792.

#### BETHLEHEM ELKS LODGE 2233

1016 River Road (Route 144), Cedar Hill, 7 p.m. Information, 767-2886.

#### TESTIMONY MEETING

First Church of Christ, Scientist, 555 Delaware Ave., 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-2512.

#### ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave., 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-4955.

#### BINGO

Blanchard American Legion Post, 16 Poplar Drive, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-9819.

#### BOY SCOUT TROOP 58

Elsmere Elementary School, 247 Delaware Ave., 7:30 to 9 p.m.

#### BC SCHOOL BOARD

district office, 90 Adams Place, 8 p.m. Information, 439-7098.

#### ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR

Onesquethaw Chapter, Masonic Temple, 421 Kenwood Ave., 8 p.m. Information, 439-2181.

#### NEW SCOTLAND

#### V'VILLE ZONING BOARD

Village Hall, 29 Voorheesville Ave., 7 p.m. Information, 765-2692.

#### NEW SCOTLAND SENIORS

Wyman Osterhout Community Center, New Salem, call for time. Information, 765-2109.

#### PRAYER MEETING

evening prayer meeting and Bible study, Mountainview Evangelical Free Church, Route 155, 7:30 p.m. Information, 765-3390.

#### FAITH TEMPLE

Bible study, New Salem, 7:30 p.m. Information, 765-2870.

#### AA MEETING

First United Methodist Church of Voorheesville, 68 Maple St., 8 p.m. Information, 489-6779.

## Thurs. Mar. 3

### BETHLEHEM

#### BETHLEHEM SENIOR CITIZENS

Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware

Ave., 12:30 p.m. Information, 439-4955.

#### 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.

#### ADULT BIBLE STUDY

First Reformed Church of Bethlehem, 7 p.m., Route 9W, Selkirk. Information, 767-2243.

#### 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.

## Fri. Mar. 4

### 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.

#### FRIDAY FISH FRY

Eat-in or take-out, New Salem Volunteer Fire Dept., Route 85A, 4:30-7 p.m. Information 765-2231.

#### YOUTH GROUP MEETINGS

United Pentecostal Church, Route 85, New Salem, 7 p.m. Information, 765-4410.

## Sat. Mar. 5

### BETHLEHEM

#### AA MEETING

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., 7:30 p.m. Information, 489-6779.

## Sun. Mar. 6

### BETHLEHEM

#### WORSHIP INFORMATION

Bethlehem Community Church, 201 Elm Ave., 439-3135.  
Bethlehem Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses, Elm Avenue and Feura Bush Road, 439-0358.  
Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., 439-4328.  
Delmar Full Gospel Church, 292 Elsmere Ave., 439-4407.  
Elsmere Presbyterian Church, 585 Delaware Ave., 439-9252.  
Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., 439-9929.  
Family of God Nazarene Church, Krumkill Road at Blessing Road, North Bethlehem, 453-9953.  
First Church of Christ, Scientist, 555 Delaware Ave., 439-2512.  
First Reformed Church of Bethlehem, Route 9W, Selkirk, 767-2243.  
First United Methodist Church of Delmar, 428 Kenwood Ave., 439-9976.

Glenmont Community Church, 1 Chapel Lane, Glenmont, 436-7710.  
Gospel Fellowship, 10 Rockefeller Road, Delmar, 482-2132.  
King's Chapel, 434 Route 9W, Glenmont, 426-9955.  
KTC Buddhist Center, Doane Stuart School, Route 9W, Albany, 10 a.m. meditation, 11 a.m. tea, 11:30 a.m. study course, 374-1792.  
Mount Moriah Ministries, Route 9W, Glenmont, 426-4510.  
Slingerlands Community UMC, 1499 New Scotland Road, 439-1766.  
Solid Rock Church, 1 Kenwood Ave., Glenmont, 439-4314.  
South Bethlehem United Methodist Church, 65 Willowbrook Ave., 767-9953.  
St. Michael's Shrine, Beacon Road at Route 9W, Glenmont, 462-2016.  
St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Poplar Drive and Elsmere Avenue, Delmar, 439-3265.  
St. Thomas The Apostle Church, 35 Adams Place, Delmar, 439-4951.  
Unity of Faith Christian Fellowship, 436 Krumkill Road, North Bethlehem, 438-7740.

#### NEW SCOTLAND

#### WORSHIP INFORMATION

Bethel Baptist Church, meeting at Auberge Suisse Restaurant, Route 85, 475-9086.  
Clarksville Community Church, Route 443, 768-2916.  
Family Worship Center, 92 Lower Copeland Hill Road, Feura Bush, 768-2021.  
Faith Temple, New Salem, 765-2870.  
First United Methodist Church, 68 Maple Ave., Voorheesville, 765-2895.  
Jerusalem Reformed Church, Route 32, Feura Bush, 439-0548.  
Mountainview Evangelical Free Church, Route 155, Voorheesville, 765-3390.  
Onesquethaw Reformed Church, Tarrytown Road, Feura Bush, 768-2133.  
New Scotland Presbyterian Church, Route 85, 439-6454.  
St. Matthew's Church, Mountain View Road, Voorheesville, 765-2805.  
Unionville Reformed Church, Delaware Turnpike, 439-5001.  
United Pentecostal Church, Route 85, New Salem, 765-4410.

## Mon. Mar. 7

### BETHLEHEM

#### PEACE VIGIL

Bethlehem Neighbors For Peace, weekly peace vigil, Four Corners intersection,

Delmar, 5-6 p.m., Information, 439-1958.

#### DELMAR KIWANIS

Tool's Family Restaurant, Delaware Avenue, 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.

#### ELMWOOD PARK FIRE DISTRICT

Board of fire commissioners meeting, North Bethlehem firehouse, 589 Russell Road, 7:30 p.m.

