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Kidz Expo

It's that time of year again. The excitement of the holidays is long over, the weather is cold, and kids are climbing the walls from boredom. How does a convention center filled with free fun activities for the whole family sound? Like a breath of fresh air!

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Boys basketball

Andy Catellier was ice cold from the floor the entire night, except for one critical moment.

The senior guard drained a three-pointer to break a 43-43 tie in last Saturday's Section II, Class B boys basketball quarterfinal game at Hudson Valley Community College.

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Project to go before public

Vista Campus scoping session planned for later this month

By STEPHANIE LUBIS

Residents of Bethlehem will soon have a chance to find out the latest information on the proposed Vista Technology Campus. A scoping document has been prepared by BBL Construction, and the scoping session is planned for March 22 at 6 p.m.

The scoping document is things that the town wants the applicant to review," said town Supervisor Theresa Egan. "The next phase of the project wouldn't start until after all written comments are received."

The document is required,

said town planner Jeff Lipnicky at last week's town board meeting. The applicant submits the draft scope of a project, and by law it has to be presented to the public with time for a written and public comment period.

Additionally, planning board chairman Parker Mathusa and board member Dan Plummer have spoken with NYSEDA to talk about possible energy conservation ideas for the tech park.

"People do have to look at alternatives, and there is a lot of support for it. I want to move forward with this."

Sam Messina

"In the scoping document, there is reference to energy conservation," said Plummer. "This would

be a good opportunity to hook in to NYSEDA."

Board members will be looking into grant possibilities from NYSEDA between now and the

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Town assessor says 'don't panic' to reval

After an 8 year lapse, Leafer knows of public's concerns

By STEPHANIE LUBIS

As Bethlehem undergoes its first revaluation since 1998, town Assessor Dave Leafer has one message he wants to get across: don't panic.

Despite his assertion that the reval does not necessarily mean a sharp increase in property taxes, he knows people will be concerned.

Property values in Bethlehem climbed between 50 and 80 percent of their sale prices this year, and the town's overall tax base went up from \$1.3 billion to \$3.1 billion, Leafer said. The tax base comes from the value of all the taxable properties in town. Bethlehem's big increase comes

primarily from the residential increases in the past years.

An increase in the tax base means a drop in the tax rate.

This year's tax rate has actually dropped from all the new taxable assessments, Leafer said. Because that rate has dropped, the new rate would be applied to the tax formula, so the overall tax bill would remain roughly in the same ballpark as previous years, give or take. So even though assessments went up, the actual tax rate has gone down.

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Dave Leafer

Leafer anticipates that the new tax rate will be about \$22

per \$1,000 of assessed value.

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A meeting was held last week to inform people about the disclosure notice process, but the

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Sun and warmth seekers wind their ways south

By JIM CUOZZO

How did you spend your winter vacation week off from school? If you were the Jarvis family of East Greenbush, your answer would be Disney World. The Jarvises were one of several hundred people who made the trip in the winter months from Albany to Orlando, Florida to catch a break from the frigid northeast chill that engulfs Capital District residents from November through March.

"I loved it, the weather was perfect all week," said Dan Jarvis who stayed in Disney World's Barbados resort with his wife Patricia and their daughter Jessica. "This was the first time I've seen it, and I went every-

where to every theme park, The Magic Kingdom, Animal Kingdom, you name it."

"My favorite place in Disney World was MGM studios," said Jessica Jarvis.

The Jarvises had 80-degree weather every day with sunshine, compared to the biting arctic cold of 20 degrees with wind chills in the single digits when they arrived back on Southwest Airlines Friday

afternoon, Feb. 24 at Albany International Airport.

"That's all right," said Dan Jarvis. "I like to have the four

"With higher gas prices this year, not as many families are driving south, and many are choosing to fly because it is more economical."

Tammy Melo

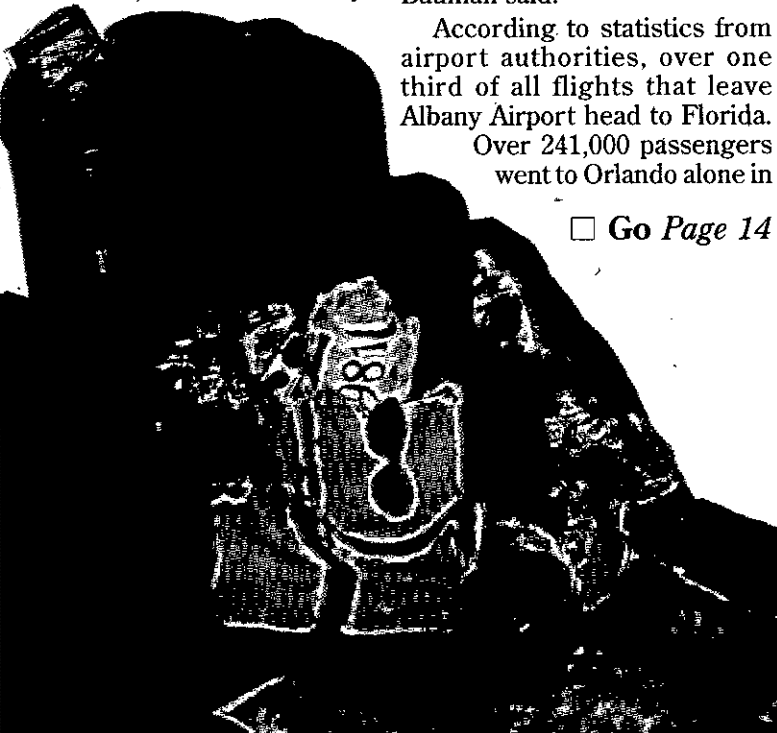
seasons, they are nice."

Michelle Bauman, publicist for Disney World's Albany market, said historically, attendance at the theme park has always been strong from the Northeast.

"Anytime kids are out of school, that is usually peak attendance times for us," Bauman said.

According to statistics from airport authorities, over one third of all flights that leave Albany Airport head to Florida. Over 241,000 passengers went to Orlando alone in

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Police Blotter

Four arrested for burglary

On Thursday, Feb. 23, police arrested four local teenagers on burglary charges.

At approximately 12:30 a.m., the owner of an Adams Street residence in Delmar returned home to observe three males running from the side door of the home, police said. As the homeowner entered the residence, a fourth male was seen and confronted as he fled out the front door.

As Officers Frank Muller and Michael Cozzi arrived on the scene, they located and identified the subjects involved.

The four 16 year-old males were arrested without further incident. Charges were filed for burglary, attempted grand larceny, petty larceny and unlawful possession of marijuana. Charges are pending against the fifth male, age 14, police said.

The four subjects were arraigned in Town Court where

they were released under the supervision of the Albany County Probation Department. A return court date has been scheduled for March 21 at 4 p.m. Due to youthful offender status, mugshots and names are not available at this time.

School board plans budget meetings

In an effort to increase parent and community involvement in the school budget process, the Bethlehem Central board of education will hold two evening meetings in early March designed to give residents the opportunity to ask questions and give their input in a less formal and more comfortable setting.

The "Budget Conversations with the Board of Education" will be held from 7 to 9 p.m., Monday, March 6, in the middle school library media center and on Thursday, March 9, in the Slingerlands cafeteria.

Following a brief budget presentation by the district, board of education members and administrators will join small groups of community members to listen to their feedback on the budget proposals currently under

consideration.

As has been the case in recent years, the district is working hard to find ways to become more cost-efficient, despite unavoidable cost increases due to inflation, health insurance, pensions and rising energy prices.

At issue is how to develop a budget that will help students continue moving forward, said board of education President Richard W. Svenson.

"Our hope is that people will feel more comfortable in this kind of a setting to share their thoughts and opinions about what they believe is right for BC," Svenson said.



Don Roberts of Delmar checks out flowers at the State Museum Sunday.

Youth Court training new members

Bethlehem Youth Court is holding new member training for students in grades nine, 10, and 11, who live in Bethlehem Central School District, Wednesday, March 1, at 6:30 p.m. at Bethlehem Town Court and will continue every Wednesday through April 5. Training will culminate in an all-day Saturday session April 8 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. A graduation ceremony is scheduled for April 11.

Training is on a first-come first-serve basis, no prior experience is necessary, but availability to attend all training sessions is required. Information about

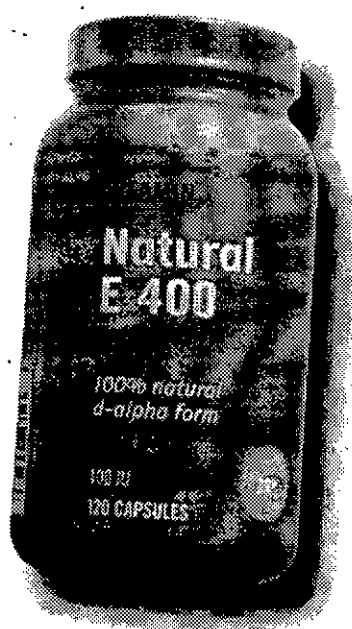
Bethlehem Youth Court can be found at www.bethlehemyouthcourt.org or by calling Stacey Whitely at 478-9544.

Bethlehem Youth Court is an alternative sentencing program available for young people who have committed a first time low level crime or offense. While offering appropriate sanctions for young offenders in a peer led environment, Bethlehem Youth Court provides a civic learning opportunity for those students that participates as Youth Court members.

Correction

The burglary reported at the 333 Café in Delmar in last week's blotter was not reported by the suspect, Michael Graham, but by another resident of the complex who lives directly above the café.

Graham resides in an apartment not directly above the café.



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Teacher has 'life changing experience' in Japan

By STEPHANIE LUBIS

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Susan Hokanson, an art teacher at Bethlehem Central Middle School, recently took a three-week trip to Japan as a Japanese Fulbright Scholar to try to find out.

"The Japanese people I talked to all had to think about it before they could tell me what it is," said Hokanson.

She describes it as a rustic quality, a slight imperfection, the kind which imparts a rich and real quality upon a piece, and one she is interested in teaching her students.

The Japan Fulbright Memorial Fund was created in honor of the U.S. Fulbright program, in which many Japanese studied and went on to become successful in every field. Hokanson heard about the program just recently and applied.

"It was a pretty extensive application," she said. "They want to know exactly what you will be doing with the money they give you, so you have to develop a plan."

Many of the projects go

through trial and error, so they must be revised several times. Originally, Hokanson wanted to start an exchange with a Japanese art teacher so it would evolve into shared lessons, but the Japanese middle school teacher was not comfortable with the idea, she said, so she is still working on that part. Her other goal is to help her students understand the Japanese aesthetic.

In addition to calligraphy, which is required, her students were introduced to sumi-e, which is Japanese brushwork which captures essence and spirit with just a few brush strokes, drawing Japanese people and learning gesture drawings, and working with kimono fabrics that were given to Hokanson as a gift from the host-grandmother she stayed with in Japan.

"Getting those fabrics was like receiving a sack of jewels," she said. "I wanted her to save them for her own daughters, but she insisted on giving them to me."

Hokanson took many pictures of Japanese architecture to inspire her eighth grade architecture unit, which has studied many Japanese architects. The art club is working on anime, or Japanese animation. Short videos of her trip as well as Japanese music is incorporated in the lesson plans.

"It's a life changing experience, and it will be incorporated into everything I do," she said.

Hokanson was among 200 educators to receive the Japanese Fulbright. All 200 people traveled to Japan together and were then split into 10 groups, each group



Japanese students work on a project.

specifically created so each person would get the most diverse experience.

"They had a lot of little ways to nurturing us and getting us to know their country," she said. "There were different walks of life in each of the groups, so we all got to learn as much as possible."

Touring Tokyo and Osaka included getting up at 3 a.m. to attend a fish auction, visiting tiny shops in old Tokyo, visiting artists that taught about all forms of Japanese art, including bamboo making, batik, and brushwork with Indigo, and visiting area schools to observe. After her day, Hokanson would write in her Web blog for about an hour as a way to keep her students up to date with her latest travel experience.

Through all this, Hokanson has come one step closer to identifying her personal wabi sabi.

One of her most interesting moments was visiting the Temple of Illumination. At the temple, their group was led down a very

dark and narrow flight of stairs.

"It was pitch black, and we had to inch forward," she said. "It was almost frightening, because you feel like you're lost and disconnected."

After inching down the corridor for awhile, Hokanson began to notice a light coming from somewhere, and as the light grew brighter, she saw a large rock in the middle of the room, with Sanskrit writing on it, and the placement of the rock made it look like it was suspended in air. Past the rock was another dark corridor to go through before coming to the outside again. Hokanson describes the experience as magical.

"It was like a spiritual rebirth," she said. "It was a feeling of total awe coming out of the darkness and seeing this natural beautiful rock that didn't look like it was connected to anything. It was simplicity."

Doing only what is necessary to convey what is essential. That is wabi sabi.

Mobil shop to get a makeover

Old garage to be converted into convenience store, deli

By STEPHANIE LUBIS

Bob might be gone, but the Mobil lives on.

The former Bob's Mobil, located at 317 Delaware Ave., was purchased by Alta East Inc., and just recently received planning board approval to convert the garage portion to a convenience store and deli.

The building would remain mostly the same, but one of the entrances will be closed off, which would increase green space. Additional parking will be added and one pump dispenser will also be added, which architects say will not increase the overall amount of gas served but will help with traffic flow at peak times.

The existing sign will also be changed to a monument sign, which flowers and other greenery can be planted around. The monument sign would be much lower than the current sign.

Concerns from the planning board were mainly with aesthetics. Along with general building repairs such as painting and other maintenance, the board suggested putting in a more attractive canopy and replacing the windows and the brick façade to create a more colonial look.

"It might be nice if you could look into some other canopy designs," said planning board member Brian Collier.

However, Mark Dombal, who presented the project, said in addition to Mobil wanting a recognizable feature, the cost of building a new canopy would be prohibitive.

The project was tabled.

In another matter, Spectra Engineering updated the board on the Meadowbrook III subdivision. The project has been in the works for many years.

"We want to move this forward," said David Carpenter, a lawyer representing Gladstone Developers. "We wanted to make the process more efficient by asking for waivers, and now we want to determine the application is complete so the board can start reviewing it."

In addition to the moratorium that was lifted last fall, the project has also undergone engineering changes and other changes to the design.

"There is a lot of technical stuff," said John Scherer of Spectra Engineering. "We want to fit this project into the new regulations, and we think we have accomplished that."

The subdivision will be on Blessing Road and will have 40 lots on 25 acres, plus about 40 total acres of open space. The area is already served by a water district and the water mains on Blessing Road will tie in with that. In addition to a lot of open space, there will also be a homeowners association.

Delmar dentist heads south to help Katrina victims

By STEPHANIE LUBIS

Gregg Sagor is a selfish man.

As a dentist in Delmar and lifelong resident, having a thriving practice and a great family just isn't enough. Sagor recently got back from New Orleans, where he was part of huge effort organized by Remote Area Medical that provides free medical and dental services to people in remote areas.

"I knew I would get more out of it than I put in," he said.

Sagor admits he has a great life. As a lifelong "Delmartian," he started his dental practice with his father and has remained in the area ever since. Much of his practice centers around aesthetics, but in New Orleans, the need is for basic dental care and not just for poorer folks.

New Orleans isn't a remote area, but the devastation of Katrina has rendered the area nearly



Dentist Gregg Sagor works with a patient in New Orleans.

helpless. Thousands of people are in desperate need of medical and dental assistance.

"People were in the middle of procedures when the hurricane hit," said Sagor. "There are no dentists left there. People have lost their insurance. You can't build a dental practice out of nothing."

Sagor traveled to New Orleans and joined many other dentists at the New Orleans Zoo to set up their makeshift work areas. The conditions were not good. It was cold, and the clinic was set up outdoors. Some of the equipment had to be set up on dirt. Also, they couldn't take X-rays because there were just too many people, making surgical procedures difficult. Still, after long exhausting days, they were happy to be there.

Sagor said it was like if every house and business in Albany,

Schenectady and Troy and surrounding areas were uninhabitable. He said it was like Delmar but without any people.

"I kept trying to picture it if it happened here," he said.

Literally thousands of people lined up for free dental and medical care, some coming at 3 a.m. to stand in line. The lines were two or three miles long, Sagor said, but no one was bitter. They were grateful.

It wasn't just the dental procedures that were important. Sagor's roommate in New Orleans, Darryl Pirok from Virginia, brought home the fact that they were there for more than dental help.

"He taught me to talk to people," said Sagor. "These people want to talk. They are so grateful

for the things they do have."

One man he talked to broke his leg during the hurricane. Everything was such chaos that he was unable to get the leg set properly. Still, that man is not bitter.

"He said he is grateful to still have his job as a cabdriver," said Sagor. "He said that since it's his left leg that was broken, it's OK."

Sagor wants to stress that his involvement is not what's important. It's the people who they are helping, and the people who sacrificed their time to go down and help. Sagor said the amount of money a dentist gives up by canceling a week of appointments at home and bringing staff and equipment to go volunteer can be quite a lot. One dentist he mentioned from Chicago, who is a very high earner, went down for two days earlier in the year, but when he got home he couldn't sleep. So he called his dental staff very early that morning and told them whoever wanted to come back to New Orleans with him to help was welcome, and he would take them. Six out of his eight staff made the trip back.

"The people capture you," said Sagor. "Not just the people you are working with but the people you are working for. I've heard story after story of people who are willing to help, and the people getting help are so grateful. I've never got so many hugs in my life, and I've made some real friends from the experience, ones that I won't forget."

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Batter up: Dad's in the on-deck circle

By KATHERINE MCCARTHY

Commentary:

Mom's The Word



The sainted Dr. John Larsen told me it would happen. Sixteen years ago, I stood in our first pediatrician's office in New York City, and hesitantly confided my worry in him.

"I think my husband feels kind of left out," I said, holding my not-yet-year-old firstborn, swaying in that perpetual soothing motion that comes to mothers when their baby's born.

"When the baby cries or needs comforting, he really only settles down if I take him."

The doctor smiled and explained that this was normal.

"So I'm not giving the baby an Oedipus complex, or somehow keeping him from his dad?" I continued to fret.

"You carried the baby, you feed the baby, you're home all day with the baby," Dr. Larsen said. "Some day, your husband will teach him to throw a ball, and they'll have a strong father-son bond."

For a long time, I continued to not believe him, as I remained the go-to person on more issues than I could keep track of, for both our sons. When I got overwhelmed, I would often remind them that they had another parent, and send them to their Dad.

"He'll just say to check with you," I heard more than once, and hoped that, if I truly were the iron-fisted maiden running the household, I was at least a benevolent despot.

Dad's star began rising when they figured out that while Mom knew where the pencils were for homework, and was the only one who truly understood how the washer and dryer worked, Dad was the one to see for a good time.

"Mom's such a drag, and Dad is so much fun," I said when he OK'd the hot apple pies for dessert at McDonald's, or brought home the packages of Entenmann's doughnuts when I had sent him out only for milk and bread.

"I'll do the grocery shopping, you know," he has offered on many occasions, and in spite of the children fervently seconding the motion, that is a chore I keep.

"We can't afford to have you grocery shop," I tell him bluntly, and appease him by letting him do the grocery

shopping at the holidays, when we have the Christmas club funds to cover the cost of fancy nuts, ribbon candy, and "just a little something that I thought might make Mommy happy."

It's hard to hold a grudge against a man who offers Oreo cookies to the Queen of the Laundry.

Our boys, too, have come to recognize exactly how wisely I chose their father, and although I apologize in advance to any future daughters-in-law for the laundry piled up in the bedroom instead of the hamper, I'll bet you'll find attributes in my sons that I love in their dad.

Mostly, it's a sense of humor that seems to be moving through the generations without getting diluted at all.

"Does he still make you laugh?" one of Chris' aunts by marriage asked this summer, not surprised when I said yes. "That was the No. 1 reason I married my husband," she said.

Nothing warms a home like shared laughter, and Chris' outlook on the world and quick wit keep us all grinning more than any family deserves. Christopher has picked up the ability to tell a joke well, and Cormac has long been master of the pun.

The three of them have attention spans that I admire. While I often think that they've been able to develop those because I've been multi-tasking on the mind-numbing chores like laundry, cooking dinner and paying bills, I love to see the three of them hash out ideas. When I hear Chris with our boys, I wish he had been a teacher, for he can carry the kids' questions to a destination that would never have occurred to me even existed.

This became crystal clear to me about seven years ago, when protests against the World Trade Organization went into high gear in Seattle. Going out to eat one evening, we listened to a report about it on

the radio, and the boys asked what it was about.

"Wait till we get inside, and we'll tell you," Chris said. In my mind, I prepared a two-minute precis on capitalism and trade. No need, and our dinner conversation went into the pros and cons of capitalism and free trade. In a million years, I would not have started the explanation the way Chris did, and it remains one of my favorite moments. "Five hundred years ago," he told our intent children, "with the advent of the mercantile system..."

That virtual trip to the Hanseatic League remains locked in family lore, and when a question requires a lengthy answer, we start with "Five hundred years ago..."

As the kids' schoolwork gets more complicated, Chris has become the go-to guy on projects and longer assignments. His ability to sit patiently with the boys and help them search for good information, then query them about it, enriches all our lives.

I suppose I should feel hurt that I've been revealed as the weakest link in our family chain. It actually suits me just fine, and in this family of staunch capitalists, it's kind of nice to draw on one Communist tenet: from each according to their ability...

It also brings a sort of balance to the family. As the at-home parent for a very long time, the boys got into the habit of coming to me. It's great to be relied upon, and I loved being The Answer Lady, but it's a great relief to know that somebody else can answer the questions, too. For a long time, I thought that I would always have a child at my side, build towers with a little boy, or be urging peaches instead of cookies as a snack. It's still a little surprising to read a newspaper undisturbed, or put the laundry away and not have somebody want to climb into the big, empty basket, or to have the boys go look for Dad instead of me when they have a question. But it's nice, too, to

watch or listen to them hang out together. The tighter their individual bonds to their father and me, the stronger our whole family is.

But that still leaves the matter of throwing a baseball. Our sons are not just unathletic, they're disdainful of athletics, as kind of a self-defense mechanism. They both had their less-than-brilliant T-ball seasons, and still treasure the trophies they got from it. But they were happy to leave it, and while they own baseball gloves, they had been a little blind to Chris' need to have a father-son catch.

"But look how they'll sit and discuss politics with you," I told Chris a couple of summers ago when he'd been rebuffed on the catch front.

But then a favorite childhood game of Chris' returned to his life: Strat-O-Matic baseball, a board game based on our national pastime.

With all of its cards, statistics, history, and Chris' stentorian voice narrating baseball games of the past, Cormac was hooked. From there, it was an easy step to the two of them watching baseball games together on warm summer evenings. The next step, a game of catch in the backyard, McCarthy style.

"What the heck?" I asked, looking out from the deck, to where Cormac stood in the treehouse, glove in hand, and Chris and Christopher stood strategically in different places in the yard, discussing how the scoring should go. "Bring the dog in," Chris called, grinning. "The balls are making her crazy."

Those were my boys of summer. Now, it's March, which means that opening day can't be far off. During vacation week, the boys huddled around the computer, playing "Prime Minister Forever," re-enacting the recent Canadian elections, virtually altering the fate of our neighbor to the north.

"Hey, I've got an idea," Chris said, bringing the boys back to America. "Yankee tickets are on sale. How about we buy tickets for an early spring game?"

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WEEKLY WEATHER

Chief Meteorologist Mike Bono

Albany Almanac

Record high/low/year

Day	AVERAGE HIGH 40°		AVERAGE LOW 21°	
	High/Year	Low/Year	High/Year	Low/Year
Wednesday, March 1	61°/1991	-9°/1948		
Thursday, March 2	65°/1991	-4°/1940		
Friday, March 3	64°/2002	-10°/1950		
Saturday, March 4	59°/1919	-20°/1950		
Sunday, March 5	71°/1964	-12°/1948		
Monday, March 6	63°/1974	-21°/1948		
Tuesday, March 7	62°/1974	-6°/1950		

SEASONAL SNOWFALL TO DATE

26.5 inches as of Friday, February 24th
20.3 inches below average

This week in weather

March 2, 1996 An east coast storm dumped 4.6 inches of snow at Central Park in New York City to bring its seasonal snowfall total to 66.3 inches, breaking the old season snowfall record of 63.2 inches set in 1947-48. They finished with 75.6 inches that season.

