

Area News



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From the Nile to the Hudson

A longtime favorite at the Albany Institute of History & Art has always been the mummies permanently on display. Those treasures have been joined by a new and unique exhibition of Egyptian artifacts.

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Torino bound

Kathleen Kauth's hard work and determination have paid off.

The 26-year-old Saratoga Springs native was one of 20 players named to the United States Olympic women's hockey team that will be competing next month in Italy.

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Curtain up!

Local stages attract big name talent

There are three kinds of theater in the Capital District. There's amateur or community theater; professional theaters that produce shows, like the New York State Theater Institute and Capital Repertory; and then there are presenting houses, like Proctor's in Schenectady.

But as far as professional theaters that produce their own shows, NYSTI and Capital Repertory are the only two in the immediate area.

"We do get big names here at NYSTI," said Ed Lange, associate artistic director and public and media relations

representative. "Our company uses professional regional talent, and we have our own company of four. We bring people in regionally and from New York City that are fully professional."

Big names are not as important as big talent. Many actors, Lange said, are not famous but they are just as talented as well-known actors.

"We've hired Oscar and Tony winning set designers; Emmy and Tony-award winning directors, but we don't make our bread and butter with these people," he said. "It's great to bring them in, but it's mostly about the quality of the work."

Another reason diverse

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By
STEPHANIE
LUBIS

Teaching assistant charged with rape, endangering child

Improper credentials lead to immediate dismissal of suspect

By STEPHANIE LUBIS

The Voorheesville school district has had its share of trouble in the last week. Teaching assistant John T. Krajewski, 25, was arrested last Monday on rape charges stemming from a relationship with a 14 year-old girl.

He was charged with three counts of second degree rape; second degree criminal sexual act, a felony; two counts of third degree sexual abuse, a misdemeanor; and one count of endangering the welfare of a child, a misdemeanor, according to Lt. Scott Coburn of the state police. Krajewski was arraigned and released from New Scotland Town Court last Monday night after posting \$25,000 bond.

The exact circumstances leading to Krajewski's arrest were not released. The alleged rapes took place in New Scotland and on Quail Street in Albany.

"Because of the victim's age, we don't want to advertise the circumstances," Coburn said.

Krajewski was fired that same night at Voorheesville's board of education meeting on the basis of improper credentials.

Krajewski was employed with the district from August 2004, and had passed the test to become a teaching assistant, said Superintendent Linda Langevin. Krajewski was a teaching assistant at the elementary school and coached boys basketball at the high school.

"He said he would apply for certification, but he never did," Langevin said.

Langevin said the district has

begun a review process of all employee files and admitted that internal controls in that area must be strengthened.

"We are not required to send to the state information on an employee's credentials," she said. "Only when there is a red flag do the credentials get checked."

The school does implement fingerprint testing to determine whether an applicant has a felony record.

Langevin said no one was aware that Krajewski wasn't licensed until his file was reviewed for another reason. However, Langevin said an emergency response was initiated, with staff discussions with fourth and fifth grade students and parents and a discussion of the judicial system.

Audit finds misuse

Former administrators accused of authorizing \$216K in leave, benefits

By STEPHANIE LUBIS

The Voorheesville School District suffered a blow last week, when an audit currently being done by the state Comptroller's office revealed questionable payments to former Superintendent Alan McCartney and Superintendent for Business Anthony Marturano over the last decade.

Auditors found that McCartney and Marturano paid themselves a total of \$216,000 for leave and other employment benefits. The two school officials authorized virtually all of those payments to themselves without the knowledge or approval of the board of education. Voorheesville district officials have filed a civil lawsuit to recover those funds.

According to the report, McCartney and Marturano paid themselves more than their contracts allowed for unused vacation time; failed to charge vacation time; took unauthorized leave benefits, inappropriate stipend and personal leave payments; and failed to notify the board about taking pay for unused vacation payments.

The routine audit began last August, Comptroller Alan Hevesi said at a press conference, and when disturbing information was found, other auditors looked at the transactions more closely. Voorheesville school board president Joseph F. Pofit said he expects another three months before the audit is complete.

"We have qualified employees to oversee everything, but when these responsibilities are abused, a crime has been committed," he said.

Pofit said when the board was first notified of this transaction, records were seized and computer hard drives were investigated.

"It's not small when you add it up," he said. "The level of arrogance with these people is unbelievable. This will cause us problems, because there are already budget issues, but we support the five-point plan to

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Police Blotter

Missing Delmar woman found; police arrest two for DWI

Lori Mackey, a Delmar woman who was declared missing last Monday, was brought back to her home in Delmar on Thursday.

Officer Michael Cozzy received a call from Mackey's mother, Betty Donnelly, on Thursday, Jan. 26, and upon arrival, interviewed Donnelly, who said an unknown male subject contacted her by telephone and stated, "Are you Lori's mother? She is sick."

The man asked Donnelly for her address in order to have Mackey return to her residence by taxi and Donnelly stated she told Villamore that someone would come over and pick Mackey up from his residence, police said. Villamore stated that he lived on Jeanette Street in

Albany.

Albany police were contacted and responded to the resident and Mackey was located.

The Albany Police Department was advised of Mackey's physical and mental status. Mackey was transported to Albany Medical Center for an evaluation.

On Jan. 29, police arrested James P. Evans Jr., 24, of 91 County Route 26 in Climax, on charges of DWI.

Officer Michael Berben was conducting stationary radar at Elm Town Park when he saw Evan's vehicle driving at 60 miles per hour in a 35 mph zone, police said. Berben followed the vehicle, which crossed over on to the right

shoulder fog line.

When stopped, a strong odor of alcohol was detected. Evans said he came back from a friend's house where he drank half a beer, police said. Evans failed field sobriety tests and was brought to the Bethlehem police department for processing.

Evans is due in court Feb. 22 at 4 p.m.

On Jan 26, police arrested Marjorie Gardner, 46, of Tice Lane in Glenmont on charges of DWI.

Officer Chris Hughes was traveling north on Route 9W while responding to an ATM alarm at the Pioneer Savings Bank in Glenmont, police said. Another police car was driving about 300 feet in front of Hughes, and was just shutting down the emergency lights when Hughes observed Gardner's vehicle pulling out of an intersection without yielding, police said.

Gardner's vehicle then stopped in the lane as Hughes's vehicle passed by, police said. Hughes turned his vehicle around and went to speak to Gardner.

A strong odor of alcohol was detected. Gardner said she drank two beers. She failed field sobriety tests and was brought back to police headquarters for processing. She is due in court Feb. 7 at 4 p.m.

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Hilltowns Players host auditions for talent showcase

Auditions for the Hilltowns Players "Talent Showcase" (for adult and high school performers) will be held Saturday, Feb. 4 at 9 a.m. at Lucky's on Route 146 in Knox Altamont.

Acts must be performance ready and a tech rehearsal scheduled for the following Wednesday, Feb. 8 at the Bern Knox-Westerlo high school auditorium, Route 443 in Bern. For info, contact Penny Shaw 872-9455 or Jeff Van Iderstyn 872-1905.

Plant conference, trade show planned

The annual Capital District Bedding Plant Conference and Trade Show will be held at the Century House, Route 9, Latham from 8 a.m. to 4:15 p.m, Tuesday Feb. 7.

Speakers include Marger Daughtrey of Cornell University; Daniel Gilrein of Cornell Cooperative Extension, Suffolk County; and Mark Solan from the state Department of Environmental Conservation.

Registration is \$40 per person and includes lunch.

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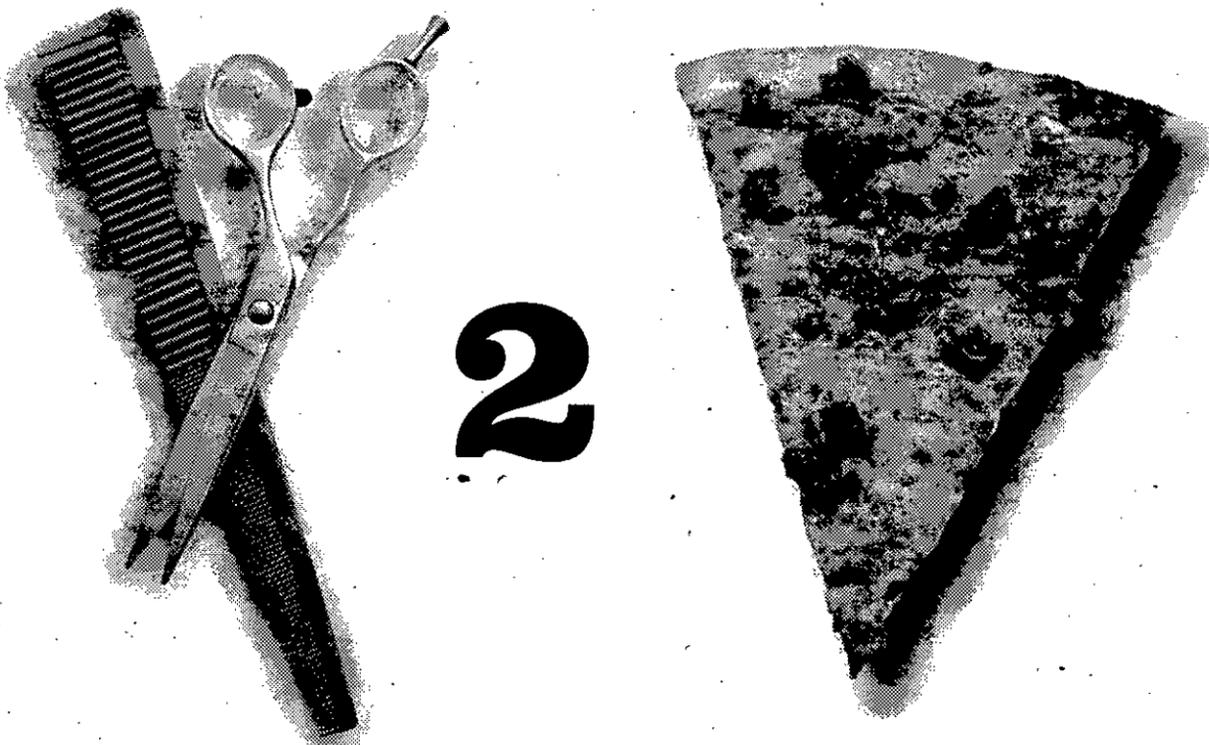
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Town getting jump on Quadricentennial

By STEPHANIE LUBIS

It's never too early to plan. The town of Bethlehem's Quadricentennial celebration of Henry Hudson's discovery of the Hudson River won't happen until September 2009, but the town wants to make sure every effort is made to plan a memorable event.

"The state commission has a tentative calendar of events already," said Supervisor Theresa Egan. "They are asking local governments what their plans are."

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The state commission is planning several events along the Hudson River from New York City to commemorate not only Henry Hudson's voyage, but the discovery of Lake Champlain by Samuel de Champlain, also in 1609. The celebration includes the 198th anniversary of inventor Robert Fulton completing the first successful steamship voyage up the Hudson River in 1807. These three events will be commemorated together for the first time in 2009.

A small committee is being formed to help the town get coordinated with ideas, and planning board chairman Parker Mathusa will be involved. Residents involved with the Historical Association and other residents will likely be called to help.

"I've given a list to Terri (Egan)," said Mathusa. "It'll

be an active committee."

Mathusa also expects State Sen. Neil D. Breslin and county Legislator Jack Cunningham, both residents of Bethlehem, to be involved as well.

Mathusa already has some ideas. Working closely with the Bethlehem, Gunderland and Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk school districts will play a key role in helping to get kids involved in activities at Henry Hudson Park are being planned.

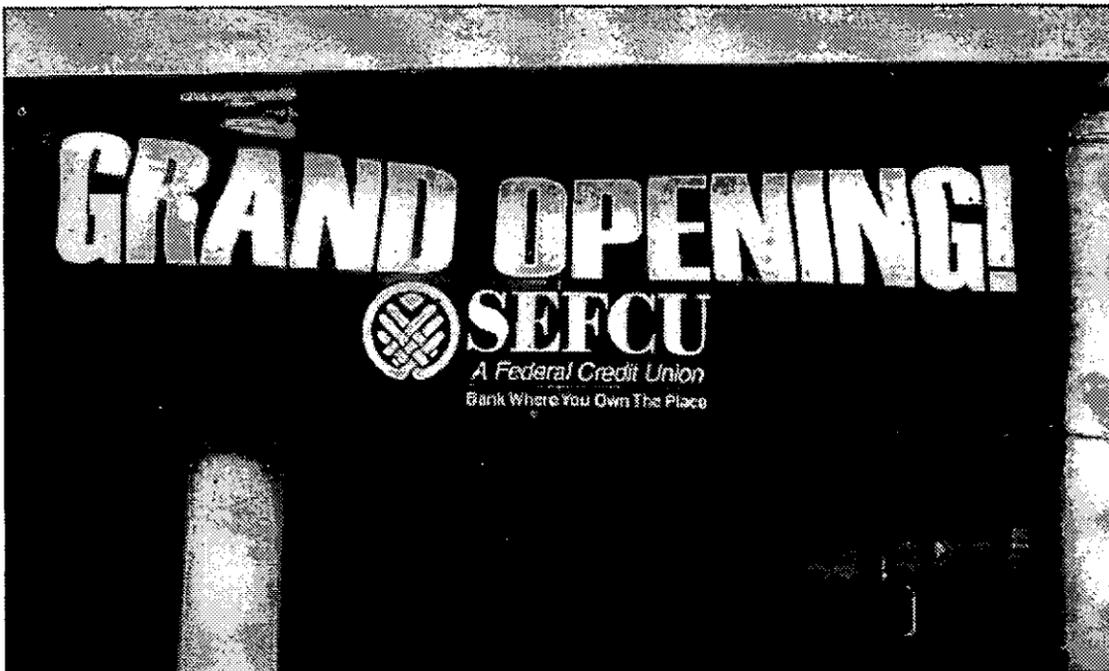
"Celebrations at all three school districts could help make the festivities more comprehensive to the entire area," said Mathusa. "We want to compliment the festivities planned for Albany as well."

Mathusa has also looked at copies of books published at the end of the tri-centennial in 1909.

"I have lots of ideas," he said. "It'll take planning and leadership."

"The sooner we think about what we want to do, the sooner we can plan, especially financially," said Egan.

Tentative events coordinated by the state commission include an Albany celebration featuring replica vessels and travel from Albany down the Hudson River, and parades, gala dinners, art and cultural events, festivals and exhibits along the entire corridor.



The new State Employees Federal Credit Union at Town Squire Plaza in Glenmont.

SEFCU opens Glenmont branch

By STEPHANIE LUBIS

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"We're excited about expanding into Glenmont," said SEFCU's president, Michael Castellana of Slingerlands. "A large number of our members currently live in that area, and we believe that the Town Squire Plaza location will help make their banking easier and more convenient. The location is also convenient to the city of Albany where all residents are eligible for SEFCU membership."

A ribbon-cutting ceremony was

planned for this Monday, but was cancelled. Instead, an after-hours mixer will be held Feb. 15, with a time to be announced.

"It's for all local businesses and members of SEFCU," said branch manager Paul Sumigray. "It'll be great for networking and just letting people know we are here, especially since a lot of our staff is not from Glenmont."



Sumigray

Glenmont's SEFCU was built by popular demand, Sumigray said.

"We build in lots of local areas, and we listen to member requests," he said.

In its opening phase, SEFCU members can enter to win one of four \$25 gift certificates to Price Chopper, Casa Mia, Roberta's Gift Shop and Alteri's, or the grand prize of a 42-inch plasma television. The drawing will be held during the week of Feb. 6.

Lobby hours at the new branch

are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturdays. The branch employs 11 staff members, and grand opening activities will take place through Feb. 3.

The Glenmont branch is SEFCU's 17th location and one of several new building projects planned over the next two years. Sites are currently being evaluated in Saratoga and Rensselaer counties.

SEFCU was established in 1934 and is among the 70 largest credit unions in the country with more than \$1.2 billion in assets and more than 136,000 members in the Capital District, Binghamton and Syracuse. It used to be just for state employees and their immediate families, but has recently expanded its charter to include those who live, work, worship or go to school in a number of surrounding cities.

"We did this to widen our membership base," said Sumigray. "We're excited to be in town, and we're working hard to get this branch up and running. We've got a great team here, and they are ready to serve."

Wellness Fair seeks to boost awareness of resources

By STEPHANIE LUBIS

It's still close to the beginning of the year, and traditionally it's the best time to change bad habits and develop some good ones.

Fresh approaches for dealing with stress, information on substance abuse, learning about bone health, and a host of other informational seminars are all part of the Bethlehem Central School District's first community-wide Wellness Fair which will be Tuesday, Feb. 28, from 6 to 9 p.m. in the high school.

The fair will have something for all ages, from infants to seniors, and all Bethlehem residents are welcome to participate. Area health professionals will be giving seminars and be on hand as vendors to answer health related questions, and special fitness activities demonstrated by students at all BCSD schools in the district range from synchronized swimming to basketball.

The fair took 10 months of preparation, said Kelly Ciavardoni, physical education teacher at the high school and co-chair of the fair committee.

"We decided people need reminders and re-education about health," she said. And while fun activities are part of the fair, it won't be a carnival atmosphere. Getting health information to the public and boosting awareness of area resources are the goals.

A small health fair was put on last year at Slingerlands

Elementary School in conjunction with the science fair, and Ciavardoni said it was very successful.

"There seemed to be a need and an interest," she said. "We decided as a group to do a wellness fair for the whole community."

Aside from a \$500 donation from Bethlehem Opportunities Unlimited, the fair is being put on with no budget. JoAnn Menrath, school nurse at Slingerlands Elementary and co-chair, said many of the speakers actually called the school when they found out the plan for the fair.

"We actually had to turn some away," she said.

Schools are starting to take a more active role in overall health and wellness, she said.

"There are kids with hypertension, cholesterol problems, kids who are pre-diabetic, these are problems you would normally see in adults, but

they are starting to show up in children," said Menrath.

"It's not like when we were young, and kids went outside to play before dinner," said Ciavardoni. "I hardly see that anymore."

Working parents, fast food meals and sedentary activities like computer games and TV combine to make healthy habits even harder to adhere to. Nutrition takes knowledge and collaborative effort, said Ciavardoni. Slow changes are being made in the school's food menus, and a wellness cabinet was developed as part of nutritional policy that all schools must have in place this year.

Mental health and substance abuse will also be discussed.

"Mental health is becoming an interest," said Menrath. "A lot of children and adults suffer from some kind of mental illness, and they may not even know it. Many of the therapists there will share their observations. A lot of parents don't have any idea of what therapists actually do for their kids in the school system."

Senior citizen health is also

a concern, said Lynn Horn, a nurse and coordinator for senior services.

"Seniors do have a lot of special needs," she said. "They are living longer, and they are usually living with their families, so it's important that health information gets passed on to everyone, of all ages. Everyone teaches everyone."

Horn is currently looking into transportation options to get seniors to the fair.

Developing partnerships in and out of the school district are important goals of the fair. A lot of health activities are different at the different schools, Ciavardoni said, and the fair is an opportunity to blend what each school does all the time but other schools may not be aware of.

"We're looking to bring people together," said Menrath. "This is only the beginning."

Additionally, The Cinderella Project, which collects previously worn prom dresses to give to high school students who cannot afford to buy a new dress, will have a drop off point at the fair.

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Ride the tide of optimism, opportunity

By KATHERINE McCARTHY

Commentary:

Mom's The Word



It could break your heart, to walk through the sea of teeming humanity that is a middle school when classes change. There are the girls rushing to be older than they are, painted with make-up, clustering together for strength and holding up the flow of traffic. Boys in baggy pants lumber through the halls, their enormous feet seeming to land a full five minutes before the rest of their bodies catch up to where they're going. There are the kids dying for a growth spurt, easily confused for fourth graders.

Maybe heartbreak isn't the right word; maybe bittersweet is a better one to describe the feeling that comes from watching the future course through one building, heading off to learn all the things that will continue to make this country great.

Maybe that bittersweet bordering on heartbreak comes from seeing innocence edging away from kids who range in age from 10 to 14; maybe it's the thought of the possible number of paths that each of these lives could travel.

Maybe some of the feeling comes from the heartbreak and hope from my own adolescence. There was the time the popular boy talked to me and I was too

tongue-tied to say anything; the frustration doubled the next day when I thought up the perfect answer. Maybe it's remembering the surprise I felt when I did so well on our first standardized national test that teachers, classmates, my parents and my parents' friends asked what I wanted to be when I grew up. Maybe it's remembering that it felt like the whole world was looking at me — and knowing that I would be in my 30s before I would realize that a) in fact, practically nobody was looking at me and b) people who were looking and judging really should find better ways to use their time.

Maybe it's recalling how it felt when I messed up; when my good intentions of working hard got lost devoting after-school hours to watching Popeye and The Little Rascals on WPIX.

Mostly, being in a middle school as an adult, the bittersweet feeling comes from watching so much potential pass right by me. I'm a middle-aged mother, but it's still a shock

sometimes to realize that I've already traveled a big chunk of the path of my life.

That's the thing about these middle school students: there's so much they could do with their lives! I look at them and wonder what they will become. Which are the writers who will pen the next great American novels? Who are the musicians, the future David Alan Millers, Yo-Yo Mas and Fifty Cent among them? Who are the moviemakers, the Ang Lees and John Hustons? Who are the actors, the Katharine Hepburns, Meryl Streeps, John Lithgows? I love to watch the funny kids — the future Whoopi Goldbergs, Billy Crystals, Bill Cosbys, Mike Myers. Oh, behave, I want to say to them when I see them being goofy. And what are the achievements we can't even imagine that will be theirs? Is there a Steve Jobs or a Bill Gates who will change the way we do our work, play, heat our homes, drive our cars, communicate?

We've seen the unthinkable come true just in the past 25 years. Who among us had a computer in their home in 1981? Al Gore was still dreaming up the Internet then; could you imagine living without it now?

I mostly wonder what my children will do with their lives, and how their peers will influence them. I have always looked at their schoolmates from the reference point of how they affect my children. As I look at the middle school students, I wonder who the potential friends to my child are. Why are some of the kids so much bigger than my child? Why are some so much smaller? Whose voices have changed; who has facial hair? Who's smarter than my child? Who bullied my child? Who does my child admire? Who admires my child? Could my future daughter-in-law be walking past me, not yet knowing that I'm the woman she'll blame because her husband can't hang his damp towel back on the towel bar after he showers; can't hang his jacket up in the closet; can't put his glasses someplace where he can find them in the

morning instead of wreaking havoc throughout the whole house when he needs them in the morning?