#### 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.

#### BLANCHARD LEGION POST

Meeting, 16 Poplar Drive, 8 p.m. Information, 439-9819.

#### 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, 489-6779.  
NEW SCOTLAND

#### QUARTET REHEARSAL

United Pentecostal Church, Route 85, New Salem, 7:15 p.m. Information, 765-4410.

## Tues. Mar. 8

### BETHLEHEM

#### FARMERS MARKET

Market and Chicken Barbeque, 2:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. rain or shine, First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave.

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YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICES  
Parks and Recreation Office, Elm Avenue Park, 2-5:30 p.m. Also Thurs. 2-5:30 p.m. Information, 439-0503  
PRAYER MEETING  
At Gospel Fellowship, 7 p.m., 70 Rockefeller Rd. Delmar, between Normans Kill bridge, Information 482-2132.

#### ELSMERE FIRE COMMISSION

firehouse, Poplar Drive, 7:15 p.m. Information, 439-9144.

#### A.W. BECKER FTA

Becker Elementary School, Route 9W, 7:30 p.m. Information, 767-2511.

#### BINGO

at the Bethlehem Elks Lodge, Route 144, 7:30 p.m.

#### SLINGERLANDS FIRE COMMISSION

firehouse, 8 p.m. Information, 439-4734.

#### NEW SCOTLAND

#### PRESCHOOL STORY TIME

Weekly at Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, 10:15 a.m. information, 765-2791.

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#### WED. MAR. 3

#### BETHLEHEM

#### DELMAR ROTARY

Normanside Country Club, 7:30 a.m. Information, 767-2930.

#### MOTHERS OF PRESCHOOLERS (MOPS)

Christian fellowship group for mothers of preschool children, at the Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., nursery care provided, 9:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m., Information, call Jennifer at 439-9929 or e-mail, [info@drchurch.org](mailto:info@drchurch.org).

#### SECOND MILERS

Normanside Country Club, noon, Information, 439-2752.

#### SOLID ROCK CHURCH

evening prayer and Bible study, 7 p.m., 1 Kenwood Ave. Information, 439-4314.  
CHENREZIG PRACTICE AND MEDITATION

Meditation on the Bodhisattva of Compassion, at the KTC Buddhist Center, Doane Stuart School, Route 9W, Albany, 7 p.m., Information, 374-1792.

#### TOWN BOARD

Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave., 5:30 p.m. Information, 439-4955.

#### BETHLEHEM TOASTMASTERS

The Clubhouse, Adams Station Apts., 1 Juniper Drive, Delmar, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-0871.

#### BINGO

Blanchard American Legion Post, 16 Poplar Drive, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-9819.

#### BOY SCOUT TROOP 58

Elsmere Elementary School, 247 Delaware Ave., 7:30 to 9 p.m.

#### DELMAR FIRE COMMISSION

firehouse, Adams Place, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-3851.

#### TESTIMONY MEETING

First Church of Christ, Scientist, 555 Delaware Ave., 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-2512.  
NEW SCOTLAND

#### TOWN COUNCIL

New Scotland Town Hall, Route 85, 7 p.m. Information, 439-4889.

#### PRAYER MEETING

evening prayer meeting and Bible study, Mountainview Evangelical Free Church, Route 155, 7:30 p.m. Information, 765-3390.

#### FAITH TEMPLE

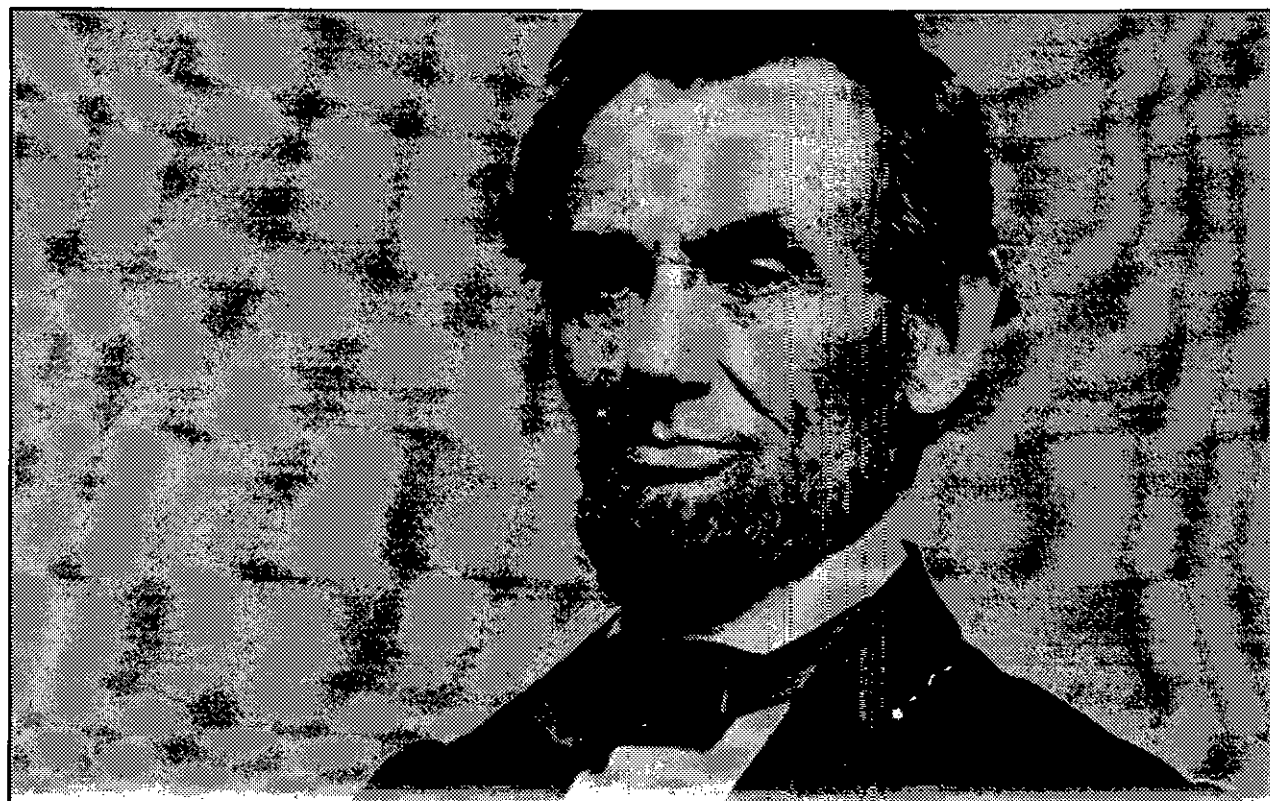
Bible study, New Salem, 7:30 p.m. Information, 765-2870.