Sun & Moon

Day	Sunrise	Sunset
Wednesday	6:31am	5:45pm
Thursday	6:29am	5:46pm
Friday	6:28am	5:47pm
Saturday	6:26am	5:48pm
Sunday	6:24am	5:50pm
Monday	6:23am	5:51pm
Tuesday	6:21am	5:52pm

Moon Phases

March 6 th	First	March 14 th	Full

Planets	When	Where
Jupiter	Dawn	Dominates S
Saturn	Evening	High SE
Mars	Dusk	High S to W
Venus	Dawn	Bright SE
Mercury	Evening	Low W



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Ski Report

Area Ski Conditions

Resort	Base Depth	Lifts	Trails	Resort	Base Depth	Lifts	Trails
Gore Mtn.	24" - 55"	11	52	Berkshire E.	12" - 65"	5	25
Whiteface	37" - 52"	8	68	Sugarbush	6" - 30"	13	82
Stratton Mtn.	26" - 38"	14	80	Hunter Mtn.	0" - 90"	10	43
Mount Snow	20" - 34"	17	72	Belleayre	18" - 60"	8	34
Okemo	18" - 32"	18	101	Jiminy Peak	0" - 60"	8	34
West Mtn.	24" - 48"	5	13	Willard Mtn.	15" - 30"	4	8
Stowe	28" - 40"	12	39	Windham	25" - 70"	8	32
Killington	18" - 28"	29	122	Smugglers'	14" - 44"	8	48

Factoid

During the wind storm of Feb 17th, hundreds of trees were knocked down in Saratoga State Park. A wind gust of 98 mph was measured at the Saratoga Airport.

Tides at Albany

Day	High	Low
Wednesday	5:45am, 6:07pm	-----, 12:22pm
Thursday	6:33am, 6:54pm	12:45am, 1:13pm
Friday	7:21am, 7:43pm	1:32am, 2:06pm
Saturday	8:11am, 8:34pm	2:20am, 3:00pm
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Around the County

Leveille to head convention authority

Bethlehem development director heads board that will bring convention center to area

By STEPHANIE LUBIS

George Leveille is a busy man.

In addition to his work as Bethlehem's director of economic development and planning, Leveille has taken on a new role as chairman of the Albany Convention Center Authority Board.

Plans for a convention center in downtown Albany have been in the works for a number of years, but only recently got a big push from the Capitalize Albany Initiative in 2000 and 2001. Leveille, who worked for the city of Albany for 18 years before starting a consulting practice in Bethlehem, spent his last three years in Albany working for the center initiative.

Leveille has been elected chairman of a nine member non-compensated board to oversee the process of building the convention center. Gov. George Pataki, Albany Mayor Jerry Jennings and County Executive Mike Breslin appointed the members of the board.

"It will take a lot of time for

sure," said Leveille. "But the intent is to get a day-to-day staff on board. Many folks in positions like mine take on positions like this. You have to learn to juggle a bit, but it won't compromise my job with the town of Bethlehem."

The idea for a convention center in Albany is one that will hopefully raise revenues for the county as well as the city.

"The center is generally thought to be a generator of business and activity for the area, and a driver of local economics," said Leveille. He called preliminary plans for the center "well thought out and planned."

"Right now there is a limitation of the size of groups that can meet here in Albany," he said.

A place specifically for meetings, trade shows, banquets, and other conventions is a better idea than catch as catch-can meetings in other locations around the city.

The preliminary plan includes an 80,000 square-foot exhibition hall, plus shared facilities like meeting rooms and a hotel.

Benefits could possibly trickle down to Bethlehem, he said.

"The conventional wisdom is that it would increase the demand for area hotels," he said. "Plus,

with the region trying to become a leader in technology, the center would enable us to attract business and trade shows and other related things. Having the appropriate facilities helps."

The budget for the center is \$225 million, put together from several government units, Leveille said. A state grant for \$75 million, part of the 2006-07 budget, is before the state Legislature; state aid 19A provides grant and aid from the state that goes to the city of Albany to help increase and expand money to secure the financing; and the county hotel occupancy tax. The occupancy tax is slated to go up an overall 3 percent, which would assist the center.

Completion is still two to three years away, Leveille said. The oversight board is determining the location, which must be within 1 mile of the Capitol, and developing the preliminary plans.

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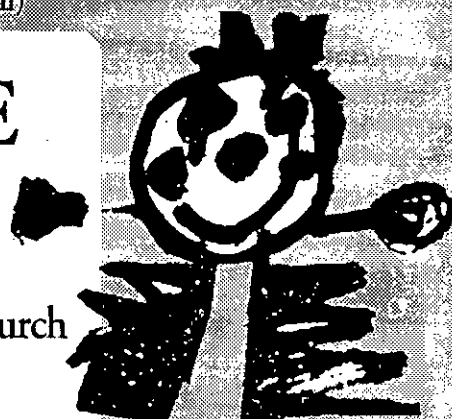
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Matters of Opinion *in the* Spotlight

Thanks storm workers

Winter began in earnest only in February. Before that, the season was hardly recognizable. Snowfalls were hardly more than a dusting throughout the region, and we were spared the usual frigid temperatures. Mother Nature also added some new records with temperatures soaring to the 60s.

But typical of the Northeast, nature turned down the heat and blasted the region with windstorms that caused power outages for thousands of residents. Saratoga Springs was the hardest hit, suffering from outages throughout the weekend before last.

But in Saratoga and other hard-hit towns, volunteer fire and EMS personnel were at the ready, serving for long stretches of time, sometimes around the clock, to make sure residents were safe. Local highway departments helped clear roadways of debris and downed trees, making sure emergency vehicles could get through. National Grid was busy 24/7 and brought in extra crews to help restore power to the more than 100,000 left without power. Two fatalities were reported during the onslaught of the storm.

The volunteers and dedicated town workers deserve kudos for their outstanding service in a devastating and potentially dangerous situation for many, many people.

We commend all of the volunteer squads that joined to help relieve volunteers in other towns who were exhausted.

All towns and villages in the region were well-prepared and ready to help whenever and wherever they could.

In Saratoga Springs and a few other places, shelters were set up for people who needed them. Some volunteers even went door-to-door to check to see if anyone was stranded or needed help.

We are fortunate to have so many volunteers who regularly put the well being of others above themselves. These volunteers need to know that they are much appreciated and valued in their communities. These tremendously important volunteer positions really require an all-out effort and a huge time commitment from members.

The emergency and fire personnel are always busy and spend hours training to be sure they are up to state standards in carrying out their duties.

We sometimes take these people for granted, but anyone who has seen any of them in action or have needed to call them knows just how vital they all are to our communities.

They save and protect lives and property, partly as a way of thanking their community through service and dedication.

Now it's our turn to thank the volunteers.

Editorial

Black history: Then and now

By MK FOTRELL

The writer is a novelist and public relations consultant who lives in the town of Bethlehem.

That the recently concluded Black History Month exists at all is a real triumph for all Americans. When I went to school the accomplishments of African-Americans specifically, and of Americans of color in general, was noticeably absent from (or underplayed in) our history books.

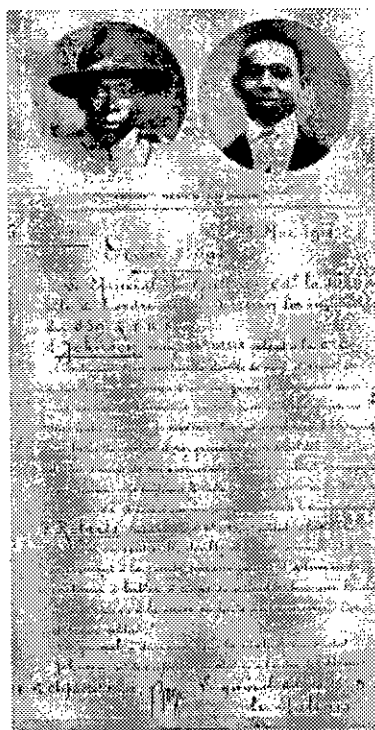
I knew that Crispus Attucks had died in the Boston Massacre, that George Washington Carver invented peanut butter, that Harriet Tubman led hundreds of slaves to freedom, and that Martin Luther King Jr. was a powerful and inspiring civil rights leader.

But I didn't know that Bessie Coleman was a pilot, or of Garrett Morgan's work with the traffic signal. I also didn't know the unbelievably chilling story of 14 year-old Emmet Till from Chicago, who had been abducted, tortured, and murdered in Mississippi, and that not only would his killers go free, but later would profit on the sale of recounting how they murdered the teen. Closer to home, I had certainly never heard of Henry Johnson, a young man from Albany who made history on May 14, 1918 as a World War I hero, and, through the hard work and determination of many people, continues to do so today.

As an Army brat, I learned about Henry Johnson through oral tradition from my father and other military men who continue to work so that Johnson can have his proper place in history. For a long time the story of Henry Johnson was kept alive only by oral tradition, but now, thanks to technology and people dedicated to preserving this history, Johnson's story is available in a variety of mediums.

Henry Johnson enlisted in the military in 1917, and fought as part of the 369th regiment when stationed in France. Originally Johnson was part of the 15th American Regiment, but because of segregation the Negro troops were

Point of View



HENRY JOHNSON
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not allowed to fight alongside the white troops. Johnson's regiment, when stationed in France, fought with the French and took their regiment number, 369.

On May 14, 1918, Henry Johnson was on guard duty with another soldier, Needham Roberts. They were attacked by a German army platoon. Roberts was wounded badly, and Johnson was outnumbered — but he fought valiantly, sustaining 21 wounds. He also saved Needham's life. When Johnson's gun jammed, Johnson ran at the Germans with his bolo knife, killing one immediately. The others retreated.

French soldiers declared Johnson a hero. The French awarded him the Croix de Guerre with gold palm (their highest military honor).

The United States Army gave him—an honorable discharge.

Johnson was not invited to the big ticker tape parade for the military up 5th Avenue at the end of the war. And Johnson received no medals from the US Army, no pension, no benefits. He was unable to return to his porter job because of the crippling wounds he received. He later died, destitute, at age 32. Johnson was forgotten.

As the 1940s drew to a close, President Harry S. Truman ordered the integration of the US Army. Many black men made successful careers in the military. When they retired from service, some of them joined the 369th Veterans Association.

One of their projects has been securing the Congressional Medal of Honor for Henry Johnson. Members of the 369th Veterans Association and others have been campaigning for Henry Johnson to receive the Congressional Medal of Honor since the mid 1970s. Then, as now, they research, write letters, and lobby politicians.

Now the politicians are responding. Henry Johnson has United States senators Hillary Rodham Clinton and Chuck Schumer, along with U.S. representatives Ben Gilman, Michael McNulty, and John Sweeney all fighting for his medal. In 2002,

Clinton and Schumer introduced a bill mandating a review of African American WWI service records to make sure no one had been overlooked for deserved service awards.

"Henry Johnson's acts of extraordinary heroism deserve to be recognized with nothing less than our nation's highest honor for military service," said Hillary Rodham Clinton in a 2002 press release. "Our bill would cut away the red tape that for too long has stood in the way of this fitting decoration."

Slowly, through the years of hard work and determination, Henry Johnson's deeds have been recognized in Albany. You can drive down Henry Johnson Boulevard. You can admire a bronze bust of Henry Johnson in Washington Park. You can mail a letter from the Henry Johnson Annex Post Office on Broadway.

And there is more good news. Records show he was buried at Arlington National Cemetery in 1929, 20 years before the Army would begin to integrate, which gives supporters continued hope that their case for the Congressional Medal of Honor is airtight. It took until 1997, but Johnson's family was finally presented with his first posthumously awarded medal, the Purple Heart.

In 2003, Johnson's son, Herman Johnson (himself a WWII Tuskegee airman) accepted the posthumously awarded Distinguished Cross (the second highest military honor) at an official ceremony at his father's Arlington gravesite.

McNulty has spoken eloquently about Johnson's bravery, and continues to push for the Congressional Medal of Honor. In a transcript of a speech, he said:

"Many of us are still disappointed that despite all of the documentation we have given to the Pentagon that he has not received the award that he truly deserves, which is the Congressional Medal of Honor. . . . We got the Purple Heart and we got the Distinguished Service Cross. We need to go the final step and obtain the Congressional Medal of Honor for Henry Johnson. . . . In the end, Mr. Speaker, justice shall prevail."

To have so many important people working toward getting the Nation's highest military honor for Henry Johnson is tremendous. I never knew Henry Johnson, but I might have. And had he been born 20 or 25 years later, and served in WWII or Korea, his story may have already ended. We cannot change history—but in this case, we can certainly amend it.

The history that is taught in schools today is more inclusive than years ago. There are many more African-Americans featured prominently in lessons. Today's school books also seem more honest about mistakes made on all sides of the issues presented, and that is heartening. I do believe that it is important to remember history, and do so accurately. The history of Sgt. Henry Johnson is ongoing. It is international history as well as local history that is still in the making. I hope that the story of Henry Johnson will be added to our history books soon. Or, at least, added to the curriculum taught by our educators. He is a worthy subject.

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Your Opinion *in the* Spotlight

Columnist overreacted to clerk's political dissent

Editor, The Spotlight:

In responding to Katherine McCarthy's column that appeared in the Feb. 16 issue of *Spotlight*, I'll leave it to others to argue the folly of trading liberty for security or to contend the assertion that the present administration's policies have made us safer.

Instead I would like to address the expression of dissent that she found so offensive and disrespectful: a button on display and worn by a clerk that expressed a displeasure with President Bush and a hopeful look forward to the end of his administration.

Jan. 20, 2009. No more Bush. This fairly straightforward statement stopped McCarthy in her tracks? This was not a button calling for the violent overthrow of the government or even a call to impeach the president. Instead, it merely expressed the clerk's unhappiness with the current administration.

Surely Ms. McCarthy is aware that there are a substantial number of patriotic Americans

who after much reasoned and thoughtful analysis, believe that the Bush administration's policies are extremely destructive and are undermining our country in ways that we fear may be impossible to recover from.

So yes, many of us are counting the days until the end of his administration.

I acknowledge the fact that Ms. McCarthy holds a view different from mine, as do some of my friends, colleagues and family members. And I respect her right to hold that view and express it as she likes. What I am left questioning however, is what Ms. McCarthy considers a "respectful" way to express dissent or a political opinion that differs from her own, if such an innocuous expression of a political viewpoint incites such extreme agitation.

I am also left wondering just what it is that Ms. McCarthy wishes to feel safe from.

Diane Emmons Yoder
Niskayuna

BC grad party plans begin

Editor, The Spotlight:

Plans are currently under way for the 2006 edition of the Senior Celebration. For the past 15 years, it has been the tradition for parents of the members of the graduating class at BCHS to throw an all-night, alcohol-free farewell party following graduation.

At this celebration, we will provide a fun-filled memorable night of food, music, dancing, games and entertainment. Most important, we offer an opportunity for graduates to celebrate this momentous occasion with friends in a safe and supervised location at the high school.

This undertaking requires more than six months of planning and a budget of over \$15,000. We receive no financial support from the school and are asking the community to help us raise the necessary funds.

If you believe keeping a graduate off the streets and away from alcohol that night is a just cause, please send your check payable to "Graduation Celebration 2006" to Sheree Pittz, 97 Wright Lane, Delmar 12054.

Jerry Pittz
Fundraising co-chair

Trans fats should be avoided

Editor, The Spotlight:

I read, with interest, the letter from Alex Genatt about the difference between unsaturated and saturated fats, the dietary guidelines and the confusion surrounding all of it.

His points are well taken.

I'd like to shine a light on something that the government has allowed the food industry to intentionally confuse us with. That is the term "hydrogenated oils." It pays to read the ingredient labels.

When you see hydrogenated or partially hydrogenated oils, it is code for "trans fats."

The process of hydrogenating unsaturated fats effectively turns unsaturated fats into saturated fats or, 'good' fats into 'bad' fats called trans fatty acids.

This is why it is important to avoid hydrogenated oils if you are trying to lower your cholesterol. An American Heart

Association study in 2001 showed that foods cooked with trans fats clog arteries quicker than food cooked in animal-based saturated fat, such as butter.

An eight-year study on Trans Fats by the National Academy of Sciences, Institute of Medicine, concluded, "There is no safe level and recommends that people eat as little of it as possible."

I posted information about this topic here:

<http://christej.blogspot.com/2005/12/trans-fatty-acids-little-things-that.html>

There are other articles there revolving around health, wellness and longevity — topics that are increasingly of interest to boomers like myself, as well as other enlightened people.

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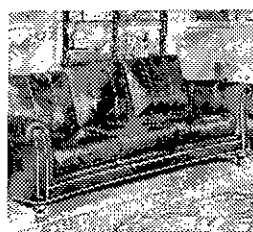
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The cost is \$10 for

materials, payable upon sign-up at the town hall. Checks should be payable to AARP.

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Kindergarten registration meeting on tap

A parents-only Voorheesville elementary school kindergarten registration meeting is set for Thursday, March 9, at 7 p.m. Parents are asked to call Mrs. Donohue at Voorheesville Elementary School at 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 December 1, 2006 to register.

The kindergarten registration and screening program will be explained and parents will be able to schedule an appointment to have their child screened March 21 or 22.

Garden club meeting set

The Helderview Garden Club will be having its next regular meeting Thursday, March 2, at 6:45 p.m. at the Voorheesville Legion Hall. The topic this month is "hanging baskets," with master gardener Molly Kelly. The public is welcome to attend.

Fun Festival

The Voorheesville PTA is sponsoring a Fun Festival 2006 Saturday, March 11, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Voorheesville Elementary School. Volunteers are needed for various duties and if you would like to help call Mary Flansburg at 861-0876 or Christine Whiteley at 765-4019. There will be games, prizes,

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Voorheesville plans staff seminar day

The Voorheesville Public Library will be closed Friday, March 3, for a staff seminar day.

School board to meet

The next meeting for the Voorheesville Board of Education will be held Monday, March 13, at 7:30 p.m. in the cafeteria at the high school.

All are invited to attend.

Scholarship applications

Applications for high school seniors applying for the Men's Association scholarship and nominations for the annual Parish Service Award are now available.

Applications are located at each entrance to St. Matthew's Church. Place completed applications in the Men's Association box located near the baptismal font.

Recreation committee seeks volunteers

The Town of New Scotland Recreation Committee is seeking volunteers to serve on its committee. They are also seeking volunteers to help out during various recreation events. High school seniors are encouraged to sign up to fulfill their community service requirements. For information, call Pat Geurtze at New Scotland Town Hall at 475-0385.

Defensive driving class

The Town of New Scotland is holding a defensive driving class Tuesdays, March 14 and 21, from 6 to 9 p.m. at the town hall on Route 85. The cost is \$35 per person and pre-registration is required. For information or to register, call Pat at 475-0385.

Relay for Life sets meeting

The first team captain meeting for the 2006 Relay for Life will be held Wednesday, March 15, at 6 p.m. in Voorheesville high school's common area. Local civic organizations, churches, fire departments or neighborhoods are welcome to form a fund-raising team.

The relay provides a celebratory atmosphere to give hope for all those touched by cancer. For questions or information, call Sherry Burgoon at 765-3314, ext. 319; Lori Robinson Farrell at 765-2382, ext. 572 or Lisa Herzog at 654-2382, ext. 569.

Book Fair

The Voorheesville PTA Scholastic Book Fair will be held March 2 and 3 from 5 to 8 p.m. and Saturday, March 4, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Voorheesville elementary school. The theme for this book fair is "bugs." There will be family night events Thursday, March 2, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Fish Fry

The New Salem Volunteer Fire Department is serving its annual fish fry dinners Fridays through April 14, from 4:30 to 7 p.m. The cost is \$7 for adults and children younger than 12 pay \$4.

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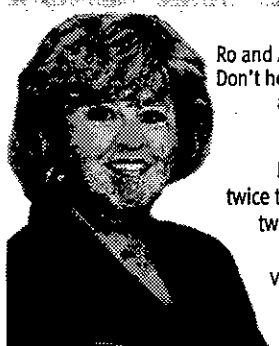
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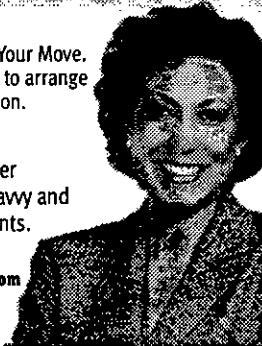
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minimum of three books from the list. Voting will take place in January.

The Three Apples award was created by the youth services and school library media sections of the New York Library Association to encourage the joy of reading. For

information, ask a Children's Place librarian.

Teen activities

Tomorrow, March 2, at 7 p.m., BookChat meets for a discussion of City of Ember by Jeanne DuPrau. Ember is a two-century-old ruined city covered by a dome and surrounded by a dark unknown. The city was built to ensure that humans would continue to exist on Earth—but the instructions for getting out have been lost and forgotten. Twelve-year-old Lina and her

friend Doon are convinced that their survival means finding a way out of the city.

BookChat is a coed book discussion for kids in grades 6 to 8. Why not check it out? It's not too late to register; call 439-9314. Next month's meeting is April 6 at 7 p.m.; the book will be Eragon by Christopher Paolini. Copies of both books are available at the information desk in Children's Place; audiobook versions are available also.

Search the Internet like a pro

Frustrated with Google searches? Trying to find Consumer Reports articles? Need the latest investment or health information? Looking for ancestors or old classmates? Learn how librarians find information in "Searching the Internet," a hands-on workshop for adults next Tuesday, March 7 at 9:30 a.m. Signup is on a rolling basis; sessions will also be offered on Wednesday, April 5 at 2:30 p.m. and Thursday, April 20 at 9:30 a.m. The class requires some computer experience. Call 439-9314 for information.

Book ends

Slide show highlights trek

The library presents "Through the North Passage," a slide show and talk Sunday, March 19, at 2 p.m. Melita Gesche recounts her voyages on the Russian icebreaker Kapitan Klebnikov in 1997 and 2004. Her journeys took her from Siberia across the Bering Strait, along the top of Alaska and the Canadian Arctic to Resolute Bay. Gesche is a retired physician and avid Arctic traveler. The program is made possible by the All Russell memorial fund.

Free career counseling

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

Louise Grieco

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Delmar native wins NAACP award

Delmar native and Drexel University Coordinator of Multicultural Programs Philip Poczik was awarded the Martin Luther King Jr. award from Drexel's chapter of the NAACP.

Poczik was chosen for his ongoing work with Drexel's minority community. Drexel's National Association for the Advancement of Colored People President Nakisha Lewis said that his numerous hours spent collaborating with student groups, genuine concern and his dedication to diversity made him the ideal candidate.

Throughout the year, Poczik organizes cultural events and diversity workshops for Drexel. He is also a professional diversity trainer and storyteller.

Glenmont school to hold craft fair

The Glenmont Elementary School PTA will hold its 24th annual craft fair Saturday, March 4, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Glenmont Elementary School, Route 9W in Glenmont.

More than 50 crafters from the Northeast will display and sell a wide variety of hand crafted wares including wood, pottery, jewelry,

glass, edible goods, and more.

Admission is free.

Lunch and snacks will be available throughout the day. The event will have a special kids craft area.

Host families needed for foreign exchange students

Host families are needed for 30 American Field Service foreign exchange students who will be coming to the Capital District for the 2006-07 school year.

Students from countries all over the world will attend local high schools and participate in all aspects of family, school and community life.

Families who apply early this spring will have the best opportunity to view applications from students with special interests that match theirs, such as athletics or music.

Local AFS volunteers provide family orientation and student support, as well as social and educational events for students, host families, and host siblings.

For information about hosting, or about intercultural opportunities for U.S. high school students to study abroad for a summer, semester or year, call Happy Scherer at 439-0016 or

call 1-800-AFS-INFO.

Area student studies in Ireland

Hartwick College junior Brad Bentley of Voorheesville participated in Hartwick's January term off campus program in Ireland.

Students enrolled in the course, "Irish Culture and Society," explore Irish cultural and social institutions and how they have been shaped by Ireland's unique history.

Students travel to County Donegal where they live in Irish homes in the village of Glen Holm Cille. They then travel to Dublin where they explore Irish governmental institutions and on to Wexford, Waterford, and Tralee where they walk in the footsteps of rebels and saints and participate in community service.

Bentley is a graduate of Clayton A. Bouton Junior Senior High School and is majoring in management.

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An educational seminar is being conducted by the Albany Mortgage Group, Inc. featuring the concepts presented by Douglas Andrew,

author of a new book, Missed Fortune, recently published by Time-Warner. This seminar teaches concepts and gives insights that are contrary to popular belief. The strategies revealed will relieve conventional thought. You will gain insight into financial opportunities that you probably didn't even know existed. You will never view your house, mortgage retirement plans, investments and insurance the same way again.

The insights you will gain by attending this seminar will either force you to implement new strategies or will leave you forever wondering how much more you would have accomplished had you done so. There are two ways to handle new information: ignore it as false, or increase your level of understanding to accommodate the new idea. Feeling open-minded? Dispel the money myth-conceptions. Isn't it time you became wealthy?