There's the most heartbreaking thing about middle school: all this stuff happens all day long to our children, and we may never know about it. They are clearly no longer small children who recount every little detail of their day. There are — appropriately — fewer opportunities for parents to be in the classroom and school when kids hit adolescence. Our kids are with their peers all day long, and with adults who are trying to encourage them to take their future into their own hands.

In the middle school, there are a few chances for parents to get into the school and feel wistful about missed opportunities and feel hopeful about the future.

The transition to adulthood takes a big step in high school; a place I've only been for official presentations. I think that's a good thing! I comb curriculum handbooks; I torture guidance counselors and subject supervisors with suggestions about how to make things better; but 99 percent of the contact is between my son and the adults that populate his academic world. What an invaluable lesson! I won't go to college with him, so hopefully, he is figuring out how to relate to adults in a way that will serve him well all his life.

Not being in the school means, though, that it takes a little extra effort to know what's going on in the curriculum; what changes are coming; how it will affect my children as students and me as a taxpayer.

This is the time of year that school boards are looking at their budgets, figuring out what they must and can offer and how to make it all work in such a way that taxpayers will support it. Those increasing costs can be hard on everyone's wallets — especially those living on a fixed income — but I only ever

want to live in a community that sees the wisdom of investing to its maximum in its children.

This doesn't mean that school districts get to do whatever they want, and we as parents must keep our priorities up front, too. Sometimes it feels like the thought of involved parents makes school administrators and school boards wail and gnash their teeth, but we have a huge stake in this. It may seem like a curriculum decision only affects students, but that's far from the case. What and how our kids learn is going to affect all of us. Kids who can't add today could end up preparing your tax form some day. Kids who don't know when to use an apostrophe in the word "its" reduce their chances of getting a job in journalism some day, or of having their first — or any — novel published. How will the Bill Gates of the future emerge if he isn't introduced to solid science, math and computer concepts as soon as possible?

Not knowing what happened in the past dooms us to dangerous repetition.

Just as we parents push the teachers and administrators to do the best for our children, so must we parents listen to them. If all the teachers say your child is smart, but needs to organize him or herself, help your child do that. If you're getting calls about discipline issues, look first at your child — and yourself — before expecting the school to solve the problem.

What do you talk about at home? Great ideas, or only what vexes you?

The biggest thing we all need to offer our children is a sense of optimism. When you're in middle school, there's only opportunity ahead. Change is good; and it's easier to make when you feel like you only have choices. Let's make sure we're giving our children a solid enough grounding that they truly see each day as an opportunity to make decisions that will only lead to good things.

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WEEKLY WEATHER

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Record high/low/year

Day	AVERAGE HIGH 32°		AVERAGE LOW 13°	
	High/Year	Low/Year	High/Year	Low/Year
Wednesday, February 1	65°/1989	-20°/1920		
Thursday, February 2	53°/1981	-18°/1961		
Friday, February 3	56°/1991	-18°/1955		
Saturday, February 4	61°/1991	-13°/1978		
Sunday, February 5	59°/1890	-15°/1918		
Monday, February 6	55°/1991	-20°/1948		
Tuesday, February 7	48°/2005	-18°/1995		

SEASONAL SNOWFALL TO DATE
24.1 inches as of Friday, January 27th
9.9 inches below average

This week in weather

February 4, 1961 The third and heaviest snowfall of the season dumped almost 20" of snow on New York City, ironically ending a record 16 days below freezing.
February 6, 1978 The great "Blizzard of '78 struck the Northeast with 2 ft in Boston and 50" in Rhode Island.

Sun & Moon

Day	Sunrise	Sunset
Wednesday	7:09am	5:08pm
Thursday	7:08am	5:10pm
Friday	7:07am	5:11pm
Saturday	7:06am	5:12pm
Sunday	7:05am	5:14pm
Monday	7:04am	5:15pm
Tuesday	7:03am	5:16pm

Moon Phases

February 5 th	February 12 th
First	Full

Planets	When	Where
Jupiter	By Dawn	Bright S
Saturn	Evening	High SE
Mars	Evening	High SW
Venus	Dawn	Low ESE
Mercury	Dusk	Very Low W

Area Ski Conditions

Resort	Base Depth	Lifts	Trails	Resort	Base Depth	Lifts	Trails
Gore Mtn.	23" - 51"	7	39	Stratton Mtn.	20" - 30"	9	81
Whiteface	29" - 43"	8	62	Sugarbush	6" - 30"	13	104
Royal Mtn.	15" - 20"	3	12	Hunter Mtn.	10" - 90"	8	45
Mount Snow	18" - 32"	10	99	Belleayre	18" - 60"	8	35
Okemo	18" - 32"	17	103	Jiminy Peak	18" - 50"	5	34
West Mtn.	24" - 48"	2	7	Willard Mtn.	10" - 24"	4	9
Stowe	30" - 40"	9	48	Windham	15" - 57"	6	31
Killington	18" - 28"	19	148	Smugglers'	14" - 38"	8	65

Factoid

Ground Hog Day is February 2nd. Not only is this the traditional day for the Ground Hog to make his forecast, it's almost exactly the mid point of the winter season — just over 6 weeks left.

Tides at Albany

Day	High	Low
Wednesday	6:54am, 7:14pm	1:12am, 1:31pm
Thursday	7:44am, 8:03pm	1:59am, 2:25pm
Friday	8:36am, 8:56pm	2:48am, 3:22pm
Saturday	9:31am, 9:53pm	3:38am, 4:20pm
Sunday	10:28am, 10:53pm	4:32am, 5:19pm
Monday	11:27am, 11:56pm	5:27am, 6:19pm
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Voorheesville board looks at sidewalks, storm water

By ART STEIN

In a very brief meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 24, Voorheesville's village trustees reported that progress is being made in the development of the village budget. Preliminary budget numbers will be available in February, and this year's budget will be completed by the end of March and adopted in April.

Will Smith, superintendent of public works, and Gerald Gordinier, building inspector for the village, are formulating a storm water management plan that the state Department of Environmental Conservation requires of all municipalities.

The village is working with the Department of Transportation and CSX Railroad to construct a new sidewalk that traverses the CSX right-of-way

on Voorheesville Avenue. The sidewalk extension is expected to continue to Grove Street.

Mayor John Stevens offered the board's condolences to the family of Donald White, who recently passed away.

"Donald was a great guy who served on our conservation advisory council for a number of years and he will be dearly missed," Stevens said.

Debbie Baron, who has served as intra-municipal liaison for the town of New Scotland to the village, is stepping down and will be replaced by Rich Reilly, a New Scotland town board member. Reilly will assume the duties of liaison beginning with next month's meeting.

The village board's next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 28 at 7 p.m.



Construction crews remove the rubble from Boston Market on the corner of Delaware and Elsmere avenues in Elsmere. The building was the last of several structures to be taken down to make room for a new CVS Pharmacy.

Stephen Pause

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Change, except in management, is not what is needed, and preservation should be the order of the day.

The fact that "Seabiscuit" was filmed largely at the track is testimony to keeping a strong sense of history at Saratoga.

It should not be a year-round venture, but rather something for us all to look forward to and to enjoy in the summer season. The track itself hasn't failed; it's the greed of many people in the racing association that has created problems.

Get rid of them, not the customs and ambiance of everything that makes Saratoga so special. Really, all Saratoga needs is a dose of honesty and people who care about preserving its specialness.

Severely altering the racecourse would be a real tragedy. Visiting the track is always an adventure.

There's an aura about the track that begins as you turn onto Nelson Avenue. On one side of the street are hedges and lavish gates, training tracks that seem to beckon visitors. On the other side of the street, many residents of ordinary houses turn their yards into parking lots, charging \$2 or \$3 more as you get closer to the track. Actually the homes farther from the track are shadier, so when you return, the car is quite comfortable.

The walk to the track is colorful — many people walk along reading The Racing Form or other newspapers, figuring out the strategy of the day. Then there are the tip sheets. Our favorite is the Kids Pics, profits of which are donated to a local fire department.

The crowd thickens as you come closer to the entrance, with more and more tip sheet hawkers promising to provide all the winners of the day. And of course, T-shirts of all colors and sizes line the avenue like carnival booths.

Then you enter the track, sometimes to be interrupted by a thoroughbred on his way to or from the barns.

That's when you enter another world for a couple of hours to watch horses, watch people or watch people watch horses.

We'd like to think that Saratoga would still be recognizable in 50 or even 100 years.

Let's fight to keep the track on track for the future.

Editorial

NCLB tests should help children

By MARIA NEIRA

The writer is a former bilingual, fourth-grade teacher and elementary school science teacher in New York City. She is first vice president of the 525,000-member teachers union, New York State United Teachers. She lives in Loudonville.

The apprehension that many parents feel over testing hit home over the last few weeks. Nearly 1.3 million children — the youngest being 8-year-old third-graders — sat for three days of anxiety-packed testing required by the federal No Child Left Behind legislation.

This shouldn't come as a surprise, but most teachers share parents' concerns about testing. Yet, teachers also understand the need for standardized testing because valid, reliable assessments serve very important purposes in education.

Good tests can be used to help teachers learn how far their students have come — and how far they still have to go to meet the state's standards. Teachers need reliable diagnostic information from tests so they can quickly catch and then correct problems their students may be having before their learning difficulties can snowball, and they begin to fall behind.

The data gleaned from these assessments can also help education leaders in the state Legislature, all the way down to local school board members and administrators, direct resources to the schools where the funding is needed most. After all, how would everyone know which students need one-on-one tutoring or other remedial support, or which school districts or even individual grade levels need additional focus on reading or math, without reliable test data?

It also almost goes without saying that NCLB — and publishing test results for all to see — provides important accountability for how education tax dollars are spent. While most

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school districts, particularly in the Capital District, do a wonderful job, we agree taxpayers have a right to know which schools are struggling and require additional help — or even corrective action.

To put it as simply as possible, testing should be inextricably linked to coursework and designed as a tool to help teachers to help children learn more and improve school performance. Policy-makers should use the test data to target education aid and other resources to the classrooms where students need the most help — not to make political hay or score ideological points.

So, why are so many teachers uneasy over the NCLB-required testing?

Right now, many teachers feel tension between two sometimes competing priorities.

On the one hand, teachers believe strongly that every student should have the opportunity to pursue a broad, challenging curriculum with rich content in all subject areas. Teachers have been working to help ever-increasing success to help greater numbers of children not only achieve higher standards, but graduate with prestigious Regents' diplomas.

On the other hand, many feel there's been an over-emphasis on the tests, and the results that follow. There is pressure from many sides for students and schools to do well, and that pressure comes squarely down on the classroom teacher.

The result is that, for a month or more, it sometimes seems that everything stops so schools — and students — can prepare for testing. In too many classrooms, teachers' creativity, knowledge and professional skills are marshaled for test preparation. In the most extreme cases, students are pulled from art, music, physical education — and even other core subjects — so they can drill some more in English and math.

Teachers are seeking — and, frankly, we should all be seeking — the right balance between valid, reliable tests that support instruction, and accountability for how public schools are doing.

Right now, however, the education system is simply not ready to adequately handle this testing onslaught. Nearly 1.3 million children in grades three through eight will take more than 2.5 million math and ELA exams in a three-month window this year, about triple the 430,000 students who took fourth and eighth grade tests in 2004-05.

The testing is so extensive that school districts are not expecting the ELA results for at least four months; too late to be

helpful this year. Sixth-grade teachers who last week administered the exam to their students, for example, won't have the scores and analysis in time to tailor their instruction or better help their current students.

There are no easy answers for problems like this, and the reality is that standardized testing is not going away. So, it falls upon everyone to work to make this new annual testing in grades three through eight required by NCLB as valid, reliable and fair as possible.

A few more areas need addressing. Although the state Department of Education has worked very hard — and, in many cases, successfully — to provide needed test samplers, curriculum guides and other tools to teachers, the widespread sense is the federal government rushed the states to implement these tests. Even though states had a couple of years to prepare, there was still a lot of scrambling to pull all the pieces together, and that resulted in some errors. This is not acceptable.

Because the stakes are so high for everyone, parents, teachers and students must have confidence that the state Education Department has thoroughly vetted each test and answer sheet for fairness, accuracy and alignment to curriculum. In a system where students who fall short of the standards must receive remedial services and schools which don't meet certain benchmarks face sanctions, it is imperative that these tests are error-proof.

Funding is also a major concern. New York is expected to receive \$922 million less than what Congress authorized for NCLB for 2006. In addition, the education budget released by Gov. George Pataki falls far short of what is needed to provide a sound education for all students. Clearly, New York needs a greater investment by the state and federal government in education.

Teachers want to see the system improved, and it's important that New York do better.

We recognize these tests are in their infancy and, like when the fourth- and eighth-grade state tests were first introduced nearly a decade ago, some rough spots are to be expected.

Still, when it comes to high-stakes, high-pressure NCLB testing — and all the rhetoric that will accompany the results — New York must get it right. We don't have a lot of time. The same 1.3 million students will sharpen their pencils for the math test on March 6.



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Thacher Nature Center slates winter activities

A number of activities are scheduled at the Emma Treadwell Thacher Nature Center, in John Boyd Thacher State Park and at Thompson's Lake in the coming weeks. Some are weather dependent, so you may want to call first.

Saturday, Feb. 4, 6 a.m.

Ice Fishing Contest at Thompson's Lake

Fishing begins at 6 a.m. and ends at 1 p.m. The three categories are pickerel, perch and trout. Live bait will be available through Lake Lonely Boat Livery. Call 872-1237 for information.

Saturday, Feb. 4, 10 a.m.

Snowshoe Walk at Thompson's Lake

Meet at Thompson's Lake Campground for a snowshoe walk and check out the ice-fishing contest. We'll start on a trail and then head out to the lake to see what's happening.

Refreshments will be available. Snowshoes are available to rent. Program fee is \$1 per person. Call 872-0800 to register or to reserve snowshoes.

Sunday, Feb. 5, 1 - 3 p.m.

"History of the Indian Ladder Region"

Thacher Park was a hotspot for tourists and Thompson's Lake had two classy hotels at a time when city folks took buggy rides up the old Indian Ladder Road. Historian Tim Albright will share his knowledge and historical photos of the region. Program fee is \$1. Call 872-0800 for information.

Next week

Hope for snow; since there's a full moon snowshoe walk scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 11. There will be a lecture about volcanoes and volcano ash on Sunday, Feb. 12.

Call 872-0800 for information.



Michelle Segerberg holds on to a Great Horned Owl Saturday at Thacher Park Nature Preserve.

James Franco

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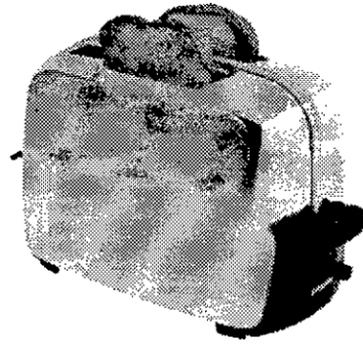
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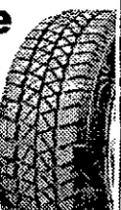
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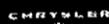


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Kickoff scheduled for Relay For Life events

All are invited to attend the kickoff for the Albany, Rensselaer and Voorheesville Relay for Life events Wednesday, Feb. 8.

The meeting will be held at the NYSUT Headquarters, 800 Troy-Schenectady Road, Latham. The kickoff begins at 5:30 p.m. with complimentary food and beverages. Attendees are encouraged to bring a friend to learn about Relay for Life events. RSVP to Carol Bishop-Panepinto by Wednesday, Feb. 1, at 454-4031 or carol.bishop@cancer.org.

Kindergarten registration

A Voorheesville elementary school parents-only kindergarten registration meeting is set for Thursday, March 9, at 7 p.m. Parents are asked to call 765-2382, ext. 514, if they have a child who will be entering kindergarten in September. Children must be 5 years of age on or before Dec. 1, 2006 to register. The kindergarten registration and screening program will be explained and parents will be able to schedule an appointment to

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have their child screened March 21 or 22.

Garden Club to meet

The first meeting of the new year for the Helderview Garden will be held Thursday, Feb. 2, at 6:45 p.m. at the Voorheesville Legion Hall in Voorheesville. The topic will be Daylily's by Melanie Mason, national speaker from the North Country Daylily Society.

The public is welcome to attend.

For information, call Beverley MacMillan at 765-2889.

Ice Fishing Contest

Thompson's Lake State Park in East Berne will hold its 15th annual Ice Fishing contest

Saturday, Feb. 4, at 6 a.m. Registration, fishing and fish measurements will be held from 6 a.m. to 1 p.m., and is open to the public. Registration fee for the contest is \$10 and proceeds will be used toward contest prizes, park programs and park improvements.

This year's contest is being held at Grafton Lakes State Park and Thompson's Lake State Park. Contestants may catch perch, pickerel and trout. First, second and third prizes will be awarded in each of these categories, as well as a special award for the Best of the Contest. Prizes will be awarded at 2 p.m. Sponsors include Dick's Sporting Goods, Friends Lake Inn and The Sagamore. Live bait will be furnished by Lake Lonely Boat Livery. Food and beverages will be available.

For information call 872-1237.

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Library to hold lapsit stories

Lapsit stories will be held at the Voorheesville Public Library Feb. 2, at 10:15 a.m. and will provide an engaging experience of learning and bonding for parents and their baby through the magic of Kindermusik. The program presents a unique blending of creative movement, vocal play, object and instrument exploration and a colorful literature component. If you have a child 2 years or younger, sign up as space is limited.

For information or to register, call 765-2791.

Bible School sign up under way

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

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

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

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

Students will be invited to donate to the kids' construction outreach at the Capital City Rescue Mission in Albany.

For information, call the church at 439-4328 or visit www.blutheran.org.

'Twelve Days in Paris' at Main Square

Local artist Glenn Cormier is showing his photography at Main Square, 318 Delaware Ave. in Delmar through Feb. 7.

'Twelve Days in Paris' can be viewed Wednesday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sundays from noon to 4 p.m. The gallery can also be viewed on Monday and Tuesday by appointment.

Call 475-1853 for information, or visit www.exposedartphotography.com.

Sign up under way for rec programs

The town of Bethlehem Parks and Recreation Department is currently taking registration for winter and spring programs.

Classes start next week. Some of the classes available include: Early Bird Water Workout, Pi Yo, Self Massage, Acupressure and Yoga 4 Kids.

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



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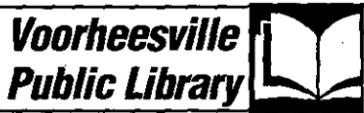
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Library Association book award winners announced

Mrs. Laiosa is just back from San Antonio, Texas, where she attended the American Library Association mid-winter conference. She shares with us some of the highlights of the ALA's top books for 2006:

Available at VPL is the Caldecott Medal for the most distinguished American picture book: "The Hello, Goodbye Window" by Norton Juster, illustrated by Chris Raschka. Caldecott Honor Books in our library are "Rosa", illustrated by Bryan Collier and written by Nikki Giovanni, and "Zen Shorts", written and illustrated by Jon. J. Muth. "Rosa" was also the winner of the Coretta Scott King Award.

The John Newbery Medal for the most outstanding contribution to children's



literature went to "Criss Cross" by Lynne Rae Perkins.

One of the Newbery Honor Books which Mrs. Laiosa highly recommends also received Robert F. Sibert Informational Books Honors: "Hitler Youth: Growing Up in Hitler's Shadow" by Susan Campbell Bartoletti.

The 2006 Michael L. Printz Award for excellence in literature for young adults went to Looking for Alaska by John Green. Mrs. Laiosa also loved Printz Honor Book "John Lennon: All I Want is the Truth", a Photographic Biography by Elizabeth Partridge. This book has been cataloged as

adult non-fiction in our library.

A new award this year is the Theodor Seuss Geisel Award for the most distinguished beginning reader book. The award went to "Henry and Mudge and the Great Grandpas", one of the popular series written by Cynthia Rylant.

A list of all the winners can be found at <http://www.ala.org/ala/alsc/awardsscholarships/literaryawds/>

Book ends

Adult book discussion

Appropriately, adults will meet Wednesday, March 1, at 7 p.m. to discuss "March" by Geraldine Brooks in March. The story is about the father of the March clan in "Little Women" and provides an

interesting slant on the well-known original tale.

With young New England men enlisting to fight for the Union cause, Mr. March feels duty bound to join up also. Too old to fight, he signs on as a chaplain, but soon finds it difficult in the face of such terrible slaughter to console and counsel the soldiers. More troubling, he begins to question his ideals and indeed his own worth. In his letters home to Mrs. March ("Marmee") and his daughters, he finds himself censoring his experiences. Having failed as a chaplain, he is sent to teach freed blacks and confronts racism, cruelty and cowardice there. He contracts a fever and is sent to a hospital in Washington, D.C. When Marmee comes to nurse him,

they are both forced to confront secrets and half-told truths about the past that have strained their marriage.

Kids' book discussions

Second and third grade book discussion meets Friday, Feb. 3 at 7 p.m. The first meeting of the new middle-school book discussion group, Book Chatters, will be Saturday, Feb. 4, at 3:30 p.m.

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Barbara Vink

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Parsons Child and Family Center is requesting donations of used lawn mowers and snow blowers to be used for student projects in the Neil Hellman School auto

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Milne 50-year reunion scheduled

The 50-year reunion of Albany's Milne School Class of 1956, is scheduled to be the weekend of June 9, 10, and 11.

All members and friends of the class are asked to contact

Carl Eppelmann at 489-6352 or Ron Killelea at 459-1832 for detailed information and reservations.

Although the school is gone, the spirit continues.

Resident seeks to start woodcarving group

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

The general focus of the group would be sharing ideas,

techniques as well as just plain old fun, hanging out with other carvers while working on individual projects.

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Intro to Pro Musica premiere set at Bethlehem library

In anticipation of the Capital District premier of The Trial of St. Joan of Arc: Voices of Light, Albany Pro Musica director David Griggs-Janower and violinist Ann-Marie Barker Schwartz will introduce a multimedia event at Bethlehem Public Library Sunday, Feb. 12, at 2 p.m.

Griggs-Janower and Barker-Schwartz will offer commentary on the pairing of Danish film director Carl Theodor Dreyer's classic silent film The Passion of Joan of Arc with the score by contemporary composer Richard Einhorn — an orchestral and vocal setting of Medieval texts by Joan and other female mystics. Excerpts of the film and score will accompany the talk.

The speakers' remarks will focus on the effectiveness of the score as it relates to the film and the challenges of conducting a live accompaniment to a film. The presentation will also include commentary on Voices of Light's music and texts, and on settings of the Joan story



by Shaw, Twain, Rossini and Bergman.

Released in 1928, the film is a timeless retelling of the maid who gave her life for God and France. After half a century's disappearance, an intact print was recovered in the early 1980s. The Passion of Joan of Arc has been called a cinematic revelation; its radical approach to filmmaking is strikingly modern today.