#### NEW SCOTLAND SENIORS

Wyman Osterhout Community Center, New Salem, call for time. Information, 765-2109.

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First United Methodist Church of Voorheesville, 68 Maple St., 8 p.m. Information, 489-6779.



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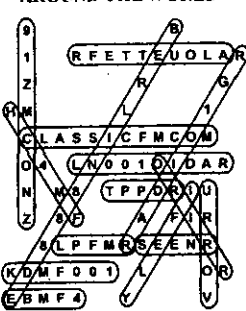
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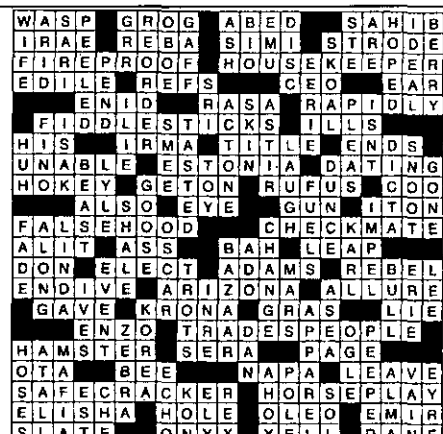
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LCD-11019  
(March 2, 2005)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Energy Construction LLC, Art. of Org. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 1/3/05. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process: 1071 State Route 143, Ravena, NY 12143. Purpose: any lawful purpose.  
LCD-11025  
(March 2, 2005)

## LEGAL NOTICE

**ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF SARATOGA AVIATION, LLC**  
Under Section 203 of the Limited Liability Company Law  
FIRST: The name of the limited liability company is: SARATOGA AVIATION, LLC.  
SECOND: The county, within this state, in which the office of the corporation is to be located is: the County of Saratoga.  
THIRD: The secretary of state is designated as agent of the limited liability company upon whom process against it may be served. The address within or without this state to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the limited liability company served upon him or her is: Saratoga Aviation, LLC c/o Harvey and Mumford LLP 20 Corporate Woods Boulevard Albany, New York 12211  
FOURTH: The management of the limited liability company will be performed by one or more managers. Alexander Powhida, as Attorney-in-Fact for Saratoga Aviation, LLC  
LCD-11030  
(March 2, 2005)

## LEGAL NOTICE

**ENDICOTT OF ALBANY, LLC**, Notice of formation of a domestic Limited Liability Company (LLC) Articles of Organization filed with the New York Secretary of State on January 5, 2005. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the LLC is to be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against the LLC may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is 596 New Loudon Road, Latham, New York 12110.  
LCD-11054  
(March 2, 2005)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Morbidelli Enterprises, LLC, Art. of Org. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 12/1/04. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process

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may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process: Thomas L. Herkenham, Esq., Pine West Plaza, Bldg. 2, Washington Ave. Ext., Albany, NY 12205. Purpose: any lawful purpose.  
LCD-11070  
(March 2, 2005)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of S & S Registered Nurse Associates PLLC, Art. of Org. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 10/12/04. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of PLLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process: 3030 Fern Court, Schenectady, NY 12303. Purpose: to practice the profession of Registered Professional Nurse.  
LCD-11071  
(March 2, 2005)

## LEGAL NOTICE

**MATERIAL MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATES, LLC**  
Notice of formation of Material Management Associates, LLC, a limited liability company (the "LLC"). Articles of Organization filed with the Sec. of State of NY (the "SSNY") on 1/19/2005. Office location: Albany County. The SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC, upon whom process against it may be served. The SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to the LLC, Richard E. Rowlands, Esq., 26 Computer Drive West, Albany, New York 12205, the Registered Agent. The purposes of the LLC are to acquire and deal in mineral rights in real property and to pursue other equity ventures.  
LCD-11076  
(March 2, 2005)

## LEGAL NOTICE

**Bronson Management, LLC**  
Notice of formation of the above Limited Liability Company ("LLC"). Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY ("SSNY") on 10/28/2004. Office location, Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any such process served to the LLC, 736 Wasantha Way, Slingerlands, New York 12159. Purpose: any lawful business purpose.  
LCD-11079  
(March 2, 2005)

## LEGAL NOTICE

**Broadway DGT, LLC**  
Notice of formation of the above Limited Liability Company ("LLC"). Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY ("SSNY") on 12/30/2004. Office location, Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any such process served to the LLC, P.O. Box 945, 1288 Broadway, Albany, New York 12201-0945. Purpose: any lawful business purpose.  
LCD-11080  
(March 2, 2005)

## LEGAL NOTICE

**KMK PROPERTY MANAGEMENT, LLC**  
Notice of formation of the above Limited Liability Company ("LLC"). Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY ("SSNY") on 01/04/2005. Office location, Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any such process served to the LLC, 1016 River Road, Selkirk, New York 12158. Purpose: any lawful business purpose.  
LCD-11084  
(March 2, 2005)

