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### Area News



### Going with the grain

About 250 people packed Bethlehem Town Hall Saturday afternoon, Jan. 26, for the Cub Scout Pack 272 Slingerlands Elementary Pinewood Derby.  
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### A timeless tale of ambition

Actor Timothy Stickney wants people to leave theater thinking. That's why he has delayed performing in William Shakespeare's "Macbeth" until now.  
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### Boys basketball

Without two of its top players, the Bethlehem boys basketball team survived a physical battle with Mohonasen to defeat the Mighty Warriors 61-48 on Senior Night Friday at Bethlehem.  
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## Gear up for Game Day

### Super Bowl fans kick up their heels a number of ways

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Super Bowl Sunday is always a great excuse to have a party, but this year's match up lends a little extra excitement to the big game.

Two teams from the Northeast that boast substantial fan bases in the Capital District will be vying for the title of Super Bowl XLII champion. The New York Giants and the undefeated New England Patriots kick off in Phoenix at approximately 6:20 p.m. EST on Sunday, Feb. 3.

Here are a few ways you can make game day even more memorable:

#### Go to the game

OK, there's a catch here. You're going to need money, and lots of it, to pull this one off.

"It's a pretty hefty price tag," said Stacey Agostinelli, the district sales manager for Liberty Travel in Albany. "Most people who are going look at this as a once-in-a-lifetime event."

Liberty has a variety of Super Bowl packages available. Some include airfare, some include everything but airfare. Agostinelli said she can even help people who are looking just for tickets.

Whatever option you decide on, costs are likely to run in the thousands of dollars. Liberty's deluxe package includes a ticket to the game, three or four nights' accommodations, breakfast, transfers to and from the airport and admission to a tailgate party that includes souvenirs. The cost is

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## Big game translates into big sales

By ASHLEY LUCAS  
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With the New York Giants and New England Patriots facing off in Super Bowl XLII this weekend, electronics stores in the area have seen an increase in television sales.

"This year is especially brisk," said Tony Hazapis, president of Hippo's at Stuyvesant Plaza in Albany.

"There is nothing like a Northeast rivalry to get people fired up."

Hazapis will no doubt be watching the game and cheering for the Giants, he said.

Home theater expert Eric Palmaeitr from Best Buy at Crossgates Mall in Guilderland said, "We sell a lot of flat panels, and everyone is looking for the newest technology."

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## Board fills advisory panel

Former supervisors Egan and Ringler to chair group

By KRISTIN OLBY  
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Former town supervisors Theresa Egan and Ken Ringler will head up a 25-member advisory committee established to examine Bethlehem's current and future needs.

Members of the Bethlehem 20/20 Advisory Committee were appointed by the town board at its Wednesday, Jan. 23, meeting.

The committee has been established to follow up on the townwide Comprehensive Plan adopted in 2005 to guide land use, development and growth. The panel will focus on advising

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## Little Country Store closes

After 20 years, customers became friends

By WILLIAM R. DEVOE  
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After 20 years of serving Delmar with kitchen, craft and candle accouterments, the Little Country Store is closing its doors for good.

The store, which changed locations four times — all within the same block on Kenwood Avenue — opened for its final

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# Police Blotter

## New Scotland crash kills two

Two people were killed as the result of a one-car crash on Route 32 late Wednesday, Jan. 23, in which a car crashed into a barn and the victims had to be extricated.

Albany County Coroner John Keegan pronounced Edward Jennings, 39, of the Bronx, dead at the scene, police said.

The driver, Sonya Schwarz, 25, of Watervliet, was transported to Albany Medical Center Hospital and later died of injuries sustained in the crash.

Fire officials said a Saturn automobile, carrying the two, was northbound on Route 32 about 9:35 p.m. State police said

Schwarz was driving at an unsafe speed and failed to negotiate a curve, causing the four-door sedan to careen out of control and strike a barn.

Additional details were not immediately available, but fire officials said a dog was also killed. Both victims were transported to Albany Medical Center Hospital.

Route 32 between Route 308 and LaGrange Lane was closed that night because of the crash. State police investigators are looking into a cause of the crash. Officials said toxicology tests would determine whether drugs or alcohol played a role in the

crash.

In other police news, Bethlehem police on Sunday, Jan. 20, arrested Willie J. Roberson, 41, of 9 Pauline Court, Rensselaer, for an arrest warrant stemming from a probation violation.

Officers spoke to Roberson in conjunction with a welfare complaint at the Samaritan Shelters. Upon checking Roberson's background information, it was found that there was an active warrant for his arrest in Rensselaer County for a probation violation.

Roberson was taken to the Bethlehem Police Department for processing and was transported to Rensselaer County Jail by Rensselaer County Sheriff's Deputies.

On Monday, Jan. 21, police arrested Katherine Burke, 80, of 467 Delaware Ave. for operating a vehicle with a suspended registration and passing a red light.

Burke was stopped for the traffic violation and a subsequent check of her records with the Department of Motor Vehicles showed her registration was suspended on Oct. 24, 2007, for a lack of insurance coverage.

Police recovered the license plates from the vehicle and Burke was released into the custody of a family member.

### IN BRIEF

#### Joint Ash Wednesday services scheduled

The 1st United Methodist and The New Scotland Presbyterian Church will hold a joint Ash Wednesday Evening Service on Wednesday, Feb. 6 at 7 p.m. at The 1st United Methodist Church, 68 Maple Ave., Voorheesville. All are welcome.

#### Bethlehem Central High School Alumni: Where Are You?

Bethlehem Central High School is proud to announce the production of its second edition alumni directory.

The directory will be the most up-to-date and complete reference ever compiled on Bethlehem Central alumni and feature detailed personal and professional information on graduates from all class years.

With more than 20,000 graduates, Bethlehem Central High School graduates are scattered worldwide and the alumni directory can help them to reconnect.

The upcoming alumni directory is currently being compiled and edited by publisher, Harris Connect of Norfolk, and help is needed.

To ensure proper placement and accurate directory listing, the BC Endowment Fund is asking alumni who have organized reunions to share their most current directory of their classmates.

Any information provided will be an invaluable contribution to the project. Please send your information to Bethlehem Central

Endowment Fund, c/o Alumni Directory Project, 31 Morningstar Lane, Feura Bush 12067-9799.

If you it's an electronic database of your classmates, e-mail the information to [endowment@bcsd.neric.org](mailto:endowment@bcsd.neric.org).

#### Free arts and crafts planned for children with special needs

Beginning Friday, Feb. 8, Blue Dog Arts, 333 Delaware Ave. in Delmar, will host a drop in arts and crafts workshop for children with special needs. Children that are not yet in school, and their parents or caregivers, are invited to drop in any or every Friday from 1 to 2 p.m. for a fun art project.

Tracie Killar, owner of the store and mother of an 11-year-old child with special needs, recognizes the need for socializing amongst both the children and their parents and caregivers.

There is no fee for this drop-in arts and crafts workshop. Parents are asked only to supervise their child or children during their time at Blue Dog. Killar and her assistant, Jen Lang, will lead the children in a fun arts and crafts activity that can be taken home that day. A story and game will go along with the art activity.

For information, call Blue Dog Arts at 439-3309, email [tracie@bluedogart.biz](mailto:tracie@bluedogart.biz) or stop by during business hours, Tuesday through Friday, noon to 6 p.m., and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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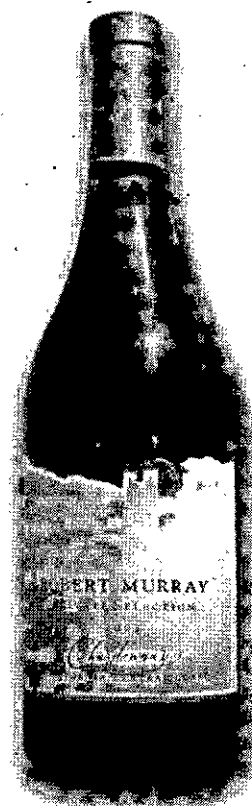
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# Tech Valley Foundation adds four local leaders

Four area leaders have recently been elected to serve on the Tech Valley School Foundation.

Eileen R. Lindburg of Loudonville, vice president, CB Richard Ellis, Albany; Dr. Barbara Nagler of Chatham, retired district superintendent of Capital Region BOCES; and Dale M. Thuillez of Loudonville, special counsel to the law firm of Thuillez, Ford, Gold, Butler & Young, LLP, Albany will serve on the board of directors of the Tech Valley School Foundation. John Cavalier of Loudonville, retired chairman of the board of MapInfo Corporation, was re-elected foundation president.

The foundation was created in 2007 to support the school and help raise funds to provide a margin of excellence for the school, according to Mr. Cavalier.

Tech Valley High School, which opened last September with its first class of 40 freshmen, focuses on math, science and technology and is a joint venture of Questar III BOCES and Capital Region BOCES. Together, in cooperation with 48 school districts in Albany, Columbia, Rensselaer, Schenectady, Schoharie, Saratoga and Greene counties, the BOCES have created this new school to expand the range of opportunities available to more than 124,000 students. The school is being shaped and sustained by an unprecedented

partnership of K-12 educators with leaders from business, higher education, organized labor and government. It is initially housed at Pitney Bowes MapInfo in Rensselaer Technology Park, Troy, and is planning for its own facility in Rensselaer County at a site to be determined.

Others serving on the board are Dr. James N. Baldwin, district superintendent of Questar III and acting superintendent of Capital Region BOCES, and Gerald Carozza, chief operating officer of Capital Region BOCES.

Lindburg, principal in CB Richard Ellis, Albany, has been a licensed real estate broker since 1989. She is a member of the Commercial and Industrial Real Estate Brokers, the Greater Capital Association of Realtors, the New York State Association of Realtors and the National Association of Realtors. She was chair of the board of Equinox Inc., a trustee of the Albany Academy for Girls and a director of the Albany-Colonie Regional Chamber of Commerce. She currently serves on the board of the Eastern Region of the Nature Conservancy. Ms. Lindburg

earned her MBA in finance from the University of Rochester Graduate School of Management (Simon School) and received her undergraduate degree from St. Mary's College in Notre Dame, Ind.

Nagler served as the district superintendent of the Capital Region BOCES from 1998 to 2007. Previously, Dr. Nagler was an administrator and teacher in early childhood special education and was the coordinator of Handicapped and Remedial Education at Rensselaer-Columbia-Greene BOCES. She was an elementary principal at Averill Park Central School District; superintendent of Maplewood School District; and superintendent of Brunswick (Brittonkill) School District. Dr. Nagler holds a bachelor's of science degree from Empire

State College, a master of arts degree from The College of St. Rose and a doctor of education degree from the University of Massachusetts in Amherst.

Thuillez is a member of the litigation department at Thuillez, Ford, Gold, Butler & Young, L.L.P., Albany. He is a fellow of the American Bar Foundation and the New York State Bar Foundation and a trustee of Albany Law School, where he was an adjunct professor teaching trial advocacy. He is the author of "Parental Non-Supervision, The Tort That Never Was". He received his law degree from Albany Law School and is a graduate of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

Cavalier was named president and CEO of MapInfo in 1996, a position he held until being elected co-chairman of the board in 2001 and chairman in 2002. Previously he was president and CEO of Antares Alliance Group, of Dallas. He served as vice president and general manager for the Apple International division of Apple Computer, Inc., responsible for the Americas, Far East and Africa. At Apple, he was also vice president and General manager of the Personal Computer Division. In addition, Cavalier has held CEO positions at three other leading software companies, held a key executive position at Atari, and worked in general management, sales and marketing positions at American Can Company.

Organized around the principles of project-based learning, Tech Valley High's academic program and day-to-day activities differ in many ways from other schools. Students, however, meet New York State Learning Standards; earn a Regents diploma or Advanced Regents diploma; earn at least 23 credits following the New York State course of study; and earn college credits. Tech Valley High's course of study is deeply enriched by the school's connection to area businesses and institutions of higher learning working on the cutting edge of science, math and technology.

For information about Tech Valley High School, visit [www.techvalleyhigh.org](http://www.techvalleyhigh.org).



Pack 272, Slingerlands Elementary, Cub master Will Vail, center, checks to see who's up next as cars race down the ramp at the pack's annual Pinewood Derby Saturday afternoon at Bethlehem Town Hall.

Photos by Tim Mulligan/Spotlight

## Pinewood Derby cars get a push from gravity

### Cub Scouts gather for annual event

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About 250 people packed Bethlehem Town Hall Saturday afternoon, Jan. 26, for the Cub Scout Pack 272 Slingerlands Elementary Pinewood Derby.

The annual event showcased the woodworking talents of about 65 boys, as their gravity-powered cars made from bottle-sized blocks of wood raced down the four-lane wooden track.

Flanked by their parents and grandparents, many with cameras or camcorders, the boys, ages 6 to 10, knelt as close to the track as they could to get a glimpse of their homemade vehicles zooming past them hoping that it would come in first in one of the 64 races held.