Griggs-Janower is founding director of Albany Pro Musica, and auditioned mixed chorus from seven counties in the Capital Region and environs. The group has presented professional-quality performances of a rich and diverse choral repertoire for 25 years.

Barker Schwartz is founder of several area chamber ensembles, including Musicians of Ma'alwyck, in



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residence at the Schuyler Mansion and University of Albany. Schwartz runs the Siena College Music Series.

The preview event at the library is free and open to the public; no pre-registration is

necessary. The main performance of The Trial of St. Joan of Arc: Voices of Light will take place Friday, March 10, at 8 p.m., at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in

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Book ends
Free career counseling
The library offers free career and education advisement for adults. Hour-long appointments are available days and evenings. Call 439-9314.

Saturday stories
Working parents can take advantage of "Time Out for Tales" at the library Saturday, Feb. 25, at 10:30 a.m. Drop in for a half-hour of stories, songs, puppetry and fingerplays. For children age 2 to 6 and their families.

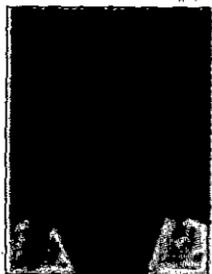
Mother-daughter book group
Richard Peck's *The River Between Us* won the 2004 Scott O'Dell Award for historical fiction and was a National Book Award finalist.

The library's mother-daughter book group will talk about this award-winning novel for young people Monday, Feb. 27, at 7 p.m. Copies are available at the library. For girls entering grade 5 and up and their moms. New members welcome. Call 439-9314 to register.

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Bird is the word at Latham wildlife store

Backyard Birds Nature Shop keeps birds and bird enthusiasts chirping

By MARTY BANNAN

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February is National Bird Feeding Month, but for bird enthusiasts, nurturing a backyard bird sanctuary is a year-round hobby.

Although birds are not dependent on people for food, bird feeders certainly help ease their stress and efforts.

"We feed birds mainly for our enjoyment," said Dianne Scoville, owner of Backyard Birds Nature Shop in Latham. "For many of us, there is not much else to do in the winter, but we can be warm and cozy inside and still enjoy nature."

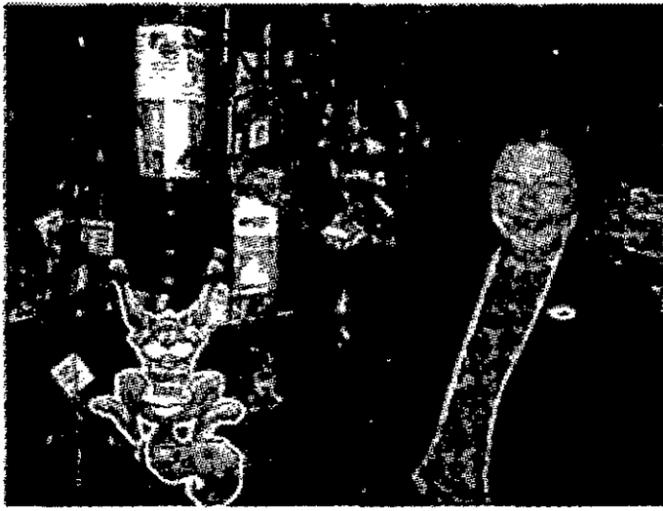
In business for 18 years, Backyard Birds moved from Clifton Park two years ago to its new location in the Peter Harris Plaza on Route 7, one mile west of the Northway.

During the cold months, cardinals are everyone's No. 1 favorite, according to Scoville.

"It stands to reason because they make a beautiful contrast against the backdrop of snow," she said. "Many of my customers also love chickadees. They are friendly and clownish birds and brave enough that they can be trained to feed out of one's hand."

Recently back from her annual trip to Atlanta to attend Birdwatch America, a bird watching convention, Scoville is up on the latest knowledge and showcases the newest birdfeeders, and birdhouses designed to attract birds, but keep other animals away.

"Squirrels are the birdfeeder's nemesis. You either love them or you hate them," Scoville said. "They hog feeders. When the squirrels are in the feeder, the birds don't eat."



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Many of the newer innovations aim to tackle this problem. Some, Scoville said, include battery-operated domes and platforms that react to the weight of the squirrel, then spin and knock them off the feeder. Other feeders are made of material that squirrels can't bite through.

Backyard Birds also supplies bird enthusiasts with an assortment of seeds and other bird food.

"All birds like black oil sunflower seeds," Scoville said. "If you're going pick one feed, that's the one."

Other bird feeds include nyjer seed, mistakenly referred to as thistle seed and beef suet, a high-energy food for birds.

For both novice and pros, the store offers numerous books, magazines and field guides.

There are also birdbaths, a variety of gifts and, of course, birdhouses.

"Come spring, bird feeding

shifts to bird watching," Scoville said. "We encourage people to feed through April in order to give birds a supplement to their natural foods."

More and more bird enthusiasts, Scoville added, have taken to feeding birds year-round so they attract the summer birds. Year-round feeding also lets people get a glimpse as mother birds carry their newly hatched babies to the feeder.

Feeders, Scoville stressed, should be placed under or near cover so birds can take shelter from predators like hawks.

"They know the risks and won't put themselves in danger," she said. "You won't get many birds from feeders in the open."

Birds can't smell food, nor have they an acute sense of taste, Scoville said, so they rely on their

eyes to find food.

Keep it clean

Keeping feeders clean and seed fresh and dry, therefore, is important because birds can get sick on old seed from dirty feeders.

Scoville urges people to clean the feeder once a month with hot soapy water and dry thoroughly before using.

Scoville also recommends using a product called Feeder Fresh, which absorbs moisture and keeps seeds dryer.

"The beauty of bird-watching is you don't need a whole lot of things to get started and you don't have to travel far," Scoville said. "With bird-watching, you gain a whole new awareness of nature's splendor right in your own backyard."

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Peace and tranquility await at new day spa

By STEPHANIE LUBIS

Delaware Avenue in Delmar is a busy road, but nowhere near the hustle and bustle of you, Times Square. Still, when you enter Day Dreams Day Spa, it's easy to forget there's a world outside beyond the peace and tranquility there.

Creamy wood floors, the

subtle perfume of salon products, classical music emanating softly from hidden speakers, and soothing, indirect lighting highlight the peaceful waiting area's white couch and the elegant beverage cart. The space itself is a testimony to the spa's mission — "committed to providing outer beauty and inner peace."

Owner Sherry West and her husband, Scott, leased the business in September, and opened after three months of hard work, which includes new floors, ceilings, arches and columns to make an old building look fresh and modern.

"I felt this was a space I could play with," said West. "Your spirit feels freer in a wider, lighter area."

West has been working as a stylist and managing salons for over 20 years, and took herself by surprise when she decided to go ahead and start her own business.

"It's something I never thought I would do," she said.

After managing other salons in the area, owning her own business is not something she wanted. She was a good manager, she said, and was sometimes able to do styling work as well as the administrative and training. After giving up a managing job, she was content to be a stay-at-home mother of her four children, but



The massage room at Day Dreams Day Spa and Salon.

then gradually became interested in looking for salon work in Delmar, close to home. She couldn't believe it when she didn't find what she was looking for.

"I was so sure I would find a place, but when I didn't, I realized that that I knew exactly what I wanted, and that I should just do it myself," she said.

The result is a 2,500 square foot facility, considered large in the world of spas, and services

which include manicure and pedicure, hair cutting and styling, massage, facials, waxing, and tanning in a safe, anti-gossip environment.

"I want my staff to feel comfortable as well," she said.

Teamwork is also a word West doesn't just throw around. Hair stylists can be competitive, and West is working to make her staff a uni-

fied team, where each member understands each client's needs.

"Clients are everyone's responsibility," she said. "If I were busy styling someone else, I would consider it a compliment to my staff training to recommend another stylist. I'm never offended by someone asking for another stylist."

A full length needs-assessment is done on each client. Instead of asking, "what do you want?" West will ask other questions to try and get to know the client.

"What I really want to know is, when was the last time the client was happy with their hair?" she said. "People may tell me about a specific cut or even about a certain time in their lives, but the answers are revealing. Knowing the person's background can really help determine what the right look for them is."

Great for busy moms who would like to have some personal time is the salon's child recreation area, with puppets, toys, videos, a chalkboard and cushions for the little ones to sit on. A staff member supervises at all times.

"I always felt that if you carve that time out for yourself, you should be able to come and not worry," said West. "So far, it's worked out great."

Although Day Dreams has been open for some time now, a grand opening when all the finishing touches are complete is scheduled for sometime in early spring.

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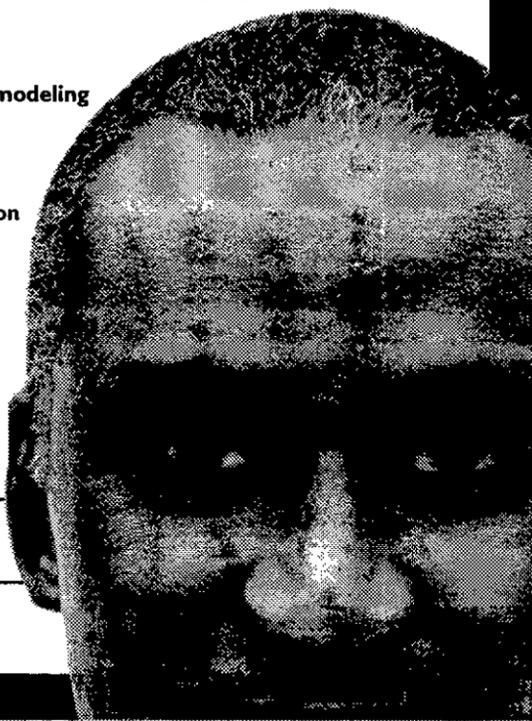
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Five Rivers Education Center announces upcoming events

Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, 56 Game Farm Road in Delmar, is announcing new events:

- "Animal Tracks Walk," a program on winter animal tracks will be held Saturday, Feb. 4, at 2 p.m.

On this outdoor ecology walk, center naturalists will explain how wildlife tracks can reveal not only the identity of the animal but also where it came from, where it was going and what it was doing.

The program is free and is part of the center's celebration of the National Wildlife Federation's 70th Birthday. Participants should dress for the weather.

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

- An introductory snowshoe walk will be held Sunday, Feb. 5, at 2 p.m.

Join naturalists for a hike to explore the fascinating world of snowshoeing.

Participants can borrow snowshoes from the center or bring their own. There is a limited number of children's snowshoes available. If insufficient snow, the hike will be on foot. If you wish to borrow snowshoes, register by Friday, Feb. 3.

The program is free. Participants should dress for the outdoors.

For information or to register, call 475-0291.

- A snowshoe outing for home schooling families will be held Thursday, Feb. 2, at 10 a.m.

The program will guide home schooling families on an exploration of snowshoes and snowshoeing.

Working at individual levels, parents and children will use math to determine the efficiency of animals and humans in snow.

The history of snowshoeing and the unique designs of

snowshoes will be explored through story and experimentation. Journals will be supplied and kept by all participants.

There is a materials fee of \$8 for one adult and one child and \$3.50 for each additional child.

If you are a member of Friends of Five Rivers, the materials fee is \$6 for one adult and one child and \$2.50 for each additional child.

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

- A study of winter constellations will be held Friday, Feb. 3, at 7 p.m.

Naturalists will lead participants on naked-eye tours of the winter sky, through constellation identification and sky lore. This program is free. Dress for the weather. In the event of inclement weather, this program may be cancelled. For information, call Five Rivers Center at 475-0291.



An introductory snowshoe walk will be held at Five Rivers Environmental Education Center Sunday, Feb. 5, at 2 p.m. Above, Liesel and Tom Falcon, of Scotia, make snowshoes recently at Five Rivers.

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Organization raises money for children with cancer

By JOSEPHINE ORSINI

When 6-year-old Catie Hoch was diagnosed with neuroblastoma in 1997, a cancer that starts in the adrenal glands and spreads to the bones and bone marrow, she underwent intense treatments at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center in New York City.

On the days that she felt better, though, she and her parents spent their time in the city enjoying the sights and having fun.

Before Catie passed away, she told her mother to make a list of their favorite spots in New York so other kids going through treatment would know where to visit while there.

"If she felt well we'd go to the zoo, park or the movies," said her mother and co-founder of the Catie Hoch Foundation, Gina Peca. "It really helped her to get through the grueling treatment."

Peca and Catie's dad Larry Hoch formed the foundation

before Catie passed away in May 2000 at age 9.

The list was only the beginning of many contributions to families facing childhood cancer.

"When she was diagnosed, the community completely rallied around us," said Peca. "Through the years of community support, we have been able to expand."

CHF has about six fund-raising events each year and the money raised goes to families with children who are diagnosed with cancer. The families receive gift certificates, housing and financial assistance during treatment, or KIDS CASH, which is money to help them spend a day together and have fun.

"Our main goal was to treat kids to a little bit of fun," said Peca. "We try to reach out to any family that has cancer to lighten their load and ease some of their burden. It lets them know someone here cares about them."

Money is raised through such events as the Catiebug 5K run; Outback Steak House lunch; a basketball game where

Shenendehowa school teachers play against Siena Saints radio DJs; a softball game where Saratoga jockeys played against state police; and other fun activities.

This year's fourth annual Catiebug Bowl, which took place at Spare Time on Route 9 in Clifton Park on Jan. 16, raised more than \$1,400.

"Kids and families came and bowled a game or two, as something fun to do on a cold day," said Peca. "We always have good support for our events; there were about a couple hundred people there."

The events raise money not only for the families of cancer patients, but for the Albany Ronald McDonald House. Funds donated help purchase medical equipment to find cures and to help kids at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute have a day away from treatment.

Dedicated to the foundation, Peca admits it is hard to have a constant reminder of her late daughter, but also finds a therapeutic element to her work.

"It's good for me to do this, I feel like I'm honoring her and keeping her alive in people's hearts," said Peca. "Yes, it's hard and sometimes I cry, but she was so compassionate I feel compelled to continue. She never once asked why this was happening to her, never complained."

Peca contributes the success



Catie Hoch sitting on a fence in Central Park while she was in treatment for neuroblastoma, a cancer that starts in the adrenal glands and spreads to the bones and bone marrow.

of the foundation to the community that has been with their family the whole way through.

"We've been really lucky with what the community did when Catie was with us, and what they

continue to do in support of us, and by being there for us," said Peca.

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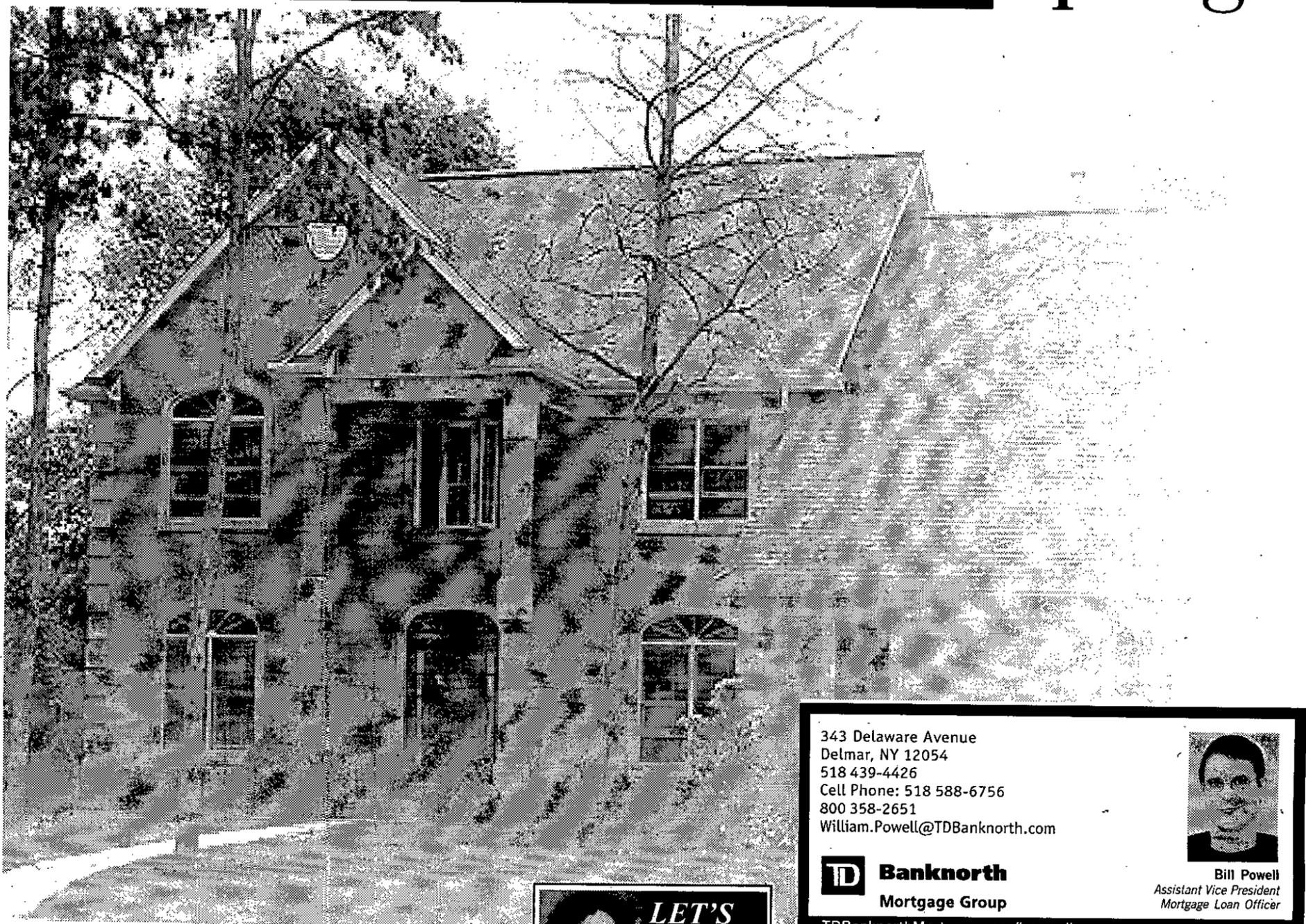
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Audit

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oversee school assets."

The five-point plan passed by Gov. George Pataki is designed to more closely scrutinize spending in school districts. Under the plan, the school's internal claims auditor and the external auditor must report their findings directly to the school board; school board members must complete at least six hours of financial oversight training; there are new internal audit requirements which include developing updating and reporting on the risk assessment of district operations; and establishing audit committees to assist the school board with its financial oversight responsibilities.

The five-point plan emerged following scandals in Long Island's Roslyn school district last year. The state Legislature gave the comptroller's office the funds to perform audits on school districts statewide. An audit of the Roslyn school district revealed \$11.2 million in misappropriated funds.

Additionally, districts must

now use a competitive request for proposal for selecting external audit firms. One firm may be used by the district for up to five years, then the district must repeat the RFP process.

"Schools must be very careful with the auditors they use," said Pofit. "They didn't go deep enough."

Pofit said McCartney and Marturano were very clever.

"It wasn't a cookie jar," he said. "We do have checks and balances."

"In the context of no outside oversight, many districts are well run," said Hevesi. "Some are not and do have corruption, and it's higher because of no outside oversight, but now there is."

Robert Lowry, deputy director of the New York state Council of School Superintendents, said it is disturbing whenever there are allegations of theft.

"A school district needs to form a special trust with voters that towns and cities don't need," he said. "People may say that something needs to be done, but



Anthony Marturano



Alan McCartney

it is being done. There is increased scrutiny of school districts. The fact that this came to light is an example of that."

He said school districts around the state are changing their policies to comply with legislation, and said he was surprised that the Bethlehem Central School District was putting new policies into place before the law was passed.

"Districts are doing a lot to re-evaluate their management," he said. "Some people may feel that it is not necessary, but since school districts are especially dependent on voters, we think this is very appropriate, even though it is a major enterprise."

Lowry also said NYCOS is not in a position to judge the Voorheesville School District.

Hevesi maintains that Voorheesville Central School District acted appropriately.

"People who go into the business of governing schools want to educate kids, and they are not as focused on management," he said. "The only thing that is worse than too much bureaucracy is none. This is not a happy story, but the board did not try to hide. They were angry, they took immediate action, and acted very responsibly. It's an excellent school district."

The investigation is ongoing. McCartney declined comment on the advice of his lawyer, Stephen R. Coffey of O'Connell and Aronowitz in Albany.

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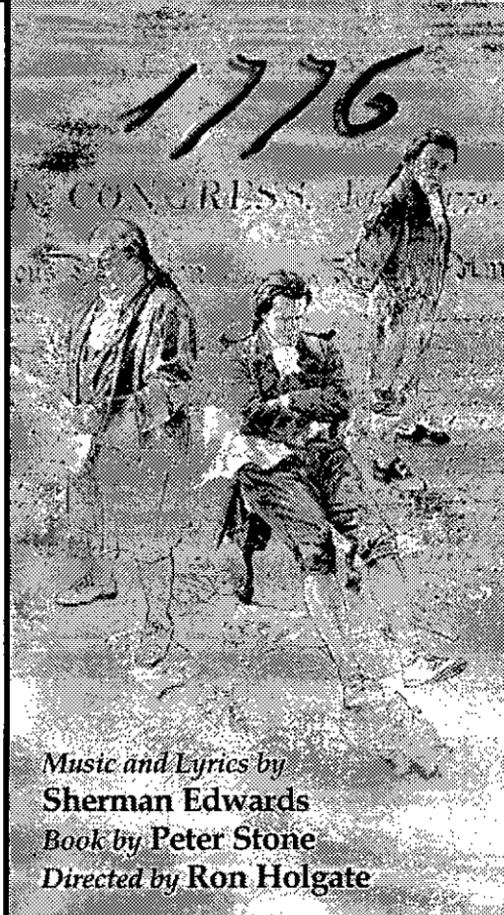
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actors are used is to keep things fresh. Exposure to different people and different ways of working can bring a breath of fresh air to a production.

NYSTI's mission is to produce professional theater of the highest artistic standards for family and school audiences; to use its productions as a means of teaching within the school curriculum; and to develop new plays and musicals for family audiences. This year marks the 30th anniversary of NYSTI's involvement with performance and teaching. NYSTI was created by state legislation in 1974, and founding director Patricia Di Benedetto Snyder continues NYSTI's obligation to create shows for the general public and school groups.

"Each year we do one or two shows for all school levels," said Lange. "Usually the high school shows you could go on a date to see — like 1776, which is playing now — is hugely popular. It was on Broadway for three years, but it is still appropriate for school."