## LEGAL NOTICE

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LLC**

## LEGAL NOTICE

**QUAIL PROPERTY MANAGEMENT, LLC** filed Articles of Organization with the New York Secretary of State on January 7, 2005. Its office is located in Albany County. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent upon whom process may be served and shall mail a copy of any process served on him or her to Linda M. Dillon, 11 North Parkway Drive, Schenectady, NY 12303. Its business is to engage in any lawful activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under Section 203 of the New York Limited Liability Company Act.  
LCD-11089  
(March 2, 2005)

## LEGAL NOTICE

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LLC**  
5413 PARK MANAGEMENT, LLC filed Articles of Organization with the New York Secretary of State on January 14, 2005. Its office is located in Albany County. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent upon whom process may be served and shall mail a copy of any process served on him or her to William E. Dillon, 11 North Parkway Drive, Schenectady, NY 12303. Its business is to engage in any lawful activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under Section 203 of the New York Limited Liability Company Act.  
LCD-11090  
(March 2, 2005)

## LEGAL NOTICE

**MORRIS INFORMATION, LLC**  
1. Notice of formation of Morris Information, LLC, a limited liability company (the "LLC"). Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (the "SSNY") on 11/22/2004. Office location: Albany County. The SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC, upon whom process against it may be served. The SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to the LLC, c/o 26 Computer Drive West, Albany, New York 12205. The purposes of the LLC is consulting and to engage in any lawful business; incur indebtedness, secured and unsecured; to enter into and perform contracts and agreements of any kind necessary to, in connection with or incidental to the business of the LLC; and to carry on any other activities necessary to, in connection with or incidental to the foregoing, as the Members in their discretion may deem desirable.  
LCD-11108  
(March 2, 2005)

## LEGAL NOTICE

**MRP TM ORCHARD PARK RESIDENTIAL PARTNERS, LLC**, Notice of formation of a domestic Limited Liability Company (LLC) Articles of Organization filed with the New York Secretary of State on October 18, 2004. 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 255 Washington Avenue Extension, Albany, New York 12205.  
LCD-11118  
(March 2, 2005)

## LEGAL NOTICE

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LLC**  
Notice of Formation of NEWTON PLAZA WINE & LIQUOR LLC a domestic Limited Liability Company, Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of the State of New York on October 29, 2004. New York office location is Albany County. Secretary of State is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. Secretary of State is designated as agent upon whom process

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against the LLC may be served. Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon Michael J. Garry, Jr. and Jeffrey R. Kross, 600 Broadway, Albany, New York 12207. The Purpose of this LLC is retail sales of wine and spirits.  
LCD-11126  
(March 2, 2005)

## LEGAL NOTICE

**Blue Avian, LLC**  
Notice of formation of the above Limited Liability Company ("LLC"). Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY ("SSNY") on 02/04/2005. Office location, Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any such process served to the LLC, 18 Chesterwood Drive, Selkirk, New York 12158. Purpose: any lawful business purpose.  
LCD-11135  
(March 2, 2005)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Reen Properties, LLC, Art. of Org. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 1/24/05. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process: 410 Pinkster Lane, Slingerlands, NY 12159. Purpose: any lawful purpose.  
LCD-11142  
(March 2, 2005)

## LEGAL NOTICE

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC)**  
The name of the LLC is COUNTRY CLUB PARTNERS, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on February 2, 2005. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the LLC is to be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against the LLC may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is c/o Segel, Goldman, Mazzotta & Siegel, P.C., 9 Washington Square, Albany, New York 12205.  
LCD-11149  
(March 2, 2005)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Best Buy Direct, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/17/04. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 5/21/04. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o National Registered Agents, Inc., 875 Ave. of the Americas, Ste. 501, NY, NY 10001. Address required to be maintained in home jurisdiction: 9 East Lockerman St., Ste 1B, Dover, DE 19901. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, John G. Townsend Bldg, 401 Federal St., Ste 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activities.  
LD-11008  
(March 2, 2005)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of organization of WHITNEY FIELDS, LLC Under Section 203 of the Limited Liability Company Law of the State of New York  
1. The name of the Limited Liability Company is WHITNEY FIELDS, LLC.  
2. The Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State on January 11, 2005.  
3. The principal office of the Limited Liability Company is to be located in the County of Albany, State of New York.  
4. The Secretary of State is designated as agent of the Limited Liability Company upon whom process against

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it may be served. The Post office address within or without this state to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the Limited Liability Company served upon him or her is: 330 Broadway, 2nd floor, Albany, NY 12207  
5. None of the members of the Limited Liability Company (the "Members") in their capacity as Members, shall be personally or individually liable for any debts, obligations or liabilities of the Limited Liability Company.  
6. The Limited Liability Company shall have all powers and purposes allowed it by law.  
LD-11016  
(March 2, 2005)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of CCMM I LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 1/7/05. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 11/30/04. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o CT Corporation System, 111 8th Ave., NY, NY 10011, registered agent upon whom process may be served. DE address of LLC: 1209 Orange St., Wilmington, DE 19801. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: wireless telecommunications infrastructure and related activities.  
LD-11017  
(March 2, 2005)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Y.B. ASSOCIATES GROUP, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 1/13/05. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 119-15 27th Ave., Flushing, NY 11354. Purpose: any lawful activity.  
LD-11018  
(March 2, 2005)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 857 Lakes Road LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 1/12/05. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207, registered agent upon whom process may be served. Purpose: any lawful activity.  
LD-11021  
(March 2, 2005)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 879 Lakes Road LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 1/12/05. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207, registered agent upon whom process may be served. Purpose: any lawful activity.  
LD-11022  
(March 2, 2005)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of DAL Global Services, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/10/05. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 1/1/04. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207. Principal office of LLC: 1007 Virginia Ave., Suite 100, Atlanta, GA 30354. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Suite 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activities.  
LD-11023  
(March 2, 2005)