This dynamic workshop will be taught at the Shaker Ridge Country Club, 802 Albany-Shaker Rd., Loudonville, NY (near Albany Airport) on two different Thursdays, March 9, 2006 and April 13, 2006 from 6:30 to 8:30 PM. There is easy access from I-87 and Route 7 with plenty of free, lighted parking.

This educational seminar is taught nationally at a normal tuition of \$100.00. However, Capital District residents are cordially invited to attend this presentation at no charge, compliments of our sponsors, The Albany Mortgage Group, Inc. and Fenway Financial Group, LLC. For guaranteed seating, please RSVP at 518-541-2120 to secure a seat.

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Scouting Venture Crew seeks community support

The Delmar Masonic Lodge, 421 Kenwood Ave., Delmar, is hosting an all you can eat spaghetti dinner Sunday, March 12, from 4 to 7 p.m., to help support Scouting Venture Crew 58. Cost is \$6.

Venture scouting is a high adventure program run by the Boy Scouts of America for young men and women from 14 to 21 years old. Venture Crew 58 is sponsored by Bethlehem Lodge 85 Free and Accepted Masons and meets on the first and third Thursdays of the month from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the Delmar Masonic Lodge on Kenwood Ave.

In its first year, the crew has gone white water rafting, rock climbing and camping, as well as having social activities like midnight rock and bowling. Future plans include going to BSA National Sea Base in the Florida Keys for a week of sailing and snorkeling.

Programs to strengthen parent/child bond

March at the Voorheesville Public Library offers a number of opportunities for parents to enrich their parent/child experience.

• **ALA Award Winners for Parents:** Beginning March 7, at 7 p.m., Ms. Laiosa invites parents to discuss with her the current year's award-winning young people's books. Setting your child on the road to lifetime reading should begin early, and the best age-appropriate books are your best chance to encourage your child's love of reading. For a complete list of all the American Library Association winners, go to the VPL Web site and follow the path to the new youth services Web log — Pied Piper of Books. If you get a chance, read one or more of the recommended books so you can offer an opinion at the program. Refreshments will be served.

• **Parents learning workshop:** Later in the month, VPL

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and the Cornell Cooperative Extension will present a valuable two-part workshop for parents of young children to learn how social problem solving skills help young children: Become more likely to make and keep friends, learn to view things from another's perspective, develop empathy, become more assured, delay gratification, develop self-regulation or control, reduce the number of off-task and disrupting behaviors that interrupt the learning process. Parents are encouraged to attend both sessions: Tuesday, March 21, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Social & Emotional Development. Tuesday, March 28, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Managing Anger and Challenging Behaviors. Call VPL at 765-2791 by March 20 to register.

• **Crash course in college planning:** Part 1 of a two-part series with Sally M. Ten Eyck, CEP, will be held Tuesday, March 14, at 7 p.m. This working session for high school

juniors and parents will focus on specific steps to take in starting the college search, including choosing and visiting colleges, factors affecting admissions, testing and resume preparation, and more. The information and handouts you will take home will help you start your search in a practical and organized way. There will be time for questions. Part 2: Working Session on College Applications for Seniors Only will be a fall workshop Tuesday, Sept. 26, at 7 p.m. Signup is necessary for either or both programs. Call 765-2791.

• **Guys read, too!** It's a new group for guys in grades 4 to 6 and a male reading buddy. Join Mrs. Laiosa for a funny book discussion about Frindle by Andrew Clements. Fifth-grade troublemaker Nick Allen meets his match in Mrs. Granger, the language arts teacher with x-ray vision. No one gets away with anything in her class. This is for boys with a dad, uncle, friend, grandparent or older brother. Everybody reads the book and comes to talk Wednesday, March 22, at 7 p.m. Sign up and receive a book now.

• **Book chatters:** The middle

school girls book discussion group meets Friday, March 17, at 10 a.m. to talk about Nancy Farmer's The House of the Scorpion. Signup is necessary. Call Mrs. Laiosa if you are interested in reading, talking about books, and food.

• **Lapsit for Babies:** Bring your smallest child to the Lapsit Thursday, March 2, at 10:15 a.m. This is an opportunity for parents and caregivers to bring their babies (newborn to 24 months) to a library program just for them. Everyone participates in a program that emphasizes sharing books and playtime together. Older siblings are welcome, too, but the program is geared for babies.

• **Paws for reading:** Our own therapy dog Sammi has a lot of fun listening to children read to him. If your child is in first through fourth grade and feeling unsure about his or her reading progress, call the reference desk at 765-2791 to schedule a 15-minute appointment with Sammi and Gail Brown.

Book ends Library closed

The library will be closed Friday, March 3.

Barbara Vink

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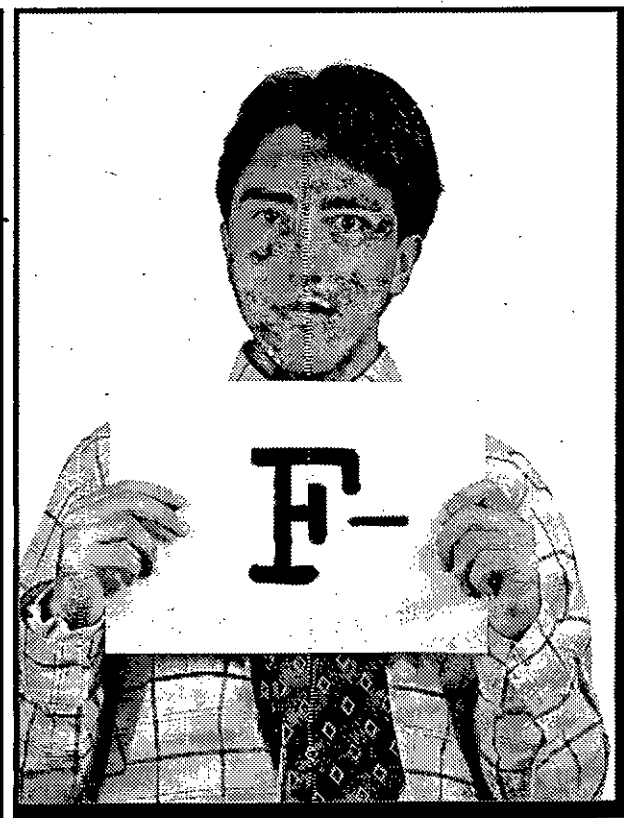


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Campus-wide project focuses on Pulitzer Prize winning book

By STEPHEN PAUSE

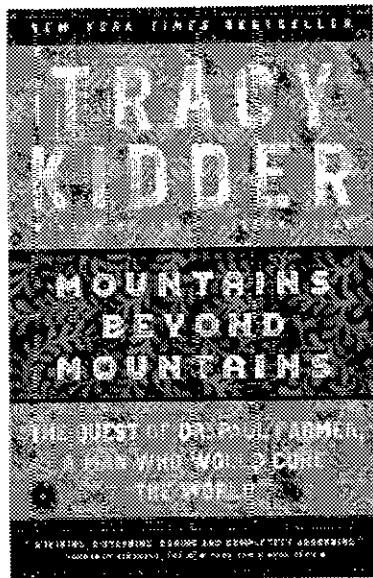
For the first time, everyone at the University at Albany is on the same page.

As part of an initiative by the new provost, Susan Herbst, the University has stated its first ever Reading Project, in which the campus will collectively read *Mountains Beyond Mountains* by Pulitzer Prize-winning author Tracy Kidder.

Kidder's book follows the story of Paul Farmer, a Harvard professor and infectious disease specialist whose quest to cure humanity of its diseases took him all the way to Haiti, Cuba, Russia and Peru.

As part of the project, there will be a number of discussion groups and seminars about broad topics such as poverty, disease and politics.

The project will culminate on Thursday, March 23 with an appearance by Kidder. The university also made an attempt to get Paul Farmer to visit, but



the project.

"It involves reading, reflection, and discussion, which are the core ideals of the university," he said. "It's readable, an inspiring story, and it provides for multiple perspectives."

In its search for a book, the university focused on those by living authors, so that a writer could speak as part of the project.

The university bought 2,500 copies of the book, and in the last weeks of the fall semester officials began distributing some copies around the campus to build an interest. The copies were given not only to students but also to faculty, staff, alumni and retired faculty. There are still some free copies available throughout the campus, although on a first come, first serve availability. In addition, there are 25 copies on reserved reading at the campus library.

Marjorie Pryse, an English professor and interim dean of graduate studies, said she has

already read the book several times and it makes important statements and raises questions about poverty, medicine, politics, and international foreign policy.

"It's not just important because a provost said so, but because it's so topical and so timely," she said. "Through the lens of Tracy Kidder we understand why poverty is with us and why it still matters."

Pryse had passed on a number of copies to her graduate students, who she said have found the book very compelling.

"It's a book about hope, about the way in which funneling dollars to a health system that is well managed can make a difference," she said. "What really strikes me is the way that one person has taken on this global problem and tried to address it, and at the same time made it clear that we had to combat it together."

Joanne Rozzano, the assistant director of the office of summer session, will be leading one of the discussion groups on campus.

"It's a fascinating read, and it's thought provoking in that you realize the interaction of the world economy and health issues in some of the poorest of the poor countries," she said. "Those of us sitting in the comfort of the Capital Region might not realize what poor nations are going through. You feel compelled to want to do something."

David Shub, a biology professor who has taught at the university for 35 years and was one of the faculty to recommend the book, said he

thinks the project will have a great effect on the campus.

"When I heard that there was going to be a reading project, I got very excited," he said. "This book had a huge impact on me. I just thought it would be inspirational to anyone who reads it; it works on so many levels."

Hedberg said he hopes the project will become an annual event, but right now the university is focused on making this year work.

"We'll count it as a successful project if we get a couple thousand people to read it and to reflect on it," Hedberg said.

Shub likewise was hopeful the project would have a cumulative effect, he said.

"Having a reading project, it's just going to raise the intellectual involvement of the university, the students and faculty alike," he said. "It's a shot in the arm for the whole campus."

This will be the third time that Kidder has spoken at the campus. He was part of a panel of nonfiction authors at the "Telling the Truth Symposium" in 1991, and spoke as part of the Writers Institute's Visiting Writer Series in 2004 after *Mountains Beyond Mountains* was released in hardcover.

Kidder will speak twice on March 23 in the campus ballroom, in the afternoon for an extended question-and-answer session, and a formal presentation in the evening. The times for both events have yet to be announced.

For information, visit the project Web site, www.albany.edu/readingproject.



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The Coffee House will also feature live music from Acoustic Hartland.

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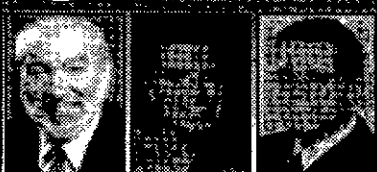
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More people seem to be flying these days than driving south.

AAA of the Hudson Valley has seen an almost 50 percent increase in booked air travel while the club's requests for Trip Tiks — customized highway route maps — were

down 30 percent in Feb. 2006 compared to last February.

"With higher gas prices this year, not as many families are driving south, and many are choosing to fly because it is more economical," said Tammy Melo, director of marketing for AAA Hudson Valley. Gas prices, although down this month, are still 46 cents higher than a year ago.

The Burgher family of Selkirk was coming back from Houston, Texas, after seeing relatives in that state. As they waited to claim their baggage at the airport, they said that the weather in Houston hadn't been quite as warm as Orlando, but was still pleasant with daytime highs near 70 degrees and nighttime lows around 30.

"We had the week off from Loudonville Christian School," said Lindsay Burgher. Lindsay,

Rosie, Hattie and the family all enjoyed the NBA All Star Jam Session during their week off. They even hunted for wild boar one day. Had they done any homework?

"No!" they unanimously clamored.

"We didn't even think about homework," said Rosie.

The five most requested destinations from this area, according to AAA's Travel Agency, are Orlando, Tampa, Miami, Naples, all in Florida; and Myrtle Beach, South Carolina.

If you haven't gotten away this winter, there's still time. There are at least three more weeks left of winter if you want to sun and surf with Mickey and friends.

"Today it's 82 degrees and sunny and a good time for people up north to head down to Disney World," Bauman said.



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Not all retirees feel the lure of warmer weather

By STEPHANIE LUBIS

One of the things some people look forward to in retirement is the ability to go away for a whole winter.

Cold weather can be hard on older bones, and the Sunshine State is one way to make it through those winter months without feeling the pinch.

But, like all people, not all seniors are alike. Some spend whole winters in warmer climes; some just a few weeks; others, no time at all.

Marv Schorr of Charlton is one of the not-at-alls.

"Some people really like the change of seasons in this area," he said. "That's why we don't go away."

Schorr knows quite a few older people who have given up on the ideal of southern living for the winter. Various reasons include missing children and grandchildren, or just getting plain sick of it.

"I know a lot of people who feel that way," said Schorr.

Schorr and his wife are both involved in town and county politics and other affairs. He does consulting work and is the chairman of the environmental conservation commission in Charlton. His wife does a lot of volunteer work at various churches.

"We just don't have the desire to spend the whole winter in warm weather," said Schorr.

Grandchildren and family are also a big reason some seniors elect not to go away for the winter.

"You get to an age where your grandchildren's activities become really important, and you don't

want to miss out," he said. "Why spend time away?"

Midge Dube, also from Charlton, said money is a huge factor in why some folks don't make the trek south.

"I've worked all my life, I've put my kids through school, I've taken care of my parents, so when I retired, I didn't have a real place to go if I went down south," she said. "But if I won the lottery, it might be a different story."

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Dube, like Schorr, is also involved in town affairs, like many of her friends and acquaintances. In fact, she said the people she knows don't know

what the phrase "leisure time" means.

"There is a sense of responsibility," she said. "A lot of older people get involved with committee work, and they may not have the same kind of network of people around them if they go away than if they stayed."

Robert Jasinski of Bethlehem said he and his wife used to go away for the winter, but the expense and the responsibility of owning a home in Florida was too much.

"We only used the house two months out of the year, but the traffic, the crime, the hurricanes, it starts wearing on you," he said.

Dube said another reason older people may stay in the area is because they don't like warm weather. She said other people she knows are also not fans of the heat.

"I have damaged lungs, and I don't like a lot of warm weather," she said.

Also, financially, it may be difficult, especially if a spouse has died.

"I know some women who used to go away, but have lost their husbands, so they don't go away anymore," she said.

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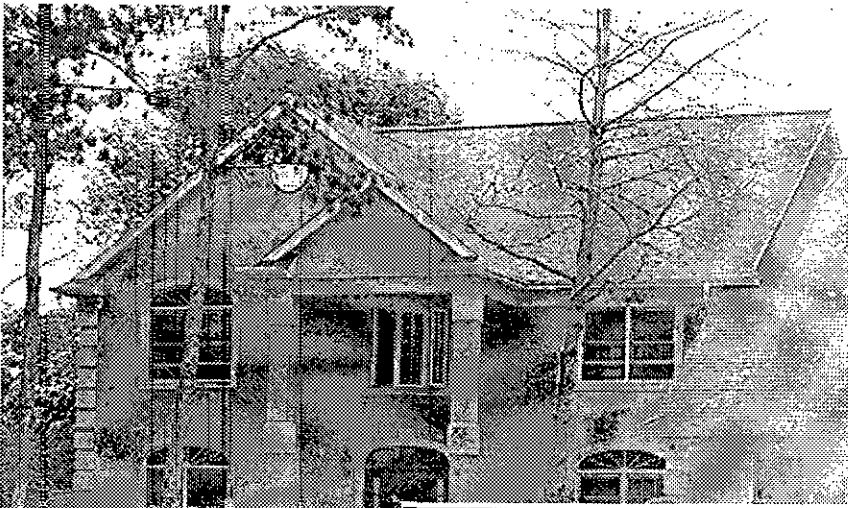
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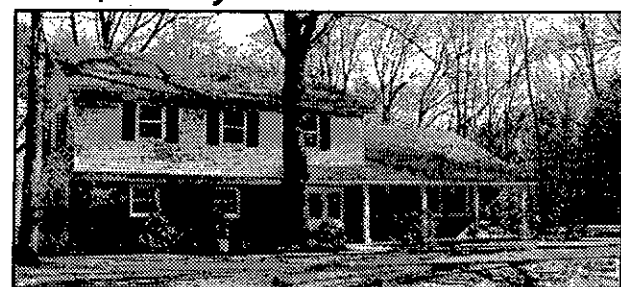


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Bethlehem announces second quarter honor roll

Bethlehem Central High School announced its second quarter honor and merit rolls.

The Spotlight ran the ninth grade merit and honor rolls and the 10th grade honor roll in last week's newspaper. The rest of the honor roll follows. To be on the honor roll, students' averages must be between 91.5 and 100, with no grade below 80. Merit roll students have averages between 84.5 and 91.4, with no grade below a 65. An incomplete grade disqualifies students from either honor.

The Spotlight congratulates the students.

Grade 10 merit roll

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Justine Trusso, Sarka Turecka, Jannah Umar, Nicholas Varcasia, Maureen Watson, Kaitlin Wax, Yang Wei, Bruce Wemple, Brandon Williams, Rebecca Wolchok and Laura Wray.

Grade 11 honor roll

Robyn Anderson, Therese Avitabile, Amanda Ball, Noah Bartfield, Thea Baynes, Juliet Becker, Molly Bierman, Peter Bonventre, Megan Braaten, Kimberly Brosnan, Clare Browne and Brittany Bugbee. And, Paul Cafiero, Vanessa Calaban, Michael Carroll, Rebecca Chambers, Lu Chen, Michelle Clair, Kristine Conroy, Kathryn Conway, Terrence Daley, Kendall Day, and Eric Deitz. Also, Louis DeLuke, John Dieterle, Tyler Dudas, Sara Eckert, Paul Fang, Sean Ference, Justin Finkle, Amy Forando, Wilson Foss, Joseph Frasca, Julia Frisch, Sarah Gadowski, Nicholas Galazzo, and Katelyn Gannon. Also, Emma Goldsmith-Rooney, Eric Goldstein, Scott Greenberg, Rebecca Hager, Colleen Hart, Katherine Hart, Samantha Hasselbach, Caitlin Hill, Erica Hill, Elizabeth Horning, Nathaniel House, David Iselin, Rachel Jacobs, Christopher Joyce, Danielle Kaplan, Leslie Klein, Sydney Lane, Thomas Larsen, Melissa Lee, and Joshua

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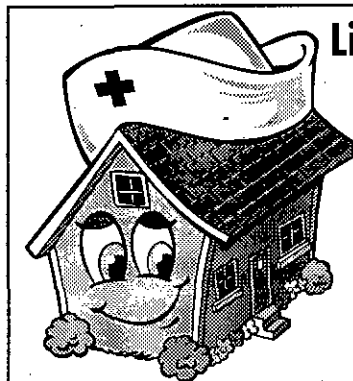
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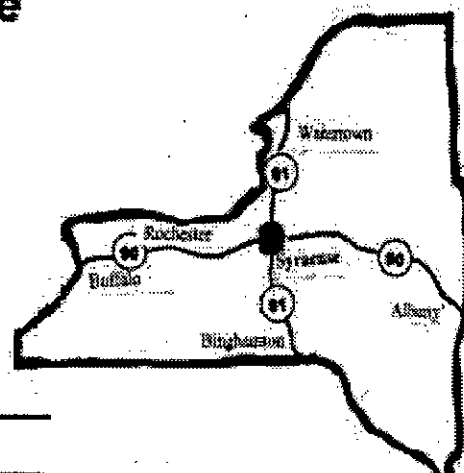
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"Too many similarities invite comparison, and may make the less expensive things look cheap."

So many of us find ourselves in the same decorating boat — a home filled with a few family heirlooms, flea market or tag sale finds, and maybe even one or two treasures from a successful dumpster dive. You love them all, but how do you combine high and low design pieces to create a unified and polished look for your home?

First, says Marjorie Marcellus, an interior design instructor at The Art Institute of California — San Francisco, forget about the cost of a piece.

"A successful interior is not determined by the cost of its components. For a space to work, it needs to have balance and harmony," says Marcellus.

Finishes and furnishings should relate to each other as part of an overall design scheme, but

"that doesn't mean they have to match, be of the same era, same price or quality," she explains.

For example, says Marcellus, "I placed an expensive slab of marble onto a salvage-yard industrial black metal stand and then added four black bargain stools from Pottery Barn."

The similar finishes of the materials made it work. The result?

"A custom kitchen table for my client's urban loft. Topped with a delicate antique vase,

fresh wild flowers and colorful cloth napkins from IKEA, the outcome was unexpected and delightful," says Marcellus.

Suzanne Wilkins, an interior design instructor at The Art Institute of New York City, is another

proponent of mixing both high and low design elements. A

basic rule of thumb, says Wilkins, is to avoid having a less expensive item next to a more expensive similar item.

"Too many similarities invite comparison, and may make the less expensive things look cheap," she says.

Instead, pair precious things with inexpensive finds by following two rules of thumb: keep it simple and clean-lined, or keep it funky. According to Wilkins, simple clean lines naturally look expensive, and we associate clean lines with a more modern and expensive look.

On the other hand, she says, funky items can often stand alone and speak for themselves. But use them sparingly. For example, a nice grouping of African masks can add a lot of texture and color and can be found inexpensively in flea markets. To make it work, don't use more than three or four or in more than one location, says Wilkins.

Dan Noyes, chairman of the Interior Design department at The Art Institutes International, Minnesota, loves to combine modern pieces with weathered antiques, "to create a wonderful gypsy chic look." Whether high-end or low-end, an antique's patina and unique character flaws can set it apart from a great, modern piece of furniture, he says.

Furniture pieces themselves can combine the best of both high- and low-end design features, says John Gambell, chairman of the Interior Design department of The Art Institute of New England. For a stylish-looking dining or end table, Gambell suggests taking a simple and inexpensive parsons-styled table and add a made-to-order stone top of either slate or marble.

"A small 'reveal' between the base and the top wood appear to make the top float," says Gambell.

A few final words of wisdom about mixing high and low end design from the experts: When shopping at stores like Crate and Barrel or Pottery Barn, pick a few pieces from each instead of outfitting an entire room with one look. "Mix it up," says Wilkins. And remember, be patient and shop around. What makes a room look rich and expensive, no matter what the budget, is time.



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Little changes make a big difference

Home fashions, like clothing fashions, are always changing. There are updated silhouettes, new color palettes, and fresh fabric designs. And just as with fashion, you need to find a way to personalize the latest trends in a way that fits your home and your lifestyle. What better time than spring to breathe some fresh air into your decor?

Get rid of the dark colors and heavy fabrics that kept you cozy during the winter, and lighten it up for spring.

Painting is an easy, inexpensive way to create a

whole new feeling in a room. According to the experts, the newest trends are at opposite ends of the spectrum: naturals are all the rage, but so are

various shades of orange, from orangey-red to coral and apricot. Choose a color that complements your existing furniture and one that makes you feel relaxed. If you love bright colors, then add a dash of orange, pink

or apple green. But if you find warm, natural tones more calming, choose something like a nice mocha color.

Next, take a look at the other items in the room. Could the

sofa use a new, lighter look for spring? Before you start shopping for new furniture, consider slipcovers. If the sofa is in good shape, but just needs a little pick-me-up, this is an inexpensive solution. Lifestyle catalogs and department stores sell one-size-fits-all options; for a sleeker, more custom look, you can create your own slipcovers using one of the many patterns available at your local fabric store.

Another quick, easy fix is new curtains. Interior designers are seeing a trend toward simplicity in window treatments, which is good news for home sewers. Gone are poufy, layered looks. In are simple valances and side panels, which are basically nothing more than large rectangles with hems on all sides.

Bernina has long made one of the most popular sewing machines, letting people sew on many different kinds of fabric, and use any kind of stitch they'd like.

Throw pillows are another quick room brightener. If you can sew a square together, you can make a pillow. Add a few stylish embellishments, and people will think you bought them at a fancy home furnishings store. Many sewing machines feature embroidery functions as well as decorative stitches that you can use to personalize your pillows. Add some fringe or other trim for a final touch.

With an investment of a little time and some fabulous fabric, your home will be sporting a new, personalized spring look that reflects the style of the season.



Home Improvement

Keep an eye on your home heating system

Even though it's been a mild winter, it's still not a bad idea to do some routine maintenance on the heating and cooling system in your home. Crisafulli Bros. of Albany offers some tips to keep your house warm in the winter, and cool in the summer.

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Plumbing

- Drain your water heater once every 6 months to prolong its service life.