One of them was Gavin Prescott, 6, of Glenmont, who earned the certificate "most impressive" car for his red-flamed champion car driven by a Star Wars Storm Trooper figurine.

"I worked on it for like a week," said Prescott. "I had to add the Storm Trooper for the weight."

Back in early December, each Scout was given a block of pine, four plastic wheels and four nails. The completed car was required to use all nine pieces, conform to specific dimensions - usually 2-3/4 inches wide and 7 inches long - and not weigh more than 5 ounces. The Scouts are allowed to design and decorate their cars as they choose and are given the assignment along with a parent.

Cub Scout John Sgamblore, 8, of Delmar, chose to paint his car yellow, and it earned him a "pack favorite" certificate.

"It's my favorite color," said John, with his mother, Meg, and grandparents Joan and Joseph Cahill at his side.

When asked what he liked



Cub Scout Gavin Prescott, 6, of Glenmont, from Pack 272 Slingerlands Elementary, shows off his "most impressive" Pinewood Derby car with his dad, David Saturday afternoon at Bethlehem Town Hall.



Cub Scout John Sgamblore, 8, of Delmar, shows of his "pack favorite" Pinewood Derby car with his mom, Meg Sgamblore, left, and grandparents, Joan and Joseph Cahill, by his side.

most about his car, John said, "That it's pretty fast."

According to Will Vail, Cub Master for Pack 272, the most important thing about the event is that the Scouts take away something from it.

"They learn craft skills and to work with their parents," said Vail. "It's a good bond between the parents and Scouts. Everyone (who participates) gets an award, and that's the most important part."

Gavin's dad, David Prescott, said the event teaches his son a lot of positives.

"It gives him a sense of self-

confidence and achievement," Prescott said. "He feels proud, even if he doesn't win."

As the races concluded around 2 p.m., the winners were announced and Sam Vail took home the overall first-place trophy with an average time of 2.4850 seconds. Jude Killar and Brian Herzog came in second and third with times of 2.4956 and 2.5032, respectively.

Even though John Sgamblore didn't take home the first-place trophy, he and his mom still said they had a good day.

"It's all about having fun," said Meg Sgamblore.

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# Saying goodbye to my childhood home

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When I was a little girl, I would stand with my back straight against the inside edge of my closet door and my mother would draw a line to mark my height. Next to the line she would write the date.

Last year, near the very end of winter, I was showing my childhood home to potential buyers. All the bedrooms had recently been repainted and a contractor was nearly done refinishing the hardwood floors. All the bedroom closet doors had been temporarily moved to the upstairs bathroom.

I hadn't known that the closet doors were in the bathroom when I'd arranged the meeting with the potential buyers. I found that out when I arrived at the house about 30 minutes ahead of the appointment time.

Lacking the wherewithal or the time to install closet doors I simply explained about the painting and floor work.

"What's that?" asked the dad of the young family. He was pointing to the markings on the side of one door.

"That's my growth chart," I answered, feeling a rush of nostalgia, and wishing I had a camera so I could take a photograph.

We moved down the hall, the dad, the mom, the toddler boy, the infant girl in her car-carrier seat, and me. I showed them all four bedrooms. We went back downstairs and the dad checked out the basement.

"Go see the basement," the husband encouraged his wife. She tried to pass. "I'll take your word about the basement," she said. "You should go see the basement," he told her again. So we all went downstairs to the full basement, finished on one side with paneling and drop ceiling with lights, freshly painted walls and floors.

In what way did the basement impress him? I wondered.

## Commentary:

### From Robin's Nest



Were they looking for storage space? Were they imagining a playroom for the kids? A workshop?

I felt a connection with these people. I felt that these nice people would love and take care of the home I grew up in, the house my parents had bought brand new from a developer nearly 40 years before.

It had taken me several weeks to get used to the idea of selling the house. My parents had been on a waiting list for an apartment. A month before they were leaving to spend some time in Florida, they were notified that an apartment with a balcony would be available the next month. They didn't want to let the opportunity go by. Nor did they want to spend winter in upstate New York. So my dad told his three children, "Sell the house," and he took my mother to Florida.

That's when the cleaning began. Evening after evening, weekend after weekend my siblings and I spent sorting through 40 years of stuff. "We're lucky that mom and dad are still alive," we told each other, as we went through all the belongings, "if they were dead then we would be both sad and annoyed. They're alive, so we can just be annoyed."

Sure that sounds harsh, but my own home is filled with clutter that needs going through, so it was frustrating to spend time going through someone else's drawers and closets. Not only that, but I ended up bringing clutter from my parents' home into my home. Stuff I hadn't seen in years. Stuff I didn't even know existed. Stuff that smells like

"basement," but evoked some sentimental feeling.

I would spend hours at my parents' house and then stay up until 1 a.m. back at my home going through my own closets, trying to throw out some of my own junk. Needless to say, it was not a restful period.

And it wasn't just annoying, it was sad, too. Sad because my parents are no longer healthy enough to live in and maintain a four-bedroom Colonial. Sad because my parents are aging and won't be around forever. Sad because this was the house I lived in for over 20 years, the place where I grew up.

And then I had a revelation. I had been packing boxes in my parents' house on a weekend afternoon. One of the neighbors already had their house on the market and the realtor was holding an open house. I happened to look out the window and see a couple with young children come from their car, obviously heading to view the house for sale. And it dawned on me that the time had come for my childhood home to become someone else's childhood home. It was time to pass the house along to a young family, so the kids could play in the basement and run around on the grass and learn to ride bikes in the cul-de-sac.

My parents' house, I knew, had so much to offer a young family. Will new owners have the same kinds of adventures and pleasures that my family experienced, I wondered. Will the kids ride bikes down the nearby hill, no hands on the handlebars? Enjoy the short walk to the Memorial Day parade route? Look for guppies in the stream? Build forts in the woods? Run the circle from the hallway, living room, dining room, kitchen, family room, laundry room, bathroom, and back to the front door?

Will a new family hang a calendar on the back of the basement door? Will they discover

a bird's nest over the light that hangs above the back door? Will they see deer looking for crab apples in the large circular grassy area that all the houses face? Will they read novels in the shade of the willow tree? Enjoy the scent of the lilac blossoms that border the yard in spring?

The first family who came to the house did not end up as the buyer, but another nice family, also with young children, did.

A few days before the sale was to be finalized, I sent my husband to the house with a long sheet of paper and asked him to record my growth chart. I knew this would be just more clutter for my house, a record of something I hadn't seen or thought about in decades, something I didn't really need. And yet I wanted it. I wanted to see how many years it had taken me to reach the current height of my daughter, age 11. Wait, I never got that tall! I guess we could look at how tall (short?) I was at age 11. I guess I was still trying to hold on to a piece of my childhood.

My patient husband obliged me. He had to hunt around for the closet door. After the rooms were painted, the

interchangeable doors were re-hung, but not necessarily in their original rooms. The growth-chart door wasn't hanging in my bedroom any more. It was on the closet in my sister's old room.

I had also asked my husband, Jeff, to say good-bye to the house. I wasn't expecting him to literally deliver a farewell address; it just felt like the thing to say at the time. But he went above and beyond.

"I said good-bye to the house," he told me, "I told the house that it was a great house, that it was loved by its owners, and that it will continue to be enjoyed by a new family." I got all choked up as he told this to me.

Then I started to giggle. "I don't know which is more ridiculous," I said to my husband, "you delivering a farewell message to the house on my behalf or me getting teary-eyed as you tell me about it. I feel silly. The house is not a person. It is just a thing."

Readying the house to be sold didn't make me any taller, but it was certainly a growing experience.

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## WEEKLY WEATHER

Chief Meteorologist Mike Bono

### Albany Almanac

#### Record high/low/year

Day	AVERAGE HIGH 32°		AVERAGE LOW 13°	
	High/Year	Low/Year	High/Year	Low/Year
Wednesday, January 30	54°/1974	-12°/1965		
Thursday, January 31	58°/1913	-26°/1948		
Friday, February 1	65°/1989	-20°/1920		
Saturday, February 2	53°/1981	-18°/1961		
Sunday, February 3	56°/2006	-18°/1955		
Monday, February 4	61°/1991	-13°/1978		
Tuesday, February 5	59°/1890	-15°/1918		

#### SEASONAL SNOWFALL TO DATE

39.2 inches as of Friday, January 25<sup>th</sup>  
6.4 inches above average

#### This week in weather

February 5, 6 1978 The "Blizzard of 1978" dumped 28" in Boston and 50" in Rhode Is with 80 to 90 mph wind gusts on the coast. The Catskills had up to 25 inches and there were 30" near Rutland, Vt.  
January 29-31, 1966 Oswego received 75-100" of snow

#### Sun & Moon

Day	Sunrise	Sunset
Wednesday	7:22am	5:06pm
Thursday	7:21am	5:07pm
Friday	7:21am	5:08pm
Saturday	7:20am	5:09pm
Sunday	7:19am	5:11pm
Monday	7:19am	5:12pm
Tuesday	7:18am	5:13pm

#### Moon Phases

January 30th	February 6th
Last	New

Planets	When	Where
Mars	Evening	High South
Saturn	Evening	High SE
Venus	Dawn	V Low SE
Jupiter	Dawn	V Low SE

#### Area Ski Conditions

Resort	Base Depth	Lifts	Trails	Resort	Base Depth	Lifts	Trails
Gore Mtn.	22" - 33"	7	37	Stratton Mt.	27" - 43"	15	84
Whiteface	30" - 49"	9	64	Sugarbush	12" - 40"	7	109
Bromley	16" - 42"	5	33	Hunter Mtn.	16" - 67"	5	44
Mt. Snow	12" - 48"	10	80	Jay Peak	32" - 39"	8	70
Okemo	36" - 42"	15	103	Jiminy Peak	24" - 60"	6	39
Belleayre	15" - 45"	7	39	Windham	19" - 60"	5	34
Stowe	26" - 66"	10	104	Catamount	12" - 42"	4	24
Killington	32" - 42"	12	84	Smugglers'	20" - 44"	8	51

#### Factoid

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

#### Tides at Albany

Day	High	Low
Wednesday	10:52am, 11:00pm	4:56am, 5:38pm
Thursday	11:46am, 11:58pm	5:48am, 6:34pm
Friday	-----, 12:41pm	6:41am, 7:28pm
Saturday	12:56am, 1:34pm	7:34am, 8:21pm
Sunday	1:52am, 2:25pm	8:25am, 9:11pm
Monday	2:43am, 3:12pm	9:14am, 9:58pm
Tuesday	3:31am, 3:56pm	10:01am, 10:42pm



# This production has a Twist

**BCMS students bring 'Oliver!' to the stage**

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In 1960, Lionel Bart wrote the musical "Oliver!" based on Charles Dickens's novel "Oliver Twist." Bart, who was not a professional musician, crafted his play with the help of an assistant, who transcribed his melodies. The result was magical: the story of the young orphan Oliver's misadventures in 19th century London was a huge hit. On Feb. 5, audiences will once again be able to share in Oliver's experience when the Bethlehem Central Middle School presents the play.

"Our role is to bring the vision of the writer to the stage," said co-director Katie Daly. "The challenge with that is the space, the children in the ensemble, and the middle school environment."

"As far as work goes, together we teach the music, do the staging, and have other people come in and do the costumes and other things," said fellow director Lynda Conway.

Both music teachers at the middle school, Conway and Daly stress the importance of school before the play, but also encourage the children in their pursuit of the stage.

"They're fabulous. Countless hours are spent in rehearsal," said Conway of the children's devotion to the play. "These kids are here [and] they're willing to sacrifice things to do this. They really want to be successful on stage."

As with any Broadway adaptation, the music is a highlight of the performance.

"The music features several soloists with several different

**"These kids are here [and] they're willing to sacrifice things to do this."**

Co-director Lynda Conway

chorus numbers," said Daly.

The cast will be supported by a reduced score consisting of violin, flute, clarinet, piano, bass and drum accompaniment. Famous songs such as "Food, Glorious Food," "I'd Do Anything," and "Consider Yourself," will all be features of the performance.

The task of organizing a play can be a bit daunting, especially when the cast and crew combined consists of more than 100 members, making it the largest play in BCMS history. High school students are also assisting in the performance, with duties ranging from choreographing the actors to teaching the crew how to operate equipment.

"It takes a collaboration of teachers, parents, and students to create this production," said Daly.

The play will also feature over half a dozen sets that will offer the audience a chance to see the world through Oliver's eyes.

"In designing a set for a musical you have a lot of scene changes. You're thinking about what the music and the story convey. For

'Oliver!,' we did a fairly realistic set," said Jill Baboulis, leader of set design.

Daly said that choosing a play that can suit middle-school voices can be difficult. Nonetheless, everyone involved is enthusiastic about the coming performance.

"I've always been a fan of the performing arts. I did it during the sixth grade and had such a great experience that I just came back every year," said eighth-grader Lindsay Lee, who plays Old Sally.