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Notice of Qualification of PORT ALBANY VENTURES LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/12/05. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 1/5/05. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Corporation Service Co. (CSC), 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207. DE address of LLC: c/o CSC, 2711 Centerville Rd., Suite 400, Wilmington, DE 19808. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State, Div. of Corps., 401 Federal St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activities.  
LD-11024  
(March 2, 2005)

## LEGAL NOTICE

**AAMENANDS SELF STORAGE LLC**. Certificate of Limited Liability Company filed by NYS Secretary of State on August 24, 2004. Principal office is located in Albany County. NYS Secretary of State designated as agent of the limited liability company upon whom process against it may be served and the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against it to AA MENANDS SELF STORAGE LLC, 375 Route 17 N, Mahwah, New Jersey 07430. The limited liability company is to be managed by one or more of its members.  
LD-11038  
(March 2, 2005)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of B.A.G. Rite Aid #188, L.P. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/7/05. Office location: Albany County. LP formed in California (CA) on 8/6/02. SSNY designated as agent of LP upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 8665 Wilshire Blvd., Ste 302, Beverly Hills, CA 90211. Principal address of LP: 8665 Wilshire Blvd., Ste 302, Beverly Hills, CA 90211. Name/address of genl. ptr. available from SSNY. Cert. of LP filed with CA Secy. of State, Keven Shelley, P.O. Box 944225, Sacramento, CA 94244-2250. Purpose: any lawful activities.  
LD-11049  
(March 2, 2005)

## LEGAL NOTICE

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LLC**  
Articles of Organization for FPI PROPERTIES, LLC were filed with the Secretary of State of New York on January 10, 2004. Office located in Albany County. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent upon which process may be served and a copy of process shall be mailed by the Secretary of State to the LLC at 11 Green Mountain Drive, Cohoes, NY 12047. Purpose: for any lawful activity for which limited liability companies may be formed under the law.  
LD-11050  
(March 2, 2005)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of CLALLAM CHEMICALS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State on N.Y. (SSNY) on 1/20/05 as amended. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 46 State St., 3rd Fl., Albany, NY 12207, Attn: USA Corporate Services, Inc., registered agent upon whom process may be served. Purpose: any lawful activity.  
LD-11053  
(March 2, 2005)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of OCWEN Mortgage Company, LLC. Authority filed

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with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 12/29/04. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 11/12/04. 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. Principal office of LLC: 1675 Palm Beach Lakes Rd., W. Palm Beach, FL 33401. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity.  
LD-11057  
(March 2, 2005)

## LEGAL NOTICE

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF CBBB, LLC**  
The name of the LLC is: CBBB, LLC (the "LLC"). The date of filing the Articles of Organization with the NY Dept. of State ("NYDOS") is: 01/14/05. The office of the LLC shall be in the County of Albany and State of NY. The NY Secy. of State is designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address to which the NY Secy. of State shall mail a copy of any such process served upon him is to the LLC, 210 East 86th Street, Suite 404, New York NY 10028. The name and place of business of the LLC is available from the NYDOS. The character or purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which LLC's may be formed.  
LD-11058  
(March 2, 2005)

## LEGAL NOTICE

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY.** NAME: JERRY'S SNOWPLOWS LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 01/20/05. Office location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, 13 Earl Lynn Court, Cohoes, New York 12047. Purpose: For any lawful purpose.  
LD-11059  
(March 2, 2005)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of DIAGNOSTICS UNLIMITED, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/11/05. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Illinois (IL) on 10/31/03. 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. IL address of LLC: 707 Skokie Blvd., Suite 600, Northbrook, IL 60062. Arts. of Org. filed with IL Secy. of State, Howlett Bldg., Rm. 351, Springfield, IL 62756. Purpose: any lawful activities.  
LD-11061  
(March 2, 2005)

## LEGAL NOTICE

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF K&L PROPERTY MANAGEMENT, LLC**  
Articles of Organization of K&L Property Management, LLC were filed with the Secretary of State of New York on November 3, 2004. Office location, County of Albany. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent of the Limited Liability Company upon whom process against it may be served. The Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the Limited Liability Company to Liron Razak, 255 East 49th Street, Apt. 24E, New York, New York 10017. Purpose: any lawful act.  
LD-11062  
(March 2, 2005)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Alpine Financial LLC. Author-



## LEGAL NOTICE

ity filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/10/05. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Connecticut (CT) on 6/21/02. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o National Registered Agents, Inc., 875 Ave. of the Americas, Ste. 501, NY, NY 10001. Principal address of LLC: 2268 Main St., Ste 202, Stratford, CT 06615. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of CT, 30 Trinity St., Hartford, CT 06106. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-11072 (March 2, 2005)

## LEGAL NOTICE

DOUGLAS A SCHULZ LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 12/30/2004. Office in Albany Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to 163 Delaware Ave., Delmar, NY 12054. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. LD-11077 (March 2, 2005)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of MAR NEW CONSTRUCTION, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 1/26/05. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 4 Dr. Frank Drive, Spring Valley, NY 10977. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-11078 (March 2, 2005)

## LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: JOEL MOSES M.D., PLLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 01/13/05. Office location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the PLLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the PLLC, 350 Northern Boulevard, Suite 205, Albany, New York 12204. Purpose: For the practice of the profession of Medicine. LD-11082 (March 2, 2005)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Publication Notice of Organization of Limited Liability Company FIRST: The name of the Limited Liability Company is MAGIX KING, LLC (hereinafter referred to as the "Company"). SECOND: The Articles of Organization of the Company were filed with the New York Secretary of State on January 21, 2005. THIRD: The county within New York State in which the office of the Company is to be located is ALBANY. FOURTH: 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 P.O. Box 9119 Albany, New York 12209. FIFTH: The purpose of business of the Company is to own, operate, manage and dispose of vacant and/or improved real property wherever located. The Company's purpose is also to engage in any lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under the LLC. LD-11083 (March 2, 2005)