- Shut water off to silcocks for winter.

- Add a blanket to your water heater to save energy.

- Periodically check all plumbing fixtures for small leaks or problems to conserve water.

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- Clean furnaces and or boilers once a year to prolong their service life.

- Check furnace air filter monthly.

- Set thermostat back at night in heating system to conserve energy.

- Make sure heating systems or radiators are not blocked by any objects.

- Change batteries in smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors.

Tips for Winter Vacations

- Always leave heat set to 60 degrees at the minimum!

- Have the house checked daily if possible.

- Make sure all silcocks and other outside fixtures are turned off for the season.

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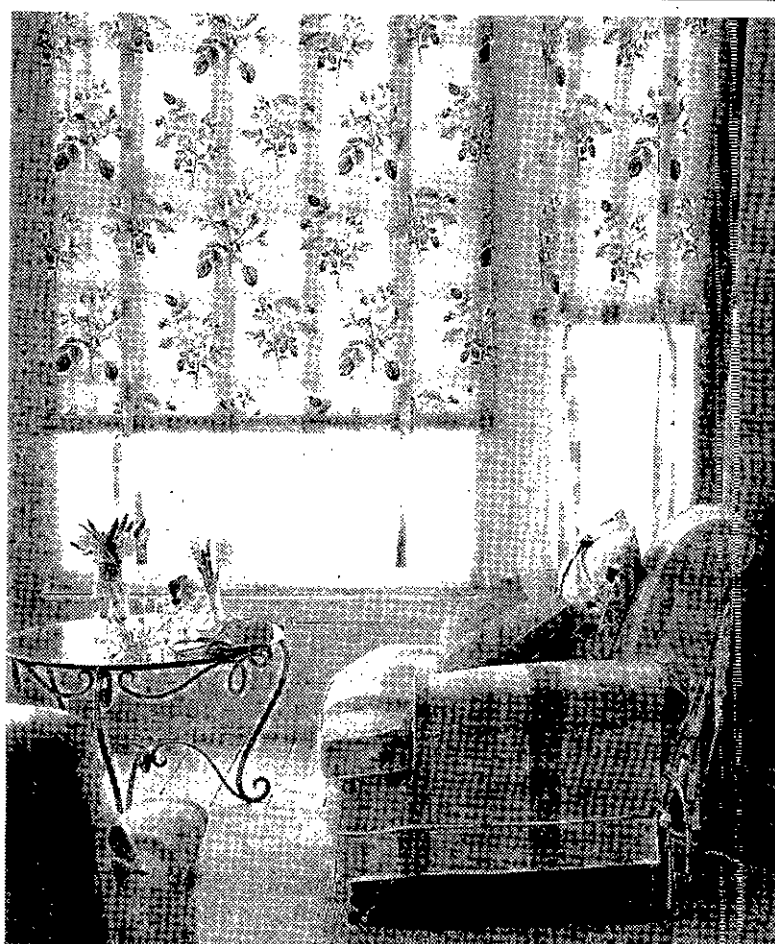
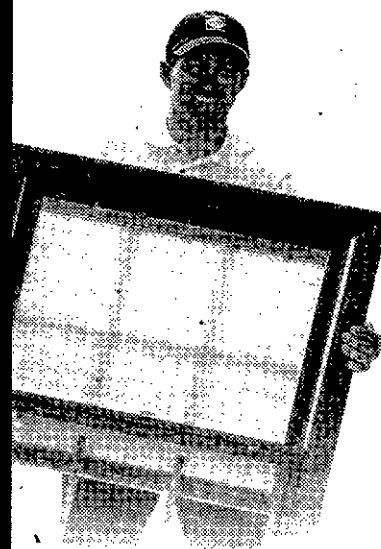


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What's hot in home decor for 2006

"Multi-cultural influences are blended into our current identities, making, by their very diversity, a statement about 'being American.' Our interiors will become more personal, and feel more uniquely American, than ever before as we define and redefine ourselves."

For months, industry experts have kept a close barometer on the fashion world, trade shows and other key indicators to help forecast home decor trends for the coming year. And the weather report is in. Within a prevailing climate of personalization, the outlook is both spirited and sassy, serene and stylish.

The color palette will truly be across the rainbow. Chinese red, barn red and watermelon red will make bold statements, and orange will literally be on fire with hues ranging from butternut and apricot to blood-orange red. Pale, vivid and inky purples will start closing in on the still-popular pinks, and rich chocolate brown will retain its distinction as the "new black" - pairing especially well with robin's egg blue.

Next year's colors will also continue to draw their inspir-

ation from nature. In a recent issue of "Home Accents Today," Kara Cox describes "a soft mix of seascape hues such as sea green, sky blue and sandy beige that creates a simple palette for showcasing the treasures of the natural world." By bringing the outdoors in-side with tranquil ocean and cool grass hues,

Americans will create a calm, welcome respite from the outside world.

According to Michelle Lamb, senior editor of "The Trend Curve" newsletter, consumers also perceive color as a distinct way



to personalize their environments. They look for hues they can connect with on a personal level and that support their energy level and mood, often pairing them in "new and never-before-seen" combinations.

Davis Remignanti, expert spokesperson on home decorating for Furniture.com, notes an emergence of "American design," with people discovering an appreciation for new and antique styles with a "Born in the USA" pedigree. "Overly matched interiors are giving way to a melting pot of complementary pieces," says Remignanti. "Multi-cultural influences are blended into our current identities, making, by their very diversity, a statement about 'being American.' Our interiors will become more personal, and feel more uniquely American, than ever before as we define and redefine ourselves."

While Remignanti also sees less-perfect boucles, tweeds

and raw silks replacing damasks, velvets and other more refined fabrics in everything from table coverings and bed linens to upholstery and window coverings, richness and formality still will have their place. Mary Dluzen, ASID, owner of I.N. DESIGN in Burr Ridge, Ill. cites luxurious silks, antique silver, real furs and ornately carved furniture as being very much in demand as consumers continue to choose a style that expresses the way they want to live.

Like Remignanti, Dluzen sees an increasing desire for a home

the walls of fashionable homes - and the sets of major movies and television shows - for decades, they've recently become even more hip. According to the Shaw Report by Jessica Shaw in "Entertainment Weekly," murals are in - with mosaics and decoupage being "five minutes ago" and "out," respectively.

A well-guarded secret in the celebrity community, actors Julianne Moore and Woody Harrelson, and lead singer for the Red Hot Chili Peppers Anthony Keidis, have already ordered products from Hopkins,



to reflect people's unique histories and heritages. Says Dluzen, "Incorporating family heirlooms, art and memorabilia into the interior design can be accomplished with taste and style to create a truly unique personal environment."

The thread of personalization is woven throughout next year's design fabric. As a society accustomed to tailoring customized messages on our favorite M&M colors, designing our own Nike footwear, and sporting monogrammed jewelry and initialed handbags, we take pride in creating a living environment that reflects our unique preferences and personalities.

One way in which this will be evident is in decorative wall murals. Although they've graced

Minnesota-based Murals Your Way (www.muralsyourway.com). Thom Filicia, interior design specialist for the Emmy-winning Bravo series, "Queer Eye for the Straight Guy," is a great fan of Murals Your Way's wall murals, and has featured them several times on his hit show.

"The decor of your home should represent your personality as well as your interests" says Filicia. "Murals Your Way is a great resource to add your personal stamp in a creative, fun and whimsical way."

The design forecast for 2006 is similar no matter where you live. Hot colors. Cool environments. And a warming trend of personalization.

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Everything new is old again

Distress" is not necessarily a bad thing if you are talking about wide plank hardwood floors. In fact, hand-distressing – the process of making new wood appear old – is an increasingly popular design technique.

"It's not always feasible to use reclaimed antique wood to achieve a certain design effect," says Don Carlisle, second-generation owner of Carlisle Wide Plank Floors, a Stoddard, N.H.-based company that specializes in hand-distressing. "Homeowners who want to give their wood floors the look and character of age find hand-distressing is a great option."

Distressing works best when done on old growth pine and other hardwoods. The process can be quite involved, with modern artisans often employing the same handcrafting techniques and tools used by craftsmen of long ago. Carlisle uses these techniques to recreate several identifiable looks associated with the wide plank floors installed in American homes more than 100 years ago.

Hand Scraped Edge

Lumber milling was an imprecise process in the 18th and 19th centuries. No two boards were ever exactly the same. When these imperfect boards were installed in a wide plank floor, it was not unusual to see individual boards laying side by side at different heights. To solve the problem (and avoid potential trips and falls), carpenters used a handheld block plane to scrape off the higher edges. This often left a slight gap between floorboards.

Today, Carlisle craftsmen use the same tool to mimic the look of a floor that has been planed through hand scraping of old growth eastern white pine. By randomly scraping down the edges of the board, that signature gap can be recreated when the boards are placed side by side. In fact, the craftsmen will occasionally place three or four boards together during the process to make sure the results look like an old, traditional floor.

Foot Worn

Standing on a floor visibly worn by centuries of foot traffic can make one feel linked to the past. Pockets, undulations, dips and softened edges in a wide plank floor speak of centuries of wear and a certain depth of character.

Carlisle craftsmen use handheld planes to scrape the surface and edges of each

individual board. They study each board, and, taking into consideration the many directions of the grain as well as knots, scrape the wood with multiple starts and stops

an average of only 15 to 20 square feet per hour.

Carriage House/Saw Kerf

After automobiles replaced horse-drawn carriages as Americans' primary mode of transportation, many old carriage houses were converted to residences.

Today, some still retain their original floors, where the marks of carriage wheels and horse shoes are still visible. Some even bear the grooves or notches – kerf marks – made by the saws or axes first used to cut the timber.

To replicate the look with modern wood, Carlisle craftsmen do not

mill the planks smooth. Instead, they leave some of the original kerf marks in the wood. The marks cause the hand planes to strike and shave parts of the plank while skipping over other areas. This

creates an uneven surface. Next, workers use a draw knife, pulled towards the craftsman's body, to create a less drastic uneven edge. Finally, they hand sand the

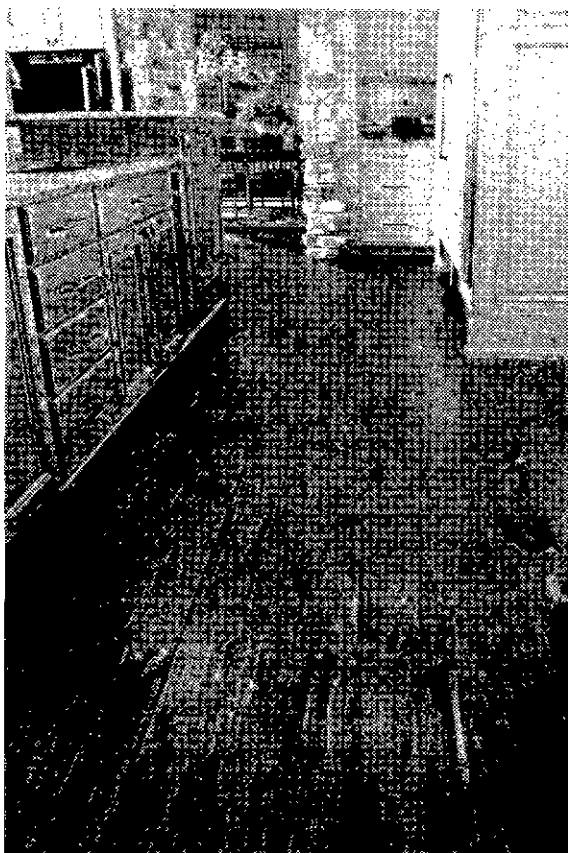
wood to help smooth out the surface while still allowing the kerf marks to shine through.

Many more authentic antique effects are possible through use of traditional

methods. Because each board of every floor is hand crafted, no two floors are ever alike.

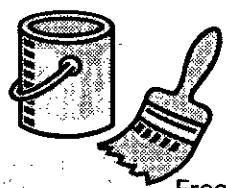
"Hand distressing really evokes the craftsman-ship and character of antique wide plank floors," Carlisle says.

To learn more about the many looks and methods of hand distressing, visit www.wideplankflooring.com, or call (800) 595-9663.



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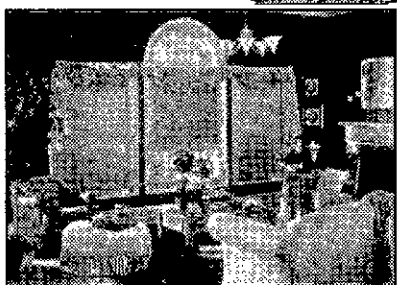
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Create a state-of-the-art kitchen with historical details

"Today's styles are greatly inspired by the past, but live in the present. As more homeowners gravitate to high performance kitchen products, the industry is responding with new products and finishes to ensure no one has to compromise on style."

Vintage or period motifs have become one of the hottest trends in home kitchen design, but your Old-World kitchen doesn't need to feature modern-looking faucets to take advantage of the latest technology. Whether creating an original design, restoring an old kitchen, or merely redecorating, more homeowners are turning to new period-style plumbing that offers traditional style with all the modern conveniences.

"It's all about marrying form and function," says Jeff Pratt, vice president of sales for Danze, a manufacturer of decorative plumbing products. "Today's styles are greatly inspired by the past, but live in the present. As more homeowners gravitate to high performance kitchen products, the industry is responding with new products and finishes to ensure no one has to compromise on style."

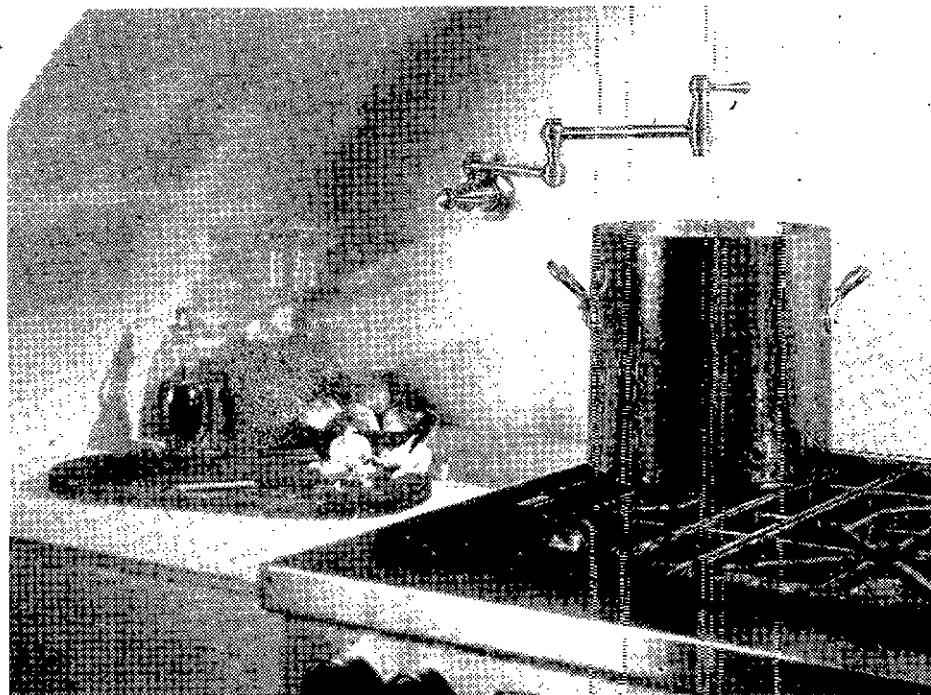
In addition to products such as the pot filler faucet (a faucet mounted near the stove to bring water right to the stovetop) and various pull-down or pull-out faucets, other high-performance kitchen products like commercial-style dish rinse faucets and even hands-free electronic faucets are quickly gaining popularity. Though modern in function, their range of styles and finishes

ensure even the most up-to-date kitchens can evoke the grandeur of an earlier age.

Pratt points to the Danze Opulence Collection as one example. The popular collection, based on Victorian styling cues, achieves the Old-World look many homeowners are striving for while delivering performance that is anything but traditional. A pull-down faucet, pull-out faucet and pot filler faucet offer convenience in the kitchen, but the selection of finishes from antique copper to oil rub bronze capture an authentic vintage look.

"Creating ambiance in the kitchen is all about the details, so homeowners shouldn't underestimate the impact of a unique finish," Pratt says. "Stainless steel has led the way in popularity for metal finished kitchen appliances and accessories, but if you're going for vintage style, you can now rely on a range of aged or distressed finishes to complete your look."

Coordinating metal finishes



is one of the easiest ways to create a professionally designed look in your kitchen. Oil rub, black and other types

of subdued metal finishes are appearing on faucets, lighting, cabinet knobs and other trim and hardware elements for the kitchen, offering a simple way to create a period-

inspired look. As you work to put a vintage stamp on your kitchen, try these simple tips to help accentuate your decor:

- Start by selecting fixtures with a vintage style in an

antique finish to set the tone for your design. For example, a farmhouse-style sink with a wall-mounted kitchen faucet in a period style is a great way to capture a more rustic look of days-gone-by.

- Don't stop your new look with the faucet. Replacing cabinet knobs to match the finish and styling of your faucets is a simple and inexpensive way to tie everything together.

- Try a new backsplash tile that features an aged finish (such as copper glaze) or a distressed texture to expand your look with an eye-catching display.

- Consider a wood countertop for your center island. Apart from offering a more traditional look, it will provide a food-safe and heat-resistant work surface.

- Makeover your ordinary dishwasher or other appliances by adding a vintage-inspired door panel. Dishwasher and refrigerator doors are especially well suited to "hide" their functionality.

With today's variety of styles and finishes, kitchens with a vintage flavor don't need to sacrifice function to get all the current features. Integrating many of these details into your next kitchen project can help you achieve an inviting traditional decor that also reflects your personal tastes.



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Easy-on, Easy-off wallpaper is hottest new trend

Want to change the look of your living room or update your kitchen with new wall coverings but aren't sure you can do it yourself? Think again. Home improvement projects are getting a lot simpler thanks to new easy-to-install, easy-to-remove products.

"In the past, the perception of wallpaper has been that it's difficult to install and nearly impossible to remove," says Tim Quinn, president of Chesapeake Wallcoverings. "We know that 90 percent of consumers are doing their own installation and removal. Now, wallpapering an average sized room is an afternoon project, and removal can be accomplished in as little as 15 minutes."

Home decorating programs are increasingly showing designs that incorporate wall coverings. And the faux painting fad seems to be ending, perhaps because consumers have discovered the process is not always as easy as it looks on

TV. The time is ripe for wallpaper's resurgence.

Products like Chesapeake's pioneering Easy-Walls collections virtually eliminate the negative issues associated with wallpaper: involved wall preparation; difficult installation including booking; seam separation; peeling; and the deal-breaking difficulty of removal.

Historically, preparing a wall for wallpaper has involved sanding, cleaning solvents, and multiple coats of primer and wallpaper sizing. Easy-Walls requires no preparation other

than simply cleaning the wall. The product is designed to adhere to a wall that has been covered with at least two coats of paint, preferably one of primer and one flat latex, Quinn says.

Wallpaper can tear, crease and rip during installation. And if you fail to book it, the seams will separate once it dries on the wall. Because the product is a non-woven mix of natural and synthetic fibers, booking is no

longer necessary; it's made to be put on the wall immediately after wetting.

"This removable paper is much more forgiving than typical wallpaper," Quinn notes. "With traditional installation, the paste has to have enough 'slip' to allow you to realign it and move it around on the wall. This paper moves very easily on the wall and you can even take down an entire sheet and put it back on in a new position." Mistakes are easily corrected: simply smooth it with your hands and reapply it to the wall.

Failure to book traditional wallpaper can result in seam separation and peeling. Improper wall preparation in a humid spot like a bathroom can lead to mold growth behind the paper. Because there is no vinyl in non-woven wallpaper, vapor lock, which



traps moisture behind the paper, is unlikely to occur. The product is totally breathable, making it ideal for use in high-humidity areas like the bath and kitchen.

Forget the hours of scratching, wetting and scraping or steaming and harsh chemicals associated with removing wallpaper. You can take down removable wallpaper in a matter of minutes, Quinn says. Simply start at a corner and pull, and the entire sheet will come off in one piece. "This product is perfect for anyone who wants to be able to quickly and easily change a look of a room in the future - parents decorating a nursery who know

they will need to redecorate as soon as the child grows, or renters who will need quick, clean, easy removal when they move out."

Easy-Walls is currently available from most wallcovering retailers and large home centers. Six design collections, each with 120 or more patterns, are currently available. The per-roll cost of the product is usually \$1 to \$2 more than regular wallpaper, but is offset by reduced preparation and installation costs. For information or to see a live demo, visit www.easy-walls.com.

Brighten up the bathroom

Ready to trade your mittens for rubber gloves?

As spring arrives, along with it comes the spring cleaning season. Not surprisingly, more than 75 percent of Americans set aside specific time to complete an annual cleaning, according to a recent survey. And, the bathroom is the first place homeowners look to make drastic changes.

Just think of it: heated floors, steam room, body spa and vanity lighting. Doing a major remodel to your bathroom requires time and expense. But often, some minor readjustments to the most-often-used room of your home can immediately, and affordably, improve the way you feel about it. Consider these easy tips and improvements:

• Save the counter

Does your bathroom countertop turn into a space for clutter? Try mounting some easy-to-install shelves where you can store your toothbrush, make-up, and other personal items that tend to take up precious counter space.

• Curtain call

A new, colorful shower curtain can bring new life to your bathroom. But since shower curtains easily accumulate mold, make sure to clean it regularly with a product proven to kill the mold spores.

• Unclog

Let's face it - we all dread the inevitable backups that occur in sinks, bathtubs and showers as a result of hair, soap and other unidentifiable clog culprits. Luckily, waiting for a drain to unclog no longer requires the requisite 15 minutes, as there are products on the market that can blast clogs in three seconds.

• Air it out

After a hot shower or bath, open a window or turn on your bathroom exhaust fan to circulate the hot air. Mold and

mildew can grow easily in moist, wet environments.

• Hamper Dampener

Are clothes strewn through your "loo?" Procure a medium-sized clothing hamper to help the whole family keep the bathroom floor free of socks, pants, shirts and more.

For more bathroom cleaning tips, visit www.liquidplumr.com.



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Room for change: The growth of the children's bedroom industry

"Kids do not want 'matchy matchy' any longer, but yearn to express the diverse nature of their personalities with their rooms."

Every mother wants something better for her child, and that sentiment is often reflected in the way we decorate our children's bedrooms. Americans spend more than \$9 billion annually on furnishings for kid's rooms. Moms drive a growing retail segment that serves up decorative bedroom offerings ranging from furniture designed especially for kids, to coordinated accessories including bedding, lamps, rugs, wall art and a variety of decorations.

Kathleen Moore knows all about stores like these. The 34-year-old mother of two loves to decorate. "The kid's rooms are the first stop on the tour when I'm showing off the house," says Moore. She's like many mothers who say decorating children's bedrooms is more important than decorating their kitchens and family rooms.

"Our bedroom actually comes last," Jean Larkin says. Larkin, 38, believes decorating the rooms for her two girls is a reflection on her as a parent. She spent \$10,000 decorating her children's rooms last year.

Of course, it wasn't always like that. In postwar 1950s

America, specialty furniture shops for children didn't exist, offering a clue to the relative priority of decorating children's bedrooms at the time. When Ann Tackett's children were young in the 1950s and 60s, their rooms didn't look anything like those decorated by Moore or Larkin.

"Our kids didn't go to their rooms to play," Tackett says. "They played outside or in the family room. The bedroom was where they slept and did their school work."

Tackett, 80, says her kids' furniture was handed down from relatives or bought new at department

stores like Sears.

"We weren't concerned with matching companion pieces and we didn't think about accessories," she said.

By the late 1960s, many children's rooms began to reflect their personal tastes and styles. When

"The Brady Bunch" hit the television airways in 1969, the change in popular culture and in the way children's rooms were being decorated was evident. The popular show often used the children's rooms for scenes and today offers a look back at

the increasing attention to children's bedroom furnishings during that period.

In the '70s, colorful bedspreads, unique lamps, and wall treatments along with hanging beads and posters were commonly used to reflect the personality of the child.

As disco music gave way to the '80s, disposable income grew right along with the number of double-income households.

In the '80s, department stores began catering to mothers, offering decoration packages including bedspreads, shams, pillowcases and

matching wall treatments based on popular themes.

The interest in home beautification came into full bloom in the '90s and continues now.

The focus

options.

"Personalization creates a sense of

belonging and kids today are creating an identity for themselves through decorating their rooms," says Peter Fowler, director of merchandising for Pier 1 Kids.