The children said they are also very pleased with the camaraderie the play creates among cast and crew.

"I enjoy most the other kids in the play," said eighth-grader Luke Carpinello, who plays Bill Sikes.

All in all, the play, which began rehearsals in October 2007, will open in early February.

"I really like seeing the whole thing come together in the end," said eighth-grader Elias Miller, who plays the Artful Dodger.

"It's amazing how much will change between now and opening night," adds Conway, reflecting the fluid nature of live theater.

The play opens Tuesday, Feb. 5, and continues on the seventh, eighth, and ninth. Performances will be at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$5 for students and seniors.



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## IN BRIEF

### Preschool to host open house

The Creative Play Preschool of the First Reformed Church of Bethlehem is hosting a community open house on Tuesday, Feb. 12, from 6 to 7 p.m.

The event will be held at the preschool, 38 Church Road in Selkirk. Come learn about the cooperative preschool program for 3 to 5-year-olds.

If your child will be 3 by Dec. 1, registration information will be available that evening for enrollment in the 2008-2009 school year.

For information, contact the church secretary at 767-2243.

### Five Rivers plans teacher workshop

A teacher workshop on climate change will be held on Saturday, Feb. 2, at 2 p.m. at the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation's Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, 56 Game Farm Road, Delmar.

During this indoor program, center naturalists will discuss what climate change is and some of its known causes. This

discussion will explore some of the potential impacts of increased global warming and will include information on some of the new technologies being developed to alleviate this problem. Center naturalists will also share ideas and activities for teachers and youth leaders to use when teaching about climate change. The activities are hands-on, fun, and focused on the issue that is becoming a top priority. Registration by Friday, Feb. 1, is necessary.

The program is free. For information or to register, call Five Rivers Center at 475-0291.

### Pair to talk about Iran trip

Barbara Spring and Priscilla Fairbank traveled to Iran in December 2007 with Fellowship of Reconciliation as part of a citizen diplomacy effort. They will share their experiences, photos, and discuss issues they encountered Thursday, Feb. 7, 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave, Delmar. This free program is sponsored by Bethlehem Neighbors for Peace.

For information, call 391-2830.

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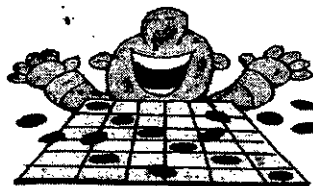
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# Matters of Opinion *in the* Spotlight

## Celebrate diversity any time

This February will mark the 31st celebration of Black History Month.

The celebration was established in 1976 by Afro-Americans, for the Study of Afro-American Life and History. The monthlong celebration is an expansion of Negro History Week, which was established in 1926 by Carter G. Woodson, director of what was then known as the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History.

### Editorial

More than 80 years after Woodson selected the week that encompassed the birthdays of both Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln, we are witness to the ubiquitous cardboard cut-outs of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., whose holiday we recently celebrated, gracing nearly every window in just about every public and private school we see. Networks like the American Movie Channel and the History Channel will devote large blocks of programming to films and specials about race, or, in the laziest of examples, simply showcasing black actors and actresses.

Locally, Skidmore College in Saratoga Springs will host a lecture on race by activist and writer Kevin Powell on Feb. 27; the Palace Theater in Albany will host "Step Your Game Up" — the fourth annual Black History Month Step Show on Feb. 8; and the Schenectady County Public Library will host a series of films throughout the month dealing with race in America.

This is just a sampling of the venues that will host a bevy of multicultural artists and performers during the month of February, but the question remains: Why not celebrate Black history year round?

Use Black History Month to introduce yourself to the art, culture and history of your fellow man, but also use it as a gateway to celebrating those very things every day.

American history is acknowledged day in and day out.

Black history is American history.

## Chinese New Year mixes old, new

By SUSAN S. CHEUNG  
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*The writer is a transplant from London via a short spell in Florida. She lives in Guilderland with her family and is on a career break to raise two young children.*

Chinese New Year is Feb. 7 this year. I bet you automatically picture the dragon dance or the Chinese zodiac.

But beyond that, what is Chinese New Year?

Perhaps, you wonder why it falls on a different day every year. That's because the Chinese calendar follows the moon's cycle, and the lunar New Year is the first day of the first new moon, which falls between Jan. 21 and Feb. 19.

Growing up in the West, it was never an official holiday — neither the 15-day traditional celebrations nor the four-day holiday of modern times in some Asian countries. For me, the tradition consisted of just a few colorful images on TV of the dragon dance in Chinatown and teachers asking me to talk about New Year as if I were an expert.

I'm still no expert, and the best I can do is to share my memories and explain why honoring the New Year is a visual and symbolic connection to my heritage.

The New Year, or Spring Festival, is the most important celebration for Chinese and other Asian people (more than 20 percent of the world's population). Think of its importance as equaling that of Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day rolled into one celebration. Chinese New Year is part of the story of immigration — it connects overseas Chinese and their descendants to their traditions and culture, even though they may live thousands of miles away from their ancestral homelands.

My parents were born in Guangdong, China, and moved to Hong Kong in their teens. In their early 20's they were part of the diaspora from Hong Kong to

### Point of View

the United Kingdom in the 1950s and 60s. I was born and raised in England, and I moved to the United States eight years ago to join my husband (born in Hong Kong and raised in England) who had been working here for a number of years.

I grew up hearing and saying "Gung hei fat choi!" at Chinese New Year — the literal translation is "congratulations and make a fortune" — a popular greeting in Cantonese, the language spoken by people in southeastern China, Hong Kong and around the world where people have settled, such as New York City, San Francisco, Toronto, Vancouver and London.

Now it's my turn to teach my two American children, who were born in Albany, to say "Gung Hei Fat Choi."

What ties us together — three generations born on three different continents — is a collective honoring of our past as we look to the future.

It's my turn to tell my children the legend of "Nian," a ferocious beast of legend that attacked people thousands of years ago. Nian was afraid of noise, fire and the color red so people hung red peach wood on their doors, made campfires with bamboo to make cracking sounds and beat metal utensils to scare Nian away. These are the origins of the New Year traditions of decorating with red paper with lucky phrases written on them and lighting firecrackers to scare off evil spirits.

In Cantonese, New Year's Eve is called "Guo Nian." "Guo" means "passing" and "Nian" — in modern Chinese — means "year" so, in essence, the New Year is about surviving Nian (the beast) and starting anew.

Feb. 7 to Jan. 25, 2009, is the Year of the Rat. In Western writing, the rat is much maligned; not least we live in a "rat race." However, in Chinese culture, the rat is respected for his intelligence, courage and enterprising nature and a rat year is full of opportunities and prospects.

Legend has it the Jade Emperor invited the animals for a party. The first to arrive was the rat. One version of the story tells how, toward the end of the journey, the animals had to cross a river and the rat asked the ox to ferry him across. When they arrived on the other side, the rat jumped down from the ox's head and that's how the rat came to be first in the Chinese zodiac.

Teaching my children the stories and traditions is part of my learning, too, as I took my parents' efforts to celebrate New Year properly for granted.

Three weeks before New Year, my parents would start to clean the house and kitchen altar. As I write, I'm in the midst of cleaning, and my children wield dust cloths just as I helped my parents all those years ago. The house has

to be cleaned by New Year's Eve because if you sweep on New Year's Day you'll sweep your fortune away.

New Year's foods are rich in symbolism, and Cantonese is a language full of humorous puns (words with the same sounds that convey different meanings.) For example, Chinese New Year pudding is called "Nian Go" — "Go" means pudding but it also means high, tall and growth, so it's eaten by children to express desire to grow taller and by adults to realize success in their lives.

Last year I made Nian Go from scratch; no mean feat if you imagine me on the phone with my parents as I mixed! This year I'm going to master "White Cut Chicken" with fresh ginger dipping sauce. A whole chicken symbolizes prosperity, although I won't serve it with its head and feet to represent completeness! I hold on to and adapt as many traditions as I can so I stay connected with my heritage and my children won't grow up in a cultural void.

We'll eat a special dinner on New Year's Eve dressed in our new clothes and stay up to welcome in the New Year. Part of the evening will be spent preparing food for the next day as it's commonly believed that using a kitchen knife on New Year's Day will cut off one's luck. It's funny that even though I was brought up in the West, I never dismiss centuries-old superstitions, much as some people wouldn't purposely walk under a ladder.

As a child, the best part about New Year was receiving small amounts of crisp new money in red packets called "Lei Sei" or "Hung Bao" — these are given to children, seniors and unmarried family members. Now I'm the giver; it's heavier on my pockets, but I do it willingly because the act of giving brings prosperity.

New Year's Day is a time to honor ancestors, so I'll say prayers to my deceased grandparents and my beloved brother.

The New Year holiday is a time for family and friends, when no bad words are spoken nor ill feelings vented, and debts are settled. Being far from family networks, our close friends become our "family" and we'll celebrate with them.

When the children are older, we'll take them to see the lion dance (a dance to expel evil spirits) or the dragon dance (to pray for rain to grow crops) in a big Chinatown, and one day to see the fireworks in Hong Kong.

With Chinese New Year just around the corner, and as you see images of the dragon dance on TV, you'll know it means so much more to millions of people around the world and for many in your neighborhood.

Read Susan S. Cheung's blog, "Coffee Mates," at [Spotlightnews.com](http://Spotlightnews.com). Her blog is a window into her world as she navigates the challenges of being a woman, a non-American, a short person and a barely sane mother.

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# Caregivers invited to take part in free program

Are you a family caregiver? Have you found yourself wishing for support or much-needed information about your important and difficult role? Eddy Alzheimer's Services offers a free six-week program for family caregivers that is designed to provide key skills and knowledge needed when caring for individuals with dementia.

Classes are on Wednesdays, March 5 to April 9 from 10 a.m. to noon at Bethlehem Town Hall, Room 101. Some of the topics to be covered include the role of a savvy caregiver; caregiver self-care; managing behavior issues; providing structure and support; and resources available



to caregivers.

Class sizes are limited so be sure to RSVP now. Call Eddy Alzheimer's Services to RSVP or for information at 238-4164

## Senior program highlights

• Monday, Feb. 4: Senior transportation to Wal-Mart, Glenmont. Call 439-5770.

• Tuesday, Feb. 5: Senior transportation from noon to 3 p.m. to election polls. Call 439-5770.

Primary Day late lunch or early supper at Pegasus Restaurant, Cossackie. Participants will arrive between 2 and 2:30 p.m. Cost is on your own with regular menu items and individual checks provided. Senior transportation to Primary Day election polls will be provided, if desired, on return from Pegasus. Call 439-5770 for reservations.

Free AARP Tax Counseling Service from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., appointment required.

Senior chorus (10:30 a.m. to

noon), Bethlehem Town Hall.

• Wednesday, Feb. 6: Grocery shopping for residents of Elsmere, Delmar, Slingerlands, N. Bethlehem and Marie Rose Manor.

Senior discussion group from 10:30 a.m. to noon, Room 107, Bethlehem Town Hall. Led by Jane Sanders, LMSW Senior Services staff member. Discussion targets life cycle events, human-interest stories and reminiscences of the past.

• Thursday, Feb. 7: Grocery shopping for residents of Glenmont, Selkirk and S. Bethlehem.

• Friday, Feb. 8: Lunch out and free health and wellness program

"Accessibility." Discussion to include the aging process and how it impacts one's ability to live at home with suggestions and solutions for better accessibility. Lunch out at the Windowbox Cafe, Slingerlands, from 10:30 a.m. to noon. The free program is from 1 to 2 p.m. at Bethlehem Town Hall.

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Doris Davis

For information or for a list of additional activities, call the Bethlehem Senior Services Office at 439-4955, ext. 1176.

# Author series continues with Susan Cheever

The first program in our new Writers and Friends series was a great success. Best-selling author Carol Goodman read from her novel, "The Sonnet Lover," talked about writing and researching her books and chatted with guests at a reception and book signing. Later she told us she was delighted with her visit, our facilities and the audience's enthusiasm.

Susan Cheever will be our guest on Sunday, March 9 at 2 p.m. She will read from her latest book, "American Bloomsbury," a nonfiction work that delves into the personalities and relationships of the great American thinkers and writers living in and around Concord, Mass. in the 19th century.

Cheever has published five novels, a biography of Alcoholics Anonymous founder Bill Wilson, and four memoirs including the best-selling "Home Before Dark,"

about her father, John Cheever. She has been nominated for the National Book Critics Circle Award and has won a Guggenheim Fellowship, a Winship Medal, and an Associated Press Award.

This is a free event, but because our seating capacity is limited, tickets are required. Tickets will be available on a first-come, first-served basis on Sunday, Feb. 24, from 1 to 5 p.m. Any remaining tickets will be available at the information desk during regular hours Monday, Feb. 25, and thereafter. Tickets are limited to two per adult Bethlehem Central School District resident.