## LEGAL NOTICE

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Notice of Qualification of Ecowater Systems LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/14/2005. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 6/16/1988. 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. Principal office of LLC: 1890 Woodlane Drive, Woodbury, MN 55125. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, Div. of Corps., Federal & Duke of York Sts., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-11093 (March 2, 2005)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Hammons of Franklin, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/27/05. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 9/20/04. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the principal office of the LLC: 300 John Q. Hammons Pkwy., Suite 900, Springfield, MO 65806. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, P.O. Box 898, Dover, DE 19903. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-11094 (March 2, 2005)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of JDI Audobon, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/27/05. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Illinois (IL) on 11/16/04. 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. IL address of LLC: 150 S. Wacker Drive, Suite 2660, Chicago, IL 60606. Arts. of Org. filed with IL Secy. of State, Dept. of Business Services, LLC Division, Springfield, IL 62756. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-11095 (March 2, 2005)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Neuromonitoring Medical Services, LLC, a foreign professional service limited liability company (PLLC). Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 9/29/04. Office location: Albany County. PLLC registered in Pennsylvania (PA) on 1/22/04. SSNY designated as agent of PLLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Onile V. Sestokas, MD, 15 Christine Lane, Media, PA 19063. Cert. of Reg. filed with PA Dept. of State, 206 North Office Bldg., Harrisburg, PA 17120. Purpose: to practice the profession of medicine and any lawful act. LD-11096 (March 2, 2005)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Richardson Hammons, LP. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/27/05. Office location: Albany County. LP formed in Delaware (DE) on 9/22/04. SSNY designated as agent of LP upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the principal office of the LP: 300 John Q. Hammons Pkwy., Suite 900, Springfield, MO 65806. Name/address of genl. ptr. available from SSNY. Cert. of LP filed with DE Secy. of State, P.O. Box 898, Dover, DE 19903. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-11097 (March 2, 2005)

## LEGAL NOTICE

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: IDEAL BLACKTOP LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 03/18/99. 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, 6 Vatrano Road, Albany, New York 12205. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. LD-11098 (March 2, 2005)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of REVX 389 LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/26/05. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Montana (MT) on 1/14/05. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 8 South Idaho St., Ste C., Dillon, MT 59725. Principal address of LLC: 8 South Idaho St., Ste C., Dillon, MT 59725. Arts. of Org. filed with MT Secy. of State, P.O. Box 202801, Helena, MT 59620-2801. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-11100 (March 2, 2005)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of REVX-388 LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/26/05. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Montana (MT) on 1/14/05. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 8 South Idaho St., Ste C., Dillon, MT 59725. Principal address of LLC: 8 South Idaho St., Ste C., Dillon, MT 59725. Arts. of Org. filed with MT Secy. of State, P.O. Box 202801, Helena, MT 59620-2801. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-11101 (March 2, 2005)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of REVX 390 LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/26/05. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Montana (MT) on 1/14/05. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 8 South Idaho St., Ste C., Dillon, MT 59725. Principal address of LLC: 8 South Idaho St., Ste C., Dillon, MT 59725. Arts. of Org. filed with MT Secy. of State, P.O. Box 202801, Helena, MT 59620-2801. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-11102 (March 2, 2005)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Aetna Specialty Pharmacy, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/19/05. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 7/30/04. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o National Registered Agents, Inc., 875 Ave. of the Americas, Ste. 501, NY, NY 10001. Principal address of LLC: 250 Technology Park Drive, Suite 124A, Lake Mary, FL 32746. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of DE, 401 Federal St., Ste 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-11103 (March 2, 2005)

## LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FILING OF APPLICATION FOR AUTHORITY OF RIVERTOWN HOLDINGS, LLC

## LEGAL NOTICE

1. The name of the foreign limited liability company is RIVERTOWN HOLDINGS, LLC.  
2. The Application for Authority was filed with the Secretary of State on October 29, 2004.  
3. The foreign limited liability company was organized in the State of Delaware by the filing of its Certificate of Formation with the Delaware Secretary of State on July 7, 2004.  
4. The county within New York State in which the office of the foreign limited liability company is located is Albany County.  
5. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent of the foreign limited liability company upon whom process against it may be served, and the post office address within New York State to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the foreign limited liability company is: 291 Hudson Avenue, Albany, NY 12210.  
6. The address of the registered office of the foreign limited liability company in the jurisdiction of its organization is: 3511 Silverside Road Suite 105, Wilmington, DE 19810.  
7. A copy of the foreign limited liability company's certificate of formation has been filed with Harriet Smith Windsor, Secretary of the State of Delaware, whose address is P.O. Box 898, Dover, DE 19903.  
8. The purpose of the business of the foreign limited liability company is to conduct any lawful business activity for profit that is not otherwise prohibited by the laws of the State of Delaware or the State of New York. LD-11104 (March 2, 2005)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Publication D & B 172 Main, LLC was filed with SSNY on 01/07/05. Office: Albany County, SSNY designated agent of LLC against whom process may be served. P.O. address which SSNY shall mail process against LLC served upon him: 10 Madison Avenue, Ravena, New York 12143. Purpose: any lawful business. LD-11105 (March 2, 2005)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Organization of Limited Liability Company (LLC). Name: 1830 Western Avenue, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 1/25/05. 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 1810 Parker Avenue, Schenectady, NY 12306. Term: perpetual. Purpose: ownership and rental of real property and any other lawful purpose. LD-11122 (March 2, 2005)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of First States Investors 5300, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 2/11/05. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 1/27/05. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207. Principal office of LLC: 1725 The Fairway, Jenkintown, PA 19046. Arts. of Org. DE Secy. of State, Div. of Corps., 401 Federal St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-11125 (March 2, 2005)