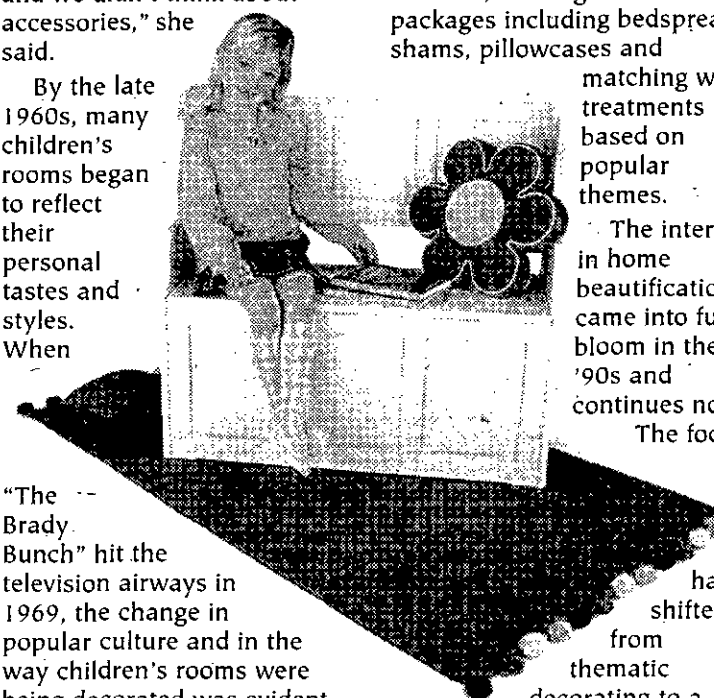
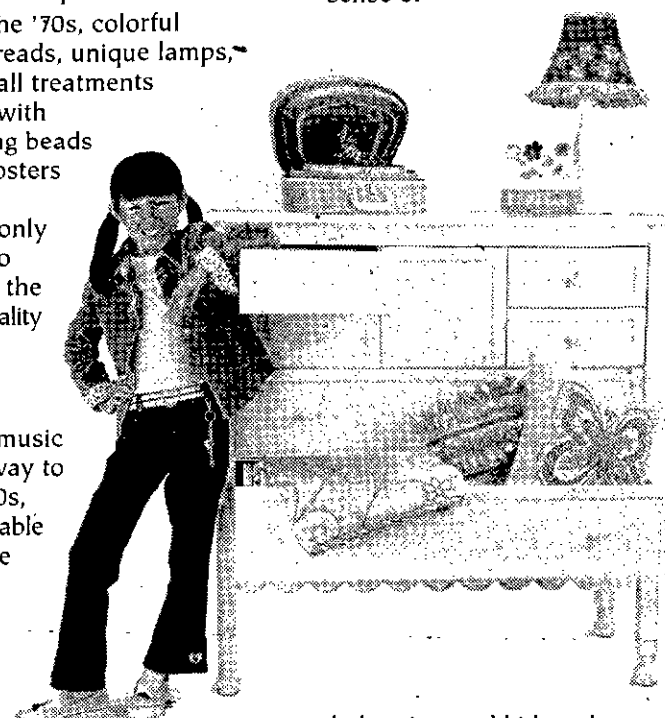
"Kids do not want 'matchy matchy' any longer, but yearn to express the diverse nature of their personalities with their rooms," Fowler adds.

Retailers have caught on. In the last five years, companies like Bombay Furniture, Pier 1 and Pottery Barn have opened specialty stores offering furniture, accessories, bedding and decorative items for children's rooms.

And these retailers have struck a nerve with kid-minded moms. Sales for kid's specialty stores grew more than 5 percent last year, with one chain reporting an annual increase of 89 percent.

The prospects for retailers who focus on kids is best summed up by Moore.

"As a girl, you wait a long time to be a mom," she says. "To decorate your child's bedroom - it's like a dream."



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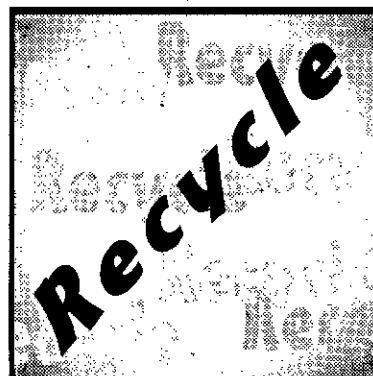
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Quick – put a little spring in your step

Ah, spring. It's almost time to let your hair down, step outside, breathe in the fresh air and have some good old-fashioned fun. Or, in some cases, it may be time to start your spring home decorating projects.

The promise of the warm weather and longer days has the tendency to make almost all of us want to spruce up our homes with updated decor. With that in mind, the following are some inexpensive and highly effective ways to motivate you, while making the most of your spring decorating dollars:

Add an area rug. Unlike wall-to-wall carpet, area rugs can bring colorful designs and patterns into your room without overwhelming it, and once you buy them they are yours to keep since you can take them with you if you move. Area rugs are extremely versatile, and can serve many purposes. For example, they can start off in the living room, move to the family room or bedroom, and eventually end up in the garage or an indoor/outdoor room.

Punch up the color with paint. Painting is one of the easiest and least expensive ways to transform a room. So, if you're thinking of painting but are hesitant about covering the walls of an entire room with a brighter color, Pratt & Lambert Color Marketing Manager Peggy Van Allen says there are plenty of ways to experiment with color – even before putting it on your walls.

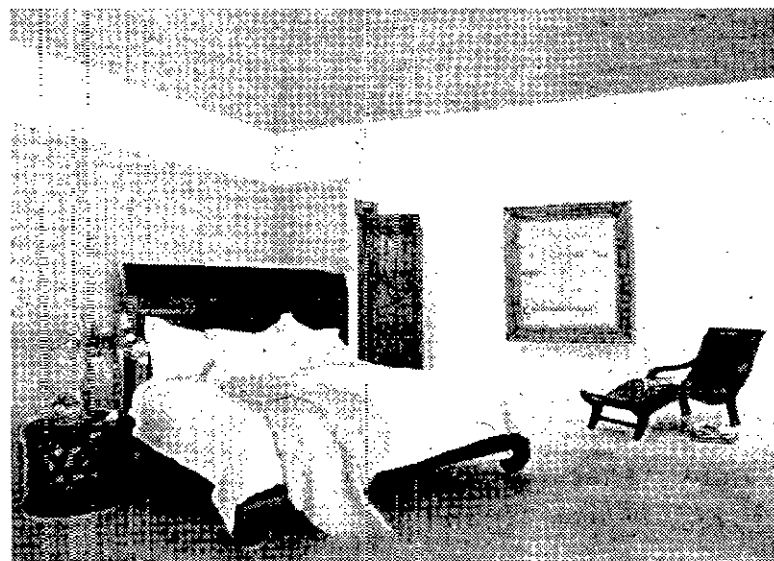
"There are numerous tools on the market that can help tap into a consumer's imagination by assisting them in envisioning how a color can change the look and feel of a room," said Van Allen.

One new way is with the Pratt & Lambert Inspiration

Cards. They provide an extra boost of confidence when pulling colors together by showcasing photographs of how professionals combine colors on walls, trim and accent areas in various rooms. And, each of the 16 cards contain the exact color chips used to create the room design, along with tips to help consumers easily achieve the same look in their own home.

Try on a slipcover. If your furniture is tired and worn looking,

or you need to match your new wall color with your furniture, you can lighten and brighten chairs, loveseats and couches with the creative use of slipcovers. For less than \$100, you can either make your own, or buy them at your local home



outlet store. It's amazing how an old piece of furniture can take on new life with a little help.

Give windows the treatment. If your draperies are heavy and dark, it won't matter what color your walls or furniture are. So, shop the sales for some sheers and taffeta panels that can help brighten a room. Discount stores are great resources for inexpensive panels and curtains. Try adding something light with a beaded fringe to include a little sparkle and a bit of whimsy.

Lighten up. One sure way to quickly freshen up a room's decor is by replacing outdated lamp fixtures. For an entirely new look, this can be accomplished by replacing old shades. Or, try re-decorating your existing lamp shades by

applying fabric paint or using a hot glue gun to embellish shades with beads, feathers or other ornaments.

Tidy up and organize. During the winter our homes tend to become filled with lots of bulk and piles of things. While spring cleaning, bring in new wicker baskets or decorative storage boxes to hide away those items that have accumulated during the winter months. This will allow you to have the tidy, minimalist look we often associate with spring.

According to Van Allen, "Just remember, spring decorating doesn't have to break your budget. Small, cost-effective improvements can really make a difference in your home's overall appearance, and most importantly how you feel about your surroundings."

Trading up: small details create spring havens

It's that time of year again when you might feel the urge to purge – otherwise known as spring cleaning. But think twice before trading in some of your home decor items – instead, trade them up. By adding small details to what you already have, you can achieve a chic and rejuvenated look for spring.

Think outside the boxes

Before relinquishing boxes of trinkets, "clutter-creators" and damaged accessories, consider re-purposing items such as plain lamps and window treatments, tattered pillows and throws, or unused vases and china. Small details help create a spring haven with a fresh perspective and affordable materials such as decorative trim, mirrors and faux flowers.

While taking inventory of the items you have to work with, begin visualizing your ideal decor. Need inspiration? Peruse the pages of your favorite magazines. Whether replicating a designer pillow for the family room or fashioning an outdated lamp or the guest room into something trendier, upgrading existing pieces will breathe new life into the room for the season.

Glam Shams

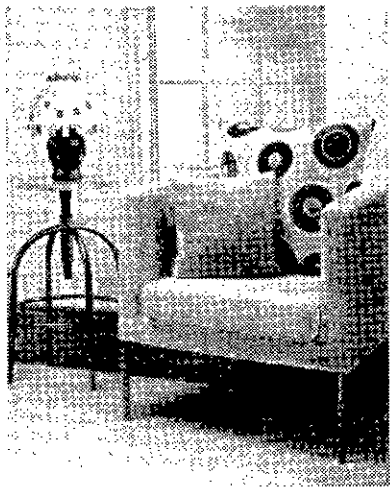
Is the couch in perfect condition, but the pillows have seen better days? Redress your favorite furniture by using the tattered pillows as an insert for no-sew pillow shams. In just a few hours and with a little bit of creativity, you can achieve a glitzy designer look.

First, find a fabric with spring-infused hues and patterns that compliment the room. Measure the pillow and cut the fabric to the appropriate size. Take one piece of fabric with the pattern facing up, and run a small bead of Perfect Glue I adhesive along three sides. Next, place the other piece of fabric on top with right sides together and press firmly. Steam iron the three-adhered sides to speed the curing process.

Allow one hour for dry-ing and then turn the sham right side out. Insert the pillow into the sham, and glue the final hem. Use clothes pins to hold in place until dry.

Spring reflections

Continue your spring haven mission by creating an airy environment with accent mirrors in order to open up and visually extend spaces. Use mismatched pieces of china from your "junk" pile as frames for wall mirrors. For larger mirrors, char-gers work great! Simply choose a circular mirror that fits into the center of the plate and adhere using strong craft glue, such as Perfect Glue I. Apply a heavy object on top of the mirror and allow two hours for drying time.



In a new light

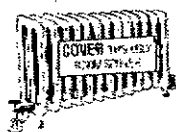
Lighten up your space figuratively, as well as aesthetically. That dated, albeit trusty lamp may be the perfect candidate for a makeover to better reflect your rejuvenated decor. Consider cover-ing the offend-ing lamp base with unique

embellishments such as rope or artificial greenery. A versatile adhesive (such as Perfect Glue I) will adhere to a variety of surfaces such as ceramic, metal, stone, and brass. Don't forget the lamp shade! Extend your creativity to design an eye-catching and complimentary

shade to complete the lamp transformation.

Now that your imagination is blossoming, don't stop. Move on to the next space and continue to refresh your house-hold items. And, remember – it's all in the details.

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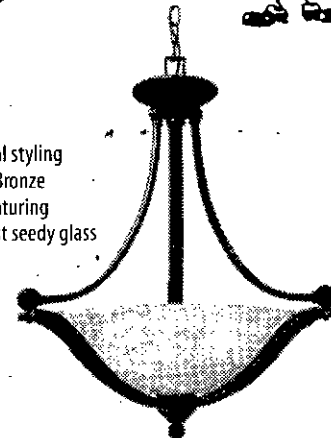
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"We're seeing the trend to personalization extend into home design, both in new construction, and remodeling and replacement projects, so we've designed our windows and doors to make it easy to compliment those trends, and express your personal style."

Your home is an expression of you and it's your haven from the hustle and bustle of today's fast-paced world. That's why it's not a surprise the results of a homeowner survey found 45 percent said they would change the look of a room at least once a year if they could do so simply and affordably.

By some accounts, women make up to 85 percent of home buying decisions, and often seek functional, usable spaces in their kitchens and cozy bathrooms that provide a touch of affordable luxury. Many women also prefer charm and character in their homes, not cookie-cutter designs. Finally,

they typically want natural light and the ability to keep things in order, with minimal maintenance.

To meet the demand for functional luxury, Pella Corporation created a new design solution with its Designer Series (R) collection featuring windows and patio doors with window fashions -

fabric cellular shades, blinds, grilles, and decorative panels - protected between panes of glass that can easily be changed by the homeowner for added style, convenience and safety. This product is ideal for the

kitchen or bath because the cordless design keeps the look sleek and simple above a sink



Pella's new decorative panels for Designer Series windows and patio doors hang between the panes of glass in Pella Designer Series windows or patio doors. Available in a wide variety of colors and designs to match virtually any decor, the panels can also be customized to precisely match fabrics, wallpaper or artwork.

or a bathtub. Plus with the window fashions protected between the glass, they may never need dusting and are safe from splatters.

With blinds available in 10 popular colors and cellular style shades in 15 of today's hottest color options, instant transformations to a room as the seasons change or as the decor of a home evolves is easier than ever. New this year are snap-in decorative panels which are textured, colored or nature-themed inserts that create a truly unique look in Designer Series windows or patio doors. The panels allow in natural light but obscure the view, ideal for creating privacy in a room as well as an artful window treatment.

"We're seeing the trend to personalization extend into home design, both in new construction, and remodeling and replacement projects, so we've designed our windows and doors to make it easy to compliment those trends, and express your personal style," said Sherri Gillette, Pella's Designer Series brand manager.

The decorative panels that fit perfectly between the panes of glass allow you - the homeowner turned designer - to make a bold statement for a

feature window, add a transitional design element for a patio door leading to a garden, add privacy to a bathroom or create a stylish look for a bedroom. They also can quickly and easily be changed over time or as tastes change, transforming Pella windows and patio doors into true works of art. For the ultimate in personal expression, decorative panels can be customized to include an image of your favorite pet, person or place.

Kitchens and baths - rooms most frequented by guests and those living in the home - remain tops in rooms being revamped, fueling a \$170 billion-plus home-improvement industry, according to house and home editors on BHG.com. As design decisions go, it's important that in addition to personalization, privacy plays a key role.

A popular option for privacy is the top-down blind or shade, especially for the bath and bedroom, because this design allows in natural light at the top of the window, as the top of the window is uncovered, and the lower portion remains covered for added privacy and security.

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Design and style rival functionality in women's tools

When it comes to basic home maintenance and home improvement projects, more and more women are doing it for themselves. Tapping this trend, many tool manufacturers now offer a range of products designed to appeal to this fastest-growing segment of the home improvement market.

"Market research shatters the stereotype of the husband's 'honey-do' list," says Terry Tuerk of power tool manufacturer Metabo. "Today, women are not intimidated by home repair and improvement. They know it can be cheaper and more satisfying to do it themselves, rather than always hire a professional."

Here are some female-friendly basic tools that are finding their way into handy-women's well-equipped toolboxes:

- **Hammer** - For most household tasks, the claw hammer gets the job done. The most popular weights have historically been 16 to 24 ounces. Lighter eight-ounce hammers, however, are also available. "These hammers are made with high-tech lightweight materials that make them easy to heft and

balance," says Tuerk. Options include the Oxo Good Grips available at Lowe's, and Stanley, which offers a 13-ounce hammer.

- **Tape measure** - Gone are the days when this critical tool came in one color - metal - and one weight - heavy.



Today, tape measures are made of lightweight, colorful plastics that are as durable as they are eye-catching. A variety of casing sizes are available to fit every hand, no matter how small. Workforce Color Rules Tape Measure comes in a variety of colors and offers a soft grip handle.

Or, you can opt for one of the new digital varieties. Black & Decker makes a device that is both a digital level and tape measure.

- **Screwdrivers** - Basic flat head and Phillips head screwdrivers are home repair essentials. A complete screwdriver set practically guarantees

that ensure the head stays in place during use, are also available. Most major tool manufacturers offer this type of screwdriver.

- **Power drill** - Whether you are hanging a heavy piece of artwork, or putting together a piece of furniture, a power drill makes the job easy. Gone are the days when "powerful" meant a drill was heavy and hard to handle. The PowerMaxx by Metabo Corporation packs 80 inch pounds of torque into a 1 1/2-pound ergonomically designed package. The design makes the PowerMaxx especially handy for getting into awkward spots where a traditional power drill would be too large. Changing drill bits and directions is accomplished with a lever the can be operated with just one finger. The drill is available from select retailers across the country. To find one near you, go to www.metabousa.com.

- **Safety glasses** - Protecting your eyes never looked better. Compact, attractive designs by AOSafety and Echo are a better fit for a woman's facial structure and sense of style than traditional heavy plastic goggles. Designer colors and tinted lenses make a fashion statement and safety sense. Most home improvement centers now carry a wide variety of styles.

"As more women enter the ranks of do-it-yourselfers, we will see an influx of products designed to suit women's needs and tastes," says Tuerk.

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and patio doors truly connect form and function since they make such a style statement while reducing cleaning time, and they also help lower the cost of your utilities," said Gillette.

Researchers at the University of Iowa found that Pella Designer Series windows and patio doors with between-the-glass blinds can help keep your home cleaner and healthier - windows with roomside blinds can harbor 200 times more indoor airborne allergens, according to data from this ongoing research conducted by the Department of Occupational and Environmental Health. What's more, the Department of Energy says energy efficient choices for a home can save families nearly a fourth on energy bills.

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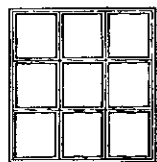
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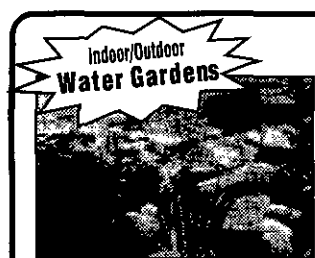
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Keep your home clean and green

While "going green" may seem like a marketing fad or a throwback to the '60s, it really is nothing more nor less than living mindfully and giving careful thought to what we consume and how it affects our environment.

If that still sounds too new-agey for you, think about it in these concrete terms: going green can save you money while providing cleaner, healthier alternatives to the products you use on a daily basis.

"Even though it may seem like the things one individual can do don't have a big impact, those little efforts can really add up," says Glenda Lehman Ervin of Lehman's, a company specializing in old-fashioned, high-quality merchandise.

The company's catalog has everything from canning supplies to a solar-powered attic fan. But going green doesn't mean you have to dramatically change your lifestyle.

"The more you think in terms of going green, the more ways you'll find to incorporate it into your day-to-day life," says Lehman Ervin. She also stresses that going green can make your life simpler in the long run.

Lehman Ervin offers the following examples of how going green can easily fit into your busy life.

- Switch to nontoxic cleaning products.

"Many people assume that because these products are sold in grocery stores without any warning labels that they're safe," says Lehman Ervin. "If



they were safe, your eyes wouldn't water from the fumes and you wouldn't have to wear gloves to protect your hands while you use them."

You can buy nontoxic products or make your own. Lehman's sells "The Naturally Clean Home," a great reference book for cleaning your home safely. You'll also find a selection of natural cleaning products.

- Recycle your trash. In many communities, recycling is as simple as putting your newspaper, glass and metal into the appropriate container and leaving it out with the weekly garbage pickup.

- Compost your food waste. "Nothing is better for your garden than compost," says Lehman Ervin. You can build your own bin for composting; after that, just add kitchen scraps layered with grass clippings, leaves and other

organic materials and let nature take its course.

- Minimize the use of appliances with a heating element. For example, hang clothes to dry and let your dishes air dry instead of using the dry cycle on your dishwasher. Lehman Ervin uses an accordion wall rack to dry

some of her family's clothes. The rack mounts flush against the wall, but extends 34 inches, for plenty of drying space when you need it.

- If you are considering replacing your washing machine, look at buying a

front-loading machine instead of a top loading one.

"Front loading machines use less detergent, less water and do less damage to clothes," says Lehman Ervin. An added benefit is that clothes come out of the washing machine drier, requiring less time (and less energy) in the dryer.

"Some of these solutions take

a little forethought, but don't really require much work," says Lehman Ervin. "After a while, habits like these just become second nature and you won't even think about it before you turn the water off while you're brushing your teeth or use both sides of a piece of paper for your to-do list."

For products that can help you go green, visit www.lehmans.com.

Use your imagination to go green with plastic bags

Just to prove that going green doesn't require special equipment (but does require a sense of humor), here are some out-of-the-ordinary uses for ordinary plastic bags that have already served their original purpose.

- Kneepads - to protect your clothes when kneeling in the garden or on a dirty floor, tie a plastic bag around each knee.

- Gloves - we love our pets, but there are some things no one wants to touch. Use a plastic bag on each hand during clean-ups.

- Umbrella cover - a wet umbrella can make a mess of your floor, your car or your purse. Cover it with a plastic bag until you have time to set it out to dry.

- Counter cover - protect your counter from meat juice by spreading a plastic bag under the package, or peel your vegetables directly into a plastic bag for easy disposal.

- Slipper covers - the paper is at the end of the driveway, you're in your robe and slippers and it's raining. No problem; put a plastic bag on each foot and your slippers will stay dry while you retrieve the paper.

- Pot filler - large planters full of dirt can be too heavy to lift. Try putting some crumpled plastic bags at the bottom of the pot for lightweight filler.

"Many people assume that because these products are sold in grocery stores without any warning labels that they're safe. If they were safe, your eyes wouldn't water from the fumes and you wouldn't have to wear gloves to protect your hands while you use them."

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Obituaries *in the* Spotlight

Madalyn D. Schmitz

Madalyn D. Schmitz, 102, of Delmar, died Friday, Feb. 17.

A longtime Delmar resident, she was a communicant of the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle.

Survivors include a daughter, Joan Stowers of Delmar; four grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

Services were from the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle in Delmar, and burial will be in Our Lady Help of Christians Cemetery in Glenmont.

Contributions may be made to the Good Samaritan Lutheran Health Care Center., 125 Rockefeller Road, Delmar 12054.

Ernest K. Tisaj

Ernest K. Tisaj, 56, of Selkirk, passed away Saturday, Feb. 18. Mr. Tisaj was born in Austria and had lived in Rensselaer and then Selkirk.

Survivors include his wife, Sandra J. Tisaj of Selkirk; parents, Frank and Edith Tisaj of East Greenbush; a son, Ernest K. Tisaj Jr. of Rensselaer; stepsons,

Joseph Martone and Anthony Martone; brothers, Franz Tisaj and Eric Tisaj; sisters, Melita Leonard and Margaret Shaw; and seven grandchildren.

Funeral services were from the Babcock Funeral Home in Ravena.

Contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 260 Osborne Road, Loudonville 12211.

Regina A. Fish

Regina A. Fish, age 88, of Delmar, died Friday, Feb. 17.

She was born in Albany and lived in Delmar for many years before retiring with her husband, Roy Fish, to Brewster, Mass. in the early 1980s. She and her husband celebrated their 66th wedding anniversary last June.

Mrs. Fish graduated from the former Vincentian Institute in Albany. She was employed by and subsequently retired from New York Telephone Co., and was a member of its Pioneer Club. She was also active in the mother's auxiliary at Christian Brothers Academy, from which her three sons graduated.

Mrs. Fish was a member of garden clubs in Delmar and Brewster. In later years, she was a regular bingo player at Our Lady of the Cape in Brewster and other popular bingo venues on Cape Cod. Along with her husband, she was a passionate fan of both the New York Yankees and Boston Celtics, and shared a birthday, Aug. 4, with future Hall of Fame hurler Roger Clemens.

Survivors include her husband, Roy Fish; three sons, Eugene Fish of Brewster and formerly Delmar, Peter Fish of Glenmont and Michael Fish of Marietta, Ga.; eight grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were from St. Thomas the Apostle Church in Delmar. Burial will be in Our Lady Help of Christians Cemetery, Glenmont.

Contributions may be made to Brewster Rescue Squad, 1657 Main Street, Brewster, Mass. 02631.