## Findlay Cockrell this weekend

Bethlehem Public Library's winter concert series "A Little Sunday Music" continues with a performance by pianist Findlay Cockrell this Sunday, Feb. 3, at



2 p.m.

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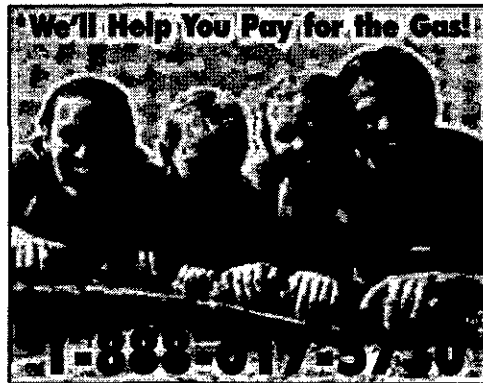
throughout the country. From 1995 to 2004, he performed regularly in Tula, Russia in conjunction with the Albany-Tula Alliance.

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Every year we are fortunate to having them turn the VPL community room into a whirlpool of color and cloth for the public to admire during their annual show. Kickoff for the event will be on Tuesday, Feb. 5, from 1 to 3 p.m., when the ladies will entertain with refreshments.

If you can't stop in for a visit that day, the show will hang until Tuesday, Feb. 26. Nimblefingers welcomes anyone who would like to bring a project and join them. No signup is necessary and the atmosphere is bright.

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### Family evening stories

We are going to explore math concepts through books and hands-on "action-stations." The whole family will want to participate on Thursday, Feb. 7 at 6:30 p.m.

### Lapsit for babies

Everyone participates in sharing books, music, rhymes

and playtime together. Older siblings are welcome, too, but the program is geared for babies (newborn to 24 months). Meet Thursdays, Feb. 7 and 21, at 10:15 a.m. Space is limited and registration required.

### Dance class

It's not too late to sign up for a free crash course in basic ballroom dance with Ron Tritto of Learntadance on Saturday, Feb. 2, at 11 a.m. Singles and couples of any age are invited.

### Tax forms

Forms are available near the reference collection.

Barbara Vink

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## St. Matthew's Church to hold sports night

St. Matthew's Church will hold its annual Sports Night on Tuesday, Feb. 5, in the social hall at the church. This year's guest speaker is Mark McGuire.

For information, call St. Matthew's at 765-2805.

### NEWS NOTES

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During the winter of 2006-2007, thousands of bats mysteriously died in four New York caves, including Hailes Cave in Thacher Park. Al Hicks, mammal specialist for NYSDEC Endangered Species Program, will discuss the 2007 bat mortality event at Hailes Cave ... what happened, what did not happen and why? The presentation will include the evidence collected, the arguments surrounding potential causes, and what the future might hold.

Call 872-0800 for information.

### Report cards set to be mailed out

Second quarter report cards will be sent out on Wednesday, Feb. 6.

### Helderview Garden Club to meet

The Helderview Garden Club will meet at the Albany Cornell Cooperative Extension Building on Martin Road in Voorheesville at 6:45 on Thursday, Feb. 7.

The speaker will be Brian Herrington from Horticulture Unlimited in Selkirk. He will speak on water gardens. New members and the public are welcome to attend.

For information, call Mary Beth at 765-4544.

### Thacher holds winter event

Thacher Nature Center will host a Winter Chill Out on Saturday, Feb. 2, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. This outdoor event will take place at the Pear Orchard Picnic Shelter and adjacent areas of the park.

Activities scheduled for the day include dogsled programs, skiing, snowshoeing and outdoor equipment demonstrations by Eastern Mountain Sports, sledding, skating, snowman making, snow painting, snowshoe races and some special Groundhog Day activities.

Enjoy S'mores and hot chocolate by the bonfire. Snowshoes are available for a rental fee of \$5 per pair and may be reserved in advance at the park office.

Thacher Park is also sponsoring a food drive to benefit the Regional Food Bank of Northeastern New York. Bring donations to the Chill Out and drop off at Pear Orchard or at the park office.

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Sunday, Feb. 3, at 2 p.m.: "The 2007 Bat Mortality Event" at Thacher Nature Center.



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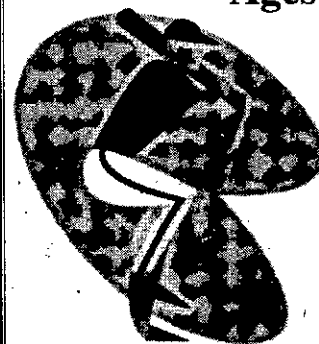
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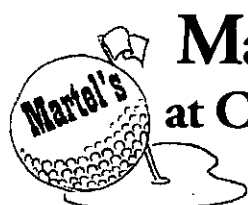
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# Colonie police train cameras on selves

## Improved surveillance at station will bolster testimony and provide evidence in brutality claims

By GRAHAM S. PARKER  
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New audio and visual equipment at the Colonie police station will help strengthen court testimony and foster greater civil rights of those arrested, said officials.

Albany County District Attorney David Soares joined police in announcing an additional \$4,500 through a county grant in addition to nearly \$80,000 invested in the project in 2007.

Soon Colonie's police station will provide 24-hour-a-day video and audio surveillance of every meeting between police and arrestees. The county money will be used to equip one interview room with the surveillance system, while the earmarked town money will provide for an 26 cameras to go along with the four already in use.

"What we've seen, following national trends, people just did the interview rooms," said Police Chief Steven Heider.

Colonie opted to place its entire building under surveillance in order to provide better video testimony in a court and provide solid evidence in claims of police brutality.

In 2007, Colonie officers came under fire during the trial of former O.D. Heck Developmental Center employee Edwin Tirado, who was found guilty of manslaughter in the death of 13-year-old Jonathan Carey, who

was under his care. During his trial, Tirado's defense suggested that video testimony conducted by Colonie officers may have been coerced.

Colonie police recorded Tirado's interrogation in which he acted out how he restrained the autistic boy in the back of a van. Attorneys argued that Tirado's taped confession might have been coerced outside the interrogation room, said Heider. The testimony was key in convicting Tirado, said Heider.

Colonie opted to install 31 cameras in each of its six interrogation rooms as well as the connecting hallways. Not only will police be recorded interacting with arrestees in interrogation but also from the time they walk in the door and process them.

Brutality complaints are few and far between in Colonie, said Heider. Of the approximately 3,000 arrests made in a given year in Colonie, several complaints will be made. Each one is extensively investigated, and

with digitally recorded video, officers will be able to queue the time of the arrest and substantiate or refute any accounts of police brutality. The footage can also be used to help officers better learn how to handle situations, Heider said.

"This really fits into our plans with improving the integrity of the town," said town Supervisor Paula Mahan. "You have to spend the money to avoid having to spend it on costly litigation. In the long run it's going to prove to be cost effective."

The digital cameras will be used in the interviews of all those charged with felonies, burglaries, violent crimes and robberies, as well as sex crime suspects, said Heider. That list could be expanded. The interviews, as well as daily police interaction in hallways and adjoining rooms will be digitally stored for 90 days; the amount of time most allegations are typically made against police, Heider said.

## Store

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day of business on Saturday, Jan. 26.

"It's been extremely tough," said owner Marlene Brookins. "Today has been very tough. A lot of my customers have been in to say goodbye, and I say that it has been such an honor to see how many people have been touched by this store."

Many of Brookins' customers have become close friends. So close, in fact, that when one is asked about her experiences shopping at the Little Country Store, she said she'd rather not steal Brookins' thunder.

"This is really about Marlene," she said, asking to remain anonymous. "I was a customer on the first day. It's so sad."

Brookins opened her first Kenwood location in 1987, after a number of craft fairs.

"I had met so many good crafters doing those shows that I decided they needed a store where I could represent them," she said. In the 20 years that followed, she carried only American-made craft items.

Last year, the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce designated Brookins as business person of the year.

"And that was because of her work outside of her own business," said Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce Presi-



Little Country Store owner Marlene Brookins, right, minds the store one last time Saturday, Jan. 26, on its last day in business. She is joined by her daughter, Betsy Brookins-Danz. William R. DeVoe/Spotlight

dent Marty Delaney. "She was really instrumental in getting the businesses in the Four Corners area to cooperate and come together for things like advertising."

Delaney said Brookins did all of this in her limited spare time.

"She really epitomizes what being a small business owner is all about," she said. "It's not just sitting behind a cash register. Marlene realized that running small businesses is a lot easier if people work together."

Brookins said she didn't close the Little Country Store for any other reason than it was the right time to do so. Faced with moving for a fifth time, Brookins said she

thought of having the opportunity to see her grandchildren more often.

"This just seemed to happen when everything was coming together. This was the best time to say, 'OK, we're changing our lives,'" she said.

She said she doesn't want her closing the business to seem like an affront to the customers she's come to love.

"I don't want it ever to seem like, 'Oh, I've had enough of this.' It was just time to start a new chapter in our lives," said Brookins. "It never felt like work. How many people can say that they've worked for 20 years and when it was time to retire it felt like it was only a couple of days?"

## Panel

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the board in making key organizational and investment decisions.

Egan and Ringler will serve as co-chairs of the advisory committee. Other appointees include citizens, business leaders and former government officials.

The committee will be responsible for providing general advice and guidance to the board in three key areas: municipal infrastructure needs, facility needs and services offered by the town.

"There's been a lot of deferred maintenance in town regarding our water system, sewer system and facilities," said Supervisor Jack Cunningham. "The committee will look at the needs of our community and come back and make recommendations to us on how they believe we should move forward."

Cunningham said he expects the advisory group to stimulate a community-wide conversation about the long-term strategic direction of the town government. Town leaders said the initial work of the committee will require 16-18 months.

Other committee members include: Steve Baboulis, Keith Bennett, Jim Blendell, Mort Borzykowski, Steve Coffey, Peter Conway, Joann Cunningham, Lisa Evans, Cathy Griffin, Susan Hager, Terry Hannigan, Richard Kotlow, Jim Lytle, John Piechnik, Ted Putney, Pam Robbins, Patty Salkin, Brian Stenson, Suzanne Traylor, Bert Trombly, Bob Verstanding Jr., Bob Ward, Ann Wendth and Christo Zemerling.

The committee will meet regularly over the next year with

the first meeting tentatively scheduled for mid-February. At least two public meetings and workshops are also expected to be held during the study period, according to Cunningham. The committee will then submit a report with recommendations to the town board.

In other news, the board approved the adoption of a four-year contract with the Bethlehem Police Department. Under the new agreement, officers' will forgo a cost-of-living salary increase for the next two years. In 2010, officers would receive a 2 percent raise and in 2011 a 2.5 percent cost-of-living increase.

"It's a significant savings to the town and a significant sacrifice by the police department," said Cunningham.

Under the new deal, the police department has been granted enhanced state public retirement system benefits



Theresa Egan

**"The committee will look at the needs of our community ... and make recommendations to us on how they believe we should move forward."**

Jack Cunningham

comparable to what other suburban police agencies receive. Members of the force will now contribute 5 percent toward individual health insurance costs; previously they did not have to pay. Dependent health insurance contributions will increase to 16 percent, from 15 percent. These amounts are in line with what other town employees pay, said Cunningham.

Scott Anson, president of the Bethlehem Police Benevolent Association, said he is pleased with the new contract.

"It works for both sides, it's a good deal for the town and for us," he said.

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Airfare, meanwhile, is a separate expense. Agostinelli said flights to and from Phoenix probably filled up quickly as soon as the Patriots and Giants won their respective playoff games, driving up costs. On Thursday, Jan. 24, Agostinelli said round-trip airfare from Albany to Phoenix from Thursday, Jan. 31, to Monday, Feb. 4, would cost \$1,042 per person.

Travelers could probably find savings if they were willing to drive to New York City and fly out of John F. Kennedy Airport, Agostinelli said.

Patty Lennox, the manager at Empire Travel in Guilderland, has offered another money-saving tactic to fans looking to fly out for the game. Instead of returning to the Capital District on Sunday, she's suggested they look into flights on Monday or Tuesday.

"Availability is very tough," Lennox said.

Nonetheless, she was able to secure airfare for one client who already had tickets to the game.

Like Liberty, Empire has several Super Bowl options available. Lennox cited a package that includes tickets, hotel accommodations and transfers, but not airfare, for \$5,100 per person.

"It's typically a very expensive package," she said, noting that fans have to wait until the last minute since they don't know if their teams will be playing.

Agostinelli added that this year, some people might be drawn to the game because the Patriots are looking to make history by finishing the season undefeated. The last undefeated team to win the Super Bowl was the Miami Dolphins in 1972.

### Have a feast at home

Pizza and wings are an American staple for football games. If you want to branch out a little, you could wake up early on Super Bowl Sunday and head over to Crossgates Mall. Williams and Sonoma is hosting a class called "Food Made Fast: Make-Ahead Dishes" from 9 to 11 a.m. For \$40, participants will watch and learn as a chef cooks three-cheese manicotti, chicken chili with beans, hearty beef and vegetable soup and penne with winter squash and pancetta. Everyone will get copies of the recipes to take home, and they'll have plenty of time to put together their dishes before the crowd arrives.