## LEGAL NOTICE

## LEGAL NOTICE

The limited liability company of Kerzak, LLC was formed on January 3, 2005 by Zachary Medwin. The address of the company is 1645 Central Avenue in the County of Albany. The Secretary of State is designated as agent of the company on whom process can be served. LD-11127 (March 2, 2005)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Campus Outfitters, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 2/3/2005. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Maryland (MD) on 2/3/1997. 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. MD address of LLC: 5112 Berwyn Rd., College Park, MD 20740. Arts. of Org. filed with MD Dept. of Assessments and Taxation, 301 West Preston St., Baltimore, MD 21201. Purpose: to own and operate a retail business that sells school uniforms. LD-11134 (March 2, 2005)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 55 EAST 28TH REALTY, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 2/8/05. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Mallow, Konstam Hager, 321 Broadway, 5th Fl., NY, NY 10007. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-11141 (March 2, 2005)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of formation of IDEAL PROPERTY SOLUTIONS LLC a NYS limited liability company (L.L.C.). Formation filed with SSNY on 02/08/2005. 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, 41 State St., #408, Albany, NY 12207 Purpose: All Lawful purposes. LD-11145 (March 2, 2005)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of CAPSTONE ON-CAMPUS MANAGEMENT, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 1/27/05. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Alabama (AL) on 10/24/03. 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. AL address of LLC: 431 Office Park Drive, Birmingham, AL 35223. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, PO Box 5616, Montgomery, AL 36103. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-11153 (March 2, 2005)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Strategic Municipal Investments LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/31/05. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Florida (FL) on 12/28/04. 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. FL address of LLC: 1450 Centrepark Blvd. #325, West Palm Beach, FL 33401. Arts. of

## LEGAL NOTICE

Org. filed with FL Dept. of State, 409 E. Gaines St., Tallahassee, FL 32399. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-11177 (March 2, 2005)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of FELT FILMS, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 2/10/05. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207; registered agent upon whom process may be served. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-11178 (March 2, 2005)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Commonwealth Contracting Services LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 2/14/05. NYS fictitious name: CCS Environmental. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Massachusetts (MA) on 7/12/00. 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. MA address of LLC: 203 Spark St., Brockton, MA 02302. Arts. of Org. filed with MA Secy. of the Commonwealth, One Ashburton Place, Boston, MA 02108. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-11179 (March 2, 2005)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Calgaz LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 2/8/05. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 10/7/04. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Capitol Services, Inc., 40 Colvin Ave., Ste. 200, Albany, NY 12206. DE address of LLC: 615 South DuPont Hwy., Dover, DE 19901. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: Calgaz manufactures and sales calibration gases. LD-11180 (March 2, 2005)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of COLOCATION PARTNERS LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 2/15/05. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 4/30/04. 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. DE address of LLC: 2711 Centerville Rd., Wilmington, DE 19808. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-11186 (March 2, 2005)

## LEGAL NOTICE

SHAMROCK TECHNOLOGY SOLUTIONS, LLC  
1. The name of the limited liability company is SHAMROCK TECHNOLOGY SOLUTIONS, LLC.  
2. The Articles of Organization creating the limited liability company were filed in the Office of the New York Secretary of State on February 16, 2005 and became effective on said date.  
3. The principal office of the limited liability company is in Albany County.

## LEGAL NOTICE

4. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the limited liability company upon whom process against it may be served and the post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of process against it is SHAMROCK TECHNOLOGY SOLUTIONS, LLC, 3 Whitehall Place, Niskayuna, New York 12309.  
5. The purpose of the limited liability company is to engage in any lawful activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under the Limited Liability Company Law of the State of New York.  
Dated: February 17, 2005  
NOLAN & HELLER, LLP  
Attorneys for SHAMROCK TECHNOLOGY SOLUTIONS, LLC  
39 North Pearl Street  
Albany, New York 12207  
LD-11187 (March 2, 2005)

## LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF NEW SCOTLAND  
Special Notice  
The Annual Financial Report for the Town of New Scotland for the fiscal year ending 2004 is on file in the Town Clerk's office and is available for public inspection.  
Diane Deschenes  
Town Clerk  
The Town of New Scotland is an equal opportunity provider and employer.  
LD-11192 (March 2, 2005)