Robert N. Irish

Robert N. Irish, 66, died Sunday, Feb. 19.

Mr. Irish was the owner of the former John G. Myers Travel Agency in Delmar. He was a

charter member of SKAL, past president and life member of Elsmere Fire Co. and a communicant of Stephen's Episcopal Church in Elsmere.

Survivors include a daughter, Joy Ann Irish of Charlotte, N.C.

Funeral services were from St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Elsmere and Poplar Avenues, Elsmere. Interment was in Bethlehem Cemetery.

Contributions may be made to the Elsmere Fire Co., Poplar Drive, Delmar 12054.

Daniel M. Shaw Sr.

Daniel M. Shaw Sr., 52, of Bethlehem, died suddenly on Saturday, Feb. 18.

Mr. Shaw was a graduate of LaSalle Institute, class of 1971 and had attended The College of St. Rose.

Mr. Shaw had been employed by the state for many years and was a performance consultant for the Department of Transportation in Albany. He was the past chairman of the state training council and was the current vice chairman. He was an avid fan of The Beatles and loved going to

Disney every year with his family and friends. Survivors include his wife, Wendy; a son, Daniel M. Shaw Jr. of Bethlehem; a daughter, Eileen Shaw of Bethlehem; and a sister, Joyce Aransky of Averill Park.

Funeral services were from the John J. Sanvidge Funeral Home in Lansingburgh. Interment was held in St. Peter's Cemetery in Troy. Contributions may be made to the Bethlehem Fire Dept., 589 Russell Road, Albany 12203.

M. Agnes Ginnett

M. Agnes Ginnett, 97, of Albany, formerly of Colonie and Delmar, died on Sunday, Feb. 19, 2006.

Mrs. Ginnett was born and raised in Troy and remained a lifelong resident of the Capital District. She worked for many years in retail jewelry sales. She was the widow of Charles L. Ginnett.

Survivors include a daughter, June Plouman of Latham; a grandson; and several great grandchildren and stepchildren.

Funeral services were from Frederick Funeral Home in Albany. Burial will be in Memory's Garden, Colonie. The family would like to thank St. Peter's Nursing and Rehabilitation Center staff for the exceptional loving care given.

Sylvia Yulman

Sylvia Yulman, 93, of Delmar, died on Feb. 22.

Born in Schenectady, she was the widow of Irving Yulman.

Survivors include her nieces, Ellen Kaufman of Albany and Diane Slocum of Oneonta; a nephew, Stuart Kaufman of Port Orange, Fla.; and many other nieces and nephews. Services were at Congregation Agudat Achim, in Schenectady. Interment was in Agudat Achim Cemetery in Rotterdam.

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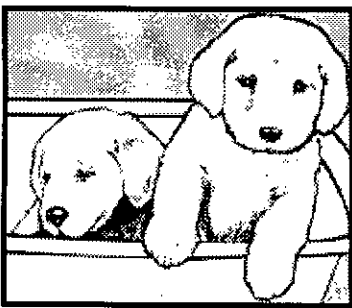
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Catherine Pagano

Catherine H. Pagano, 88, of Ravena, died Thursday, Feb. 23. She was born in Coeymans and lived in the Coeymans and Ravena areas all her life. In 1980 she retired after many years of service as a seamstress at the former Atlantic Knitting Mills in Ravena. She was a communicant of St. Patrick's Church.

Catherine was the widow of Dominic T. Pagano. Survivors include three daughters, Patricia Rider of Selkirk, Barbara Rider of Ravena and Kathleen Wolfe of Ravena; two sisters, Anna Foro of S.C. and Mary Capparella of Ravena; and several grandchildren.

Funeral services were from St. Patrick's Church in Ravena. Entombment was in St. Patrick's Mausoleum, Coeymans. Contributions may be made to St. Patrick's Church, 21 Main St., Ravena 12143.

Deborah Langenbach

Deborah A. Langenbach, 47, of Delmar died Saturday, Feb. 25. Born in Albany, she was a lifelong area resident.

Rabies clinic slated

A series of Rabies vaccination clinics for dogs, cats, and ferrets has been arranged by the Albany County Department of Health in cooperation with the Capital District Veterinary Medical Society.

All dogs, cats, and ferrets must be on leashes or in carriers. A record of prior vaccination will be required for a three-year immunization.

If no record is presented, a one-year vaccination certification will be issued.

All clinics are open to any Albany county resident. Any inquiry can be directed to Division of Environmental Health Services, 447-4620 or 447-4625.

Clinics will be held on Saturday, March 18 from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Berne Highway Garage, Route 443, in Berne; Saturday, September 9, from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Village Hall, 2 Thunder Road, in Colonie; Saturday, November 4, from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Public Works Garage, Cohoes Road, in Green Island.

Saturday clinics for cats and ferrets will be held from 1 to 2:30 p.m., and clinics for dogs from 2:30 to 4 p.m.

Tuesday clinics for cats and ferrets will be held from 4 to 5:30 p.m., and clinics for dogs from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

Requested donation is \$5 per animal.

Deborah served as a worship leader with Living Waters Family Center for over 25 years and served as worship leader for the Angel Band. She dedicated her life to caring for her family and friends.

Survivors include her parents, Morris C. and Mary Ann Irons Sr.; her husband, Earl T. Langenbach Jr.; a son, Thomas L. Langenbach; a daughter, Michelle L. Langenbach; a

brother, Morris C. Irons Jr.; five sisters, Diane M. Irons, Christine L. Schettini, Linda J. Van Natten, Jo-Ann M. Irons and Mary L. Irons; and two grandchildren.

Funeral services were from Solid Rock Church, Kenwood Ave. in Glenmont. Contributions may be made to the Life in Christ Fellowship, P.O. Box 341, Averill Park 12018 or the Thomas L. Langenbach Trust Fund through any SEFCU branch.

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Five Rivers extends plan sessions

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation will extend its series of open house meetings for a proposed Draft Unit Management Plan for DEC's Five Rivers Environmental Education Center through March. Open house sessions will be conducted at the Five Rivers Center, 56 Game Farm Road, Delmar on Saturday, March 4 from 9 to 10:30 a.m. and Monday, March 13 from 7 to 8:30 a.m.

At each meeting, Center staff will provide a brief overview of the unit management planning process and facilitate discussion about what issues and ideas ought to be addressed in the Draft Plan. A list of suggested discussion issues related to capital improvements, public use, habitat management and public safety will be provided.

The principal goals of the Draft Plan are to study new capital initiatives at the Center, and to articulate a shared vision for the

long term management and operation of the popular facility.

A guided outdoor tour of the area proposed for capital improvement will be conducted at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, March 4 immediately following the open house session.

The purposes of the open house meetings are to provide ample opportunity for citizen participation at the earliest stage of the planning process. Those wishing to contribute to the planning discussion, but unable to attend any of the (identical) sessions may submit written comments to Five Rivers Center, 56 Game Farm Road, Delmar, NY 12054 through close of business, Tuesday, March 28.

Those wishing to receive the list of suggested discussion topics or to request "interested party" status for the unit management plan initiative are urged to contact the Center at 475-0291 to get on the mailing list.

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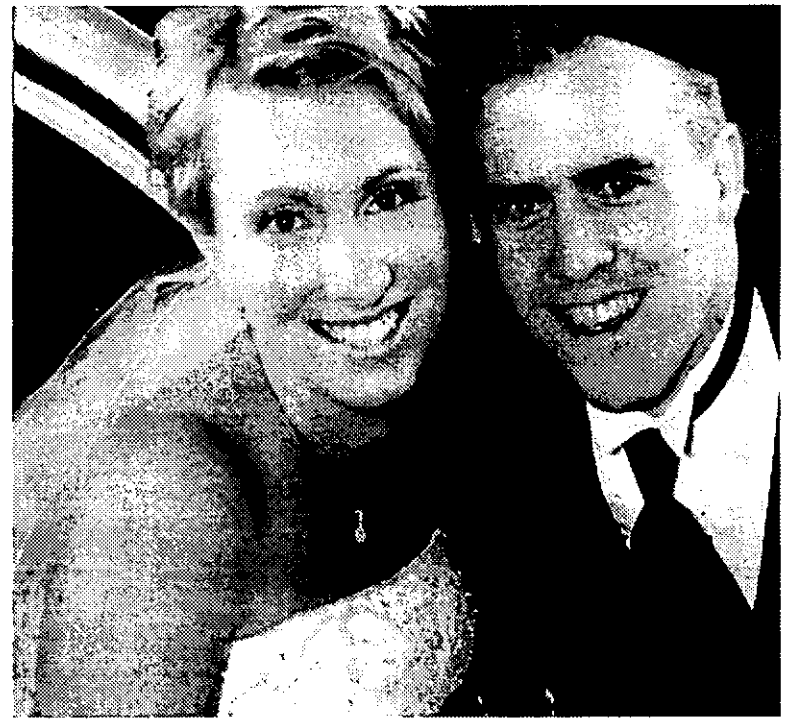
Benjamin Greenberg of Delmar.

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Emily Sweeney and Brian Fallon

Sweeney, Fallon marry

Emily Sweeney, daughter of John and Susan Sweeney of Burnt Hills, and Brian Fallon, M.D., son of Lynne Fallon of Port Jefferson and the late Thomas Fallon, were married Oct. 8.

The ceremony was performed by Rev. David Berberian and Deacon Alfred Manzella at St. Thomas the Apostle Church in Delmar.

A reception followed at the Sargos at Saratoga National Golf Club in Saratoga Springs.

The matron of honor was Heather Garrett. Bridesmaids were Lora Stuart, Lori-Favata-Guevara, Bridget Sweeney, cousin of the bride, and Eve

Sweeney, cousin of the bride.

The best man was Thomas P. Fallon, brother of the groom. Groomsmen were Kevin Fallon, brother of the groom, Joseph Vetrano, Jeffrey Korade, and Eric Ruff.

The bride is a graduate of Niskayuna High School and Syracuse University. She is a critical care nurse at Albany Medical Center in Albany.

The groom is a graduate of Northeastern University and St. George's University. He is chief resident and general surgeon at Albany Medical Center in Albany.

After a honeymoon to St. Lucia, the couple resides in Delmar.

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Entertainment *in the* Spotlight



There will be plenty of entertainment at the Kidz Expo at the Plaza this weekend. Kids can enjoy, clockwise from left, the Zucchini Brothers, Clifford the Big Red Dog, and the Poppytown Puppet Theater.



Kidz Expo offers winter escape

By Jennifer Farnsworth

It's that time of year again.

The excitement from the holidays is long over, the weather is cold and the kids are climbing the walls from boredom. How

does a convention center filled with free fun activities for the whole family sound? Like a breath of fresh air!

The 2006 Hannaford Kidz Expo could not come at a better time. The event is scheduled for March 4 at the Empire State Plaza from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. and the cost is free for everyone.

The Plaza is hosting the event for the first time. Hannaford is sponsoring the event, along with many other area business organizations such as WMHT, and will bring some popular characters to the event.

Heather Paquette, district manager for Hannaford Supermarkets, said the store is proud to sponsor such a worthwhile event for families. "The event offers families a great opportunity to kick the winter blues. We're most excited about seeing kids' favorites like Clifford the Dog, Franklin the Turtle, and the Zucchini Brothers live. In fact, we're offering the chance for one lucky child to go behind the scenes to meet the Zucchini Brothers.

Kids can enter to win at participating Hannaford stores," said Paquette.

Paula Monaco, special events spokeswoman for the state Office of General Services, said the day is sure to offer something for the entire family. Historically, the convention center always hosts a major wintertime children's event, and this year Hannaford is stepping up to the plate with the Expo, said Monaco.

There are over 20 events on the day's agenda, from arts and crafts to concerts. Headliners include Radio Disney, which will hold a videogamers' challenge to appeal to the older children. On the creative end, Home Depot and Crayola will host some hands-on workshops that will allow children to create and build projects.

There will be plenty of opportunities to burn off energy as well. At the Egg, there will be a bouncy bounce, party rides and carnival-type games.

Along with the activities and workshops, you can also relax and enjoy a show. The Zucchini Brothers will perform, there will be a "Franklin Live" show, and Poppytown Puppet Theater will entertain kids.

With all the different activities at the event, there is sure to be something to please every age in every family. Monaco said the Plaza hosts children's events all winter,

including Rock and Skates, a regular activity with a concert and open ice skating. The Kidz Expo is the highlight of the children's venue and Monaco expects a big turnout.

This free event will be held Saturday, March 4 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. For

information, visit the Web at www.ogs.ny.us and click on Kidz Expo, or call the Office of General Services at 473-

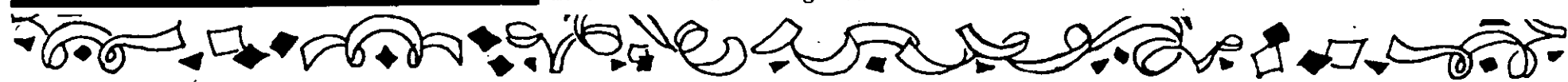
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Photo by David F. Mosher



Franklin the Turtle



Arts & Entertainment

Theater

AUNTIE MAME

Presented by the Classic Theatre Guild, Hilton Center for the Performing Arts, 40 Russell Road, Albany, through March 19, 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 2 p.m. Sundays, \$12 adults, \$10 children 14 and under. Information, 833-0420.

LOOKING OVER THE PRESIDENT'S SHOULDER

Play based on true story of first African-American chief butler at the White House, presented by Capital Repertory Theatre, 111 N. Pearl St., Albany, March 3-7, \$27 to \$42. Information, 445-7469.

SUDDENLY LAST SUMMER

Tennessee Williams play, presented by Albany Civic Theater, 235 2nd Ave., Albany, through March 12, 8 p.m. Thurs-

days through Saturdays, 3 p.m. Sundays, \$12. Information, 462-1297.

SULLIVAN AND GILBERT

Presented by Schenectady Light Opera Company, State Street, Schenectady, through March 12, 8 p.m. Thursdays through Saturdays, 2 p.m. Sundays. Information, 456-5504.

WAIT UNTIL DARK

Frederick Knott thriller, presented by Curtain Call Theatre, 210 Old Loudon Road, Latham, through March 4, \$20. Information, 877-7529.

Music

ROSANNE CASH

Female singer-songwriter with well-known family heritage, March 3, 8 p.m. The Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany, \$24. Information, 473-1845.

RANI ARBO AND DAISY MAYHEM

A fusion of musical styles and great harmonies from string-based quartet, with Capital District native Rosanne Ranieri opening, March 3, 8 p.m., WAMC Performing Arts Center, Central Avenue, Albany, \$15. Information, 465-5233, ext. 4.

DIZZY GILLESPIE ALL-STAR BAND

Featuring trombone virtuoso Slide Hampton and trumpeter Roy Hargrove, March 10, 8 p.m. Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, Troy, \$28-\$31. Information, 273-0038.

THE IRISH ROVERS

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day one week early with Celtic band, March 10, 8 p.m., Proctor's Theatre, Schenectady, \$14.75 to \$29.75. Information, 346-6204.

CHERISH THE LADIES

Quintet of talented female Irish-American musicians, March 12, 7 p.m., Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, Troy, \$15-\$28.

Information, 273-0038.

Comedy

BOB SAGET

Adult-only comedy from former "Full House" star, March 4, 8 p.m., Skidmore College, Saratoga Springs, \$15. Information, 580-5298.

Visual Arts

NEW YORK STATE MUSEUM

"Miracles: New York's Greatest Sports Moments," through March 26, "Preserving Family History: the Heritage of an Albany County Family," through Dec. 31. Plus permanent collections on the 9/11 recovery effort, New York state history and geography, Empire State Plaza, Madison Avenue. Information, 474-5877.

THE CLARK

"Pastels," featuring works by late 19th- and early 20th-century artists, through June 18; "The Clark: Celebrating 50 Years of Art in Nature" and "50 Favorites," through May 16, 2006; and other ongoing exhibitions. Information, 413-458-0524.

ALBANY CENTER GALLIERS

"Still Lives," paintings by Carolou Kristofik and Terry Wise, through March 11, Albany Public Library, 161 Washington Ave., Albany. Information, 462-4775.

ALBANY INSTITUTE OF ART

"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.

SCENECTADY 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 coinciding 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.

EXPOSED

"Love," photographs by Gail Nadeau, through March 14, Main Square, 318 Delaware Ave., Delmar. Information, 475-1853.

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.

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.

TANG TEACHING MUSEUM AND GALLERY

"And Therefore I am," an exhibition about the world of human consciousness, through Sept. 10, Skidmore College, 815 North Broadway, Saratoga Springs. Information, 580-8080.

THE HYDE COLLECTION

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

UNION COLLEGE

Photography exhibit by Cal Crary and William Lamson, through March 17, Burns Arts Atrium Gallery, Schenectady. Information, 388-6714.

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, Guilderland. 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.

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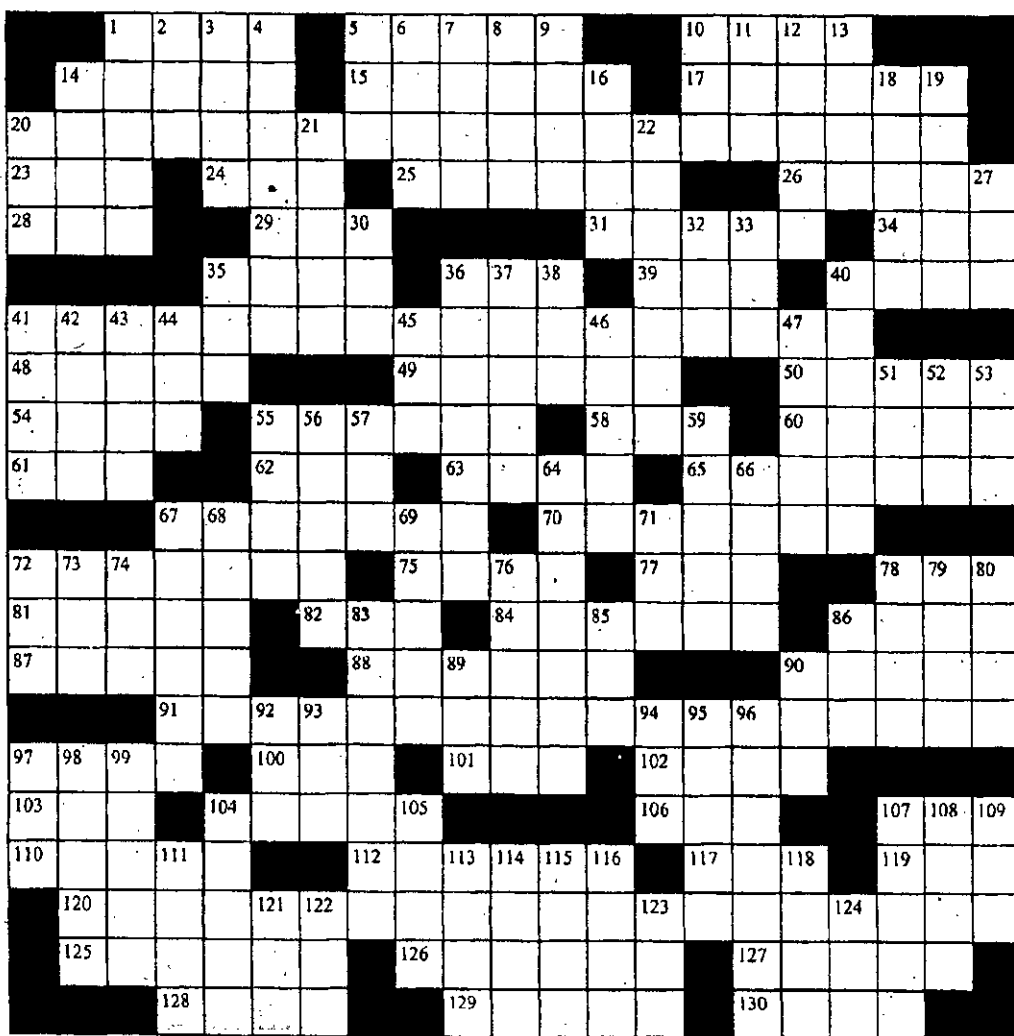
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- 5 Alcoholic drink
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- 14 Ms. Q
- 15 Names
- 17 ___ streak; having good luck
- 20 See 10 Across
- 23 Prefix for cue or place
- 24 Residents: suf.
- 25 Fall
- 26 Dental filling
- 28 Pertinent
- 29 Potato's cousin
- 31 Indian, for one
- 34 Miner's quarry
- 35 Sport with teams of four
- 36 Rte. planner
- 39 Succor
- 40 Handle: Lat.
- 41 With 84 Across, favorite book of furniture salesmen?
- 48 Good watch
- 49 On fire
- 50 Harps of old
- 54 Donations
- 55 Chant
- 58 CA's zone
- 60 Source
- 61 Affirmative
- 62 Wide sash
- 63 Helper: abbr.
- 65 Unfriendliness
- 67 Stiff examination
- 70 Huge whirlwind
- 72 Orange-yellow
- 75 Old map abbr.
- 77 Insert
- 78 Direction: abbr.
- 81 Wombs
- 82 Napoleon or Nero: abbr.
- 84 See 41 Across
- 86 Strip
- 87 Ambulance driver, often
- 88 Corrections list
- 90 Monroe or Polk
- 91 Divide equally, in the furniture business?
- 97 Artie Shaw's ex
- 100 Lassie
- 101 Silvery-gray
- 102 Be rude to
- 103 ___ Amin
- 104 Recluse

- 106 White vestment
- 107 Dramatize
- 110 Cartoon fellow
- 112 César, for one
- 117 Axlike tool
- 119 Staff
- 120 Better choice, in the furniture business?
- 125 Try
- 126 Bryant and Ekberg
- 127 48 Across' spot
- 128 Disguise
- 129 Setting
- 130 Informal refusal
- DOWN**
- 1 Visitor
- 2 Jack or jenny
- 3 Scoff
- 4 "...Santa Claus is coming to town. He ___ when you're..."
- 5 VW forerunners
- 6 Bits of advice
- 7 Oklahoma Indian
- 8 Part of the arm
- 9 Asian holidays
- 10 Female animal
- 11 Santa ___, CA

- 12 Silky material
- 13 Following that
- 14 Cut
- 16 "Get lost!"
- 18 Synthetic fabric
- 19 Leaders of old
- 20 Tumor suffix
- 21 ___ in; sells
- 22 Puts into boxes
- 27 Cheerleader's yell
- 30 Late Howard of TV
- 32 "...had a farm, ___."
- 33 Sadly or gladly: abbr.
- 35 Chicken ___
- 36 Noisy brawls
- 37 Geographer's guide
- 38 "Eureka!"
- 40 Nonspecific person
- 41 Server's item
- 42 Golfer's aim
- 43 Shade providers
- 44 "For ___ a jolly..."
- 45 Word with bran or meal
- 46 Hollow
- 47 Tiny

- 51 Feel awful about
- 52 Nav. rank
- 53 Cyril & Methodius: abbr.
- 55 Fictional detective
- 56 "...to get her poor dog ___."
- 57 Sever by pinching
- 59 Snakelike letter topper
- 64 Minor wound
- 66 Norwegian fishes
- 67 Land mass
- 68 Actor Robert
- 69 Above: pref.
- 71 Presidential nickname
- 72 Combined amount
- 73 Gobbled
- 74 Nourished
- 76 South African towns
- 78 Trucker's vehicle
- 79 Search for
- 80 In a different manner
- 83 Business page events
- 85 Word of disgust

- 86 Compadre
- 89 Genetic carrier
- 90 Elbow
- 92 Hustle & bustle
- 93 Electrified atom
- 94 Mad ___ wet hen
- 95 Acquired relation
- 96 Massage
- 97 Taylor
- 98 Inclined passage-ways
- 99 Dark hours
- 104 Ancient country, on the Aegean
- 105 ___ Parks
- 107 Leave the bed
- 108 Young animal
- 109 49ers' goals, for short
- 111 Disease causer
- 113 ___ Department; store section
- 114 Roberts or Clapton
- 115 Memorization
- 116 In the wink ___ eye
- 118 Digit
- 121 Campers: abbr.
- 122 "Yikes!"
- 123 Eliot's initials
- 124 Bigwig, for short



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Calendar of Events *in the* Spotlight

Wednesday, March 1

BETHLEHEM

PUBLIC HEARING

Public hearing, Bethlehem Board of Appeals, on application of Stewarts Shops Corporation at the town offices, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, 8 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 caretakers 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.

HEALING 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.

NEW SCOTLAND SENIORS

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

PRAYER MEETING

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

FAITH TEMPLE

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

AA MEETING

First United Methodist Church of Voorheesville, 68 Maple St., 8 p.m.