If you'd prefer not to spend the day in the kitchen, you can

the restaurant has 53 televisions, and manager Matt Sgambelluri said they were a big draw for Giants fans throughout the National Football League season.

The televisions won't be the only attraction on Sunday. Sgambelluri said the Recovery Room will be hosting a pre-game party from noon to 5 p.m., with ziti and free appetizers. There will also be prizes and giveaways on the hour leading up to kickoff.

### Keep everyone happy

Not everyone in your house a football fan? The world doesn't stand still on Super Bowl Sunday, so there are options for them, too.

For the younger crowd, Chuck E. Cheese's in Latham will be open until 10 p.m., and Jeepers in Crossgates Commons will be open until 8 p.m.

Another option is to hit the movies. Kevin Pickard, one of the owners of the Spectrum Theaters on Delaware Avenue in Albany, said his eight theaters will be showing movies all day, with the first show lighting up the screen at 11:40 a.m. and the last at 9:30 p.m. Pickard said moviegoers can find a list of what's playing on the theaters' Web site ([www.spectrum8.com](http://www.spectrum8.com)) more than a week beforehand, so they can plan ahead for what flick they want to see.

Just don't count on having lots of empty seats around you to stretch out in.

"People actually do come on Super Bowl Sunday," Pickard said.

## Sales

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The National Retail Federation said TV sales are expected to be up from last year, according to the Retail Advertising and Marketing Association's 2008 Super Bowl Consumer Intentions and Actions Survey.

The survey says consumers plan to purchase 3.9 million televisions for the Super Bowl, which is up more than 50 percent from last year. Last year, people purchased 2.5 million televisions before the Super Bowl.

The survey of 8,447 was conducted from Wednesday, Jan. 2, to Tuesday, Jan. 8, and gauged consumer behavior and shopping trends.

Hazapis explained that the television season begins with the World Series and picks up gradually until Thanksgiving, when it explodes. He said it is constant from Thanksgiving to the Super Bowl.

"There is a similar style of traffic," said Palmaetr in comparing holiday sales to Super Bowl sales. However, he said, price is less of an issue when people are shopping for their own home rather than a gift.

During the holidays, he said,

there is less of an emphasis on quality.

"A lot of people like to buy the home theater system to show off to their friends," said Palmaetr. "It's a status symbol."

He estimated about 75 percent of people who purchase televisions leave with a package, which can include anything from surround sound to cable.

Trends also show young adults 18 to 24 are outpacing other consumers. According to RAMA's survey, one in 10 young-

**"This year is especially brisk. There is nothing like a Northeast rivalry to get people fired up."**

Tony Hazapis

**"It's a pretty hefty price tag. Most people who are going look at this as a once-in-a-lifetime event."**

Stacey Agostinelli

take advantage of one of the Capital District's many catering services. David Frazier, owner of Texas BBQ/Longhorn Catering, said that although his restaurant isn't open on Sundays, it caters a lot of Sunday parties.

"We prepare it for them," Frazier said. "Then they just reheat it."

Frazier's menu offers smoked chicken wings, ribs, pulled pork and other barbecue classics. Orders can be tailored to fit crowds of any size.

"We do parties for up to 500 people," said Frazier, who described his catering service as "simple and different."

### Head out to a sports bar

Nearly every town in the Capital District has multiple restaurants and bars that will be showing the game on their big-screen televisions. Legends on Lark, located on Lark Street in Albany, has 20-plus high-definition televisions, noting, "They're even in the bathrooms so you'll never miss a play!"

The Recovery Room Sports Grill, located inside the Hilton Garden Inn near Albany Medical Center, has televisions in its restrooms as well. All together,

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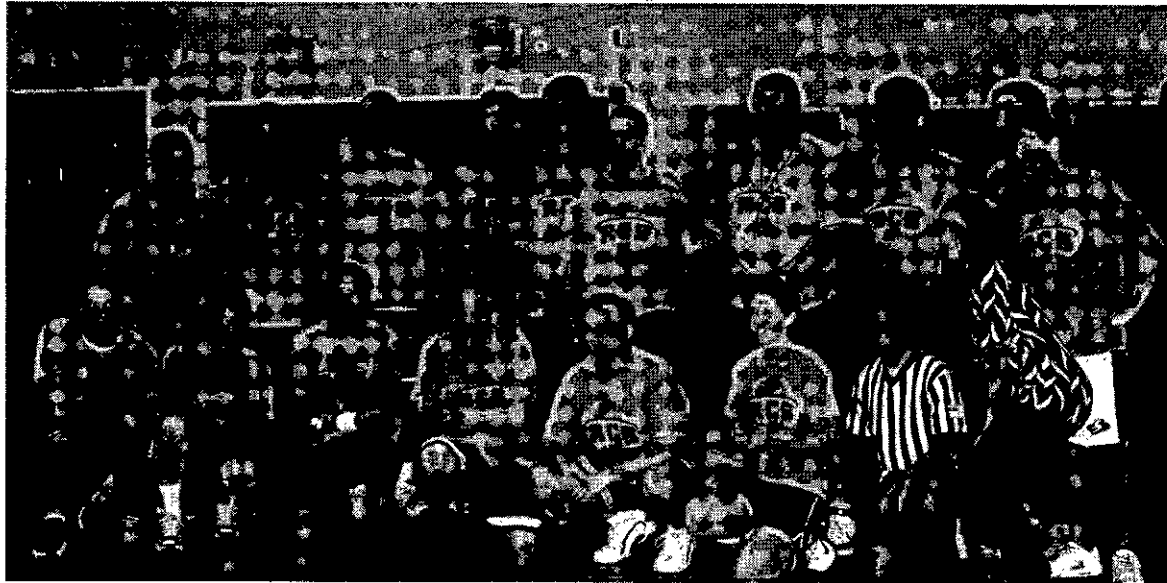
# Charity game raises thousands for sick teacher

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As middle school teacher Colin Poole underwent his latest round of chemotherapy, nearly 1,000 people packed the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk High School gymnasium Friday night, Jan. 18, to raise money for the 28-year-old battling an aggressive form of cancer.

A charity basketball game and silent auction raised more than \$8,800 for the Colonie resident, who is fighting Burkitt's lymphoma, a rare and fast-growing form of the disease. RCS principals, teachers and staff faced off on the court against New York State Troopers. Despite their best efforts, RCS lost to the troopers, 49-35.

"There were so many people who volunteered their time, creativity and money that it would be impossible to thank them all individually. We are lucky to be among such compassionate and dedicated people," said Bethany Losito, a middle school teacher who helped organize the event.



RCS principals, teachers and staff faced off on the court against New York State Troopers to raise money for middle school teacher Colin Poole's battle with cancer.

Poole, accompanied by his wife, is receiving his third round of chemotherapy treatment at Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in New York City. All proceeds from the game will go directly to Poole to help offset expenses incurred as a result of receiving treatment in New York City and to assist with normal bills.

The popular Spanish teacher hasn't been in the classroom since being diagnosed in late October. Poole, who was too weak to return home for the event, sent a written statement thanking the crowd for their continued support.

"Your generosity has been overwhelming. I feel completely undeserving of any of this, and I will never be

able to repay what has been done for me, except to come back and continue being the best teacher I can be," he said.

Those wishing to make donations may still do so by mail to the Colin Poole Fund, c/o Bethany Losito, Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Middle School, 2025 Route 9W, Ravena 12143.

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# St. Thomas to raffle off car, Disney trip

St. Thomas the Apostle School in Delmar will give away a fully loaded 2007 Ford Fusion SEL as the grand prize in its second raffle to benefit the school and its programs. First prize is a trip to Disney World valued at \$3,000, and second prize is \$1,500. Winning tickets will be drawn Saturday, April 5, at the third annual St. Thomas Auction to be held at the school.

Raffle tickets are \$100 each and will be available beginning in February at the school, the parish office, after all Masses on Saturday evening and Sunday morning, and at Gochee's Auto Sales on Delaware Avenue. Only 700 tickets will be sold. For every 10 tickets sold above 500, St. Thomas will add an additional bonus gift of \$500 to the drawing.

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As a small, privately held company, BlueRock Energy emphasizes customer satisfaction and operational ethics, earning endorsements from groups such as the New York State Restaurant Association, the New York State Automobile Dealers Association and the New York State Hotel and Tourism Association.

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tomers on energy markets and other factors that affect energy cost. Our objective is long term customer satisfaction. That is the foundation of a value-added relationship between supplier and customer," stated Chambrone.

BlueRock Energy's future expansion plans include new electricity rate plans, offering natural gas products (currently available in certain Upstate New York markets only) in more service areas, and a further market expansion into the New England and Mid-Atlantic

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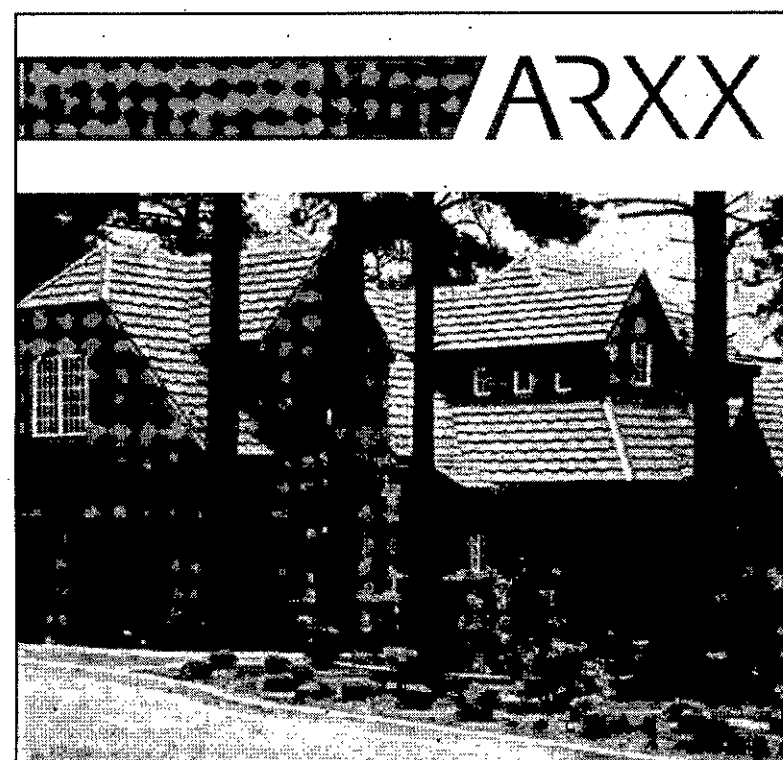
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## Conservation is key

### Hiscock and Barclay offers tips on saving energy

Carlos Gavilondo wants you to think more about energy. Gavilondo, counsel at Hiscock and Barclay, has spent most of his career thinking about energy efficiency and its effects on the environment. The Tulane University Law School graduate, who also has an engineering degree from the school, spent 11 years with National Grid, most recently as general counsel for Niagara Mohawk. He also spent five years as an electrical engineer before law school,

following up his education with a year and a half in private practice in Arizona doing environmental work. Gavilondo is now a full-time student at the State University of New York College of Environmental Science and Forestry, where he is pursuing a graduate degree in environmental policy. In other words, he knows what he's talking about. Gavilondo is contributing his expertise to the ongoing debate about the state of energy today. He said it's not surprising that the energy crisis keeps making headlines. "Everything is affected by our energy decisions, and you see so much in the press about energy

— climate change, cost increases, our international policy," Gavilondo said. "People are feeling the pinch at the pump and in their monthly utility bills. There's a lot of discussion about renewable energy and alternative energy sources, and that's appropriate. But that's only part of the equation." Instead of concentrating exclusively on renewable or alternative energy sources, Gavilondo said, we should be focusing more of our efforts on conservation and using less energy on a daily basis. "For so long, energy has been so cheap and so accessible that we never worried about taking steps to conserve," Gavilondo said. "We thought it would always be there and always be cheap, but we're finding that's not the case." Gavilondo said that part of the problem is our reliance on relatively inexpensive electrical energy, which he said is the result of a very inefficient process. "Only about one-third of the fossil fuel energy used by power plants makes it to your home as electricity," he said. "This is due to losses that

occur in burning fossil fuel to make electricity and then transmitting that electricity over long distances — and that's not even counting the energy it takes to extract the coal or natural gas from the ground, or to ship those fuels." In addition, how we use electricity in our homes once it's there is also very important. High efficiency products and appliances can dramatically reduce electric use. "A standard 60-kilowatt light bulb is very inefficient at using electric energy to produce useful light — most of the energy is wasted as heat. An equivalent compact fluorescent light uses about one quarter of the electricity of a standard bulb." In addition to saving energy in the home, such efficiency improvements have a multiplier effect. "For every unit of electric energy you

save in your house, you're saving three units of energy at the fuel end," Gavilondo said. Along with saving consumers money, the payoff carries over into the environment. In New York State, about 50 percent of electric energy use comes from traditional sources — coal, oil and natural gas. On average, this produces about 80 pounds of carbon dioxide per 100 kilowatt hours (kWh) of electricity. "For every kilowatt hour you save, you keep almost a pound of carbon dioxide out of the atmosphere," Gavilondo said. It's important to recognize that we do have alternative sources of fuel in New York State, including hydropower and nuclear power, as



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a mortgage banker, we make the lending decisions. Our move will allow us to continue the growth we have seen in the Upstate New York markets that we cover," said Tim Ward, president and owner of Homestead Financial Services. Homestead also has offices in Watertown, Utica and Buffalo. "Personal service is the key,"

said Ward, "With interest rates dropping as they have, we should see a lot of people refinancing, and it will help people purchase new homes in 2008." Some of the refinance programs come with no closing costs. Since 1976, Homestead Financial Services met the community's mortgage needs by providing them with the best products, the best service and the best reputation around.