Nancy Laribee, marketing and public relations director at Capital Repertory Theater, said Cap Rep has a similar mission: to bring theater to those who can't afford it and to educate young people about theater.

"We're not a big-name theater, we're a producing theater, and that means that all production is organic to the organization," said

Laribee.

"Cap Rep is a member of the League of Resident Theaters, which began as a way to bring theater to those who could not afford to go to New York City. Capital Repertory Theater is celebrating its 25th anniversary this year, and Laribee said some things have changed since its beginning.

"When we began, we did

"Big names are nice, and if the names happen to come along, then we'll take it. But we try to make people like theater because it's theater."

Nancy Laribee

mostly comedy and drama, and maybe a couple of musicals," she said. "Also there was a lot of new work produced then, because grants were available. There are far fewer grants now for new work, and it's very expensive to produce."

Last summer, Capital Repertory Theater hosted the Neil Sedaka musical "Breaking Up is Hard To Do" to great response.

"Big names are nice, and if the names happen to come along, then we'll take it," she said. "But we try to make people like theater because it's theater."

Like at NYSTI, education matters at Capital Repertory Theater.

"We always have shown some kind of classic production, so education is a huge component, and it's also selfish, because we are getting

our future audience," said Laribee.

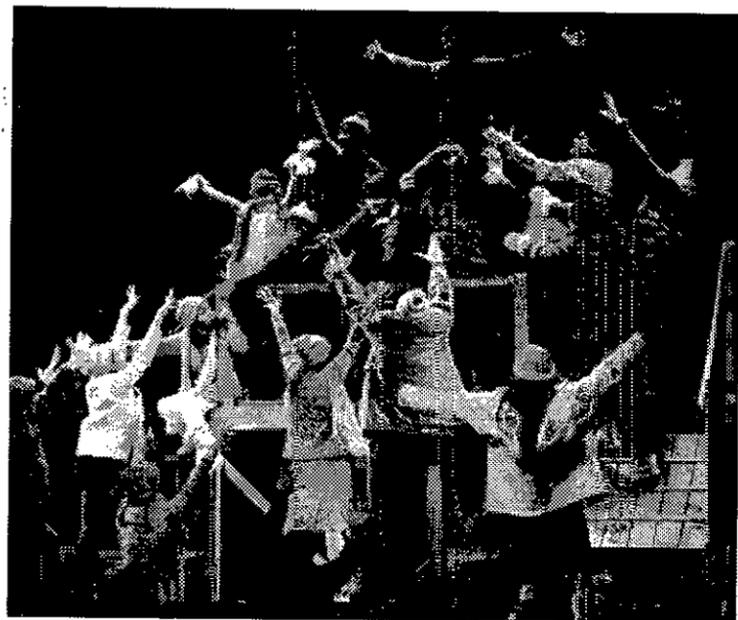
Statistics show that unless children are exposed to theater before they finish high school, there is a 98 percent chance they will never become interested, Laribee said. Much of Capital Repertory Theater's mission is to bring a quality theater experience to young people. The theater has programs to bring young people to student matinees, and twice a year, the theater hosts "On The Go," a production that only lasts 45 minutes to one hour that goes out to different schools in the area. Laribee said some of the On The Go productions are brand new.

Capital Repertory Theater has also extended to a year-round show season and started packaging its shows with other events for a total experience, all to help lure theatergoers out of the proverbial woodwork.

"The packaging is becoming a trend," said Laribee. "People want you to plan it for them, they may be busy, and anything to make it easy for them is good. They can see that theater really is fun and more accessible, there are places to park in downtown Albany, it's well lighted, there are people around and there are a lot of other things to do."

Currently, Capital Repertory Theater is showing "8 Track: Sounds of the 70s," which has been extended to Feb. 18.

"We're having so much fun with it," said Laribee. "And it helps that it's selling out."



A scene from last year's production of "King Island Christmas" at NYSTI.

Stars rise at NYSTI

By JOSEPHINE ORSINI

Like any good internship, a student will experience firsthand what it is like to work somewhere interesting and learn things that cannot be taught in a classroom or reading a book.

But at the New York State Theater Institute (NYSTI), internships go to another level, as students get to see what it takes to not only participate in stage productions, but to also help produce them while learning the ins and outs of the business.

NYSTI even had interns before they had performances.

"When the idea for the theater institute first took shape, Patricia (Di Benedetto-Snyder) took on an intern before a show had taken place," said Ed. Lange, associate artistic director and public relations director of NYSTI. "I don't know of another theater in the U.S. that used interns prior to us. We've had interns since 1974."

Students come to NYSTI from all over the country. College students and high school seniors enter the program either to learn assorted skills involved in play production, or to study a certain area if they're already advanced in other areas.

Brendan Doyle, 17, of Niskayuna participated in a summer program at NYSTI and found out about the internship there.

A high school senior, Doyle is at the minimum age for an internship. All internship applicants go through a rigorous application process.

"They are carefully selected after an interview, an audition and a full application with an essay," said Lange. "It is quite a process, and we are careful who we accept."

Doyle struck the institute panel as ambitious and eager to learn.

Since joining NYSTI as an intern in August, he has been involved in two NYSTI productions and will be assistant to the director in a third before his term ends this June.

"For each production, students are assigned to different

aspects of the performance," said Doyle. "This can be lighting, set design, costumes, box office or other areas in the theater company to push the production along."

Since Doyle is a high school senior, he is also required to take classes as part of his internship. The state requires these students to have English, social studies and physical education in their schedule. Classes are taught at the institute.

"It is a good opportunity to learn about theater and learn about yourself as a student," said

Doyle, referring to the more college-like atmosphere of taking classes and being responsible for doing the work.

"I think if theater is a career path someone is seriously considering, it (the internship) is a good way to dry run it and see how rigorous a

set schedule is and what is involved in putting together a performance," he said.

Doyle hasn't yet decided if he'll pursue a theater career, but believes the theater will always be part of his life.

As far as his internship goes, he is following the institute's motto of "the more you put into it, the more you get out of it."

"I admire initiative," said Lange, who will be directing "Number the Stars," which will open in March. "When Brendan came up to me out of the blue and asked to be my assistant, I said yes, just because he demonstrated that initiative. He's talented, ambitious and enthusiastic."

Doyle is currently playing a painter in NYSTI's performance of "1776," directed by Tony award winner Ron Holgate. The performance opened Sunday Jan. 29.

Even though Doyle is not spending his senior year at Niskayuna with his fellow classmates, he is enjoying this unique opportunity.

"I usually find time to meet up with my high school friends," said Doyle. "It's a trade-off because I get to meet new people. I think it's definitely worthwhile."



Brendan Doyle

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NYSTI stages funny, insightful history lesson

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Who would have thought that a play about the signing of the Declaration of Independence would make for good theater? On top of that, let's complicate the issue by making the show a musical with an almost completely male cast. Sounds like a set-up for failure. Wrong. Not only is "1776" a good story, but the music is great, and NYSTI's production well worth seeing.

The show has all of the elements of a good history lesson (who says learning has to be boring?) and good theater. Even though everyone who sees it is certain of the outcome, the audience is still treated to drama, suspense and laughs along the

way to the ringing of the Liberty Bell.

Ron Holgate, Tony award winner for creating the role of Richard Henry Lee in the original Broadway production (and recreating the role in the movie version) steps up as the show's director.

Obviously intimately familiar with the material, Holgate handles the director's reins as deftly as his original character would have handled a quill pen. The play is light and kept moving even in its darkest moments. Holgate seems to have kept the pace brisk, emphasizing the comedy of the show rather than the drama. Again, it works and works well.

Gary Lynch, as the



The full Continental Congress in NYSTI's new production of 1776, directed by Ron Holgate. The Tony Award-winning musical, based on the creation of the Declaration of Independence is playing at NYSTI through Feb. 11. For tickets, call the NYSTI Box Office at 274-3256 or visit www.nysti.org.

"obnoxious and disliked" John Adams, is a joy to watch. His strong singing voice, great sense of timing and command of the stage makes the audience like him as much as his character is disliked by other characters in the show.

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thing to save their families and their property from the tyranny of King George in England. David Baecker, as statesman and well-documented lover of Thomas Jefferson, takes a while to appear comfortable in his character's skin, but ultimately comes through with flying colors.

David Girard as South Carolina's delegate Edward Rutledge brings Congress to a halt with his harsh realistic depiction of American slavery in the show-stopping "Molasses to Rum."

Morton Hess, John McGuire, Ron Komora, Eric Rose, Brian Sheldon and Michael Steese help complete the ensemble members of the Continental Congress in fine form.

Perhaps the only disappointing member of the cast is David Beditz, as Richard Henry Lee. Beditz doesn't look the part of a young man eager to return to his wife in Virginia, and his voice does not command the stage the way it should. Beditz's number "The Lees of old Virginia" is the only song that has a built-in encore, as it is always the showstopper. This performance certainly did not merit the encore. Ironical that Mr. Holgate has chosen the weakest link in the production to be in the role he originated.

Mary Jane Hanson is sweet in her portrayal of the lovely

Martha Jefferson. Michelle Dawson is captivating as Abigail Adams. She appears only in the mind of John Adams and they never have any direct dialogue save for letters that are sent back and forth. Interesting to note here, that many of the lyrics of their songs are taken directly from actual letters the two exchanged while Abigail manned the farm in Braintree, Mass., while John pursued the dream of freedom in Philadelphia. It is through the discourses of the husband and wife that the audience comes to see a softer side of John Adams. Dawson is wonderful in her charm, beautiful voice and her ability to humanize John. She is the perfect foil to his character.

Not to be overlooked is Donell James Foreman as the Courier. He plods on and off the stage several times throughout the play never uttering a word, simply delivering missives from Gen. George Washington in the battlefield. At the first act's conclusion, he finally speaks telling us of the reality of war. He describes in the song, "Mamma Look Sharp," the story of two mothers' search for the bodies of their sons, his best friends. Foreman's mournful dirge and tenor voice fill the theater beautifully.

Richard Finkelstein's recreation of the congressional

chamber set on a raked stage is well executed and follows form to most other productions. The proscenium arch is accented with cutouts of various rooflines and windows found in 1700's Philly. Michael Musial's musical direction is well done. The small orchestra presents a much larger sound, deftly filling the theater. Emmy award-winning costume designer Robert Anton once again shows why he has repeatedly taken home gold. The period piece costumes are exceptionally well executed.

In all, "1776" is a marvelous glance backward; it's a great history lesson for the entire family and should not be missed. NYSTI's production runs Feb. 4, 10, 11 at 8 p.m. and Feb. 5 at 2 p.m. at the Schacht Fine Arts Center, Russell Sage College, Troy. For information, contact the box office at 274-3256 or visit the Web site at www.nysti.org.



Above right: David Beditz as Richard Henry Lee, Gary Lynch as John Adams, Joel Aroeste as Benjamin Franklin, and David Baecker as Thomas Jefferson perform in NYSTI's new production of 1776, directed by Ron Holgate. The Tony Award-winning musical, based on the creation of the Declaration of Independence will be playing at NYSTI through Feb. 11.

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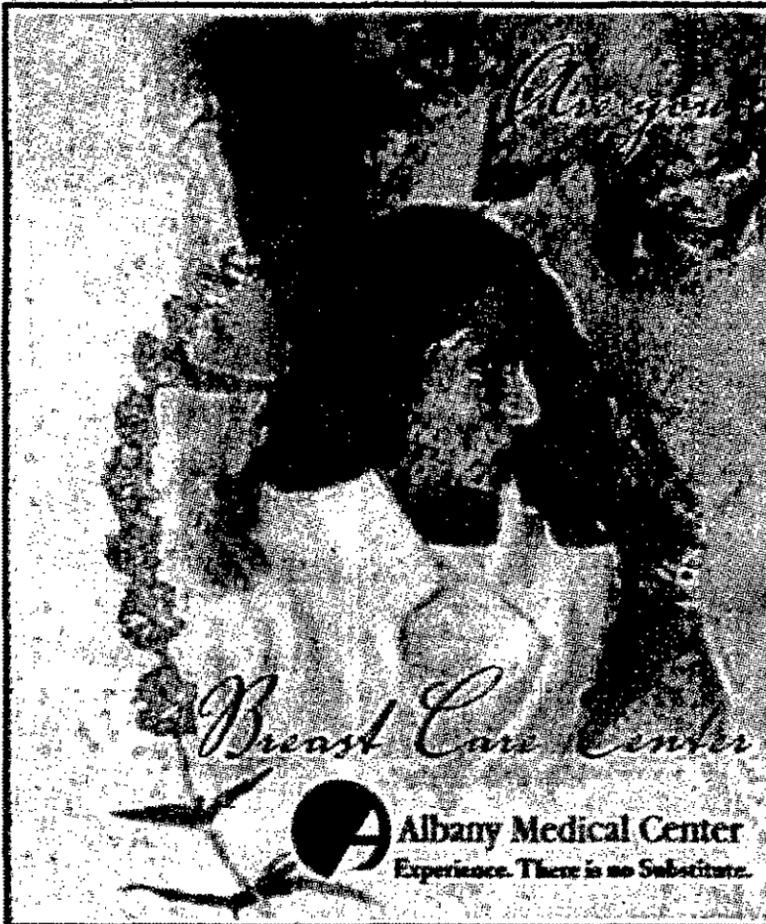
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Saratoga changes would need state approval

Commissioner Castro says undeveloped land is part of Saratoga's heritage

By DAMIAN PAGANO

The Saratoga Race Course is protected by state and local preservation laws because it is registered as a national historic site, but construction and development could still occur there. How much, however, would be up to state government.

Any development of Saratoga Race Course would be subject to state review, according to Bernadette Castro, commissioner of the state Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation.

"It's automatic," she said. "Everything from the grandstand to buildings on the backstretch would have to conform to visual and aesthetic standards. For instance, no one can put up a tower that has a glass front. That just wouldn't cut it."

The race course's designation as an historic place means that any renovation of existing buildings must be done in keeping with the race course's aesthetic. Any new buildings would be subject to review for their visual presence — where and how they can be seen, Castro said, and any "raw land" on which new buildings are proposed would be subject to an environmental survey.

"And one could argue that undeveloped, raw land, is part of Saratoga's historic character," Castro said.

Castro is also a member of state government's Ad Hoc Committee

for the Future of Racing, which is writing a request for proposals document that will solicit bids from companies interested in operating Saratoga, Belmont and Aqueduct race courses. The New York Racing Association currently operates them, but its right to do so expires in 2007.

The ad hoc committee held two public hearings recently and heard testimony from several dozen people, including executives with Magna Entertainment Corp., which is the largest race course operator in the world. Magna is interested in being "a partner" in operation of Saratoga Race Course, according to company founder Frank Stronach.

During his presentation to the ad hoc committee, Stronach said he would like to make to make the historic race course a year-round venue with a center for wagering on simulcast races. The track is currently open for only six weeks during the summer, but allows bettors to wager on live simulcast races broadcast on televisions throughout the course grounds.

Magna has made simulcast and Internet wagering a large part of its business, and recently agreed to join with a British company to simulcast American thoroughbred races in England and Ireland. He also said the company would likely improve workers' housing and horse barns on the Saratoga backstretch, as it recently did at its thoroughbred track at Gulfstream Park, Fla.

Magna is in the first of several phases of a \$500 million renovation of Gulfstream Park and when the

project is finished it will include new condominiums, a hotel, a large new restaurant and a shopping center.

Stronach's proposal of a year-round facility at Saratoga concerned some local officials, and Mayor Valerie Keehn said the proposal was "something we might have to rally against."

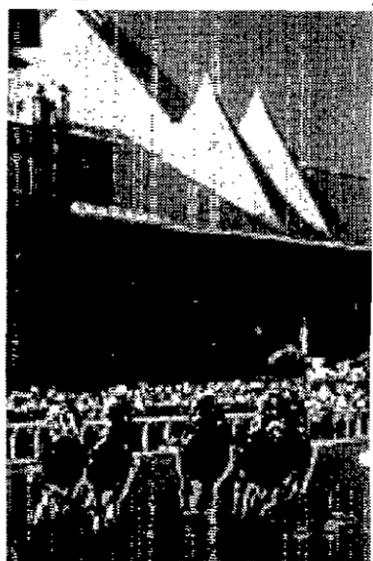
Finance Commissioner Matthew McCabe said there is already a year-round simulcast center at the Saratoga Gaming and Raceway facility and he questioned the need for another. The Saratoga Gaming and Raceway facility near the Saratoga Race Course has a sizeable video lottery game hall and a simulcast center where people can watch and wager on live races. The "racino," as it is known, has proposed expansion and wants to build another gaming hall, a hotel and a conference center.

"Maybe there is a place for Magna here, but I'm not sure another gaming center would be the right mix for Saratoga Springs," McCabe said.

The private company that owns the racino is asking state government to assume jurisdiction over the racino expansion project, which would make it exempt from any local zoning and planning review laws. The company has claimed that the state law, which allows video lottery game halls to exist, also forbids local governments from passing laws that would disallow them.

The company wants to bypass Saratoga Springs' planning review process on the project, but city government has challenged that. The matter has not yet been decided.

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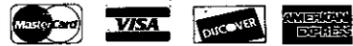
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The Teacher man charms

By STEPHEN PAUSE

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Pulitzer-Prize winning author Frank McCourt, who spoke last Tuesday as part of the University at Albany's Writers Institute, is a different sort of literary star. Understanding his roots is key to understanding the genius of his writing.

The unimposing Irishman drew such a crowd Tuesday afternoon that the curtains in the back of the campus ballroom had to be removed to allow more seating. At the evening reading, the line to get into Page Hall began well before the doors opened at 7 p.m., and by 7:15 people were being turned away at the door.

McCourt's trilogy of memoirs, *Angela's Ashes*, *Tis*, and the newly released *Teacher Man*, chronicle his life from a poor childhood in Limerick, Ireland, to his 30 years as a teacher in the New York City

school system.

That is where the beauty of Frank McCourt's work lies. It is not that he is some James Joyce-like figure that literary critics discuss at conferences or that he carries with him an air of supremacy that leaves his audience in utter and total awe.

When someone asked what the title *Angela's Ashes* meant, he poked fun at such intellectual over-analysis.

"I believe there are college professors teaching that," he said. "Some say it's my mother's hopes and dreams, or the cigarettes that killed her," he said. "There are study guides now that explain the deeper meaning."

In actuality, he said, his mother was cremated after her death in 1981.

McCourt's appeal comes in his ability to relate to his audience. Don Faulkner, director of the Writers Institute, asked at both of

McCourt's appearances how many people in the audience were teachers. In both instances, dozens of people raised their hands, and applause broke out when McCourt joked about the perils of being a teacher.

He read about his first day of class, which involved a curious incident of a flying sandwich.

"Professors of education at New York University never lectured on how to handle flying-sandwich situations," McCourt read from *Teacher Man*. "They talked about the theories and philosophies of education, about moral and ethical imperatives, about the necessity of dealing with the whole child, the gestalt, if you don't mind, the child's felt needs, but never about critical moments in the classroom."

For every literary inquiry or "what is it like to be famous?" question, there was one from a teacher looking for advice or a comment on the state of education in America today. He equated fighting in school to that of a married couple, something that a teacher shouldn't get involved in.

When one reporter mentioned that kids are testing lower than they did 20 years ago, McCourt responded by saying that children are over-tested, and that they don't test street smarts.

"Our educational system is defective, it always was," he said. "Teachers have to become more powerful. You wouldn't tell a surgeon what to do, but you tell a teacher what to do."

McCourt not only brought out teachers, but politicians.

Assemblyman Jack McEneny, D-Albany, whose son and daughter are studying to become teachers, summed up many people's reaction to the author.

"I loved it. There's no downtime. You just go from one witty and unique comment to another," he said.

James Gaughan, the mayor of



Pulitzer-Prize winning author Frank McCourt signs books for a crowd of readers Tuesday.

Altamont, who is working on attaining his Irish citizenship, was also in attendance.

"Being Irish myself, there's something about listening to another Irishman with such talent that it's a tonic that everyone should partake of," he said.

Mike Petronis, a senior at Shenendehowa High School who read *Angela's Ashes* in school, presented McCourt with a T-shirt from Shen's Irish Fest. Petronis said he was shocked and nervous, getting to meet the author he had spent so much time researching in class.

His Irish studies teacher, Deboarah Bouchard, was also there, along with 40 to 50 other students. Over 100 had signed up to go.

At one point Faulkner said that with *Teacher Man*, McCourt's book sales would top 10 million.

For all the millions who have read his books, perhaps his real influences was best found in a chosen few in the audience, those who knew him as a teacher, or who, when getting their book signed, brought greetings from mothers and fathers who were past students of his. One former student even came to the microphone and said because of him, she became an English teacher at the University at Albany.

McCourt could only jest, "Did I do that?"

Just as his students became inspirations for future generations, so too have those former students made the Pulitzer-prize winner.

"If I'd become an assistant principal, I wouldn't have anything to write about," he said of the students' ability to inspire him.

McCourt is a man who, despite reading to massive crowds, somewhat shuns the limelight. During his talks he would throw out the occasional one liner, "I've been on television, and once you're on television, your life is over," or, "Life used to be simple. I'm not complaining, just warning against writing best sellers." The only time the Hollywood production of *Angela's Ashes* came up was when an audience member asked, and he only commented it was all right.

Sitting next to Albany author William Kennedy, a friend and fellow Pulitzer Prize winner, McCourt joked that while reading Kennedy's *Roscoe*, he fell into such a state of despair he almost didn't write at all.

He said that when he wrote his first book, he was only hoping to preserve the McCourt story, and maybe sell a few copies.

That is the appeal of McCourt. To the masses, he is not a Pulitzer Prize winner. He is a retired school teacher who finds joy in writing about his life, hoping to inspire a mind or two, the way he used to as a teacher at McKee Vocational School in New York City.



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Company eyeing race course running in the red

By DAMIAN PAGANO

The Magna Entertainment Corporation lost money during most of last year.

The company is interested in taking over operation of Saratoga Race Course and ended the third financial quarter of 2005, which ended on Sept. 30, 2005, with a year-to-date loss of more than \$65 million. That was the date of the most recent financial statement published on the company's Web site, www.magnaent.com.

Company officers, including founder Frank Stronach, made a presentation to New York state government's Ad Hoc Committee for the Future of Racing on Jan. 24 and said they would like to acquire and improve the race courses at Saratoga, Belmont and Aqueduct. Plans for Saratoga could include a year-round entertainment and racing simulcast center and renovation of buildings

on the backstretch.

The ad hoc committee will solicit bids from companies interested in operating the three race courses. The private, non-profit New York Racing Association currently runs them but is in debt and poised to borrow \$20 million from state government to keep races running and to start construction of a new video lottery gaming hall at Aqueduct Race Course in Queens.