Thursday, March 2

BETHLEHEM

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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.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

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

NEW SCOTLAND

V'VILLE LIBRARY

Lapsit for babies at 10:15 a.m. Storytime for infants to age 2. Signup necessary. 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 March 3

BETHLEHEM

AA MEETING

First Reformed Church of Bethlehem, Route 9W, 7:30 p.m.

CHABAD CENTER

Friday services, discussion and kiddush at sunset, 109 Elsmere Ave. Information, 439-8280.

NEW SCOTLAND

V'VILLE LIBRARY

The library will be closed all day.

PIONEER CLUBS

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

FRIDAY FISH FRY (LENT ONLY)

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

YOUTH GROUP MEETINGS

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

Saturday, March 4

BETHLEHEM

AA MEETING

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, March 5

BETHLEHEM

AA MEETING

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., 7:30 p.m.

OPEN HOUSE

Open House at Slingerlands Nursery School from 1 to 3 p.m. Openings in three and four year old programs for the 2006-07 school year. The school is located at 1499 New Scotland Road. Information, 439-0386.

BETHLEHEM

WORSHIP INFORMATION

Bethlehem Community Church, 201 Elm Ave., 439-3135.
Bethlehem Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses, Elm Avenue and Feura Bush Road, 439-0358.
Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., 439-4328.
Delmar Full Gospel Church, 292 Elsmere Ave., 439-4407.
Delmar Presbyterian Church, 585 Delaware Ave., 439-9252.
Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., 439-9929.
Family of God Nazarene Church, Krumkill Road at Blessing Road, North Bethlehem, 453-9953.
First Church of Christ, Scientist, 555 Delaware Ave., 439-2512.
First Reformed Church of Bethlehem, Route 9W, Selkirk, 767-2243.
First United Methodist Church of Delmar, 428 Kenwood Ave., 439-9976.
Glenmont Community Church, 1 Chapel Lane, Glenmont, 436-7710.
Gospel Fellowship, 10 Rockefeller Road, Delmar, 482-2132.
King's Chapel, 434 Route 9W, Glenmont, 426-9955.
KTC Buddhist Center, Doane Stuart School, Route 9W, Albany, 10 a.m. meditation, 11 a.m. tea, 11:30 a.m. study course, 374-1792.
Mount Moriah Ministries, Route 9W, Glenmont, 426-4510.
Slingerlands Community UMC, 1499 New Scotland Road, 439-1766.
Solid Rock Church, 1 Kenwood Ave., Glenmont, 439-4314.
South Bethlehem United Methodist

Church, 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., Guilderland, 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, 68 Maple Ave., Voorheesville, 765-2895.
Jerusalem Reformed Church, Route 32, Feura Bush, 439-0548.
Mountainview Evangelical Free Church, Route 155, Voorheesville, 765-3390.
Onesquethaw Reformed Church, Tarrytown Road, Feura Bush, 768-2133.
New Scotland Presbyterian Church, Route 85, 439-6454.
St. Matthew's Church, Mountain View Road, Voorheesville, 765-2805.
Unionville Reformed Church, Delaware Turnpike, 439-5001.
United Pentecostal Church, Route 85, New Salem, 765-4410.

Monday, March 6

BETHLEHEM

PEACE VIGIL

Bethlehem Neighbors For Peace, weekly peace vigil, Four Corners intersection, Delmar, 5-6 p.m., information, 439-1968.

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

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

DELMAR KIWANIS

Tool's Family Restaurant, Delaware Avenue, 6:15 p.m. Information, 439-2437 or 439-6952.

CLASS IN JEWISH MYSTICISM

Delmar Chabad Center, 109 Elsmere Ave., 7 p.m. Information, 439-8230.

INDOOR PISTOL SHOOTING

Albany County Pistol Club, Winne Place, 7 to 9 p.m. Also Tuesday. Information, 439-0057.

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

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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.

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QUARTET REHEARSAL

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

V'VILLE LIBRARY

Children's Allergy Support Group at 7 p.m. For information, e-mail voorheesvillefoodallergy@yahoo.com

Tuesday, March 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.

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

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

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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, March 8

BETHLEHEM

DELMAR ROTARY

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

PLAYGROUP MEETING

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

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

SOLID ROCK CHURCH

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

CHENREZIG PRACTICE AND MEDITATION

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

TOWN BOARD

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

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

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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.

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TOWN COUNCIL

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

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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 (March 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 (March 1, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
Articles of High Meadow's Vineyards, 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 Biechman 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 (March 1, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

HARLEM 121 ASSOCIATES 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 (March 1, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED PARTNERSHIP (L.P.)
The name of the L.P. is CLOVER PARK APARTMENT ASSOCIATES OF ALBANY, L.P. The Certificate of Limited Partnership of the L.P. was filed with the NY Secretary of State on January 13, 2006. 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 Rental LLC,

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255 Washington Avenue Extension, Albany, New York 12205. LCD-12828 (March 1, 2006)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). The name of the LLC is EMPIRE AUTOMOTIVE, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on January 30, 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 15 Swayze Drive, Latham, New York 12110. LCD-12848 (March 1, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). The name of the LLC is EAGLE STREET ASSOCIATES, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on February 2, 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 302 Washington Avenue Extension, Albany, New York 12205. LCD-12861 (March 1, 2006)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). The name of the LLC is FIRST COLUMBIA ACQUISITIONS, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on February 6, 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 302 Washington Avenue Extension, Albany, New York 12205. LCD-12871 (March 1, 2006)

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GLOVERSVILLE PARTNERS OF ALBANY, L.P. Notice of Formation of a limited partnership (LP) Certificate of Limited Partnership filed with the New York Secretary of State on January 27, 2006. The purpose of the LP is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the LP is to be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the LP upon whom process against the LP may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LP is 596 New Loudon Road, Latham, New York 12110. LCD-12877 (March 1, 2006)

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WATT STREET OF ALBANY, L.P. Notice of Formation of a limited partnership (LP) Certificate of Limited Partnership filed with the New York Secretary of State on February 1, 2006. The purpose of the LP is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the LP is to be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as the

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agent of the LP upon whom process against the LP may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LP is 596 New Loudon Road, Latham, New York 12110. LCD-12878 (March 1, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of a limited liability company (LLC). Name: LEG Properties, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 1/6/2006. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to: The LLC, 20 Lyons Avenue, Delmar, NY 12054. Purpose: any lawful activity. LCD-12882 (March 1, 2006)

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ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF 148 COLUMBIA STREET, LLC.
Under Section 203 of the Limited Liability Company Law
FIRST: The name of the limited liability company is "148 Columbia Street, LLC."
SECOND: The county within the State in which the office of the limited company is located is Albany County.
THIRD: The latest date on which the limited liability company is to dissolve is January 1, 2065.
FOURTH: The Secretary of State is designated as agent of the limited liability company upon which process against it may be served. The post office address within or without the State of New York to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the limited liability company served upon him or her is: 148 Columbia Street, LLC., 1698 Central Avenue, Albany, NY 12205.
FIFTH: The effective date of the Articles of Organization shall be the date of filing with the Secretary of State.
SIXTH: The limited liability company is to be managed by one or more of its members.
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, these Articles of Organization have been subscribed to this 16th day of February, 2006 by the undersigned who affirms that the statements made herein are true under the penalties of perjury.
/s/ Gary W. Burton,
Manager

LCD-12938
(March 1, 2006)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). The name of the LLC is CARD OF NY, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on February 15, 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 6364 French's Hollow Road, Altamont, New York 12009. LCD-12953 (March 1, 2006)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). The name of the LLC is BIG HORN RANCH, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on February 14, 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

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served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is 256 Elm Drive, East Berne, New York 12059. LCD-12959 (March 1, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Esplanade 8th Ave LLC Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. Of State (SSNY) on 9/28/05 Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 350 5th Avenue 59th Floor, NY, NY, 10118 Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-12340 (March 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 Rental of Portable Toilets. Bids will be received up to 3:00 p.m. on March 10, 2006 at which time such bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York. Bids shall be addressed to Ms. Theresa Egan, Supervisor, Town of Bethlehem, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York 12054. Bids shall be in sealed envelopes which shall bear, on the face thereof, the NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE BIDDER AND SUBJECT OF THE BID. ORIGINAL AND ONE COPY of each bid shall be submitted. Specifications may be obtained at the office of the Town Clerk, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, NY 12054. The Town Board reserves the right to waive any informality in or to reject any or all bids.

BY ORDER OF THE
TOWN BOARD OF THE
TOWN OF BETHLEHEM
Kathleen A. Newkirk, MMC,
RMC
TOWN CLERK
Dated: February 22, 2006
LD-12963
(March 1, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of MA Apple Acquisition LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/4/06. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 11/30/05. 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 Road, Ste. 400, Wilmington, DE 19808. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, Townsend Bldg., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-12713 (March 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 New York Limited Liability Law.

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LD-12755
(March 1, 2006)

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Mattress Kings, LLC
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 (March 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 (March 1, 2006)

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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 (March 1, 2006)

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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 (March 1, 2006)

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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 (March 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 (March 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 (March 1, 2006)

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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 (March 1, 2006)

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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. (March 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 (March 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 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 (March 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 (March 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 (March 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 (March 1, 2006)

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

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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 (March 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 (March 1, 2006)

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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 (March 1, 2006)

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Notice of Qualification of GUEST SUPPLY LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/19/06. Office location: Albany County, LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 9/13/05. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Capitol Services, Inc., 40 Colvin Ave., Ste. 200, Albany, NY 12206. Principal office of LLC: 4301 US Highway One, Monmouth Junction, NJ 08852. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: food services. LD-12818 (March 1, 2006)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. Name: Hameroff and Sons, L.L.C. (LLC). Articles of organization filed with sec. of state of NY (SOS) on 12/14/05. Office location: Albany County. SOS is designated as agent of LLC for service of process. SOS shall mail copy of process to 705 Broadway, Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity. LD-12819 (March 1, 2006)

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JAX SNAX, LLC. Notice of Formation of Limited Liability Company. Articles of Organization of Jax Snax, LLC (the "LLC") were filed with the Department of State of New York ("SSNY") on January 9, 2006. Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to c/o 3 Candlewood Court, Albany, NY 12205. The LLC does not have a specific date of dissolution. Purpose: All legal purposes.

Filer:
Lavelle & Finn, LLP
Address:
29 British American
Boulevard
Latham, New York 12110
LD-12820
(March 1, 2006)

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Notice of Formation of Cafel LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/10/2006. 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 E. 79th St, Ste 24-H, NY, NY 10021. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-12824 (March 1, 2006)

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Notice of Formation of FRANCESCO LAGNESE PHOTOGRAPHY LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/25/06. 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 Francesco Lagnese, 155 Madison Ave., Ste. 502, NY, NY 10017. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-12825 (March 1, 2006)

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pose: all lawful activities. LD-12826 (March 1, 2006)

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Notice of Qualification of PEARL TOWERS GP LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/24/06. Office location: Albany County, LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 12/16/05. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Omni Development Corp., 40 Beaver St., 5th Fl., 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, John G. Townsend Bldg., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-12827 (March 1, 2006)

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Notice of Qualification of Trespass Films LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/13/06. Office location: Albany County, LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 11/15/2005. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The Company, 375 Greenwich St, NY, NY 10013. Principal address of LLC: 375 Greenwich St, NY, NY 10013. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-12851 (March 1, 2006)

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Notice of Formation of BOA A PHOTOGRAPHERS SOURCE LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/25/06. 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 Francesco Lagnese, 165 Madison Ave., Ste. 502, NY, NY 10016. Purpose: all lawful activities. LD-12845 (March 1, 2006)

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Notice of Qualification of HST Lessee SNYT LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/25/06. Office location: Albany County, LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 1/19/06. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The Prentice-Hall Corporation System, Inc., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207. DE address of LLC: c/o Corporation Service Co., 2711 Centerville Rd., Wilmington, DE 19808. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-12852 (March 1, 2006)

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Notice of Qualification of The Matador SPV, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/18/06. Office location: Albany County, LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 12/19/2005. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The Company, 375 Greenwich St, NY, NY 10013. Principal address of LLC: 375 Greenwich St, NY, NY 10013. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-12852 (March 1, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of HST Lessee WNY LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/26/06. Office location: Albany County, LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 1/13/06. 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: 155 Prospect Ave., West Orange, NJ 07052. Arts. of Org. filed with NJ Secy. of State, 225 W. State St., Trenton, NJ 08608. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-12932 (March 1, 2006)

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designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The Prentice-Hall Corporation System, Inc., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207. DE address of LLC: c/o Corporation Service Co., 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-12854 (March 1, 2006)

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OUTERFILMS LLC. Notice of Formation of the above Limited Liability Company ("LLC"). Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York ("SSNY") on 11/3/2005. Office location: County of Albany. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any such process served to: The LLC, 37 Domenico Drive, Glenmont, NY 12077. Purpose: Any lawful act. LD-12855 (March 1, 2006)

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NOTICE OF FILING OF ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF CAPITAL TALENT, LLC

1. The name of the Limited Liability Company is: CAPITAL TALENT, LLC.
2. The Articles of Organization of the Company were filed with the Secretary of State on January 4, 2006.
3. The County within New York State which the office of the Company is to be located is Albany.
4. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent of the limited liability company upon whom process against the Company 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 the Company served upon it is: 13 Walker Way, Albany, New York 12205.
5. The registered agent of the limited liability company upon whom process against the liability company can be served is: 13 Walker Way, Albany, New York 12205.
6. The character of the business is to conduct any lawful business activity for profit that is not otherwise prohibited by the laws of the State of New York.

LD-12856 (March 1, 2006)

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Notice of formation of limited liability company (LLC). Name: Sweet Potato Prints LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) February 3, 2006. Business location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: c/o Patrick Shaw, Ehrenkranz & Ehrenkranz LLP, 375 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10152. Purpose: any lawful purpose or activity. LD-12863 (March 1, 2006)

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Mueller's Automotive, LLC was filed with the SSNY on 01/31/06. Office: Albany County, SSNY designated agent of LLC against whom process may be served. P.O. address which SSNY shall mail process against LLC served upon him: 88 Main Street, Ravena, New York 12143. Purpose: any lawful business. LD-12870 (March 1, 2006)

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Notice of Qualification of Gemology Headquarters International, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 2/1/06. Office location: Albany County, LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 1/25/06. 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: 155 Prospect Ave., West Orange, NJ 07052. Arts. of Org. filed with NJ Secy. of State, 225 W. State St., Trenton, NJ 08608. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-12932 (March 1, 2006)

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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-12876 (March 1, 2006)

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Notice of Qualification of First Albany Private Fund 2004, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 2/1/06. Office location: Albany County, LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 12/27/05. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the principal office of LLC: c/o FATV GP LLC, 677 Broadway, Albany, NY 12207, registered agent upon whom process may be served. Purpose: all lawful purposes. LD-12877 (March 1, 2006)

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Notice of formation of PIK REALTY USA, LLC a NYS limited liability company (LLC). Formation filed with SSNY on 01/26/2006. Off. Loc.: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agt. of LLC, upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: The LLC, 2705 Coney Island Ave., Brooklyn, NY 11235. Purpose: All Lawful purposes. LD-12879 (March 1, 2006)

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Notice of formation of MEGA VISION CENTER II, LLC a NYS limited liability company (LLC). Formation filed with SSNY on 01/09/2006. Off. Loc.: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agt. of LLC, upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: The LLC, 63-73 108th Street, Forest Hills, NY 11375. Purpose: All Lawful purposes LD-12880 (March 1, 2006)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: CAROLYN ZIVKOVICH REALTY, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 02/07/06. 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 Carolyn Zivkovich, 1336 Van Antwerp Road, Niskayuna, New York 12309. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. LD-12881 (March 1, 2006)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: RMZ ENTERPRISES LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 02/07/06. 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 Russell M. Zivkovich, 72 Waters Road, East Greenbush, New York 12061. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. LD-12882 (March 1, 2006)

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The Bethlehem Soccer Club will hold the annual members meeting on Monday, March 6th at 7:00 PM in the Bethlehem Town Hall. The meeting will include the election of board members. If any member of the Bethlehem Soccer Club is interested in becoming a

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board member they should contact: John Reese at (518) 439-8662. LD-12893 (March 1, 2006)

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Notice of Qualification of AVEGA HEALTH SYSTEMS, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/4/06 as amended. Office location: Albany County, LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 11/30/05. 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 Road, Ste. 400, Wilmington, DE 19808. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, John G. Townsend Bldg., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-12895 (March 1, 2006)

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Notice of Formation of a Domestic Limited Liability Company (LLC). The name of the LLC is W.B.I. ENTERPRISES, LLC. The Articles of Organization were filed with the NY Secretary of State on January 25, 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 of which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is 12 Gipp Road, Albany, New York 12203. LD-12896 (March 1, 2006)

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Notice of Qualification of Penn-Daniels, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 2/8/2006. Office location: Albany County, LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 1/19/1982. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o CT Corporation System, 111 8th Ave., NY, NY 10011, registered agent upon whom process may be served. Principal office of LLC: 700 Pilgrim Way, Green Bay, WI 54304. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful purpose. LD-12898 (March 1, 2006)

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Notice of Formation of Soufer Properties LLC Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. Of State (SSNY) on 2/9/06. Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 1015 Madison Ave, NY, NY, 10021 Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-12910 (March 1, 2006)

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Notice of Formation of Prime Property Solutions, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/10/2005. Office location: Rennelear County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 792 Farm to Market Rd, Troy, NY 12180 Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-12923 (March 1, 2006)

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Notice of Formation of Metrowest Solutions LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 2/1/2006. 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,

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301 E. 79th St, Ste 24-H, NY, NY 10021. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-12924 (March 1, 2006)

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Notice of Qualification of Lakeview Capital Services, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 2/7/06. Office location: Albany County, LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 1/11/2006. 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 10011. Principal address of LLC: 6261 NW 6th Way, Ste #203, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33309. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-12925 (March 1, 2006)

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Notice of Formation of Hunter & Monroe LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 2/1/2006. 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 E. 79th St, Ste 24-H, NY, NY 10021. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-12926 (March 1, 2006)

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Notice of Qualification of Digital Videostream, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 2/6/06. Office location: Albany County, LLC formed in California (CA) on 9/8/2000. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The Company, 2600 W. Olive Ave, Ste 100, Burbank, CA 91505. Principal address of LLC: 2600 W. Olive Ave, Ste 100, Burbank, CA 91505. Arts. of Org. filed with CA Secy. of State, 1500 11th St, Sacramento, CA 95814. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-12927 (March 1, 2006)

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Notice of Qualification of Atlantic Pacific Group LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 2/3/06. Office location: Albany County, LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 11/14/2005. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The Company, 1415 S. Maple Ave, Ste 220, Los Angeles, CA 90015. Principal address of LLC: 3500 S. Dupont Hwy, Dover, DE 19901. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-12928 (March 1, 2006)

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Notice of Formation of Gold Standard Builders, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 2/2/06. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 197 Lenox Ave., Albany, NY 12208. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-12930 (March 1, 2006)

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Notice of Qualification of First States Investors 4422, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 2/10/06. Office location: Albany County, LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 2/6/06. 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. DE address of LLC: 155 Prospect Ave., West Orange, NJ 07052. Arts. of Org. filed with NJ Secy. of State, 225 W. State St., Trenton, NJ 08608. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-12946 (March 1, 2006)

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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-12931 (March 1, 2006)

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Notice of Qualification of ASPENN ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES NJ, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 2/9/06. Office location: Albany County, LLC formed in New Jersey (NJ) on 2/1/06. 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. NJ address of LLC: 155 Prospect Ave., West Orange, NJ 07052. Arts. of Org. filed with NJ Secy. of State, 225 W. State St., Trenton, NJ 08608. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-12932 (March 1, 2006)

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Notice of Formation of 215 ROSES GROVE, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 2/10/06. 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, registered agent upon whom process may be served. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-12933 (March 1, 2006)

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Notice of Formation of The Sap Bucket L.L.C. Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. Of State (SSNY) on 02/15/06. Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 191 Maple Ave, Selkirk, NY 12158 Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-12935 (March 1, 2006)

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Notice of Formation of EDLER HOLDINGS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/13/05. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 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-12941 (March 1, 2006)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF CARDINAL FINANCIAL PLANNING, L.L.C. A domestic Limited Liability Company (LLC). Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State ("SSNY") 04/22/2005. Office Location Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any such process to The LLC, 30 Saint Clair Drive, Delmar, NY 12054. Purpose: any lawful business purpose. LD-12945 (March 1, 2006)

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Notice of Formation of 125 East 88th St LLC Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. Of State (SSNY) on 2/16/06. Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 101 W. 69 Street, Suite 1c, NY, NY 10036 Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-12946 (March 1, 2006)

Sports *in the* Spotlight

Crusaders pull away from Lady Eagles for win

By ROB JONAS

For one quarter, the Bethlehem girls basketball team played Big 10 champion Catholic Central evenly.

Unfortunately for the Lady Eagles, Catholic Central raised its level of play, and any hope of an upset faded.

The Crusaders outscored Bethlehem 27-11 over the second and third quarters and pulled away for a 52-31 Section II, Class AA quarterfinal victory last Saturday in Troy.

"With one of these games,

there's a lot of emotion involved," said Bethlehem coach Mark Nealon. "Catholic Central stayed calm throughout the game."

Bethlehem (12-10) started out strong, as it built several first quarter leads before Catholic Central tied the game at 11.

"Christine Murphy got the first basket, and I think that settled us down a bit," Nealon said.

Catholic Central (19-2) turned up the defensive intensity after that, though. The Crusaders forced several Bethlehem turnovers in the second quarter, which led to a 12-3 Catholic Central run.

"They put so much pressure on the ball that we had a tough time hitting out shots," Nealon said.

Bethlehem tried to remain within striking distance in the third quarter, but the bounces didn't go the Lady Eagles' way.

"I thought in the third quarter, we had some looks (at the basket), and we didn't make our shots," said Nealon. "If a couple of those shots had fallen, it might have been a different game."

While the Lady Eagles struggled, Catholic Central thrived from the field. The Crusaders

scored 15 points in the third quarter to extend their lead to 38-22.

"Just like any good team, they're going to make some baskets, and Catholic Central made some baskets," Nealon said.

Catholic Central's Lindsey Gibson was the lone player on either team that reached double digits in the scoring column. Gibson had 12 points to pace a balanced Crusader attack.

Kiersten Swete had eight points, and Alex McCullough added seven points for Bethlehem, which went with a starting

lineup of three freshmen, a sophomore and a senior.

Nealon said he's looking forward to next season, when most of his top players return.

"All the leading scorers are back, and all the position players who have contributed are back," he said.

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Notice of Formation of 1987-1993 Coney LLC Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. of State (SSNY) on 2/15/06. 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-12947 (March 1, 2006)

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Notice of Formation of 602139 LLC Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. of State (SSNY) on 2/16/06. Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 3 Moline Court, Kings Point, NY 11024. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-12948 (March 1, 2006)

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Notice of Formation of First Key Management, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. of State (SSNY) on 2/16/06. Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 633 Barnard Avenue, Woodmere, NY 11598. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-12949 (March 1, 2006)

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Notice of Formation of Mazel 614 LLC Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. of State (SSNY) on 2/17/06. Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 4910-17TH Avenue, Suite 1b, Brooklyn, NY 11204. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-12950 (March 1, 2006)

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Notice of Formation of Powe Title Agency LLC Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy. of State (SSNY) on 2/17/06. Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 1979 March Ave, Ste 209, Lake Success, NY 11042. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-12951 (March 1, 2006)

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Notice of formation of ELDRIIDGE RE, LLC a NYS Limited liability company (L.L.C.). Formation filed with

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SSNY on 02/10/2006. Off. Loc.: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agt. of LLC, upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: The LLC, 1432 Forest Avenue, Staten Island, NY 10302. Purpose: All lawful purposes. LD-12954 (March 1, 2006)

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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 # 474. Special Use Application # 474: Application submitted by James Olsen, Olsen's Nurseries, to be allowed to replace an existing detached lighted sign with a new detached lighted sign with different advertising. The sign is to be installed in the same general location as the existing sign. The new sign is proposed to be 48.5 square feet in area, 11 +/- feet in height and to be at a front setback of 7 feet. This application for an illuminated sign is a Special Use of Article III, Section 190-32 (C) (7) of the Zoning Law. The site is located at 1900 New Scotland Road, lies within the Commercial District, is owned by Mr. Olsen and is identified as New Scotland tax parcel id# 84.-2-18.1. If approved, the applicant requests to be allowed to move the sign to a different location, utilizing the Special Use Permit allowing for the illumination, once he has completed a new curb cut to the site. Said hearing will take place on March 7, 2006 at the New Scotland Town Hall beginning at 7:00 P.M.