## LEGAL NOTICE

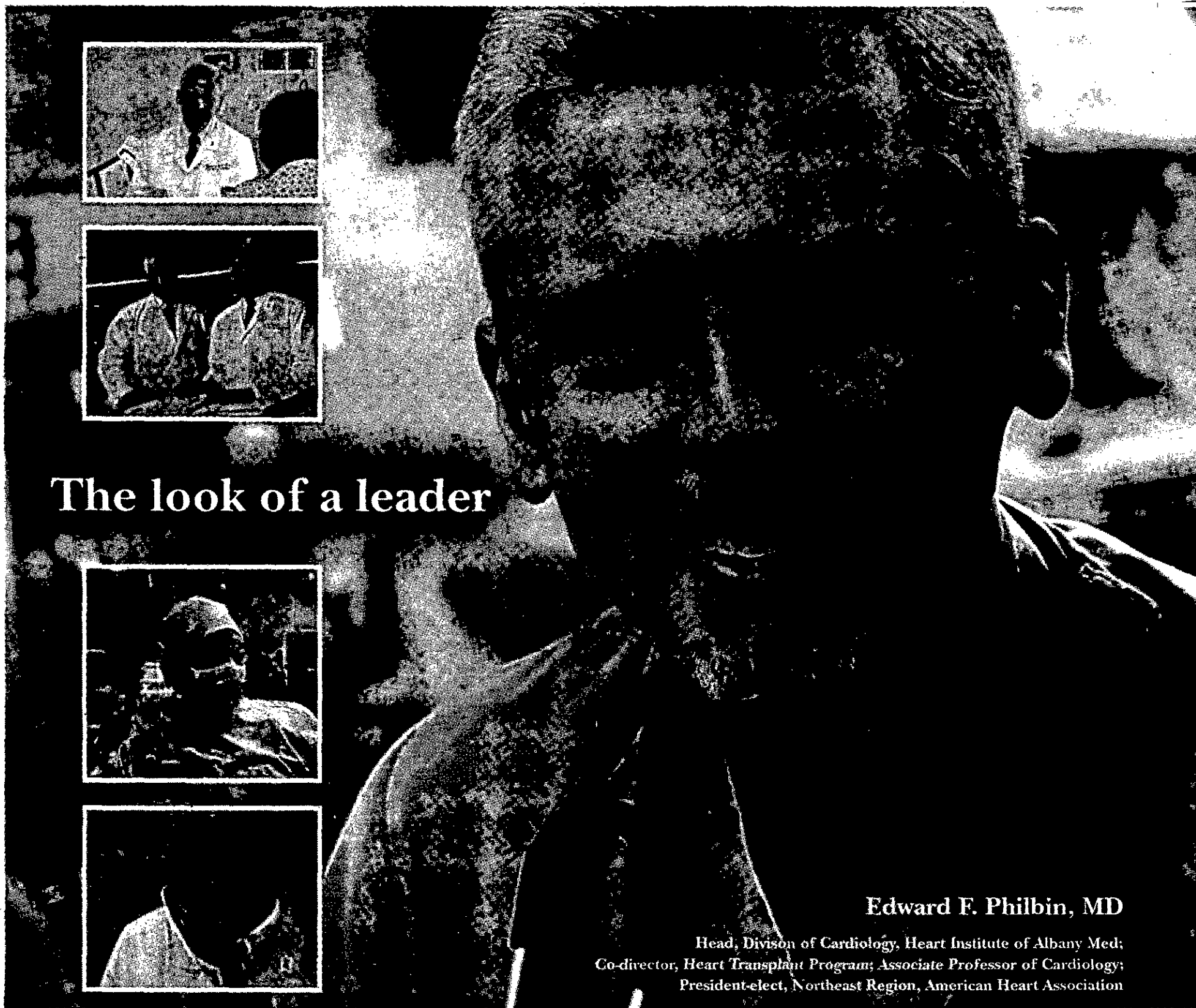
NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: ARACHNE PROPERTIES LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 01/20/05. The latest date of dissolution is 12/31/2105. Office location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, 182 Van Wines Point, Glenmont, New York 12077. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. LD-11195 (March 2, 2005)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of New York Becknell Investors LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/28/05. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 1/19/05. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207. Principal office of LLC: c/o UBS Realty Investors LLC, 242 Trumbull St., Hartford, CT 06103. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-11196 (March 2, 2005)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of BLUE SOLUTIONS LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/4/05, as amended. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in New Jersey (NJ) on 2/4/03. 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. NJ address of LLC: 830 Bear Tavern Rd., West Trenton, NJ 08628. Arts. of Org. filed with NJ Secy. of State, 225 W. State St., Trenton, NJ 08608. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-11197 (March 2, 2005)



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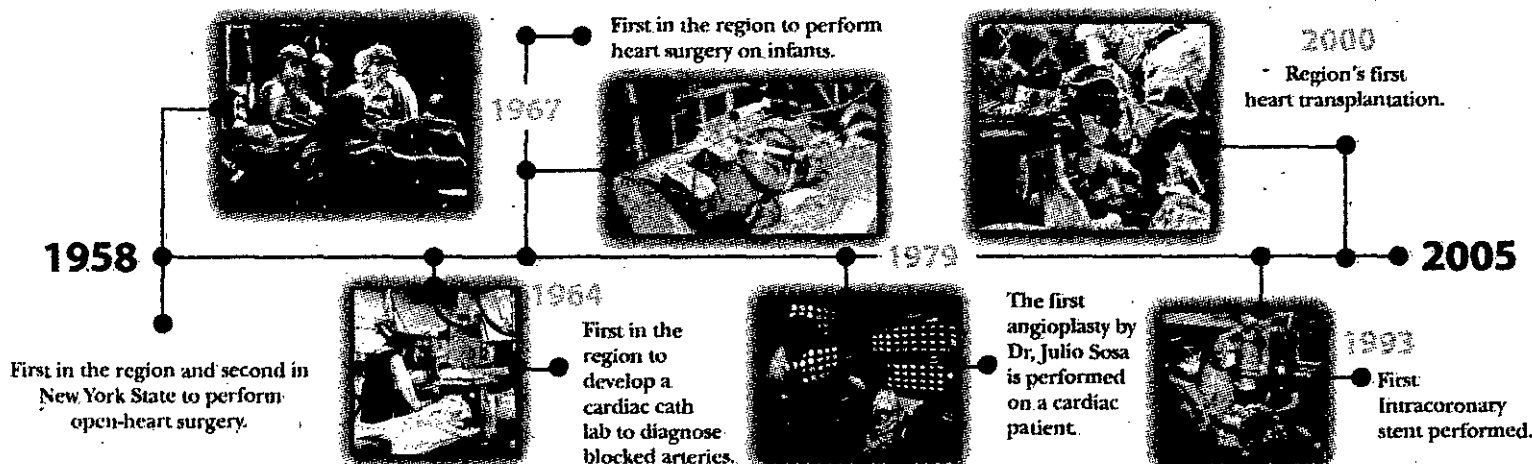
**Edward F. Philbin, MD**

Head, Division of Cardiology, Heart Institute of Albany Med;  
Co-director, Heart Transplant Program; Associate Professor of Cardiology;  
President-elect, Northeast Region, American Heart Association



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