Magna's financial losses were discussed during the ad hoc committee's meeting Jan. 25 in Manhattan, the day after the committee met in Albany and heard from many people who said Saratoga, Belmont and Aqueduct should be in the hands of a private, for-profit company.

Committee member Bernadette Castro, commissioner of the state Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, said on Jan. 27 that the committee would ask for financial information from

Magna and other interested bidders. Castro said the committee will review financial statements, the company's debt structure, its borrowing power and its financial backing.

Magna Entertainment is a publicly traded company and is, by law, required to make information available about its annual earnings and losses. The company's stock is traded on the NASDAQ stock exchange in New York City and on the Toronto Stock Exchange in Canada. One share of the company's stock is currently worth \$7.25.

Magna Entertainment is a subsidiary of Magna International, one of the world's largest suppliers of automobile parts and systems. Magna Entertainment operates 11 race tracks nationwide, including Pimlico Race Course in Baltimore, Md. and Gulfstream Park in Florida. The company also operates an off-track betting network, a casino

and video lottery gaming halls, and it recently signed an agreement with Churchill Downs Inc. and a British racing company to broadcast American thoroughbred races in England and Ireland.

The company recently completed a large-scale renovation of Gulfstream Park. It spent \$171 million to overhaul the race course clubhouse and grandstand and build a new hotel, condominiums, restaurants and a shopping center. That expense was counted as a financial loss in 2004 and 2005, which in part accounted for the company's overall run in the red. Also a contributing factor was a decline in revenue last year. The company's total revenue for the first nine months of 2005 was about \$497 million; down \$73 million from \$570 million in 2004. It declined primarily because of expiration of the company's leases at the Bay Meadows Race Course in San Mateo, Calif. and

the Multnomah Greyhound Race Course outside of Portland, Ore. Those facilities generated about \$50 million in revenue. Disruption in racing at Gulfstream Park also contributed to the decline in revenue, according to the report by Magna Entertainment CEO Tom Hodgkins.

Future projections for the company are positive, however. The company has a policy to sell "non-strategic assets" and reduce its debt. It is poised to open a casino at Remington Park in Oklahoma City, and is hoping to tap the lucrative European wagering market via its broadcast arrangement with Churchill Downs and Racing UK.

"This is an industry in transition," Saratoga Springs Finance Commissioner Matthew McCabe said. "It doesn't surprise me. A lot of companies run in the red. They are loss leaders for their parent corporations."

Efforts to reach Magna representatives were unsuccessful.

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That's where the automatic review that Castro spoke of comes in. Since Saratoga Race Course is a historic landmark, state government would automatically be involved in a review of any building plans the operators propose.

The degree to which state laws apply, though, would depend on who owns the track. The question

is one that has dogged members of the ad hoc committee, and is also unanswered. The New York Racing Association, a private nonprofit corporation, claims it owns the race course. NYRA executives have said the association holds title to the property and has paid taxes on it for the past 50 years. State government has taken a "hard-line" position against that, Castro said. The state's claim is based on the grounds that the race course is a "public benefit that belongs to

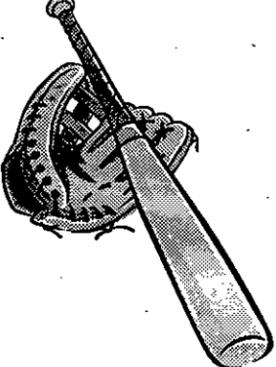
the people of New York," state Attorney General spokesman Paul Larrabee said.

If it is determined that the track is privately owned, and if it remains privately held after state government finds an operator, then any proposed development would be subject to stringent local laws that would govern everything from the size of buildings to the color of their siding, according to Carrie Woerner, executive director of the Saratoga Springs Historical Preservation Foundation.



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In addition to the enhanced e-services in 2006, New York taxpayers will have an extra two days to file their tax returns.

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

The IRS expects to process about 8.8 million individual tax returns from New York taxpayers in 2006 and expects continued growth for IRS e-file. The agency surpassed an important milestone last year as more than half the nation's taxpayers filed their tax returns electronically. IRS e-file will be available beginning later this month. IRS expects that more than 3.4 million New Yorkers will e-file this season.

Taxpayers who use IRS e-file and have their tax returns deposited directly into their bank account can receive their refund in two weeks or less. That's less than half the time needed for paper returns.

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

Previously, Form 4868 automatically gave taxpayers three months.

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

The IRS Web site is, at certain

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

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Obituaries *in the* Spotlight

Richard Gardner

Richard W. Gardner, 55, died recently in Inman, S. C.

He grew up in Slingerlands and graduated from Bethlehem Central High School in 1969. He was son of the late Robert M. and Jane G. Gardner.

Gardner graduated from Florida International University in 1991, and was the proprietor of a dog-grooming business, The Barking Lot.

He loved dogs and had a passion for music.

Survivors include a son, Derek Gardner of Nevada; a brother, Jeffery Gardner of Feura Bush.

All are invited to a memorial service at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church at the corner of Elsmere Avenue and Poplar Drive in Delmar on Sunday, Feb. 12 at 2 p.m.

Karen Prisley

Karen Webster Prisley, 46, of Blacksburg, Va., died Monday, Jan. 9.

A graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, she attended SUNY Morrisville and West Virginia University and received a master's degree in forestry from Duke University.

Survivors include her husband, Steven Prisley of Blacksburg; two sons, Tucker and Dustin Prisley; her parents, Fred and Muriel Webster of Delmar; a sister, Lori Platel of Delmar; and two brothers, Donald Webster of Rocky Point and Richard Webster of Delmar.

Services were from Blacksburg Christian Fellowship Church.

Contributions may be made to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, 1 Marion Drive, Suite 106, Charlottesville, Va. 22903.

Leo Joseph Grady

Leo Joseph Grady, 66, of Delmar, died Saturday, Jan. 21.

A native of Ashley, Pa., he earned a Ph.D. in biophysics from Pennsylvania State University and completed a Post-Doctoral Fellowship at the Carnegie Institute, Washington, DC. He worked from more than 30 years at the State Department of Health, from which he retired as Chief of the Laboratory of Zoonotic Disease and Clinical Virology. During his years of retirement, he was an active member of the Cadillac LaSalle Club and the Automobilists of the Upper Hudson Valley. He also worked diligently as an amateur genealogist.

Survivors include his wife, Arlene Doris Grady of Delmar; a brother, Edward Leo Grady of Ethers, Pa.; a son, Leo John Grady of Yardely, Pa.; and a daughter, Susan Eileen (Grady) Trofimow.

Calling hours were at the Applebee Funeral Home in Delmar and a Mass of Christian Burial was held at the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle in Delmar. Interment was in St. Mary's Cemetery, Hanover Township, Pa.

Contributions may be made to Birthright of Albany, 586 Central Avenue, Albany, 12206 or Community Hospice of Albany, 445 New Karner Road, Albany, 12205.

Louise A. Bradt

Louise A. Bradt, 84, of Delmar, died Thursday, Jan. 19. Born and educated in Albany, Mrs. Bradt was a homemaker. She was the

widow of Willard J. Bradt.

Survivors include a son, Albert Bradt; a daughter, Barbara Ann Lynch; two brothers, Leo Pagini and Albert Pagini, and several grandchildren, nieces and nephews. Funeral services will be private at the convenience of the family.

John W. Caswell Jr.

John W. Caswell Jr., 46, of Selkirk, died Monday, Jan. 23.

He graduated from Bethlehem Central High School in 1978 and was employed at Hilltop Farm, Inc., hauling out of Cargill in the Port of Albany.

Survivors include his wife, Linda Stumbaugh Caswell; a son, Brian Arthur Caswell; a daughter, Amanda Louise Caswell; and two sisters, Donna Beckwith and Deborah Van Alstyne.

Calling hours and services were at the Applebee Funeral Home in Delmar. Spring burial will be in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery, South Bethlehem. Contributions may be made to the Epilepsy Foundation, 3 Washington Square, Albany, 12205.

Lyle C. Rexford

Lyle C. Rexford, 72, of Ravena, died Jan. 23. He was born in Warrensburg and was a graduate of the Coxsackie-Athens Central School, class of 1950.

He served his country in the United States Military, with the 100th Ordinance/Battalion from 1958-1960. He was also employed by Key Bank of Albany for over 43 years, retiring in 1994.

He was a member of the Elks Club and a member of the Key Corp. Quarter Century Club.

Survivors include his wife, Lorraine Rexford of Ravena; two sons, Steven Rexford and James Rexford; a daughter, Janis Bailey; and four grandchildren.

Funeral services were at W.C. Brady's Sons, Inc. Funeral Home in Coxsackie. Interment was in the family plot of the Riverside Cemetery, with full military honors.

Calling hours were at the funeral home. Contributions may be made to the Ravena Rescue Squad.

Patrick C. Perrino

Patrick C. Perrino, 69, of Delmar, died Sunday, Jan. 22.

Born in Albany, he was a dedicated employee, working as a messenger for 20 years at the state Legislative Office Building. Survivors include a sister, Marian C. Perrino; a niece and two great-nieces.

Calling hours were at New Comer-Cannon Family Funeral Home in Colonie. Interment was in Calvary Cemetery, Glenmont. Contributions can be made to the Center for Disability Services, Attn: Foundation Department, 314 S. Manning Blvd., Albany, 12208

Flora Rauche

Flora Molella Rauche, 95, of Ravena, died Tuesday, Jan. 24. She was a Ravena resident until 1997, when she moved to Teresian House in Albany. She attended Coeymans Elementary School, St. Patrick's School, Ravena High School and beautician's school in Albany before opening Flora's Beauty Shop at 49 Main St., which she operated for 25 years.

She was a lifelong communicant of the Church of St. Patrick and a member of the rosary altar society and the Catholic Daughters of America. She was a gifted flower arranger and a member and past president of the Hudson Valley Garden Club. She won numerous prizes in the Albany Tulip Festival, the Annual Christmas Greens Show at the Albany Institute of History and Art and other flower shows.

She was the widow of Anthony Edmund Rauche, her husband of 55 years, who died in 1999.

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Obituaries *in the* Spotlight

Survivors include a daughter, Flora Teresa Bullington of Old Bennington, Vt.; and a son, Anthony T. Rauche of Bloomfield, Conn.

Calling hours were at the Babcock Funeral Home, and a Mass of Resurrection was celebrated at the Church of St. Patrick in Ravena. Burial will be in St. Patrick's Cemetery, Coeymans. Contributions can be made to the Alzheimer's Association of America.

Florence Slingerland

Florence A. Slingerland, 97, formerly of South Bethlehem, died Tuesday, Jan. 24. Mrs. Slingerland was born in Albany and was employed as a lab tech for the state Health Department in Albany prior to retirement. She was the widow of William S. Slingerland.

Survivors include four grandchildren, Lisa Perry and Mark Perry of South Bethlehem and Brian Perry and Dina Perry of Glenmont; and four great-grandchildren.

Calling hours were at Applebee Funeral Home in Delmar. A graveside service will be held in the spring at Mt. Pleasant Cemetery, in So. Bethlehem. Contributions can be made to So. Bethlehem United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 98,

South Bethlehem, 12161.

Dorcas T. Cooper

Dorcas T. Cooper, 84, of Slingerlands, died on Saturday, Jan. 28. She was a graduate of Amsterdam High School and Albany Business College and retired from Mayfair.

She was a long time active member of Christ Lutheran Church and served on the church council for many years. Her many volunteer activities included Memorial Hospital and Bethlehem Senior Transportation. She was the widow of William H. Cooper. Survivors include two sons, Peter Cooper of Barre, V.T., and Michael Cooper of Wolfeboro, N.H.; and five grandchildren.

A celebration of her life was held Saturday, Feb. 4 at Christ

Lutheran Church in Albany. Contributions may be made to The Community Hospice, The Inn at St. Peter's Hospital.

Jonathan Kudlack

Jonathan Kudlack, 39, of Selkirk, died Jan. 27.

Mr. Kudlack was an industrious young man and spent many summers working on the Welden Farm in Little Falls.

Mr. Kudlack was a graduate of Greenville Central High School and Siena College where he obtained his bachelor's degree in marketing. He was director of marketing for Integra Service Group in Schenectady.

Survivors include his parents, James and Roberta Kudlack of Greenville; his wife, Kelli, of Selkirk; four brothers, James Kudlack, Joel Kudlack and Earle Kudlack, all of Greenville, and Adam Kudlack of Kealakekua,

Hawaii; and several nieces, nephews and friends.

Services will take place at the Babcock Funeral Home in Ravena at the convenience of the family. A memorial to celebrate Jonathan's life is being planned and will be announced in the near future.

The family would like to thank the staff of the Hospice Inn at St. Peter's for their dedication to the care and comfort of Jonathan and Kelli and their family and friends. Contributions may be made to the Jonathan Kudlack Memorial Fund at any Trustco Bank Branch.

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Milestones *in the* Spotlight

Iannotti, McQuide engaged



Breton Byron and Gregory Teresi

Byron, Teresi to marry

Breton Byron, daughter of Daniel and Lori Byron of Feura Bush, and Gregory Teresi, son of Joseph and Mary Teresi of Delmar, are engaged to be married.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and the College of St. Rose.

She is an English teacher at

Stephen and Harriet Myers Middle School in Albany.

The future groom is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, LeMoyne College and Albany Law School.

He is an attorney for the City of Albany's Corporation Counsel's Office in Albany.

The couple plans a July 15 wedding.



Jeff McQuide and Nikole Iannotti

Nikole Iannotti, daughter of Nicholas Iannotti of N.J. and Sharon Kramm of Schodack, and Jeff McQuide, son of James and Jean McQuide of Delmar, are engaged to be married.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Columbia High School and the Defense Language Institute.

She is a specialist for the State Employee's Federal Credit Union in Albany.

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

He is an agent for Schrade Insurance in Delmar.

The couple plans a June 2007 wedding.



John Delaney and Aileen Boyle

Boyle, Delaney engaged

Aileen Boyle, daughter of Brendan and Meta Boyle of Bloomfield, N.J., and John Delaney, son of Jack and Carole Delaney of Delmar, are pleased to announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Rutgers College.

She is vice president, associate publisher of Simon & Schuster in New York City.

The future groom is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and Rochester Institute of Technology.

He is a proprietor of John Delaney Fine Art Black & White Printing and Photography in New York City.

The couple plans a May 13 wedding.

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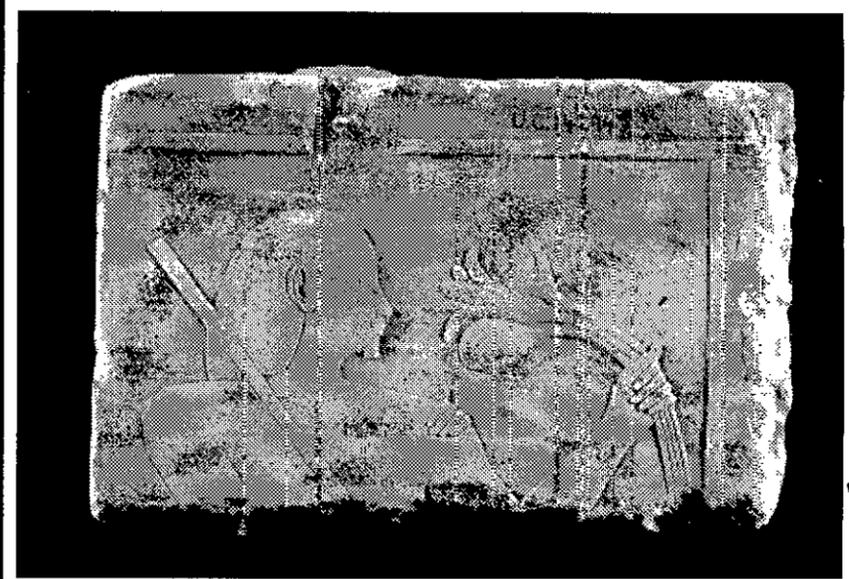
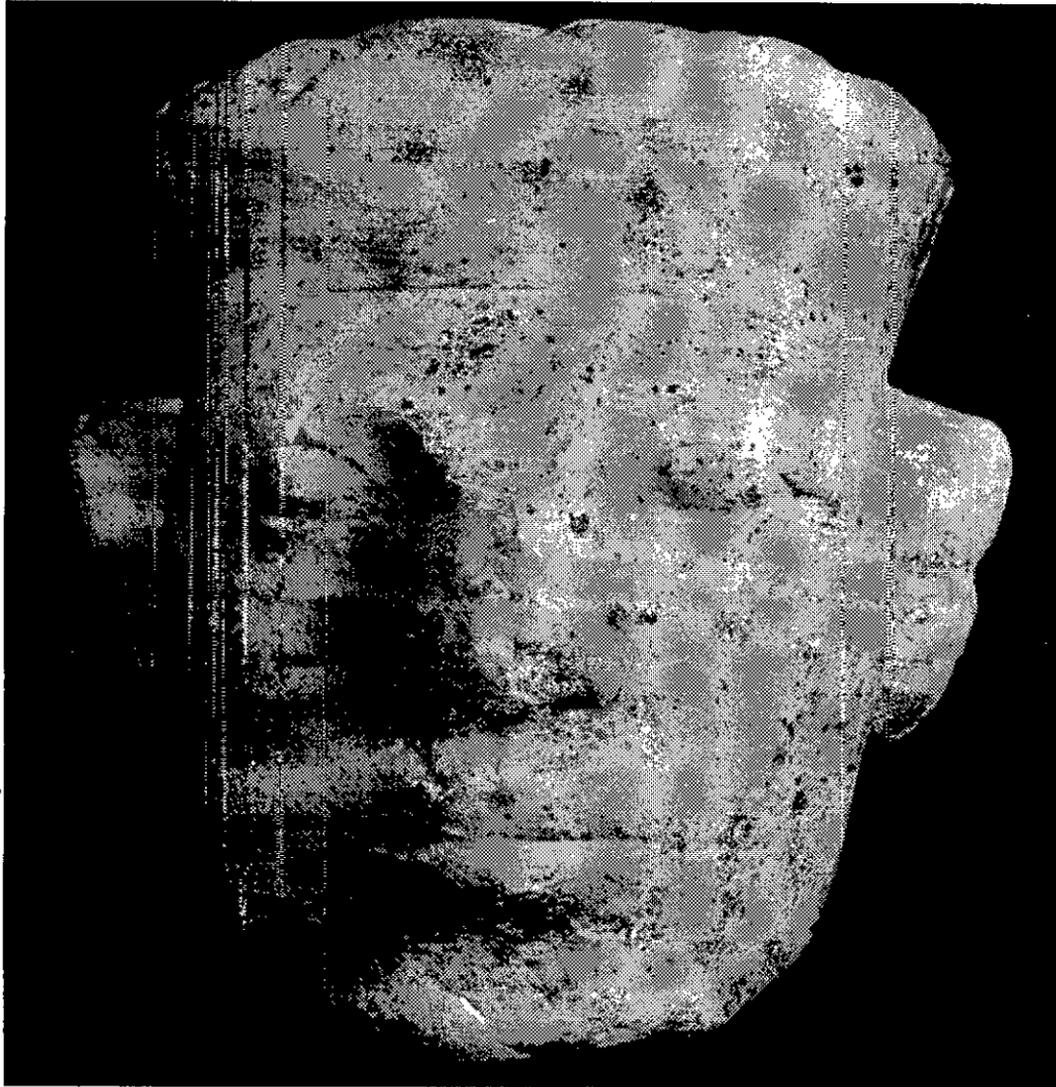
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Entertainment *in the* Spotlight



Rediscovering Egypt

Permanent exhibit joined by famous archeologist's finds

By STEPHEN PAUSE

Longtime favorite at the Albany Institute of History and Art has always been the mummies permanently on display. Those treasures have been joined by a new and unique exhibition of Egyptian artifacts.

The exhibit, "Excavating Egypt: Great Discoveries from the Petrie Museum of Egyptian Archeology, University College London," chronicles the finds of William Matthew Flinders Petrie (1853-1942), who is known as the father of scientific archeology.

Petrie's father was a surveyor, and taught his son the most modern techniques of the time.

Petrie wrote over 1,000 articles and books in his lifetime and believed that "recording is the absolute dividing line between plundering and scientific work, between a dealer and a scholar."

The institute has done the same thing, making available the largest display in the Capital District of Egyptian artifacts, including many items that had never been seen before by public audiences.

Throughout the nearly 50 years Petrie spent working in Egypt, he

made discoveries at many of the most historically important sites, including Memphis, Giza, and the Valley of the Kings. He even discovered two settlements described by the Greek author Herodotus, Naukratis and Daphnae. His pioneering methods of recording the way in which objects were found was unique for the time, and he went on to train many of the best archeologists of the time.

The exhibit features artifacts from all aspects of Egyptian life, from cosmetic jars and jewelry to weapons and board games. The collection also spans nearly the entire history of Egypt, from the earliest dynasties through the Arabian and Roman conquests.

One of the treasures of the exhibit is a beaded dress found in the tomb of a young girl, said to be "the oldest dress." The garment, which had been held together by string that had long since disintegrated, was meticulously reconstructed bead by bead and dates from about 2,400 B.C.

In contrast to the beautifully restored dress are fragments of a bronze suit of armor, which has yet to be repaired, and sits as arranged rows of metal.

Another treasure of the exhibit is a gold painted mask that that once adorned a mummy.

The mask depicts a woman from the Early Roman Period (40-60 A.D.), and shows details about the woman, including her association with Rome and her plump facial features.

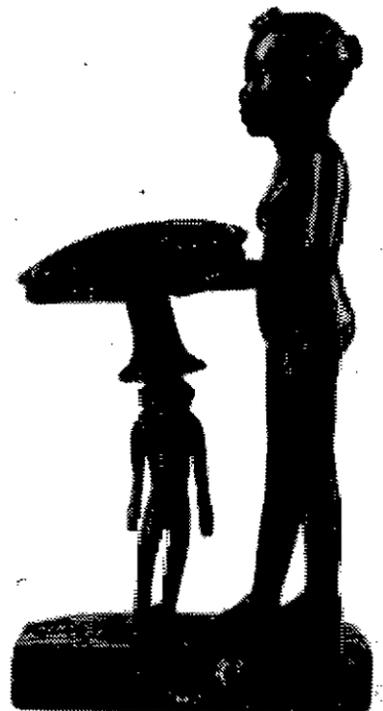
There are also several examples of faience, a material made of silica, quartz, sand, lime, potash and water, which, when fired in a kiln creates a type of ceramic.

The exhibit also includes many firsts in the development of Egyptian culture, including examples of mankind's first calendar (2900 B.C.), one of the largest pyramid texts outside of Egypt (2,312 - 2,287 B.C.) and the earliest Cylinder seal in Egypt (3,500 B.C.).