Robert Stapf
Chairman, Planning Board
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(March 1, 2006)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LLC Providential Capital, LLC, filed Articles of Organization with the New York Secretary of State on February 15, 2006. Its office is located in Albany County. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent upon whom process may be served and shall mail a copy of any process served on him or her to Providential Capital, LLC, 14 East Bayberry Road, Glenmont, New York 12077. Its business is to engage in any lawful activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under Section 203 of the New York Limited Liability Company

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Act. LD-12961 (March 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 One (1) Portable Generator to be used in the Department of Public Works. Bids will be received up to 2:30 p.m. on March 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. The Town Board reserves the right to waive any informality in or to reject any or all bids. Specifications may be picked up at the Office of the Town Clerk, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, NY 12054

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MMC, RMC
TOWN CLERK
Dated: February 22, 2006
LD-12962
(March 1, 2006)

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Notice of Formation of MALA CARAMUSIC, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 2/21/06. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Dennis Rodriguez, 52 Adams Pl., Freehold, NJ 07728. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-12965 (March 1, 2006)

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filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/30/06. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Montana (MT) on 1/6/2006. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The Company, 8 S. Idaho St, Ste C, Dillon, MT 59725. Principal address of LLC: 8 S. Idaho St, Ste C, Dillon, MT 59725. Arts. of Org. filed with MT Secy. of State, P.O. Box 202801, Helena, MT 59620. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-12966 (March 1, 2006)

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Notice of Qualification of Mebel LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 2/14/06. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in California (CA) on 3/21/2003. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: National Registered Agents, Inc., 875 Avenue of the Americas, Ste 501, NY, NY 10001. Principal address of LLC: 701 3rd Ave., San Francisco, CA 94118. Arts. of Org. filed with CA Secy. of State, 1500 11th St, Sacramento, CA 95814. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-12969 (March 1, 2006)

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Notice of Formation of ZIGOMORF HOLDINGS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 2/16/06. 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-12970 (March 1, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Candant Finance Holding Company LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 2/21/06. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 12/14/04. 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-12971 (March 1, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF DEIS SCOPING SESSION Notice is hereby given that the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York, will hold a DEIS Scoping Session on Wednesday, March 22, 2006 at 6:00 p.m., at Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar, New York, on the application of Vista Technology Campus, in a Mixed Economic Development District (MEDD) located along LaGrange Road, on the west side of the proposed Slingerlands By-Pass (Rt. 85) in the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, State of New York. The purpose of the Scoping session is to solicit input on the content of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement that will be prepared for the project. Written comments will be accepted through March 27, 2006.

The Honorable Theresa Egan
Supervisor
NOTE: Disabled individuals who need assistance in order to participate should contact the Town Clerk's Office at 439-4955 Ext. 183. Advance notice is requested. LD-12972 (March 1, 2006)

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LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 2/14/06. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 1/24/2006. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The Company, 375 Greenwich St, NY, NY 10013. Principal address of LLC: 375 Greenwich St, NY, NY 10013. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-12973 (March 1, 2006)

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Notice of Qualification of SPV Film Distribution, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 2/14/06. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 1/27/2006. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The Company, 375 Greenwich St, NY, NY 10013. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-12974 (March 1, 2006)

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Notice of Qualification of Sin City 2 SPV, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 2/14/06. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 1/27/2006. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The Company, 375 Greenwich St, NY, NY 10013. Principal address of LLC: 375 Greenwich St, NY, NY 10013. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-12975 (March 1, 2006)

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS The Slingerlands Fire District's Board of Fire Commissioners will accept bids for the construction of new heavy duty rescue vehicle to be utilized by the Slingerlands Fire District in the prevention and suppression of fire and rescue within the Fire District and the areas protected by the Fire District. Copies of the specifications may be obtained from the Board of Fire Commissioners at the Bethlehem Town Clerk's Office anytime after March 27th, 2006. The Bethlehem Town Clerk's Office is located in Bethlehem Town Hall located at 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York 12054. All bids must be submitted to the Slingerlands Fire District and will be publicly opened and read on April 11th, 2006 at 7:30 p.m. at the Slingerlands Fire District's Firehouse located at 1520 New Scotland Road, Slingerlands, New York 12159. All bids must contain a non-collusive bid statement pursuant to Section 103-d of the General Municipal Law and the Fire District reserves the right to reject any and all bids. LD-12977 (March 1, 2006)

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 1 To 3 Development LLC, Art. of Org. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 2/13/16. 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 10 Lyric Ave., Albany, NY 12205. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-12979 (March 1, 2006)

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Notice of Formation of October Eve Music, LLC, Art. of Org. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 2/9/16. 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 Rick Bedrosian, 4 Brookview Ave., Delmar, NY 12054. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-12980 (March 1, 2006)

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Notice of Formation of Ten Year Vamp, LLC, Art. of Org. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 2/9/16. 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 Jim Denney, Mohawk Asset Management, 12302 Gower Rd., Scotia, NY 12302. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-12981 (March 1, 2006)

Two-tourney champions



The Bethlehem Youth Hockey Bantam B team won tournaments in each of the last two weeks. The Eagles defeated the Berkshire Rattlers 3-2 in a shootout to win the Albany Rink Rat Tournament Feb. 19 at the Albany County Hockey Facility and then beat New Hampshire 4-2 Feb. 26 to take first place in the RAHA Tournament in Rutland, Ver. The players are, in no particular order, Brendan McCann, Nick Amirault, Brett Cox, Erik Craft, Emmett Dalton, Peter Dempf, Eric Halek, Niles Harley, Michael Hynes, Kenny Jack, Ryan Kelly, Parker Leckerling, Colin Maneen, Ed Reilly and Mel Rucinski. The Bantam B team is coached by Randy Craft, Mike Hynes, Jack Dalton and Joe Amirault.

Albany Curling Club team wins Dutch Shoe Bonspiel

Skip Beth Jaeger led her Albany Curling Club team to a 13-4 victory over Dawn Finley's Potomac Curling Club squad to take the first-event championship at last weekend's Dutch Shoe Bonspiel at the Guiderland-based facility.

Finley's team, which is based out of the Washington, D.C. sub-

urbs, scored the first two points of the match, but Jaeger's squad dominated after that to secure the win on home ice.

In the other elimination-style event of the women's curling tournament, a team from Norfolk, Conn., defeated Schenectady 2. The third event, which used a point system, was won by the Ca-

nadian Club of Boston, with Cape Cod taking second place.

Fourteen teams from New York, Connecticut, New Jersey, Massachusetts and Maryland participated in the tournament. One of the teams, the Broomstones of Wayland, Mass., is playing in the Senior Women's World Championship.

Delmar woman tackles three events at ESWG

Melissa Behr of Delmar tried three different sports and medaled in one of them at last weekend's Empire State Winter Games in Lake Placid.

Behr finished second in the open womens division ski orienteering competition. She completed the course in a time of 75 minutes, 28 seconds to grab the silver medal.

Behr also competed in the 1,500-meter snowshoe race and speedskating, placing fifth in both events.

Delmar's Byron Dieterle brought home a bronze medal in the masters division cross country skiing freestyle competition. Dieterle finished the eight-kilometer course in a time of 43:58. He was also eighth in the masters 8k pursuit.

Charles and Paul Dieterle of Delmar placed a respective sixth and seventh in the scholastic mens speedskating event.

Tara TenEyck of Glenmont placed 15th in the intermediate ladies B figure skating event.

Classic

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stars are usually on the bench by the fifth inning, but it still beats paying \$12 for an upper deck seat in a 48,000-seat major league stadium. How are these fans going to feel if they spend all that money to go to Tampa to see a Yankees' Spring Training game, but when they get there, Derek Jeter is leading the United States against Venezuela across the continent in San Diego?

If Major League Baseball really wants the World Baseball Classic to work, it should schedule the next tournament for November. Yes, that would put it in direct conflict with the NFL and college football, and you might still see a number of major leaguers take a pass on participating. But the level of

play would be better because the players will still be in top baseball shape, and they wouldn't have to worry about shuttling between their teams' training camps and the host cities for the games. The players could even train together to build — gasp — real team chemistry.

Unfortunately, Major League Baseball rarely uses common sense to guide its decisions. That's why they're subjecting us to an international baseball tournament at a time when players and fans could care less.

Perhaps the message will get through to Bud Selig when Steinbrenner sues Major League Baseball for damages after Alex Rodriguez is lost for the season due to a torn knee ligament.

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Crunch

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by converting two foul shots with no time left in the second quarter, but coach Catellier was still concerned about his team's situation.

"I told them we were beating ourselves," he said. "We held Hudson to two field goals in the first half, but they made 16 free throws. We were nervous and uncharacteristically out of control."

Voorheesville regained the lead in the third quarter, but a combination of poor outside shooting and more turnovers by

Klopfer and Andy Catellier kept Hudson in the game.

"We couldn't do anything right ... and not for a lack of trying on either of their parts," coach Catellier said of his starting guards. "They just couldn't get anything to fall."

Fortunately for the Blackbirds, Christner was there to clean up any missed shots. The sophomore center had several baskets off offensive rebounds in the third quarter and finished with a team-high 18 points.

"We told him it's a different season, and he's no longer a

sophomore. He has to step up, and he did tonight," said coach Catellier.

Duncan contributed 15 points, and Klopfer turned in a 6-for-6 performance from the free throw line to finish with nine points for Voorheesville, which meets Schuylerville in Wednesday's class B semifinals at the Glens Falls Civic Center.

"We hadn't played in a week and a half (prior to the Hudson game), and we were pretty rusty," said Andy Catellier. "We'll be fine Wednesday. We have our competitive juices flowing now."



Above: Voorheesville forward Nick Duncan deals with two Hudson defenders during last Saturday's Section II, Class B quarterfinal game at Hudson Valley Community College. Left: Justin Arico drives the baseline against another Bluehawk.

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Got sports news?

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Fax information to 439-0609 or e-mail Sports Editor Rob Jonas at jonasr@spotlightnews.com

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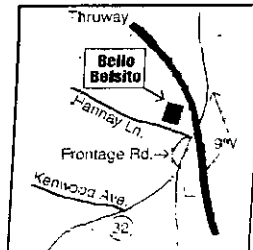
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Sports *in the* Spotlight

Sports briefs

Graham takes fifth place at states

Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk's Nate Graham placed fifth in the Division 2 (small school) 160-pound weight class at last weekend's New York State Wrestling Championships on Long Island.

Graham reached the semifinals with a technical fall victory over Red Hook's John Kravis, but he was then pinned by Eric Decker of Bainbridge-Guilford/Afton.

In the wrestlebacks, Graham was pinned by Mike Bush of Southwestern, but he bounced back to pin Eric Sitman in the fifth-place bout.

Graham was one of 20 Section II wrestlers that placed at the state tournament.

Eagles fall in opening round

The Bethlehem boys basketball team couldn't keep up with Schenectady in a 73-61 loss last Wednesday in the opening round of the Section II, Class AA tournament.

Mark Lyons scored half of his 18 points in the first quarter to help Schenectady build a 21-13 lead. Bethlehem battled hard the rest of the game, but the Eagles were unable to gain any ground on the Patriots.

Kevin Stempsey led all scorers with 28 points, and Joe Kane added 11 points for Bethlehem, which ended the season with a 5-16 record.

Indians suffer Sectional loss

The Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk boys basketball team came close to advancing in the Section II, Class A playoffs, but the Indians couldn't complete a late rally in a 54-53 opening round loss at Ichabod Crane last Tuesday.

RCS (10-11) trailed by nine points at halftime, but outscored Ichabod Crane 14-7 in the third quarter to pull within striking distance. Ian Austin-Michaud scored nine of his team-high 20 points in the fourth quarter to keep Ichabod Crane in the lead.

Eric Stott scored 16 points, and Corwin Hendy added 10 points for the Indians, who entered the class A playoffs as the No. 11 seed.

Crunch time heroics

Catellier's only three sparks late run for Voorheesville

By ROB JONAS

Andy Catellier was ice cold from the floor the entire night, except for one critical moment.

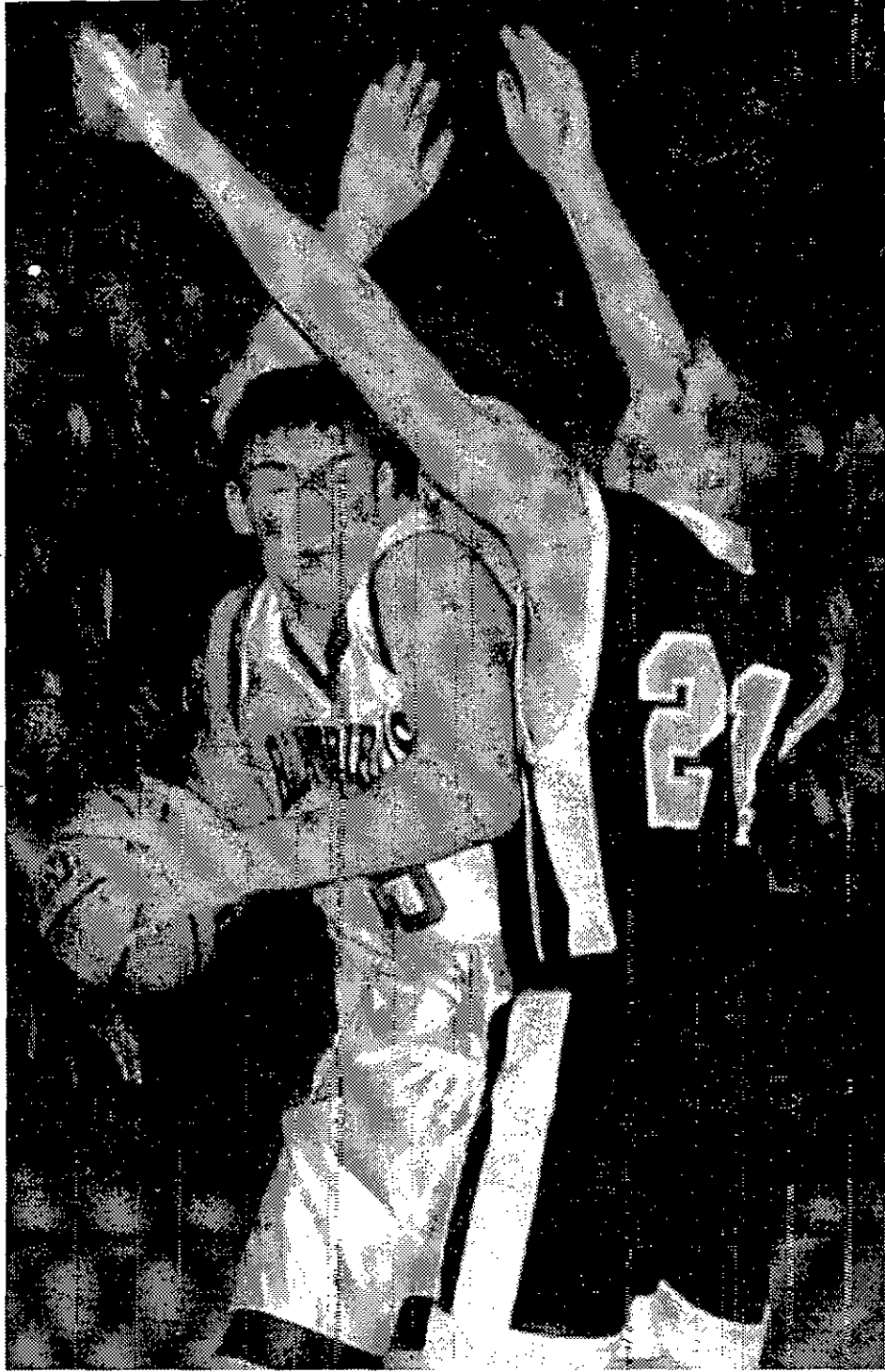
The senior guard drained a three-pointer — his only points of the game — to break a 43-43 tie, and Voorheesville never looked back in beating Hudson 52-46 in last Saturday's Section II, Class B boys basketball quarterfinal game at Hudson Valley Community College.

"My mind was everywhere, but you have to keep your head in (the game)," said Catellier. "I knew I had to keep shooting."

The top-seeded Blackbirds never gained any breathing room against a relentless Hudson team. At best, Voorheesville had enough of a lead that Hudson needed two consecutive baskets to tie the game. Unfortunately for the Blackbirds, the Bluehawks did that on several occasions, thanks to a full-court press that forced several Voorheesville turnovers and clutch shooting.

"They were always in the passing lanes with their speed," Catellier said.

When crunch time came, though, the Blackbirds responded as the defending champions they are. Following Catellier's three-pointer, Evan Christner put back a missed shot to give Voorheesville a 48-43 lead.



Voorheesville center Evan Christner is guarded by two Hudson players during last Saturday's Section II, Class B quarterfinal game at Hudson Valley Community College.

Rob Jonas

Hudson pulled within two points on a Brett Williams three-pointer, but key free throws from Christner and Greg Klopfer in the final 40 seconds secured the victory.

"The kids played well at the end when they had to," said Voorheesville coach Don Catellier.

"Give Hudson credit. They were coming off a four-game winning streak, and they played well."

Voorheesville led for much of the first half, thanks in large part to the low-post combo of Christner and Nick Duncan. The duo combined for much of the Blackbirds' 19 first-half points.

Hudson grabbed the lead before halftime, though. A pair of Voorheesville turnovers led to five Bluehawk points that gave eighth-seeded Hudson a 20-17 advantage. Klopfer gave the Blackbirds a little momentum to work with

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Classic is world-class boondoggle

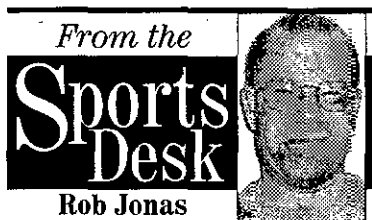
By ROB JONAS

Now that the Winter Olympics are over in Italy, it's time to shift our sports focus to the next big international sports competition — this weekend's opening round of the World Baseball Classic.

What's that? You weren't aware it was starting? It's only been heavily promoted on ESPN every day since the middle of February. I know I've heard it mentioned in a lot of sportscasts. Granted, it's in the context of which players have decided to drop out of the event, but any publicity is good publicity. Right?

And the timing couldn't be any better. College basketball is only beginning its conference tournaments, and both the NBA and NHL are still a month away from their playoffs. There should be no problem getting highlights at the top of every local sportscast from Albany to Sacramento.

OK, it's time to take my tongue out of my cheek and get serious.



The World Baseball Classic is a world-class boondoggle. Hardly anyone wants to play in it, no baseball fans want to watch it and it's all because it's being played at the wrong time of the year.

The concept certainly has promise — place the best Major League Baseball players on eight all-star teams based on their nationalities and see which country produces the best team. What country wouldn't want to be known as baseball's hotbed?

But to ask major leaguers to play meaningful games in March — a time when they are usually working the kinks out of their bodies, instead of gearing up for a playoff drive — is crazy, and the major leaguers know this. That's

why so many of them have already dropped out. They don't want to risk injury just so the Dominican Republic can win the tournament. These players have bigger fish to fry, like maybe bringing a World Series championship to the teams that actually pay their salaries.

Even New York Yankees

tioning the timing, but that I'm in agreement with him.

Basically, March should be a time when players are working with their teammates to get ready for the season, and not a time when they should be shuttling off to Puerto Rico, San Diego or some other warm-weather locale to play for national pride. That's why sports fans vacation in Florida and Arizona during that month. They enjoy seeing their favorite major leaguers up close and personal in a stadium normally used for a class A minor league team — and at minor league prices, too.

Maybe Spring Training games aren't much to watch, and the

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owner George Steinbrenner (the man that often puts the "over" in overbearing) has been questioning the tournament's timing. Frankly, that scares me — not so much that Steinbrenner is ques-

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Reval

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assessor's office is still working with the budgets from last year. This year's budgets are only estimates.

"We don't know yet what they will be," said Leafer.

The tax bills that will be affected by the new values would be the school taxes this fall and property taxes in January 2007.

Tax increases are driven by cost and budget increases in local government, such as school, county, town and fire and ambulance, Leafer said.

Property values are determined by comparable sales data,

and by proper comparisons of homes, such as the number of bathrooms and bedrooms, and what condition they are in. Values are assigned based on that review.

Although it's been eight years since the last revaluation, Leafer said in the future they will be done on a more regular basis. Housing values change as regional and local markets change, and timely revaluations preserve equity, Leafer said.

"We'll probably not go any longer than three years," said Leafer. "The state does annual reassessments."

The grievance process begins in May, but Leafer said the assessor's office is anticipating

and prepared to handle more grievances than usual. Informal hearings with the assessor's office start in March, when the disclosure notices go out, and continue until April 21.

Tax grievance days are scheduled for late May and early June. The assessor's office will be open during the day and evening on the 23rd of May; during the day only on May 24; and during the evening on May 25. On May 31 and June 2, the office will be open during the day and evening.

Project

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next meeting.

In other business, the board is looking into alternative funding for the school district besides property taxes. Board members Kyle Kotary and Sam Messina attended last week's Association of Towns meeting, where ideas for alternative funding were discussed, and the board passed

a resolution to continue working with the association.

"People do have to look at alternatives, and there is a lot of support for it," said Messina. "I want to move forward with this."

Alternative funding would not just affect funds for public education, but for town operational expenses as well. In Bethlehem, about 57 percent of taxes go toward public education, and another small percentage goes toward town operational expenses. The resolution is a mes-

sage to the state assembly and the governor that alternative funding should be taken seriously.

"I think reform can come as soon as policy makers decide the problem needs to be addressed," said Messina. "Once people recognize this, then there can be more innovative ways to generate or redirect revenues."

Messina is also in favor of the resolution for the holistic approach it gives to funding.

"If our towns and cities operate well and the education system is strong, then it's not just the local government that benefits, it's everyone."

Cornell hosts radon poster contest for kids

Cornell University Cooperative Extension of Albany County, in conjunction with the state and Albany County Departments of Health, is sponsoring a radon poster contest for Albany County youth, ages 9 to 14.

The contest is promoting radon awareness and educating youth and adults about the risks of radon exposure.

Artwork for the radon poster can be done using crayon, marker, or paint. Computer generated artwork is also acceptable.

There will be county and state winners selected for each category (non-computer generated and computer generated).

Artwork submission forms

to enter the contest and educational materials to help learn more about radon are available from Cornell University Cooperative Extension. The deadline for entries is April 3.

Radon is a radioactive gas. Individuals cannot see, smell, or taste radon. However, exposure to elevated levels of radon increases the risk of developing lung cancer. There are actions an individual can take to reduce the risk of being exposed to radon.

For information on the contest or radon, e-mail Nancy Lerner at Cornell University Cooperative Extension of Albany County at nk11@cornell.edu or call 765-3521.

Local office to offer free health lectures

Dr. Ron Stram, a prominent doctor in integrative medicine, and his complimentary practitioner staff including naturopathic doctors, acupuncturists, massage and therapeutic touch practitioners are offering free health lectures every third Thursday of each month. All events will be held at the Center for Integrative Health and Healing at 7:30 p.m. Registration is recommended. For information, call 689-2244 or visit www.cihh.net.

The March 16 lecture topic is gastrointestinal inflammation. Crohn's, irritable bowel syndrome, ulcerative colitis, constipation and diarrhea, learn about the mechanisms which set us up for these conditions and how to reverse them. Learn how poor GI health relates to other conditions such as allergies, rheumatism and autoimmune dysfunction.

April 20: Blood Sugar

Balancing. Adult Onset Diabetes is one of the fastest growing epidemics in this country, showing itself in younger age groups. Learn how integrative medicine can prevent and/or manage this disruptive disease.

May 18: Autoimmune Conditions. MS, Lupus, Rheumatoid Arthritis, Allergies, Asthma. Understand how Chinese medicine together with western medicine can be used to positively effect these conditions.

June 15: Chi Kung. This workshop is given by Christopher Reilly, L.Ac., MSA. Learn basic theories and concepts behind this ancient art of promoting life. Movement centered and medication oriented Chi Kung, as well as chi sensitivity exercises will be included. Wear comfortable attire as participation in these gentle movements is highly recommended.

Calculating a tax rate

Budget to be raised

Total Taxable
Assessment Base

=

Tax Rate
per \$1,000 AV

example:

\$50,000 Budget

\$2,500,000 TTAB

=

\$20/\$1000 AV

How are my taxes figured?

Take your home's assessed value (AV), and subtract exemptions to get the total taxable AV. For example:

\$100,000 AV

- \$20,000/m

\$2,000 taxes

The effect of revaluation on taxes

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