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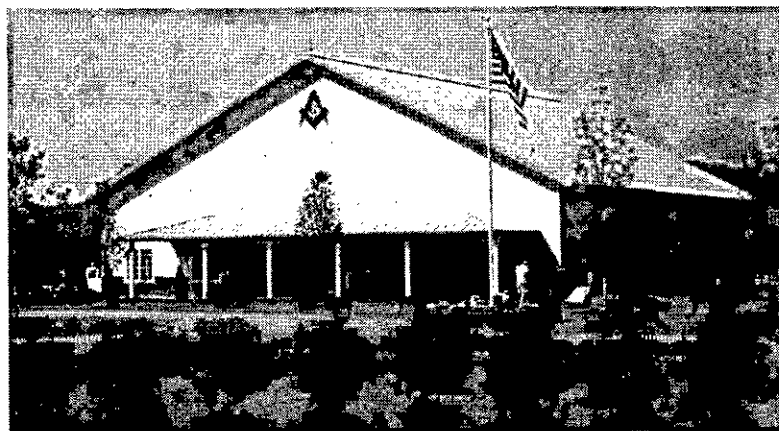
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well as an increasing number of new renewable resources, such as wind and biomass. And the state is undertaking efforts to further reduce our carbon footprint. In April of last year, Gov. Eliot Spitzer unveiled a new initiative to lower the state's electric usage to 15 percent less than what was projected by 2015 — a program the state calls 15 by 15.

"That would bring electric usage in 2015 to less than today's levels," Gavilondo said.

The state is considering several changes to existing energy efficiency programs in order to achieve the 15 by 15 goals, including new building and appliance codes, and expanding access to more energy-efficient products like compact fluorescent light bulbs, which use only 25 percent of the energy of a traditional light bulb.

The state is also considering if it should modify the way energy efficiency programs are provided, which today are delivered primarily by the New York State Energy Research and Development Agency (NYSERDA).

"NYSERDA has done a good job with the programs it administers. But, many people aren't familiar with NYSERDA," Gavilondo said. "On the other hand, utility companies have monthly contact with their customers and may be able to reach them more effectively than NYSERDA can."

As a result, the state is considering a proposal to have the utilities administer some of the programs currently run by NYSERDA.

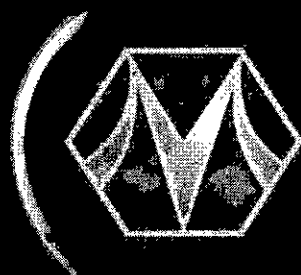
"It's something that might reduce entry barriers and increase participation and conservation among consumers," Gavilondo said.

Increasing participation and conservation is key, Gavilondo said.

"It's important for people to realize that conservation has a cumulative effect," Gavilondo said. "It may seem like a small thing, but the gains increase as you go back in the chain."

That applies outside the home, as well, to everything from driving less to buying locally produced products at the grocery store.

"These seem like such small things, but it's an accumulation of positive actions," he said. "If everyone did a little bit, it could have a huge benefit."



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# Obituaries *in the* Spotlight

## Janet Onna Koehler

Janet Onna Koehler, 83, of Delmar, died Thursday, Jan. 24.

Born and raised in Albany she was a homemaker and worked in the day-care centers of both St. Matthew and St. Paul Lutheran Churches, where she was affectionately known as "Miss Jan." She was a member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church.

Survivors include her husband, Alfred S. Koehler of Delmar; two daughters, Patrice Koehler and Pamela (Donald)

Palmer; three grandchildren; a great-granddaughter; and many nieces and nephews.

Services were from the Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Delmar.

Arrangements were by the Norman E. Dascher Funeral Home, 490 Delaware Ave., Albany.

Interment will be in Memory's Garden, Colonie.

Contributions may be made to the City Mission of Albany, 259 So. Pearl St., Albany 12202.

## Bruce C. Cargill

Bruce C. Cargill, 71, of Orlando, Fla., died Friday, Jan. 25.

Mr. Cargill was born in New York City, raised in Albany and Guilderland, and he graduated from Guilderland High School. In his youth, he spent much of his spare time at "the Greeks" with pals who would remain lifelong friends.

A connoisseur of fine food and fast cars, Mr. Cargill raced with Mohawk-Hudson SCCA and IMSA in everything from Jaguars and MGs to Formula Fords and Formula Bs. Mr. Cargill drove a Dodge Colt in Car and Driver Magazine's inaugural Showroom Stock Sedan Challenge in 1973 at his home track, Lime Rock Park.

When he wasn't racing, Mr. Cargill spent his career as a master mechanic for the Brotherhood of Operating Engineers, selling Lotus sports cars, or slinging drinks at his "gin mill," Racer's Place. In 1980, he moved to Orlando, where he helped build many of the area's most famous attractions before his retirement.

Mr. Cargill was a 32nd degree Scottish Rite Mason out of Noah Lodge 754 and was an active Shriner in Orlando. He was Past Exalted Ruler and charter member of BPO Elks Lodge 2694, which he helped found in South

Orlando. An avid outdoorsman, he was a longtime member of the Voorheesville Rod and Gun Club.

Survivors include his wife, Barbara Kellner Clark Cargill; two daughters, Denise Cargill of Lexington Park, Md., and Holly (Buddy) Cargill-Cramer of Voorheesville; two nieces and a nephew.

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

## Frederick Heilmann

Frederick H. Heilmann, 43, of Glenmont, died suddenly Saturday, Jan. 26, at his residence.

Born in Albany, he was a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School.

Mr. Heilmann was a self-employed carpenter, first working with his father and then taking over the business upon his father's death.

He was a dirt bike enthusiast and enjoyed fishing, music, and honing his skills as a craftsman. He was a huge presence in the lives of his family and friends and will be remembered for his love and zest for life.

Survivors include his mother, Jeanne (French) Heilmann; a son, Erik Heilmann of Albany; six sisters, Elizabeth Heilmann of Pittsfield, Mass., Margaret Mason of Tulsa, Okla., Jane Collins of

Richfield Springs, Ann Heilmann of Melrose, Melissa Dobriko of Johnsonville and Patricia Beauharnios of Plattsburgh; a brother, Henry Heilmann of Albany; a nephew, Seth Maffey of Clifton Park; and several nieces and nephews.

Services were from the Daniel Keenan Funeral Home, 490 Delaware Ave., Albany.

Interment will be next to his father in the family plot at Memory's Garden Cemetery in Colonie.

## Marie J. Nucci

Marie (Juber) Nucci, 83, of Delmar and Tequesta, Fla., died Saturday, Jan. 26, at her home after a courageous fight with Parkinson's disease.

She was born in Cohoes, raised in Albany, and was a graduate of Albany High School, class of 1941. Mrs. Nucci attended Siena College and graduated from Russell Sage College in 1976 with a bachelor's degree in English.

She worked as manager of Peter Harris Clothes in Delmar. She had been a Cub Scout den mother and was active in the Bethlehem Garden Club and the St. Thomas Fashion Show. She enjoyed reading and doing crossword puzzles.

Survivors include her husband of 54 years, Richard A. Nucci; a daughter, Maria Mancuso of Delmar; two sons, Michael J. Nucci of Albany and Thomas J. Nucci of Saratoga Springs; seven grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Services were from St. Thomas the Apostle Church, 35 Adams Place, Delmar.

Burial will be in Saratoga National Cemetery, Schuylerville.

There will be no calling hours.

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### Hamilton College

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Fitzsimmons, both of Delmar

### Bryant and Stratton College

Cynthia Gilchrist of Selkirk

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Amanada M. Watkinson of Delmar

### University of New Haven

Austin C. Michalski of

Voorheesville

### RIT

Cory Bloodstein of Delmar

### St. John Fisher College

Jillian Wordelmann of Delmar

### SUNY Institute of Technology

Kevin Gebhardt of Delmar

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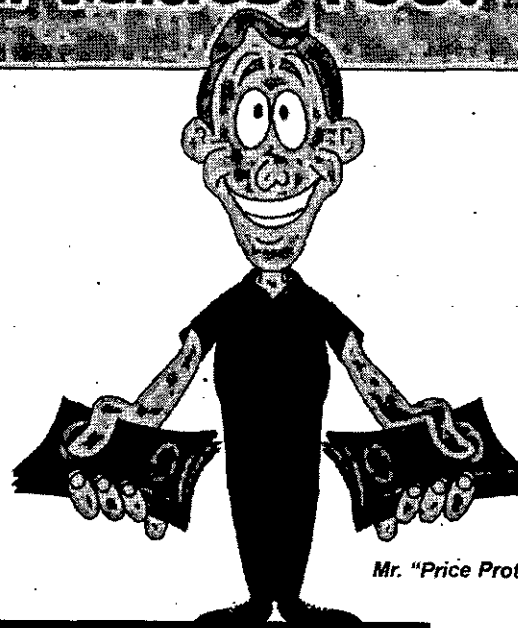
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E. Sutherland, Lauren A. Vadney, all of Delmar

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Jordan D. Williams, all of Selkirk

Carly C. Bedford, Kristina L. Cramer, Andrew J. Dowen, Patrick J. Doyle, Zachary K. Fluster, Jared B. Poskanzer, Giuseppe V. Ragonese, John A. Slater, all of Slingerlands

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## Births

### Albany Medical Center

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Girl, Ellen Teresa McCaffrey, daughter of Mary Ellen and Brian McCaffrey of Delmar, Oct. 24.

Girl, Maeve Garmella Behan, daughter of Allison and Matthew Behan of Delmar, Nov. 3.

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Erica Leigh McDonough and Joshua Mark Chapman

## McDonough, Chapman to wed

Erica Leigh McDonough, daughter of Michael and Rosemarie McDonough of Delmar, and Joshua Mark Chapman, son of the late Donald Chapman and Kimberlee Williamson of Mount Morris, are engaged to be married.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, the State University of New York at Geneseo and Alfred University, where she received her master's

degree in school counseling. She is a school counselor for the Rush Henrietta School District.

The future groom is a graduate of York Central High School and Alfred University, where he earned a bachelor's degree in business administration. He is a health and benefit sales manager for Paychex Agency in Rochester.

The couple plans an October wedding in Delmar.

## Stuto, Conboy marry

Kelly Stuto, daughter of Michael and Mary Stuto of Rotterdam, and William Conboy III, son of William II and Carole Conboy of Albany, were married on Sept. 29.

The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Vincent Ciotoli at St. Teresa of Avila in Albany. A reception followed at Wolfert's Roost Country Club in Albany.

Johanna Truswell was the maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Stephanie Timberman, Gina Marks, Victoria Stuto and Christine, Kimberly, Tracey and Stephanie Conboy.

Dan Lynch was the best man. Groomsmen were Pete Cappellano, Mark Chieco, Michael Stuto, John Pezzolla, Brian Spadafino, Brian Zusman, Brian Conley and Chris Diaz.

The bride is a graduate of Mohonasen High School and

Hobart and William Smith Colleges. She is the legislative director for state Sen. Neil Breslin.

The groom is a graduate of Christian Brothers Academy, Niagara University and Albany Law School, where he received his law degree. He is a tax attorney/consultant for International Tax Advisors of Chicago.

After a honeymoon trip to Aruba, the couple resides in Albany.