Also at the museum is its permanent Egyptian gallery, which includes two mummies from the 21st Dynasty (1085-945 B.C.), as well as a mummified cat/dog and other

artifacts. That exhibit is located on the third floor of the museum, and in combination with the new exhibit makes for a complete Egyptian experience.

"Excavating Egypt" opened on Jan. 21 and runs through June 4 during regular museum hours, Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturdays noon to 5 p.m. The Institute is located at 125 Washington Ave. in Albany. For more information, visit the Web site, www.albanyinstitute.org, or call 463-4487.



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"Excavating Egypt," an exhibit from University College in London, through June 4, plus exhibits on Hudson River School painting, American sculpture and the history of Albany, 125 Washington Ave. Information, 463-4478.

SCHENECTADY MUSEUM

Oakroom Artists 50th Anniversary exhibit, through May 21, plus Spirit of Schenectady, collection highlights and planetarium, Nott Terrace Heights. Information, 382-7890.

ALBANY AIRPORT GALLERY

"Saving Troy," a photographic exhibit co-

inciding with the book of the same name by William B. Patrick, plus site-specific installations by Larry Kagan and Cara Nigro, plus installations by Anthony Garner, Baris Karayazgan, Paul Katz, Nancy Klepsch and Victoria Palermo. Information, 242-2243.

LOCAL COLOR ART GALLERY

"Fresh Concepts," a collection of works by Colonie Art League members, through April 30, 961 Troy Schenectady Road, Latham, Information, 786-6557.

EXPOSED

"Twelve Days in Paris," photographs by Glenn Cormier, through Feb. 7, Main Square, 318 Delaware Ave., Delmar, Information, 475-1853.

ARTS CENTER GALLERY

"Three Landscapists," works by Tracy Helgeson, Elizabeth Krebs and Arleen Targan, through Feb. 18, 320 Broadway, Saratoga Springs, Information, 584-4132.

NATIONAL MUSEUM OF DANCE

"Dancing Rebels," an exhibit about the New Dance Group, plus ongoing exhibits, 99 South Broadway, Saratoga Springs, Information, 584-2225.

NATIONAL MUSEUM OF RACING AND HALL OF FAME

Ongoing exhibits, 191 Union Ave., Saratoga Springs, Information, 584-0400.

NEW YORK STATE MILITARY MUSEUM

"New York's Fighting Zouaves," through October, "Battleground for Freedom: New York during the Revolutionary War," and "To the Standard: Civil War Cavalry Flags from the New York State Battle Flag Collection," ongoing, 61 Lake Ave., Saratoga Springs, Information, 581-5100.

SARATOGA AUTOMOBILE MUSEUM

Ongoing exhibits including "East of Detroit" and New York racing, 110 Avenue of the Pines, Saratoga Springs, Information, 587-1935, ext. 20.

SKIDMORE COLLEGE

"Richard Pettibone: A Retrospective," Tang Teaching Museum and Gallery, through Feb. 12, 815 North Broadway, Saratoga Springs, Information, 580-5049.

THE HYDE COLLECTION

"Live, Love, Work: the Roycroft Legacy," through April 2, 161 Warren St., Glens Falls, Information, 792-1761.

Call for Artists

DELMAR COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA

Openings in the string, horn and percussion sections. Information, 439-7749.

COLONIE TOWN BAND

Several openings, rehearsals on Mondays at 7:30 p.m. at town hall, Route 9, Newtonville, Information, 783-2760.

COLONIE CENTENNIAL BRASS CHOIR

Openings for brass players, rehearsals on first Thursday and third Tuesday of the month, at 7:15 p.m., town hall, Route 9, Newtonville, Information, 783-2760.

SUBURBAN SOUNDS COMMUNITY CHORUS

Openings in mixed chorus, rehearsals Sundays at 7 p.m. at Lynnwood Reformed Church, Route 146, Guelderland, Information, 861-8000.

FRIENDSHIP SINGERS

Openings in women's singing group, focusing on old favorites and show tunes, rehearsals Tuesday mornings at Community United Methodist Church 1499 New Scotland Road, Slingerlands, Information, 439-2360.

A CAPPELLA

New, informal, coed a cappella group in Delmar, for adults and teens 16 and older. Information, 439-0130.

SIENA CHAMBER ORCHESTRA AND CHOIR

Rehearsals Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. for orchestra, Wednesdays at 6 p.m. for choir, Siena College, Route 9, Loudonville, Information, 783-2325.

THE ORCHESTRA ON THE COMMON

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

ELECTRIC CITY CHORUS

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

RIVER VALLEY CHORUS

Sweet Adelines group, based in Scotia-Glenville area, rehearsals on Tuesdays, 7 to 9:30 p.m., call for location. Information, 399-9480.

MONDAY MUSICAL CLUB WOMEN'S CHORUS

Invitation for new members to join in singing classical and popular songs, Third Reformed Church, 20 Ten Eyck Ave., Albany, Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m. Information, 477-4454.

CAPITAL COMMUNITY VOICES

Rehearsals at Columbia High School, Luther Road, East Greenbush, 7 to 9 p.m., Tuesdays, Information, 477-8308.

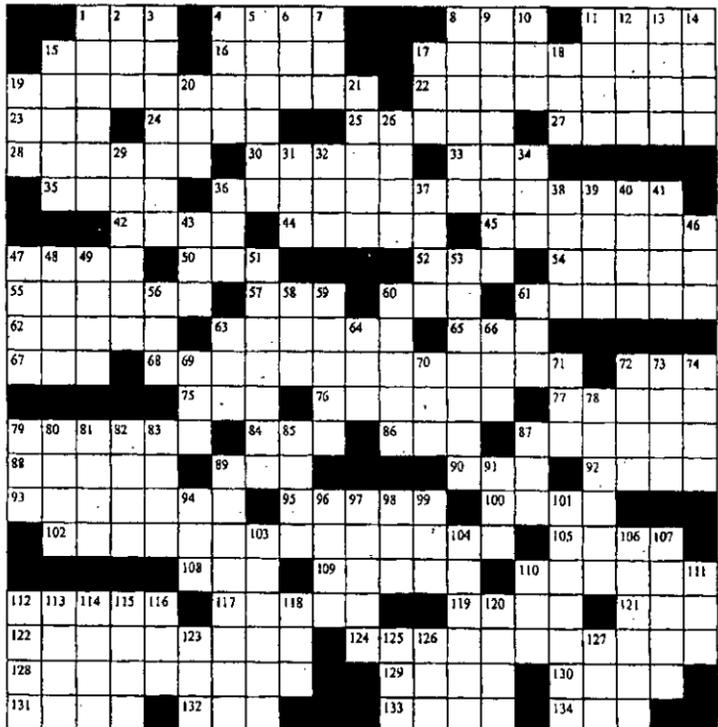
ARTISTS WANTED

Exhibit space available for original paintings at Local Color Art Gallery, 961 Troy-Schenectady Road, Latham, Information, 786-6557.

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| ACROSS | 105 Actor Max | 7 Meshed fabric | 46 Schmuck | ented |
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| 11 Pay attention | 112 Not ___; very mediocre | 11 Legatee | 51 Everywhere | 89 Sticky stuff |
| 15 Inconsiderate | 117 Come up | 12 Slave of old | 53 Small game | 91 ___ Wednesday |
| 16 Bloom holder | 119 Sign | 13 Cardiology exams, | 56 12th of 12: abbr. | 94 Battery size |
| 17 Watch Bruce go downhill | 121 Tournament sponsor: abbr. | for short | 58 Furniture wood | 96 Alkalis |
| 19 Smith munched on fruit | 122 What's the reason for purchasing dessert? | 14 Piece of china | 59 Bold | 97 Llamas' home |
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| 35 Skinny | 134 One of the Bobsey twins | 29 Popeye, for one | 71 Anthem writer | 110 Zodiac sign |
| 36 Take Arthur's insects | 135 Confront | 31 Unclear | 72 Dog in "Beetle Bailey" | 111 Slangy response |
| 42 Bit of land | 136 One of the Bobsey twins | 32 Suffix for civil or equal | 73 Has ___; one who is all washed up | 112 Actress Loretta |
| 44 Unkempt | 137 Watcher | 34 Product maker: abbr. | 74 Crucifix letters | 113 "Oops" alternative |
| 45 Breather's need | 138 Piece of wood | 36 Established | 78 Wandering | 114 FDR's Park |
| 47 Students' summons | 2 Cool drink | 37 Watcher | 79 Soak | 115 Mind |
| 50 One ___ time | 3 Puts in order | 38 Piece of wood | 80 "Moby Dick" role | 116 Yank |
| 52 Hesitant sounds | 4 Exceeding | 39 Wall paint color | 81 Zhivago's love | 118 Suffix for cook or book |
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| 55 ___ Mary | 6 Happy ___ lark | 41 Leak | | 123 Decade divs. |
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| 62 Loud sound | | | | |
| 63 Show off | | | | |
| 65 Brief life sketch | | | | |
| 67 Rotten | | | | |
| 68 Thief stole volume | | | | |
| 72 Accessory for 8 Down | | | | |
| 75 Sills, to friends | | | | |
| 76 Overexert | | | | |
| 77 Gobbled up | | | | |
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| 84 Actor Ron | | | | |
| 86 Suffix for absorb or insist | | | | |
| 87 Mollusk | | | | |
| 88 Owner of 24 | | | | |
| 89 End of the work wk., for many | | | | |
| 90 Was going the wrong way | | | | |
| 92 Permanent name | | | | |
| 93 Incomplete | | | | |
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| 100 Snide remark | | | | |
| 102 Horse might make a sound | | | | |



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Calendar of Events in the Spotlight

Wednesday, Feb. 1

BETHLEHEM

BOARD OF APPEALS

Public hearing, Bethlehem Board of Appeals, on application of The Four Corners Luncheonette, at the Town Offices, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar, at 4:45 p.m.

DELMAR ROTARY

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

PLAYGROUP MEETING

First United Methodist Church playgroups will meet from 10:30 to noon in the nursery. Playgroup provides opportunity for child care takers and pre-nursery school age children to socialize in a relaxed atmosphere. Information, call 439-9976, ext. 228.

MOTHERS OF PRESCHOOLERS (MOPS)

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

OPPORTUNITIES UNLIMITED

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

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

Parks and Recreation Office, Elm Avenue Park, 2-5:30 p.m. Information, 439-0503.

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 LIONS CLUB

Normanside Country Club, Delmar, 7 p.m. Information, 439-4857.

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, 7 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.

V'VILLE LIBRARY

Adult book discussion meets at the library at 7 p.m. Sign up at the reference desk and receive a copy of the book.

NEW SCOTLAND SENIORS

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

BOOK DISCUSSION

Adult Book Discussion meets at Voorheesville Public Library at 7 p.m. Sign up at the reference desk and receive a copy of the book.

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.

Thursday, Feb. 2

BETHLEHEM

BETHLEHEM SENIOR CITIZENS

Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave., 12:30 p.m. Information, 439-4955.

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

V'VILLE LIBRARY

Kindermusik, a special program at Lapsit Stories begin at 10:15 a.m. Sign up is necessary, space is limited. For children two and under. Information, 765-2791.

THE CLOTHING CLOSET

A service supported by area Reformed churches to provide clothing to those in need; volunteers welcome. Clarksville Reformed Church, Route 443, Clarksville, 8:30-11:30 a.m. and 4-7 p.m. Information, 768-2916 or 439-5400.

Friday, Feb. 3

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

V'VILLE LIBRARY

Book discussion for grades 2 and 3 at 7 p.m. Sign up at the reference desk and receive a copy of the book. Information, 765-2791

PIONEER CLUBS

For children grades 1 through junior high; Mountainview Evangelical Free Church, Route 155, 3:45-5 p.m. Information, 765-3390.

YOUTH GROUP MEETINGS

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

Saturday, Feb. 4

BETHLEHEM

AA MEETING

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

NEW SCOTLAND

V'VILLE LIBRARY

Book Chatters, a middle school girl's book discussion takes place at the library at 3:30. Sign up necessary. Information, 765-2791

Sunday, Feb. 5

BETHLEHEM

AA MEETING

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

BETHLEHEM

WORSHIP INFORMATION

Bethlehem Community Church, 201 Elm Ave., 439-3135.
Bethlehem Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses, Elm Avenue and Feura Bush Road, 439-0358.
Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., 439-4328.
Delmar Full Gospel Church, 292 Elsmere Ave., 439-4407.
Delmar Presbyterian Church, 585 Delaware Ave., 439-9252.
Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., 439-9929.
Family of God Nazarene Church, Krumkill Road at Blessing Road, North Bethlehem, 453-9953.
First Church of Christ, Scientist, 555 Delaware Ave., 439-2512.
First Reformed Church of Bethlehem, Route 9W, Selkirk, 767-2243.
First United Methodist Church of Delmar, 428 Kenwood Ave., 439-9976.
Glenmont Community Church, 1 Chapel Lane, Glenmont, 436-7710.
Gospel Fellowship, 10 Rocketteller 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

All Nation's Baptist Church, 2558 Western Ave., Gunderland, 475-9086, ESL and Bible classes, 9 a.m.; Worship Services, 10 a.m.
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, 58 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.

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.

Tuesday, Feb. 7

BETHLEHEM

TREASURE COVE THRIFT SHOP

First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

ELSMERE FIRE COMMISSIONERS

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

PRAYER MEETING

At Gospel Fellowship, 7 p.m., 10 Rockefeller Rd., Delmar, beneath Normans Kill bridge, Information 482-2132.

PLANNING BOARD

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

BINGO

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

A.W. BECKER PTA

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

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.

NIMBLEFINGERS/QUILTERS

Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, 1 to 3 p.m. Information, 765-2791.

PLANNING BOARD

New Scotland Town Hall, Route 85, 7 p.m. Information, 765-3356.

V'VILLE PLANNING COMMISSION

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

Wednesday, Feb. 8

BETHLEHEM

DELMAR ROTARY

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

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SECOND MILERS

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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.

HEALING 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

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CATSKILL ASSOCIATES I, LLC, Notice of formation of a domestic Limited Liability Company (LLC) Articles of Organization filed with the New York Secretary of State on December 14, 2005. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the LLC is to be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against the LLC may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is 596 New Loudon Road, Latham, New York 12110. LCD-12661 (February 1, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION OF A NEW YORK LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY PURSUANT TO NEW YORK LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY LAW

- The name of the limited liability company is Pa's Pizza and Deli, LLC.
- The date of filing of the articles of organization with the Department of State was December 15, 2005.
- The county in New York in which the office of the company is located is Albany.
- The Secretary of State has been designated as agent of the company upon whom process may be served and the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the company served upon him or her to P.O. Box 2, Clarksville, New York 12041 (6 Upper Letter S, Voorheesville, NY 12186).
- The name and address is New York of the company registered agent is Shirley Acker, P.O. Box 2, Clarksville, New York 12041, (6 Upper Letter S, Voorheesville, NY 12186) upon whom process against the company may be served.
- The business purpose of the company is to engage in any and all business activities permitted under the laws of the State of New York. LCD-12649 (February 1, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). The name of the LLC is NMM TOWERS, L.L.C. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on January 5, 2006. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the LLC is to be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as 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 Tri City Rentals, 255 Washington Avenue Extension, Albany, New York 12205. LCD-12682 (February 1, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). The name of the LLC is NMM SANDCREEK, L.L.C. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on January 5, 2006. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the LLC is to be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as 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 Tri City Rentals, 255 Washington Avenue Extension, Albany, New York 12205. LCD-12683 (February 1, 2006)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). The name of the LLC is NMM GREENRIDGE, L.L.C. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on January 5, 2006. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the LLC is to be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as 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 Tri City Rentals, 255 Washington Avenue Extension, Albany, New York 12205. LCD-12684 (February 1, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). The name of the LLC is MRP CLOVER PARK ASSOCIATES, L.L.C. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on January 5, 2006. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the LLC is to be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as 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 Tri City Rentals, 255 Washington Avenue Extension, Albany, New York 12205. LCD-12685 (February 1, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY Articles of Swift Builders, LLC ("LLC") filed with the Secretary of State ("SSNY") on December 30, 2005 effective on the date of filing. Office Location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY may mail a copy of any process to the LLC, 15 Kenwood Avenue, Glenmont, NY 12077. The purpose for which the LLC is formed is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under the LLC. LCD-12700 (February 1, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF A.M.C. REALTY OF SARATOGA, LLC Under Section 203 of the Limited Liability Company Law

FIRST: The name of the limited liability company is: A.M.C. REALTY OF SARATOGA, LLC.

SECOND: The county, within this state, in which the office of the corporation is to be located is: the County of Albany.

THIRD: The secretary of state is designated as agent of the limited liability company upon whom process against it may be served. The address within or without this state to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the limited liability company served upon him or her is: A.M.C. Realty of Saratoga, LLC c/o Metro Metals Recycling, LLC 849 First Avenue Watervliet, New York 12189

FOURTH: The limited liability company is to be member managed. Charles F. VanHall, Organizer

A.M.C. Realty of Saratoga, LLC c/o Metro Metals Recycling, LLC 849 First Avenue Watervliet, New York 12189

ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF A.M.C. REALTY

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OF SARATOGA, LLC Under Section 203 of the Limited Liability Company Law

Filed by: Alexander Powhida, Esq. Attorney-in-Fact Harvey and Mumford LLP 20 Corporate Woods Boulevard Albany, New York 12211 LCD-12716 (February 1, 2006)

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Notice of Formation of a Domestic Limited Liability Company (LLC)

The name of the LLC is Growth Opportunity, LLC. The Articles of Organization were filed with the NY Secretary of State on 12/14/2005. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the LLC is to be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against the LLC may be served. The address of which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is 595 New Loudon Road #210, Latham, NY 12110. LCD-12753 (February 1, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A REGISTERED LIMITED PARTNERSHIP (L.P.). The name of the L.P. is BRUNSWICK ASSOCIATES OF ALBANY, L.P. The Certificate of Registration of the L.P. was filed with the NY Secretary of State on October 20, 2004. The purpose of the L.P. is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the L.P. is to be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the L.P. upon whom process against the L.P. may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the L.P. is c/o Tri City Rentals, 255 Washington Avenue Extension, Albany, New York 12205. LCD-12775 (February 1, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

SIMILLE ENTERPRISES LLC Notice of Formation of Simille Enterprises LLC, a limited liability company (the "LLC"). Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (the "SSNY") on 1/13/2006. 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, 344 Torquay Blvd., Albany, New York 12208. The purposes of the LLC are to acquire, own, hold, improve, manage and operate the real property known as approximately 10.5 acres located at 1139 Loudon Road, in the Town of Colonie, New York. LCD-12795 (February 1, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY Articles of High Meadow's Vineyardsm LLC, LLC ("LLC") filed with the Secretary of State of New York ("SSNY") on January 19, 2006 effective on the date of filing. Office Location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY may mail a copy of any process to the LLC, 146 Blechman Road, Ravena, NY 12143. The purpose for which the LLC is formed is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under the LLC. LCD-12813 (February 1, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

HARLEM 121 ASSOCIATES

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LLC Notice of Organization: Harlem 121 Associates LLC was filed with SSNY 01/25/06. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. P.O. address which SSNY shall mail any process against the LLC served upon him: c/o Relyea Services LLC 1524 Central Ave., Albany, NY 12205. Purpose: To engage in any lawful activity. LCD-12815 (February 1, 2006)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: DISCOUNT PARTY, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 10/26/05. Office location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, c/o Darshan S. Arora, 17 Bergen Woods Drive, Cohoes, New York 12047. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. LD-12634 (February 1, 2006)

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Notice of Formation of 1779 Southern Blvd LLC Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. of State (SSNY) on 12/13/05 Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process 1 Shore Drive, Kings Point, NY 11024 Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-12635 (February 1, 2006)

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Notice of Formation of 454 Restaurant, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. of State (SSNY) on 12/14/05 Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process 99 Tripp Street, Mount Kisco, NY 10549 Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-12636 (February 1, 2006)

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Notice of Formation of an LLC: Amedore Quantum, LLC Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on November 2, 2005. Office location is in Albany County. The SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC, upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of Process to the LLC, at 1900 Western Avenue, Albany, NY 12203. Purpose: for any lawful purpose. LD-12646 (February 1, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of SHAREHOLD MANAGEMENT LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/14/05. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., 3rd Fl., Albany, NY 12207, Attn: USA Corporate Services Inc., registered agent upon whom process may be served. Purpose: all lawful activities. LD-12650 (February 1, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Privileged Access, L.P. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/19/05. Office location: Albany County. LP formed in Delaware (DE) on 10/21/05. SSNY designated as agent of LP upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to:

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c/o Corporation Service Company, 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207, registered agent of LP upon whom process may be served. DE address of LP: 2711 Centerville Road, Ste. 400, Wilmington, DE 19808. Name/address of each genl. ptr. available from SSNY. Cert. of LP filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-12651 (February 1, 2006)

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Notice of Qualification of ACF Beverage, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 9/2/05. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Idaho (ID) on 8/1/05. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o CT Corporation System, 111 8th Ave., NY, NY 10011, registered agent upon whom process may be served. ID address of LLC: 412 E. Parkcenter Blvd., Boise, ID 83706. Arts. of Org. filed with ID Secy. of State, 700 West Jefferson, Basement West, Boise, ID 83702. Purpose: all lawful purposes. LD-12655 (February 1, 2006)

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Notice of Qualification of SVF NEW YORK I, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/20/05. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 12/5/05. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Corporation Service Co. (CSC), 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207, registered agent upon whom process may be served. DE address of LLC: c/o CSC, 2711 Centerville Rd., Ste. 400, Wilmington, DE 19808. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-12658 (February 1, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Mason Production Services LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/21/05. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Virginia (VA) on 12/6/05. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Corporation Service Company, 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207. VA address of LLC: c/o F. Lewis Powell, III, Hunton & Williams LLP, 951 East Byrd St., Richmond, VA 23219. Arts. of Org. filed with VA Secy. of State, 1300 East Main St., Tyler Bldg., 1st Fl., Richmond, VA 23218. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-12662 (February 1, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of HOME SHARP LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/20/05. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 1085 E. 12th St., NY, NY 11230. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-12664 (February 1, 2006)

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Notice of Qualification of Springs Window Fashions, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/14/05. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 12/26/1978. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o National Registered Agents, Inc., 875 Ave. of the Americas, Ste. 501, NY, NY 10001. Principal address of LLC: 7549 Graber Road, Middleton, WI 53562.

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Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-12668 (February 1, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Silex International LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/29/2005. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Delaney Corporate Services, Ltd, 41 State Street, Ste 405, Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-12670 (February 1, 2006)

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Notice of Formation of CHOICE OVERSEAS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/25/05. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., 3rd Fl., Albany, NY 12207, Attn: USA Corporate Services Inc., registered agent upon whom process may be served. Purpose: all lawful activities. LD-12687 (February 1, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Chesapeake Appraisal Services, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/16/05. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 11/14/05. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Corporation Service Co. (CSC), 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207. DE address of LLC: c/o CSC, 2711 Centerville Rd., Ste. 400, Wilmington, DE 19808. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Ste. 3, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-12689 (February 1, 2006)

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Notice of Qualification of The Towers-Las Vegas, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/30/05. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Nevada (NV) on 5/11/04. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Corporation Service Company, 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207, registered agent upon whom process may be served. NV address of LLC: 1050 E. Flamingo Road, Ste. 147, Las Vegas, NV 89119. Arts. of Org. filed with NV Secy. of State, 206 North Carson St., Carson City, NV 89701. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-12695 (February 1, 2006)

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Notice of Qualification of Toys "R" Us Europe, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/3/06. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 7/21/05. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Corporation Service Company (CSC), 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207. DE address of LLC: c/o CSC, 2711 Centerville Rd., Ste. 400, Wilmington, DE 19808. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-12696 (February 1, 2006)

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Notice of Qualification of Marquis Digital Imaging LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/3/

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06. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 12/29/05. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Corporation Service Company, 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207. DE address of LLC: 2711 Centerville Road, Ste. 400, Wilmington, DE. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-12697 (February 1, 2006)

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Notice of Qualification of Kraft Plaza LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/3/06. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 12/29/05. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Corporation Service Company, 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207. Principal office of LLC: c/o The Kraft Group, One Patriot Place, Foxborough, MA 02035. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-12698 (February 1, 2006)

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Notice of Qualification of Crafts, Etc! Property Co., L.L.C. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/29/05. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Oklahoma (OK) on 3/20/1997. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o National Registered Agents, Inc., 875 Ave. of the Americas, Ste. 501, NY, NY 10001. Principal address of LLC: 7701 SW 44th, Oklahoma City, OK 73179. Arts. of Org. filed with OK Secy. of State, 101 State Capitol Bldg, Oklahoma City, OK 73105. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-12706 (February 1, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

APPLICATION FOR AUTHORITY OF HOB-LOB, LIMITED PARTNERSHIP (Pursuant to Section 121-902 of the Revised Limited Partnership Act)

FIRST: The name of the partnership, which is a foreign limited partnership as defined in Section 121-101 of the Revised Limited Partnership Act of the State of New York, and which is hereinafter referred to as the "partnership," is: HOB-LOB, LIMITED PARTNERSHIP

SECOND: The jurisdiction of the partnership's organization is Oklahoma, and the date of said organization is December 16, 1993.

THIRD: The county within the State of New York where the office of the partnership is to be located is the County of Albany.

FOURTH: The Secretary of State of the State of New York is designated as the agent upon whom process against the partnership may be served. The post office address within the State of New York to which the Secretary of State of the State of New York shall mail a copy of any process against the partnership served upon him is: c/o National Registered Agents, Inc., 875 Avenue of the Americas, Suite 501, New York, NY 10001.

FIFTH: The registered agent of the partnership is to be the agent of the partnership upon whom or upon which process against the partnership may be served. The name and the address within the State of New York of said registered agent are as follows: National Registered Agents, Inc., 875 Avenue of the Americas, Suite 501, New York, NY 10001.

SIXTH: The address of the office that the partnership is required to maintain under the laws of the jurisdiction of its organization, or if not so required, of its principal office, is: 7701 SW 44th, Okla-

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homa City, OK 73179
SEVENTH: The name and the business or residence address of each general partner of the partnership are as follows:
NAME

H.L. MANAGEMENT, INC
ADDRESS
7707 SOUTHWEST 44TH
ST OKLAHOMA CITY, OK
73179

EIGHTH: The partnership is in existence in the jurisdiction of its organization at the time of the filing of this Application for Authority.

NINTH: The name and the address of the authorized officer in the jurisdiction of the partnership's organization where a copy of its certificate of limited partnership is filed are: Secretary of State of Oklahoma, 101 State Capitol Bldg, Oklahoma City, OK 73105
APPLICATION FOR AUTHORITY OF HOB-LOB, LIMITED PARTNERSHIP (Pursuant to Section 121-902 of the Revised Limited Partnership Act)
Filer:

Tena Lumpkins
145 Baker Street
Marion, OH 43302
LD-12707
(February 1, 2006)

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Notice of Formation of Bavette LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/3/2006. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The Company, 301 East 79th St, Ste 24-H, NY, NY 10021. Purpose: any lawful activities.
LD-12708
(February 1, 2006)

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Notice of Qualification of HCH Enterprises, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/28/05. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Rhode Island (RI) on 6/05/2001. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o HIQ Corporate Services, Inc., 516 North Charles St, 5th Fl, Baltimore, MD 21201. Principal address of LLC: 9 Old Snake Hill Road, Gloucester, RI 02814. Arts. of Org. filed with RI Secy. of State, 100 North Main St, Providence, RI 02903. Purpose: any lawful activities.
LD-12709
(February 1, 2006)

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Notice of Formation of MIGHTY HOLDING LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/4/06. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., 3rd Fl., Albany, NY 12207, Attn: USA Corporate Services Inc. Purpose: all lawful activities.
LD-12711
(February 1, 2006)

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Notice of Qualification of WTN Services, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/29/05. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in California (CA) on 3/4/05. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the CA address of LLC: 2545 Napa Valley, Corporate Dr., Ste. C, Napa, CA 94568. Arts. of Org. filed with CA Secy. of State, 1500 11th St., 3rd Fl., Sacramento, CA 95814. Purpose: all lawful purposes.
LD-12712
(February 1, 2006)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). The name of the LLC

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is 678 Properties, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the Secretary of State on January 4, 2006. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the LLC is to be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is 678 Troy-Schenectady Road, Latham, New York 12110.
LD-12714
(February 1, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). The name of the LLC is Alchester Development, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the Secretary of State on January 4, 2006. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the LLC is to be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is 678 Troy-Schenectady Road, Latham, New York 12110.
LD-12715
(February 1, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of RHSH Realty LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/5/06. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Corporation Service Company, 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: any lawful activity.
LD-12717
(February 1, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of COMCAST COMMERCIAL SERVICES, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/4/06. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 8/3/00. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o CT Corporation System, 111 8th Ave., NY, NY 10011. DE address of LLC: c/o Comcast Capital Corporation, 1201 Market St., Ste. 1000, Wilmington, DE 19801. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity.
LD-12718<z4>
(February 1, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of KHRG Muse LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/6/06. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 1/3/06. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Corporation Service Company, 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207. DE address of LLC: c/o Corporation Service Company, 2711 Centerville Road, Ste. 400, Wilmington, DE 19808. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity.
LD-12719
(February 1, 2006)

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Notice of Formation of NEW EASTERN PARKWAY ASSOCIATES, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/5/06. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Mallow, Konstam & Hager, 321 Broadway, 5th

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Fl., NY, NY 10007. Purpose: all lawful activities.
LD-12720.
(February 1, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of PREMIUM CORPORATE SOLUTIONS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/6/06. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State St., 3rd Fl., Albany, NY 12207, Attn: USA Corporate Services Inc., registered agent upon whom process may be served. Purpose: all lawful activities.
LD-12745
(February 1, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
Articles of 604 North Broadway, LLC ("LLC") filed with the Secretary of State of New York ("SSNY") on December 23, 2005 effective on the date of filing. Office location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY may mail a copy of any process to the LLC, 190 Hilton Road, Slingerlands, NY 12159. The purpose for which the LLC is formed is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under the LLC. LD-12748
(February 1, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of limited liability company (LLC). Name: Technology Plus, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) December 19, 2005. Office Location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to Technology Plus, LLC, 121 Drahos Drive, Altamont, New York 12009. Purpose: any lawful purpose.
LD-12751
(February 1, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Advantage Tank Lines, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/4/06. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 11/19/04. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o CT Corporation System, 111 8th Ave., NY, NY 10011, registered agent upon whom process may be served. DE address of LLC: 1209 Orange St., Wilmington, DE 19801. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity.
LD-12752
(February 1, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

Publication Notice of Organization of Limited Liability Company
FIRST: The name of the Limited Liability Company is THE PEANUT PRINCIPLE 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 September 19, 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
1158 New Loudon Road
Cohoes, NY 12047
FIFTH: The Company's purpose is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under the

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New York Limited Liability Law.
LD-12755
(February 1, 2006)

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Notice of formation of the above Limited Liability Company ("LLC"). Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY ("SSNY") on 11/30/2005. Office location is 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 65 Queen Anne Drive, Slingerlands, NY 12159. Purpose is any lawful business activities.
LD-12758
(February 1, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of LEEMAN & PARTNER LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/6/2005. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The Company, 301 East 79th St, Ste 24-H, NY, NY 10021 Purpose: any lawful activities.
LD-12759
(February 1, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Goodwill Consulting LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/21/2005. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The Company, 301 E. 79th St, Ste 24-H, NY, NY 10021. Purpose: any lawful activities.
LD-12760
(February 1, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of WILSBURG INTERNATIONAL LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/11/2005. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The Company, 301 E. 79th St, Ste 24-H, NY, NY 10021. Purpose: any lawful activities.
LD-12761
(February 1, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of MCKENZIE & RIVER LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/5/2005. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The Company, 301 E. 79th St, Ste 24-H, NY, NY 10021. Purpose: any lawful activities.
LD-12762
(February 1, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 145-153 EDGEcombe LLC Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. Of State (SSNY) on 1/4/06 Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 566 East 8th Street, Brooklyn, New York, 11218 Purpose: any lawful activity.
LD-12763
(February 1, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of JMS Distributors LLC Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. Of State (SSNY) on 1/4/06 Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 3048 Bedford Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, 11210 Purpose: any lawful activity.
LD-12764

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Notice of Formation of 1727-29 LLC Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. Of State (SSNY) on 1/11/06 Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: P.O. Box 626, Yonkers, New York, 10710 Purpose: any lawful activity.
LD-12765
(February 1, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 1715-17 LLC Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. Of State (SSNY) on 1/12/06 Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: P.O. Box 626, Yonkers, New York, 10710 Purpose: any lawful activity.
(February 1, 2006)

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Digital Radius LLC
Notice of Formation of Limited Liability Company
Articles of Organization filed with the Department of State of New York on December 27, 2005. The county in which this state which the office of the Limited Liability Company is to be located is Albany. The Secretary of State of New York is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. Secretary of State may mail a copy of any process to PO Box 258, Voorheesville, NY 12186. Latest date of dissolution of LLC: None. Purpose: Any lawful act.
LD-12790
(February 1, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

Public Notice of Hearing
The Town of New Scotland Planning Board
Notice is hereby given that the Planning Board of Town of New Scotland, New York will hold a public hearing pursuant to Article IV, Section 190-41 of the Zoning Law on the following proposition:
A Public Hearing for Special Use Permit # 473.
Special Use Permit Application # 473: Application submitted by Scott Knox to be allowed to convert an existing single family dwelling into a two family dwelling. The dwelling is situated on a parcel owned by him at 135 Fort Grove Road. The parcel lies within the Medium Density Residential District and is identified as New Scotland tax parcel #73-2-25. If approved, the owner anticipates occupying one unit and leasing the other. This application is a Special Use of Article II, Section 190-13 of the Town of New Scotland Zoning Law.
Said hearing will take place on February 7, 2006 at the New Scotland Town Hall beginning at 7:00 P.M.
Robert Stapf
Chairman, Planning Board
The Town of New Scotland is an equal opportunity provider and employer
LD-12791
(February 1, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Black River Felts Mills LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/26/05. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Corporation Service Company, 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: any lawful activity.
LD-12802
(February 1, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

PUBLICATION NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
FIRST: The name of the Limited Liability Company is AZAD COMPANY, 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 10, 2006.
THIRD: The county within New York State in which the office of the Company is to be located is 372 Second Avenue, Albany, New York 12209.
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

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Secretary of State shall mail process is
372 Second Avenue
Albany, New York 12209
FIFTH: The purpose of the business of the Company is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under the New York Limited Liability Law.
LD-12797
(February 1, 2006)

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NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION
Notice is given that Articles of Organization for IAC Management, LLC were filed with the Secretary of State on December 21, 2005. The office of the LLC shall be located in Albany County, New York. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent of the limited liability company upon whom process against it may be served and the post office address within this state to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against it served upon him or her is: 41 State Street, Suite # 405, Albany, New York 12207. The purpose of this limited liability company is Asset Management.
LD-12799
(February 1, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Toys "R" Us International, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/20/06. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 1/17/06. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Corporation Service Company (CSC), 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207. DE address of LLC: c/o CSC, 2711 Centerville Road, Ste. 400, Wilmington, DE 19808. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity.
LD-12800
(February 1, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of DIW Merger Sub, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/23/05. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 11/29/05. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Corporation Service Company, 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207. DE address of LLC: 2711 Centerville Road, Ste. 400, Wilmington, DE 19808. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity.
LD-12801
(February 1, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Black River Felts Mills LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/26/05. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Corporation Service Company, 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: any lawful activity.
LD-12802
(February 1, 2006)

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Notice of Qualification of Progress Telecom, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/11/03. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 11/4/03. 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: 100 2nd Ave. South, St. Petersburg, FL 33701. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, P.O. Box 898, Dover, DE

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19903. Purpose: any lawful activity.
LD-12805
(February 1, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Long Beach Venture LLC Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. Of State (SSNY) on 1/23/06 Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 152 Madison Avenue, Suite 703, New York, New York, 10016 Purpose: any lawful activity.
LD-12806
(February 1, 2006)

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Notice of Formation of 2445 Manhattan LLC Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. Of State (SSNY) on 1/23/06 Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 23 Kirby Lane, Jericho, New York, 11753 Purpose: any lawful activity.
LD-12807
(February 1, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE TO BIDDERS
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem hereby invites sealed bids for the furnishing of chlorine for the Department of Public Works, Town of Bethlehem, for the year 2006: (All chemicals must be N.S.F. approved and be acceptable to the N.Y.S. Dept. of Health) The Town requires that "American Manufactured goods and products are to be used exclusively. Liquid Chlorine (in 150lb cylinders) Liquid Chlorine (one ton cylinders) Bids will be received up to 3:15 p.m. February 14, 2006 on chlorine, at which time such bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York. Bids shall be addressed to Ms. Theresa Egan, Supervisor of the Town of Bethlehem, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York. Bids shall be in sealed envelopes which shall bear, on the face thereof, the name and address of the bidder and the subject of the bid. ORIGINAL AND ONE COPY of each bid shall be submitted. Bidders may bid on any or all items. The Town Board reserves the right to waive any informalities or to reject any or all bids. Specifications may be picked up at the Town Clerk's office, Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York 12054.
BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD OF
THE TOWN OF
BETHLEHEM
KATHLEEN A. NEWKIRK,
MMC, RMC
TOWN CLERK
Dated: January 25, 2006
LD-12808

February 1,
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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE TO BIDDERS
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem hereby invites sealed bids for the furnishing of the following for the Department of Public Works, Town of Bethlehem, for the year 2006:
NEW WATER METERS
WATER METER
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Bids will be received up to 3:00 p.m. on February 14, 2006 at which time such bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York. Bids shall be addressed to Theresa L. Egan, Supervisor of the Town of Bethlehem, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York. Bids shall be in sealed envelopes which shall bear, on the face thereof, the name and ad-

Sports *in the* Spotlight

Lady Eagles fend off Blue Bison for key victory

By MATT RUCINSKI

The Bethlehem girls basketball team will be thankful come playoff time for its 52-43 Suburban Council win over Shaker last Friday.

Both of these squads now share identical records, (9-7 overall, 6-6 league), but the Lady Eagles have the upper hand in the battle for the fourth seed in the

Section II tournament.

The Lady Eagles got off to a quick start and never looked back. They led 28-13 at halftime, thanks in part to great defensive pressure and out-rebounding Shaker.

"We had the whole week off, so we worked on our (full court) press," said Bethlehem coach Mark Nealon. "We didn't think that we could keep them in front.

(Andrea) Kosek is a very good player. We wanted to stay in a 2-3 (zone defense), and that worked. We did rebound very well."

Whenever Shaker tried to cut into Bethlehem's lead, the Eagles hit a three-pointer. Shaker cut the lead to 12 points at the end of the second and third quarters, only for Bethlehem to sink a three at the buzzer to extend the lead back to 15.

"Every time we made a run at them they made a shot... That's a big ditch to dig out of. But if there is any team that can dig out of a hole, we can," said Shaker coach Ron Beaudoin.

Beaudoin's team nearly did that in the fourth quarter. A Michelle Prusaczyk free throw cut the lead to eight points with 6:30 to go. Then with 1:18 to go, Morgan Rowland's layup cut the Bethlehem lead to six points.

However, Shaker got no closer. Julie Hooper and Megan Olsen combined for six free throws in the final minute to seal the victory.

"In the second half, we knew that they were going to make a run. Shaker has been playing very well," Nealon said. "I'm a little surprised that the press bothered us. The fourth quarter got a little closer than I would have liked, but they played very well and didn't give up."

"Defensively, we stepped it up

and limited their shot opportunities," said Beaudoin. "Obviously, we put a little pressure on them, causing turnovers (and) leaving us with easier baskets."

Alex McCullough led Bethlehem with 15 points. Hooper and Leah Gillham both added nine points for the Lady Eagles, who edged Colonie in their last game leading up to the Shaker contest.

"It's hard when coaching high school, you need to tell (your players) to be patient and to keep working hard," said Nealon. "The beginning of our schedule was very difficult, but they worked hard. The older girls have been very patient with the younger girls for the most part. The younger girls are stepping up, and we are gelling at the right time."

Prusaczyk led Shaker with nine points, while Andrea Kosek and Michelle Santoro both had eight points.

Bethlehem played Niskayuna Tuesday.

Blackbirds hold on to first place

By ROB JONAS

The Voorheesville Blackbirds still roost atop the Colonial Council boys basketball standings, but only by the skin of their beaks.

The Blackbirds fended off Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk 53-47 last Friday to maintain a one-game lead over Schalmont and Albany Academy entering Tuesday's showdown at Schalmont.

Voorheesville (10-3 league, 11-4 overall) wouldn't be in such a tenuous position had it not been for back-to-back losses against Albany Academy and Lansingburgh two weeks ago. The Blackbirds bounced back with wins last week against Mechanicville and RCS, but they still have to deal with the fact that a two-game lead has now been cut in half.

"We just went back to fundamental stuff," said Voorheesville coach Don Catellier. "We had lost some focus — it was mid-term exam time and the usual blahs that come with this time of year."

Voorheesville's defensive focus came back when it defeated Mechanicville 55-37 Jan. 20, and though RCS (5-7, 6-8) crossed the 40-point plateau last Friday, Catellier was still pleased with his team's efforts.

"Last year, our goal was (holding teams under) 40," he said. "This is a different group, and I looked this up — when we hold somebody to under 50, we haven't lost yet."

RCS had its opportunities to beat Voorheesville. The Indians

were within striking distance the entire second half, but they couldn't hit the key baskets that would have either tied the game or put them in the lead.

"We've been pretty much a model of consistency, but I would say a lot of our games have come down to the last few minutes," said RCS coach Bruce Stott. "Some we've won; others we've lost. So, we're going to do some tweaking with our offensive and defensive sets to see if we can turn things around."

Andy Catellier scored 14 points, and Mike Hopper added 12 points to lead a balanced

Voorheesville attack. Eric Stott had 15 points for RCS, and Corwin Hendy contributed 12 points.

"Andy and Mike weren't going to let us lose in the fourth quarter, and we held on," said coach Catellier.

In other boys basketball action last Friday, Bethlehem suffered a 53-42 Suburban Council loss to Shaker at the Junior College of Albany.

Kevin Stempsey had 21 points for the Eagles, but it wasn't enough to overcome Shaker's balanced attack. Brad Sheehan's 17 points paced the Blue Bison.

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dress of the bidder and the subject of the bid. ORIGINAL AND ONE COPY of each bid shall be submitted. Bidders may bid on any or all items. Specifications may be picked up at the Town Clerk's office, Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York 12054. The Town Board reserves the right to waive any informalities or to reject any or all bids.
BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD
TOWN OF BETHLEHEM
KATHLEEN A. NEWKIRK, MMC, RMC
TOWN CLERK
Dated: January 25, 2006
LD-12809
(February 1, 2006)

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem hereby invites sealed bids for the furnishing of MATERIALS for the Town of Bethlehem, for the year 2006. Bids will be received up to 2:30 p.m. on materials, Feb-

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ruary 14, 2006 at which time such bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York. Bids shall be addressed to Theresa L. Egan, Supervisor of the Town of Bethlehem, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York. Bids shall be in sealed envelopes which shall bear, on the face thereof, the name and address of the bidder and the subject of the bid. ORIGINAL AND ONE COPY of each bid shall be submitted. Bidders may bid on any or all items. Specifications may be picked up at the Town Clerk's office, Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York 12054. The Town Board reserves the right to waive any informalities or to reject any or all bids.
BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD
TOWN OF BETHLEHEM
KATHLEEN A. NEWKIRK, MMC, RMC
TOWN CLERK
Dated: January 25, 2006
LD-12810
(February 1, 2006)

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INVITATION TO BIDDERS
Architect:
Collins + Scoville Architects, P.C.
40 Beaver Street
Albany, NY 12207
PH: 518-463-8068
FX: 518-463-8069
Project Information:
Bethlehem Central School District
District-Wide Security System
The Owner, the School Board of Bethlehem Central School District, will receive separate sealed bids to furnish materials and labor to complete a District-Wide Security System Contract within the school's district. Each bid shall be on a stipulated sum basis for the following contracts:
CONTRACT NUMBER AND TYPE
Contract No. BC-02 - Security System
Two copies of sealed bids will be received until 2:00 p.m. Prevaling Time, on Thursday, February 16, 2006 at Bethlehem Central School District, Operations and Maintenance, 65 Elm Avenue, Delmar, New York

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12054 (phone 518-439-2123). Bids received after this time will not be accepted and returned to Bidder unopened. Bids will be opened publicly and read aloud after specified receipt time. All interested parties are invited to attend.
Bidding Document drawings and specifications may be examined on and after February 1, 2006, free of charge at the following locations:
Bethlehem Central School District
65 Elm Avenue
Delmar, New York 12054
Collins + Scoville Architects, PC
40 Beaver Street
Albany, New York 12207
Sano-Rubin Construction Co., Inc.
624 Delaware Avenue
Albany, NY 12209
Eastern Contractor's Association
6 Airline Drive
Albany, New York 12205
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North Syracuse, New York 13212
F.W. Dodge Reports
6 Wembley Court
Albany, New York 12205
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20 Farrell Street
South Burlington, Vermont 05403
Champlain Valley Builders Exchange
5436 Peru Street
Suite 2 P.O. Box 1097
Plattsburgh, New York 12901
Complete sets of Bidding Document drawings and specifications may be obtained from:
W. L. Coughtry's, Inc.
268 Central Avenue
Albany, New York 12206
(518) 463-2192
Prime bidders may obtain up to two complete sets of Bidding Document drawings and specifications for a refundable deposit of fifty dollars (\$50.00) for each set of documents. Only prime contractors who submit a bid will receive a refund of their deposit. Checks for deposit by prime bidders should be made payable to Bethlehem Central School District. In addition, Bidding Document drawings and speci-

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fications will be available online at iSqFt. For further information contact David Witzel at Sano-Rubin Construction Co., Inc (518) 462-6471.
Each Bidder must deposit a Bid Security in the amount and form per the conditions provided in Instructions To Bidders. All Bids will remain subject to acceptance for forty-five (45) days after the Bid Opening. Owner may, in its sole discretion, release any Bid and return Bid Security prior to that date.
A Pre-Bid Conference is not scheduled for the project. Please direct any questions regarding the bids to Richard Peckham at Collins + Scoville Architects (518) 463-8068.
Bids shall not include New York State sales and compensating use taxes on materials and supplies incorporated into the Work, the Owner being exempt therefrom. The Bidders must comply with New York State Department of Labor Prevailing Wage Rate Schedule and conditions of employment.
The School Board of Bethlehem Central School

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District reserves the right to waive any informalities or irregularities in the Bids received, or to reject all Bids without explanation.
By Order Of:
Bethlehem Central School District
LD-12814
(February 1, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of RMR Buffalo Properties LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/25/06. Office location: Albany County, LLC formed in Maryland (MD) on 1/23/06. 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. MD address of LLC: c/o CSC-Lawyers Incorporating Service Co., 11 E. Chase St., Baltimore, MD 21202. Arts. of Org. filed with MD Secy. of State, State House, Annapolis, MD 21401. Purpose: any lawful activity.
LD-12816
(February 1, 2006)

Skaters shine in Lake Placid □ Time

(From Page 40)

Members of the Albany Figure Skating Club, based at the Bethlehem Area YMCA, recently competed in the 2006 Lake Placid ISI (Ice Skating Institute) Team Competition Jan. 13-15. The club ranked sixth in total points out of the 27 teams competing and was fourth in final percentage standings.