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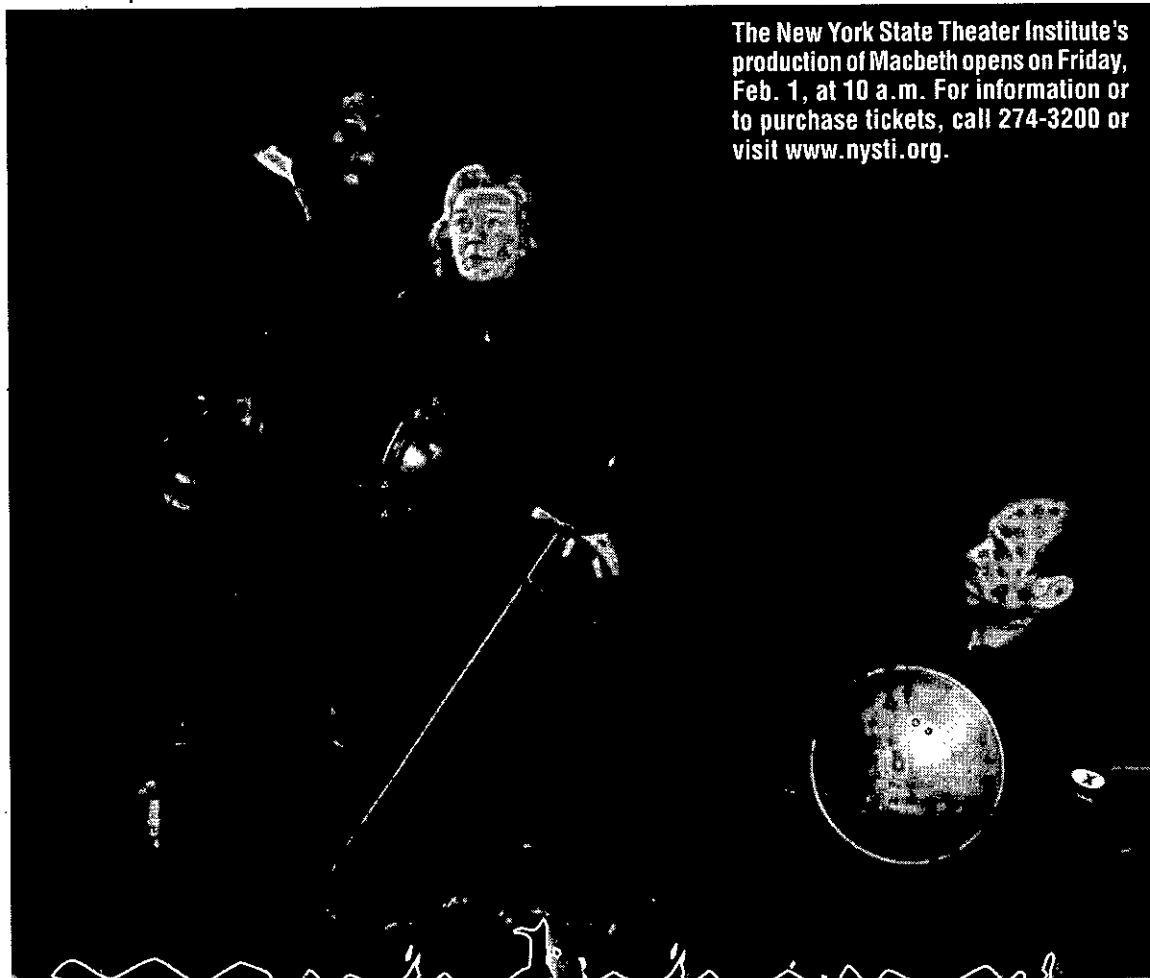
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# Entertainment *in the* Spotlight



The New York State Theater Institute's production of *Macbeth* opens on Friday, Feb. 1, at 10 a.m. For information or to purchase tickets, call 274-3200 or visit [www.nysti.org](http://www.nysti.org).



## Murderous

## Ambition

Shakespeare's "*Macbeth*" has a universal message

By KATHERINE MCCARTHY  
Spotlight Newspapers  
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Actor Timothy Stickney wants people to leave theater thinking, "That's why he has delayed performing in William Shakespeare's "*Macbeth*" until now.

The New Jersey-based actor, best known for his portrayal of R.J. Gannon in ABC's "*One Life to Live*," had a chance to

perform "*The Scottish Play*" in 2004, but didn't want people trying to draw parallels to that year's presidential election.

"This play is about ambition and the consequences of action," Stickney, who will play Macbeth in the New York State Theater Institute's production that's opening this week, said. "Macbeth is powerful as the Thane of Glamys, then he becomes Thane of Cawdor and falls prey to his ambition."

That ambition, urged on

by his wife, Lady Macbeth, causes Macbeth to kill Duncan, the king of Scotland, so he can become king himself. While it's tempting to blame Lady Macbeth – and perhaps the three witches who at the beginning of the play foretell Macbeth's future – nobody at NYSTI is producing this play as destiny that must be fulfilled.

Stickney sees Macbeth as a version of a timeless question: "What would you do to advance your ambition?"

"This story has relevance to humanity," said Elizabeth Swain, who's directing the production. "If you make a wrong move, you pay the price."

While many productions of "*Macbeth*" emphasize the history of the piece, Swain is going for universality.

"It takes place in no time; in a universal dark place," she said. "The costumes are modern, but have a past sense about them. The actors wear military gear. Macbeth enters an evil, dark world."

If you've never been to a Shakespeare production, or have felt put off by one, Sarah Howes, director of public/media relations and marketing for NYSTI, said this is a good one to start with.

Requested by local teachers, Howes said "*Macbeth*" is one of Shakespeare's shorter plays, and is full of action.

"It gets going with the first murder and just keeps going," she said. In addition to several sword-fighting scenes, Macbeth has witches and ghosts, as Macbeth is haunted by his actions throughout the play.

The cast of the NYSTI production will also bear out the tributes to the richness of Shakespeare's words.

"Timothy has an extraordinary ability with the language," Swain said. "I directed him as Hamlet in the spring and a couple of years ago, and his ability is at the center of the show."

"I love language and I love listening," Stickney said.

"My father was a Presbyterian minister and he often quoted pieces of poetry, and posed deep questions. I often wouldn't answer something until I knew I could get it perfect."

Stickney said his career path is a little different than that of many black American actors.

"It's often hard to convince people that an American black man can play a classical actor, but people have often cast me in classic pieces," he said. He recalled being asked to perform Richard III, and at first thinking he'd be a lord or a role often typically played by a black actor.

Stickney works frequently with a company called Take Wing and Soar, whose mission is to help classical actors of color to achieve their full potential.

"I owe it to them to do it," he said. "You have to find your way

through Shakespeare, speak it, do it, until there's the happy accident when you say 'Now I get it. What emotions can I tie in with that?' Just reading Shakespeare doesn't work."

Stickney hopes that audiences have that same happy accident, and is always pleased when people tell him they've completely understood the piece – often to the point of asking if they've changed the lines.

Stickney and Swain had high praise for the NYSTI company.

"This is a wonderful core group," Swain said. "They're experienced and able, and very welcoming to others."

As for who will like the play, Stickney, Swain and Howes are sure everyone will.

"The story is riveting, and the message is relevant," Swain

said.

*Macbeth* opens on Friday, Feb. 1, at 10 a.m. There will be 10 a.m. performances on Feb. 5, 6, 7, 8, 12 and 13; 8 p.m. performances on Friday, Feb. 8, and Saturday, Feb. 2 and 9; and 2 p.m. performances on Sunday, Feb. 3 and 10.

For information or to purchase tickets, call 274-3200 or visit [www.nysti.org](http://www.nysti.org). NYSTI is located at 37 First St. in Troy.



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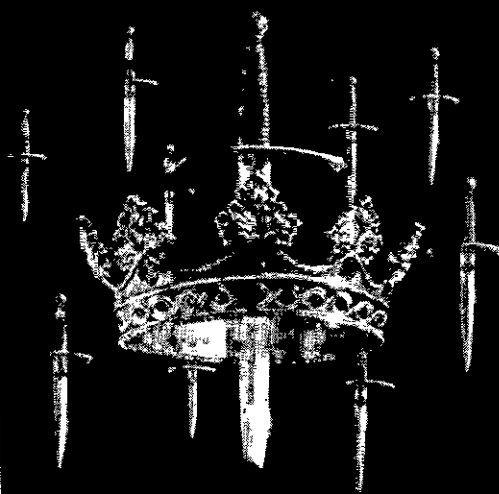
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# Arts & Entertainment

## Theater

### A FEW GOOD MEN

Regional premier of staged production of Jack Nicholson/Tom Cruise film, presented by Curtain Call Theatre, 210 Old Loudon Road, Latham, through Feb. 9, \$20. Information, 877-7529.

### M. BUTTERFLY

Broadway take on "Madame Butterfly," presented by Capital Repertory Theatre, 111 N. Pearl St., Albany, through Feb. 10. Information, 445-7469.

### STAGE DOOR

Comedy presented by Schenectady Civic Players, Schenectady Civic Playhouse, 12 South Church St., Schenectady, through Feb. 3, \$15 adults, \$13 students. Information, 382-2081.

## Music

### NEKO CASE

One of Canada's top female singer-songwriters, Jan. 31, 7:30 p.m., The Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany, \$24. Information, 473-1845.

### LOU & PETER BERRYMAN

Comic musical duo, Feb. 1, 8 p.m., Caffe Lena, 47 Phila St., Saratoga Springs, \$12-\$15. Information, 473-1845.

### ERIN MCKEOWN

Multi-instrumentalist singer-songwriter, Feb. 1, 8 p.m., WAMC Performing Arts Studio, 339 Central Ave., Albany, \$23. Information, 465-5233, ext. 4.

### SHERI BAUER-MAYORGA AND LINCOLN MAYORGA

Husband-and-wife duo performs a variety of American music, Feb. 2, 8 p.m., Caffe Lena, 47 Phila St., Saratoga Springs, \$12-\$15. Information, 473-1845.

### ERNIE WILLIAMS' BIRTHDAY PARTY

Albany bluesman celebrates another year of living, Feb. 2, 8 p.m., WAMC Performing Arts Studio, 339 Central Ave., Albany, \$18. Information, 465-5233, ext. 4.

### MOJO AND THE BAYOU GYPSIES

In town for Proctors' annual Mardi Gras celebration, Feb. 5, 8 p.m., Proctors Theatre, 432 State St., Schenectady, \$20-\$33. Information, 346-6204.

### RORY BLOCK

Capital District-based singer-songwriter, Feb. 9, 8 p.m., Eighth Step at Proctors, State Street, Schenectady, \$21. Information, 346-6204.

### LE MYSTERE DES VOIX BULGARES

Bulgarian folk choir, Feb. 9, 8 p.m., Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, corner of Second Avenue and State Street, Troy, \$27-\$30. Information, 273-0038.

### JOEY DEFRANCESCO TRIO

Jazz trio led by organist Joey DeFrancesco, Feb. 9, 8 p.m., The Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany, \$24. Information, 473-1845.

### DIANNE REEVES

Jazz singer, Feb. 13, 7:30 p.m., The Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany, \$28. Information, 473-1845.

## Comedy

### JOY BEHAR

"The View" co-host steps back into stand-up comedy, Feb. 2, 7:30 p.m., Proctors Theatre, 432 State St., Schenectady, \$20-\$38. Information, 346-6204.

## Visual Arts

### NEW YORK STATE MUSEUM

"Cast Images: American Brone Sculpture from the Metropolitan Museum of Art," through Feb. 24; "Look-Alikes: The Amazing World of Joan Steiner," through March 2; "Expressions in Blue: A Feeling, A Place, A Color, A Sound," through March 16; plus permanent collections on the 9/11 recovery effort, New York state history and geography, Empire State Plaza, Madison Avenue. Information, 474-5877.

### ALBANY INSTITUTE OF ART

"Cast with Style: 19th Century Cast-Iron Stoves," Jan. 26 through May 25; "Venetian Scenes by Walter Launt Palmer," a collection of 15 paintings, sketches, diaries and photographs, through June 1; plus "The Folk Spirit of Albany: Folk Art from the Collection of the Albany Institute of History and Art" and exhibits on Hudson River School painting, American sculpture and the history of Albany, 125 Washington Ave. Information, 463-4478.

### SCHENECTADY MUSEUM

"Cities @ Night," featuring urban images from General Electric's Photographic Collection, through April 4, plus Spirit of Schenectady, collection highlights and planetarium, Nott Terrace Heights. Information, 382-7890.

### ALBANY AIRPORT GALLERY

"Farsighted," featuring photos, projections, sculptures and other items from around the world, through March 30, plus site-specific installations by Larry Kagan and Cara Nigro, as well as installations by Anthony Garher, Baris Karayazgan, Paul Katz, Nancy Klepsch and Victoria Palermo. Information, 242-2243.

### LOCAL COLOR ART GALLERY

"Silver Blues," original paintings, through Jan. 31, 961 Troy-Schenectady Road, Latham. Information, 786-6557.

### NATIONAL MUSEUM OF DANCE

"Dawn of Modern Dance: Music, Myth

and Movement," exhibit chronicling the careers of Ruth St. Denis and Isadora Duncan, plus ongoing exhibits, 99 South Broadway, Saratoga Springs. Information, 584-2225.

### NEW YORK STATE MILITARY MUSEUM

"Worth a Thousand Muskets: Civil War Field Artillery," "Battleground for Freedom: New York during the Revolutionary War," and "World War II: United for Victory," ongoing, 61 Lake Ave., Saratoga Springs. Information, 581-5100.