The results for individual skaters are as follows:

Samantha Carach — third place Freestyle 1; second Interpretive 1

Victoria Carach — first Interpretive FS3; second Freestyle 3

Shea Coleman-Foley — first Delta; second Spotlight Delta

Hannah Conroy — fifth Interpretive 4; fifth Freestyle 4

Lindsey DeBerry — fourth Freestyle 4

Quinn Desiderio — first Interpretive FS4; second Artistic 4; fourth Freestyle 4

Gina DiNapoli — third

Interpretive 5; third Freestyle 5

Aislyn DiRisio — first Artistic 4; third Interpretive 4; third Freestyle 4

Morgan Gillies — second Freestyle 1; second Stroking 1; third Solo Compulsory 1

Alyssa Hopsicker — first Interpretive 4; fourth Freestyle 4

Katie Howard — second Interpretive 4; second Artistic 4; third Freestyle 4

Micaela Jones — fourth Freestyle 4

Taylor Kennedy — first Artistic 4; second Interpretive 4; third Freestyle 4

Emma Kimble — first Stroking Alpha; second Solo Compulsory Alpha; third Alpha

Desiree Larrivee — first Delta; first Stroking Delta; third Solo Compulsory Delta

Christina Lombardi — first Freestyle 6; first Footwork 6; first Artistic 6

Isabelle Lombardi — second Freestyle 4; fourth Artistic 4

Stephanie Lombardi — second Artistic 6; fourth Footwork 6

Lauren Mahoney — first Interpretive 4; third Freestyle 4

Madeline Olberg — first Freestyle 4; first Solo Compulsory 4

Mekala Papanian — first Artistic 5

Klarrisa Ricks — third Interpretive 6

Sarah Rubin — second Artistic 5

Serafini family — third Family Spotlight

Helen Serafini — first Artistic 6

Olivia Serafini — second Artistic 6

Danielle Sgroi — first Alpha; first Solo Compulsory Alpha; first Stroking Alpha

Katie Sheridan — second Solo Compulsory 3; fifth Freestyle 3

Rachel Staudt — first Freestyle 2; second Artistic 2

Kacie Weatherhead — first Artistic 3; second Solo Compulsory 3; fourth Freestyle 3

Adrienne White — third Interpretive 4; fourth Freestyle 4

Samantha Zayas — second Delta.

The club is offering a spring ice package at the Albany County Hockey Facility in Colonie from March 22 to April 21 and is in the process of planning a summer clinic program. For information, contact Janet Sotola at jsotola@nycap.rr.com or visit the club's web site at www.albanyfsc.org.

week after the attack.

"It was tough, but that's just life," Kauth said. "I'm lucky that I've found something that I get so much joy out of."

When she didn't make the Olympic team roster for 2002, Kauth moved on to graduate school, but hockey was never far from her mind. She kept playing and made the national team roster in time for the 2004 World Championships, where she contributed two goals and two assists in the tournament.

Kauth suffered another setback later in 2004 when she tore a knee ligament in a touch football game and had surgery to repair the damage. She recovered in time to record a goal and two assists for the U.S. during its gold medal run at last year's World Championships.

Kauth continued her strong play during a series of exhibition games last fall. She was one of the top 10 scorers on the U.S. squad with three goals and four assists during the 18-game series that included several meetings against Canada and Finland — two of the teams that are likely to challenge the U.S. team at next month's Olympics.

Though she knows she can be a goal scorer at the international level, Kauth said she wants to con-

centrate on all facets of her game.

"I would love to help offensively, but I'd like to make certain I take care of my other responsibilities (on the ice)," she said.

Ultimately, Kauth and her U.S. teammates would like to bring back gold medals from Italy, but the task ahead of them is not an easy one. Besides defending gold medallist Canada, the U.S. must deal with improved squads from Finland and Sweden. "They have really gotten better over the last four years," Kauth said of the two Scandinavian countries.

The Canadian team in particular would like another shot at the U.S. after losing to the Americans in the gold medal game at last year's World Championships.

"(The rivalry has) been really intense over the last 15 years because these two teams seem to always be involved in a championship game," Kauth said.

Once the Olympics are over, Kauth said she isn't certain what will happen with her hockey career. "The last couple of years have been spent trying to make myself a better hockey player between then and Feb. 10 (when the Olympics begin)," she said.

What Kauth is certain of is that she is about to have the experience of a lifetime in Italy.

"At this point, it's nothing but excitement," she said.

Challenger league sign-ups

Registration is underway for the 2006 Capital District Challenger Little League season.

The six-week baseball program is open to children age 5 to 18 who have physical or mental disabilities. Teams are divided by ability, not by age. Games are played at Cook Park in Colonie.

The season begins May 6 and continues through June 10. There will be an end-of-season picnic June 17.

For information, contact Mark Keegan at 869-7020 or Milt Schmidt at 869-8445.

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HIGH SCHOOL VARSITY SPORTS RESULTS FOR THE WEEK OF JAN. 23-29

Friday, Jan. 27

BOYS BASKETBALL

Shaker 53, Bethlehem 42

Bethlehem leader: Kevin Stempsey 21 points.

Voorheesville 53, RCS 47

Voorheesville leaders: Andy Catellier 14 points, Mike Hopper 12 points.

Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk leaders: Eric Stott 15 points, Corwin Henty 12 points.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Bethlehem 52, Shaker 43

Bethlehem leader: Alex McCullough 15 points.

RCS 51, Voorheesville 39

Voorheesville leader: Brittany Vogel 12 points.

Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk leaders: Jeannine Rider 15 points, Trish Norton 12 points, Katelyn Matousek 11 points.

BOYS SWIMMING

Bethlehem 108,

Shenendehowa 75

Bethlehem individual winners: Larry Gloeckler (200-yard freestyle, 500 freestyle), Sean Kennedy (200 individual medley, 100 butterfly), Tim DeGroff (50 freestyle), Drew Fecteau (100 freestyle), Drew Acquaviva (100 backstroke), Paul Cafiero (100 breaststroke).

Niskayuna 148,

Guilderville 123

Guilderville individual winners: Sean Molloy (diving), Vadim Yafayev (100-yard breaststroke).

Saturday, Jan. 28

GYMNASTICS

Bethlehem 164,

Shaker 161.45

Top three all-around: Chandler Smith (BC) 34.25, Kendall Day (BC) 34.1, Alyssa Nasca (Shaker) 33.5.

HOCKEY

Guilderland 4, Bethlehem 1

Bethlehem scoring: Matt Bub 1-0, Dan Royle 0-1.

Bethlehem saves: Tim Crowley 7, T.J. Caswell 18.

WRESTLING

Big 10 Invitational

Team scores: Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk 214.5, Amsterdam 168, Huntington 160.5, Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake 156, Warwick Valley 139, Schenectady 115, Guilderland 90, Bethlehem 84.5, Cobleskill-Richmondville 79, Averill Park 66, Schalmont 66, Warrensburg 61, Albany 48, CBA 46, Johnstown 33, Albany Academy 24, Shaker 11.5.

RCS place finishers: Cody Legg (first place, 140 pounds), Nate Graham (first, 160), Nick LaMountain (first, 189), Andy Lyman

(second, 96), George LaMountain (second, 135), Dillon Ruxton (second, 171), Chris Massie (third, 215), Emmanuel Hernandez (fourth, 112), Tyler Lane (fourth, 130). Bethlehem place finishers: Giles Chase (second place, 119 pounds), Tolan Sharlow (third, 112), Dave Sterrett (third, 135), Pat Mancilla (fourth, 275).

Corinth Tournament

Team scores: Corinth 172, Lincoln-Sudbury (Mass.) 168, Shenendehowa B 166, Queensbury B 115.5.

Cohoes 103, Broadalbin-Perth 84.5, Fonda-Fultonville 65, St. Joseph's by the Sea 62, Rensselaer 62, Catskill 51, Waterford 32.5, Voorheesville 25, Loudonville Christian School 16.

Voorheesville place finishers: Alex Zvinovsky (third place, 171 pounds), Charlie McGrail (fourth, 215).

Sunday, Jan. 29

INDOOR TRACK

Suburban Council meet

Boys team scores: Colonie 109, Shaker 69.5, Saratoga 56, Niskayuna 46, Burnt Hills 36, Shen 30, Ballston Spa 30, Bethlehem 26, Averill Park 22, Columbia 21, Guilderland 15.5, Mohonasen 4.

Girls team scores: Saratoga 92, Colonie 64, Burnt Hills 61, Shaker 52, Shen 43, Columbia 37, Bethlehem 36, Niskayuna 29, Ballston Spa 18, Averill Park 13, Mohonasen 10, Guilderland 7.



Bethlehem's Erik Russo, left, skates past Guilderland's Jeff Geisendorfer during last Saturday's game at the Bethlehem Area YMCA. Guilderland defeated Bethlehem 4-1, despite being outshot 41-29. *Jim Franco*

Stellar

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ting team will prevail at the class A Sectionals — Shen or Ballston Spa. Both have rosters loaded with veteran talent, but the Plainsmen have a slight edge with middleweight Kareem Naguib, who transferred from a school in Michigan where he qualified for the state tournament there twice. Look for both schools to be heavily represented in the class A championship bouts.

Finally, distance runners from Saratoga County have been performing well on the national stage. Shenendehowa's Dan McManamon finished fourth in the junior mile at last weekend's Boston Indoor Games in a field that featured runners from as far away as California and Ireland and set a Section II record in the

process. Meanwhile, Saratoga Springs' Nicole Blood won the girls junior mile, while Lindsey Ferguson placed third and Hannah Davidson finished fifth. This comes one week after McManamon won the boys mile at a race in New York City, while Saratoga boys swept the top three places in the mile at the Yale Invitational.

Let's not forget Guilderland's Brian Rhodes-Devey, either. He only has the top time in the boys 2-mile race among the nation's high school runners and was on top of the national leaderboard for the boys mile until McManamon won in New York City. Perhaps there will be a duel between Rhodes-Devey and McManamon at the Millrose Mile at Madison Square Garden later this month.

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Sports *in the* Spotlight

Sports briefs

Indians win Big 10 Invy

The Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk wrestling team took top honors at last Saturday's Big 10 Invitational at Albany High School.

Led by most outstanding wrestler Nate Graham, the Indians won the team title with 214.5 points, more than 46 points ahead of runner-up Amsterdam. Bethlehem placed eighth with 84.5 points.

Graham earned MOW honors for the 145 to 275 weight divisions after taking the 160-pound division title with a 5-1 victory over Schenectady's Scott Harvey. Cody Legg (140) and Nick LaMountain (189) also won their weight classes.

Andy Lyman (96), George LaMountain (135) and Dillon Ruxton (171) placed second for RCS. Chris Massie took third place in the 215-pound division.

Bethlehem had one finalist in Giles Chase (119), who lost to Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake's Kyle Vuillaume 6-4, and three others who reached the consolation bracket finals. Tolan Sharlow defeated RCS's Emmanuel Hernandez 4-2 to take third place in the 112-pound division, and Dave Sterrett edged Amsterdam's Mike Palmerino 3-2 in the 135-pound consolation finals.

Pat Mancilla placed fourth in the 275-pound division for Bethlehem, while Tyler Lane was fourth in the 130-pound division for RCS.

At the Corinth Tournament, the Voorheesville wrestling team placed 12th with 25 points.

Alex Zvinovsky led the Blackbirds by taking third place in the 171-pound weight class with a 2-1 win over Shenendehowa's Dan Peyron. Charlie McGrail (215) finished fourth.

BC edges Shaker in gymnastics

The Bethlehem gymnastics team edged Shaker in all four individual disciplines to win a dual meet last Saturday in Latham.

Bethlehem finished with a team score of 164 points, while Shaker accumulated a score of 161.45.

Chandler Smith led Bethlehem with an all-around score of 34.25, while teammate Kendall Day placed second overall with a score of 34.1. Shaker's Alyssa Nasca was third with a score of 33.5.

Her time has come

Kauth earns spot on U.S. Olympic hockey team

By ROB JONAS

Kathleen Kauth's hard work and determination have paid off.

The 26-year-old Saratoga Springs native was one of 20 players named to the United States Olympic women's hockey team that will be competing next month in Italy.

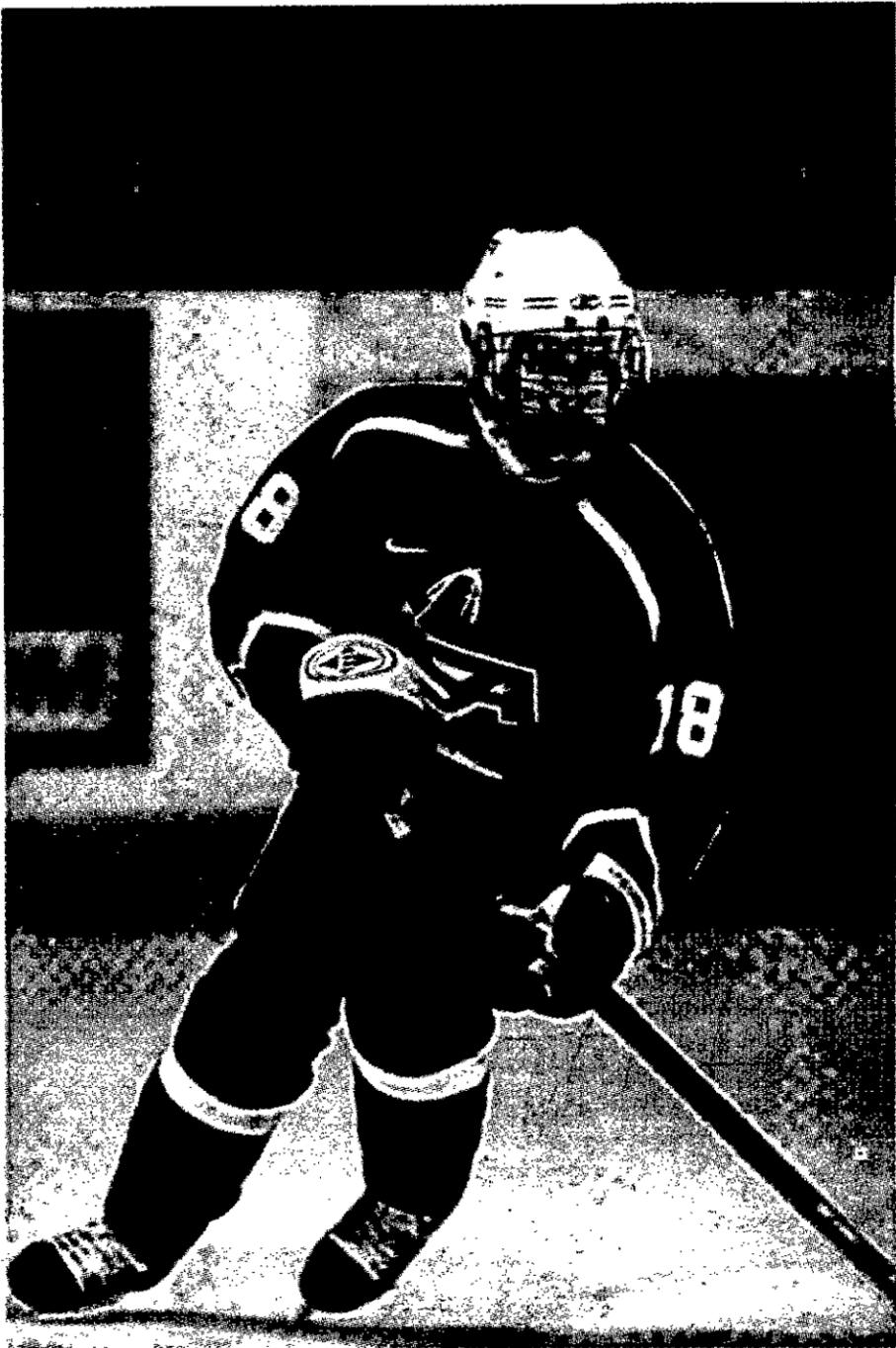
"It's been fantastic," said Kauth in a phone interview from Minnesota, where the U.S. team was staying after playing an exhibition game earlier this month. "Technically, I've been on the (national) team for two years, but that doesn't necessarily mean that you're automatically on the Olympic team."

Kauth can attest to that fact. She was a member of the 2001 national team, but when the roster was announced for the 2002 Olympic team that competed in Salt Lake City, she learned that she was one of the final players cut from the roster.

Since that disappointment, Kauth devoted herself to making the 2006 Olympic team. She returned to the national team in 2004 after getting her masters degree from Boston University and helped the United States win the 2005 World Championships against Canada.

Most of the players on this year's Olympic team were part of the 2005 world championship squad, but like Kauth, they are newcomers to the quadrennial event. Only nine of the 20 players were on the 2002 team that took the silver medal in Salt Lake City, and only four players have been Olympians twice.

Kauth said the Olympic veterans are helping her and the other



Saratoga Springs native Kathleen Kauth is headed to Italy with the United States womens hockey team for next month's Olympics.

Photo courtesy of USA Hockey

newcomers. "They're the natural leaders because of what they've been through," she said. "We have a high respect for the experiences that they've had."

Kauth's own experiences in hockey began when she was a young girl growing up in the Spa City.

"All the way through to the age of 15, I was part of boys hockey teams," Kauth said. "But when I hit 15, there was a growth spurt, and the boys were getting bigger. So for my sophomore, junior and senior years of high school, I went up to Lake Placid on weekends and played with a girls team."

After graduating Saratoga High School, Kauth moved on to Brown University, where she joined the school's womens hockey team. It was the first time that she could devote more than just her weekends to her sport.

"You're on the ice six days a week, and there was an off-ice (training) program too," she said. "I really enjoyed it. It was the first time I was in a women's hockey league, and it was something I was really proud of."

While Kauth was attending Brown, the International Olympic Committee added womens hockey to its winter games. The

U.S. won the first gold medal by beating arch rival Canada at the 1998 games in Nagano, Japan, and like other aspiring female hockey players, Kauth began dreaming about playing for her country in the Olympics.

After graduating Brown in 2001, Kauth tried out and made the U.S. national team as a forward, but the joy was fleeting. On Sept. 11, Kauth's father Don was one of several thousand killed in the World Trade Center terrorist attack. Kauth turned to hockey to help get through her grief by returning to the national team one

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Of turnarounds and stellar performances

By ROB JONAS

There are some feel-good stories around the Section II sports world these days.

Take the Burnt Hills/Scotia-Glenville hockey team, for example. What once was a perennial doormat has blossomed into a true contender for the Division 2 (small school) title, thanks to an offense that features three of the top 10 scorers in the area (Steve Nichols, Eric Nichols and Bobby Choquette) and a defense that is supporting goaltender Nick Wilson with strong play. Wins over such traditional large-school powers as Saratoga and Niskayuna/Schenectady only cements BH/SG as a favorite.

Moving to the western side of

From the sports desk...



Rotterdam, the Schalmont boys basketball team is enjoying one of the most dramatic in-season turnarounds I've seen. After losing four of their first five Colonial Council games, the Sabres have won eight in a row to pull within a game of first-place Voorheesville entering their Tuesday night showdown with the Blackbirds.

In a normal year, I would consider Schalmont to be a contender for the class A title, but it's going to be hard for the Sabres to do it with the likes of Glens Falls and Averill Park looming in the play-

offs. Still, I wouldn't put it past Schalmont to get to the finals with Bryan Wotherspoon and Josh Catino leading the way.

Over in eastern Albany County, the Bethlehem girls basketball team has improved greatly over last season with a starting lineup that features two freshmen (Meg Olsen and Alex McCullough) and a junior (Leah Gillham). The Lady Eagles have shown a never-say-die attitude in wins over Guilderland and Colonie, which will serve them well during the playoffs. And with the class AA field being as wide open as it is this season, there is a chance Bethlehem could make a push to the finals if everything breaks right with match-ups.

I would be remiss if I didn't

mention the Guilderland hockey team's hot streak, which reached six consecutive Capital District High School Hockey League wins with Saturday's 4-1 victory over Bethlehem. Like the Schalmont boys basketball team, Guilderland had a horrible start to the season, but the Skating Dutchmen have steadily improved with help from veteran goaltender Adam Gray and forward Tim Montgomery. Guilderland may not be ready to challenge LaSalle, Saratoga or Shenendehowa for the Section II title this year, but the Skating Dutchmen's chances of making a long playoff run have improved.

Up in Saratoga County, it will be interesting to see which wres-

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