### SARATOGA AUTOMOBILE MUSEUM

"The Syracuse Mile," featuring two of the central New York's famous stock cars, plus ongoing exhibits including "East of Detroit"

and New York racing, 110 Avenue of the Pines, Saratoga Springs. Information, 587-1935, ext. 20.

### THE HYDE COLLECTION

"Elihu Vedder and Italy," through March 16; 161 North Warren St., Glens Falls. Information, 792-1761.

### CLARK ART INSTITUTE

"Claude Lorrain — New Acquisitions," a collection of drawings from famous French landscape artist, through April 6, 225 South St., Williamstown, Mass. Information, (413) 458-9545.

### TANG TEACHING MUSEUM AND GALLERY

"Molecules that Matter," through April 13, Skidmore College, 815 North Broadway,

Saratoga Springs. Information, 580-8080.

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### SUBURBAN SOUNDS COMMUNITY CHORUS

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### FRIENDSHIP SINGERS

Openings in women's singing group, focusing on old favorites and show tunes, rehearsals Tuesday mornings at Delmar Reformed Church, Delaware Avenue, Delmar. Information, 439-2360.

# Super Crossword

## STATELY SONG

### ACROSS

- 1 Big —
- 4 Nag
- 8 Eur. nation
- 11 Preposition
- 15 Withered
- 16 Copycat
- 17 See 47
- 19 Florida's State Song
- 22 Works together
- 23 John, in Dundee
- 24 Embankment
- 25 Dinsmore of fiction
- 27 In progress
- 28 Small amount
- 30 Role on "Cheers"
- 33 Credit record agcy.
- 35 Only
- 36 Tennessee's State Song
- 42 Part of Caesar's declaration
- 44 Idaho export
- 45 Almost all of Northern Asia
- 47 With 17 Across, Minnesota's State Song
- 50 Start of a religious holiday
- 52 Child
- 54 Potato salad ingredient
- 55 Confuses
- 57 West Coast sch.
- 60 Anvil's spot
- 61 Passes out
- 62 Tiniest
- 63 Sounds of pain
- 65 Greek letter
- 67 Drafting org.
- 68 See 75 Across
- 72 Waist item
- 75 With 68 Across, Louisiana's State Song
- 76 Cleansings
- 77 Bravery
- 79 Empower
- 84 Robot play
- 86 Word with Juan or José
- 87 See 122 Across
- 88 Prying

- 89 Suffix for organ or capital
- 90 Recite
- 92 Balanced
- 93 Library's list
- 95 Following
- 100 Mr. Uris
- 102 Kansas' State Song
- 105 Coverings for floor and pate
- 108 Do-you-do's predecessor
- 109 Stir
- 110 High principles
- 112 Hi in HI
- 117 Laughing
- 119 Bathe
- 121 Spanish article
- 122 With 87 Across, Nevada's State Song
- 124 Vermont's State Song
- 128 Nuances
- 129 Mirth
- 130 From Yemen to Oman
- 131 Hankerings
- 132 Starry periods: abbr.
- 133 Auto pioneer
- 134 "Yippee!"

### DOWN

- 1 Cap
- 2 White-tailed eagle
- 3 Tailor's needs

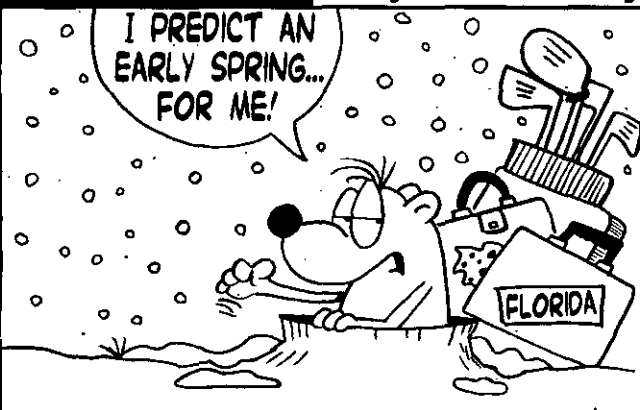
- 4 Christmas carol opener
- 5 Per
- 6 New Testament bk.
- 7 Prefix for view or fix
- 8 Limited
- 9 Investor's concern
- 10 Wind direction: abbr.
- 11 Military branch: abbr.
- 12 Little in León
- 13 Holy Roman Emperor
- 14 Political cartoonist
- 15 Bees in a bunch
- 17 Prefix for take or cue
- 18 Time
- 19 Command to Rover
- 20 "...had a farm, ..."
- 21 Find a new renter for
- 26 Use a high-powered beam
- 29 Ruffles
- 31 Rubber tree plant mover
- 32 Genetic letters
- 34 1914-18 strife, for short
- 36 Dos

- 37 Fem. title
- 38 "Baby Take —," '34 Shirley Temple film
- 39 Jay
- 40 Musical ensemble
- 41 — National Park
- 43 Nautical okays
- 46 Solution: abbr.
- 47 Turns to the left
- 48 Sweet drinks
- 49 Bad day for Julius
- 51 Heart problems
- 53 Annie and others
- 56 Ate up
- 58 — sauce
- 59 One who fills boxes
- 60 Slaves
- 61 Sermon subject
- 63 Metro or Spectrum
- 64 St. Thérèse, for one
- 66 Towel word
- 69 Cereal grass
- 70-12 Down, in Scotland
- 71 Tempted one
- 72 Norwegian saint
- 73 Presage
- 74 Mideast nation
- 78 Fifth, for one
- 79 Bus. letter

- 80 Genesis man
- 81 Regarding
- 82 Ray
- 83 Late Alzado
- 85 State
- 87 Comedian
- 89 Louis
- 89 Dumb
- 91 Lager
- 94 Exclamation
- 96 Fronded plant
- 97 Engagement
- 98 Loire 'contents
- 99 Hosp. workers
- 101 Cafe patron
- 103 Interlaces
- 104 Solidified
- 106 Overshoe
- 107 Lean
- 110 Contraction
- 111 Jet, for short
- 112 Popeye's word
- 113 Reason to wed
- 114 Augury
- 115 66 Down opposite
- 116 Quantity: abbr.
- 118 Riding animal
- 120 Hail Marys
- 123 Many millennia
- 125 In the past
- 126 Indisposed
- 127 Pasture cry

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# Calendar of Events *in the* Spotlight

## Wednesday, Jan. 30

### 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.

#### MOTHERS OF PRESCHOOLERS (MOPS)

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

#### YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

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

#### CORNELL UNIVERSITY COOPERATIVE EXTENSION OF ALBANY COUNTY

Save Energy, Save Dollars. Free two-hour workshop explores the many ways to reduce your energy bills through no-cost/low-cost energy actions. Free energy saving kits will be provided. William K. Sanford Colonie Town Library, 629 Albany-Shaker Rd., Loudonville, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

#### BETHLEHEM LIONS CLUB (NOT IN JULY OR AUGUST)

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

#### ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP

Northeast NY Alzheimer's Association meetings for families, caregivers, and friends; Delmar Presbyterian Church, 585 Delaware Ave., 7 p.m.

#### SOLID ROCK CHURCH

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

#### CHENREZIG PRACTICE AND MEDITATION

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

#### ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

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

#### EVENINGS ON THE GREEN (JULY)

Bethlehem Public Library's Free Summer Concert Series, 7 p.m. Information, 439-9341.

#### BINGO

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

#### BOY SCOUT TROOP 58 (WHEN SCHOOL IS IN SESSION)

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., 7:30 to 9 p.m.

#### BC SCHOOL BOARD

district office, 90 Adams Place, 7 p.m. Information, 439-7098.

#### BETHLEHEM ELKS LODGE 2233

1016 River Road (Route 144), Cedar Hill, 8 p.m. information, 767-2886.

### HEALING TESTIMONY MEETING

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

### NEW SCOTLAND

#### FAITH TEMPLE

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

#### PRAYER MEETING

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

### NEW SCOTLAND SENIORS

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

#### AA MEETING

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

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New Salem, call for time. Information, 765-2109.

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## Thursday, Jan. 31

### DELMAR

#### WEIGHT WATCHERS

The local chapter of Weight Watchers meets tonight at 6 p.m. at St. Stephen's Church, Delmar.

### BETHLEHEM

#### BETHLEHEM SENIOR CITIZENS

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

#### FREE HEALTH LECTURES

Dr. Ron Stram and staff offer free health lectures every third Thursday of each month. All events at the Center for Integrative Health and Healing, 7:30 p.m. Registration recommended. Information and topics, call 689-2244 or visit www.cihh.net

### BETHLEHEM

#### ART ASSOCIATION

Delmar Presbyterian Church, 585 Delaware Ave., 7:30 p.m., Information, 439-3948.

#### ADULT BIBLE STUDY

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

#### BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN (SEPTEMBER THRU MAY)

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.

### NEW SCOTLAND

#### THE CLOTHING CLOSET

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

### SLINGERLANDS

#### SLINGERLANDS COMMUNITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Slingerlands Community United Methodist Church, 1499 New Scotland Road, Slingerlands offers a contemporary worship service, "A Gathering" every Thursday from 6:30 until 7 p.m. Children are most welcome at the Gathering, and child care will be provided.

#### NEW SCOTLAND KIWANIS CLUB

New Scotland Presbyterian Church, Route 85, 7 p.m.

## Friday, Feb. 1

#### 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

#### PIONEER CLUBS

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

#### YOUTH GROUP MEETINGS

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

## Saturday, Feb. 2

### BETHLEHEM

#### AA MEETING

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

### GLENMONT

Story Hour at Tea and Tattered Pages Used Books, 329 Glenmont Road, Glenmont, 10:30 a.m.

## Sunday, Feb. 3

### 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. DAY —

## Monday, Feb. 4

### SLINGERLANDS

Adamsville Ancients Fife and Drum Corps offer lessons for beginner fife, snare drum and bass drum at 7 p.m.; rehearsal at 7:30. Call 439-8727 for information.

### 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, call Chris at 439-3026 or Gary at 439-9629

#### PLAYGROUP

First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave. Meets 10:30 a.m. to noon in the nursery. The playgroup provides opportunities for child care takers and pre-nursery school age children to socialize in a relaxed atmosphere. Information, call 439-9976 ext. 228

#### CLASS IN JEWISH MYSTICISM

Delmar Chabad Center, 109 Elsmere Ave., 7 p.m. Information, 439-8280.

#### INDOOR PISTOL SHOOTING

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

#### DELMAR COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA

Rehearsal, Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave., 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-7749.

### ROYAL ARCH MASONS

Temple Chapter No. 5; Masonic Temple, 421 Kenwood Ave.

#### AA MEETING

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., 8:30 p.m.

### NEW SCOTLAND

#### LIBRARY BOARD

Every third Monday, Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, 7 p.m. Information, 765-2791.

#### QUARTET REHEARSAL

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

### SELKIRK

#### BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

Monthly meeting, 7 p.m. Information, 465-3193.

## Tuesday, Feb. 5

### DELMAR

#### WEIGHT WATCHER DELMAR MEETINGS

The local chapter of Weight Watchers meets today at 12:15 p.m. at St. Stephen's Church, Delmar.

### BETHLEHEM

#### FARMERS MARKET (SPRING, SUMMER, FALL)

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

#### TREASURE COVE THRIFT SHOP

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#### CHURCH LUNCH (JUNE, JULY, AUGUST)

Sponsored by the South Bethlehem United Methodist Church, Willowbrook Avenue, weekly on Tuesdays, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Information, 767-9953.

#### PRAYER MEETING

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

#### BINGO

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

### NEW SCOTLAND

#### PRESCHOOL STORY TIME

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

#### NIMBLEFINGERS/QUILTERS (SEPTEMBER-JUNE ONLY)

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

#### ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

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

### V'VILLE

#### VILLAGE BOARD

Village Hall, 29 Voorheesville Ave., 7 p.m. (6 p.m. workshop meeting). Information, 765-2692.

## Wednesday, Feb. 6

### 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.

#### MOTHERS OF PRESCHOOLERS (MOPS)

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

#### YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

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

### BETHLEHEM LIONS CLUB

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

#### ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP

Northeast NY Alzheimer's Association meetings for families, caregivers, and friends; Delmar Presbyterian Church, 585 Delaware Ave., 7 p.m.

### SOLID ROCK CHURCH

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

#### CHENREZIG PRACTICE AND MEDITATION

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

#### ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

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

#### BINGO

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

#### BOY SCOUT TROOP 58

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

#### BC SCHOOL BOARD

district office, 90 Adams Place, 7 p.m. Information, 439-7098.

#### BETHLEHEM ELKS LODGE 2233

1016 River Road (Route 144), Cedar Hill, 8 p.m. Information, 767-2886.

#### HEALING TESTIMONY MEETING

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

### NEW SCOTLAND

#### FAITH TEMPLE

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

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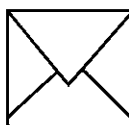
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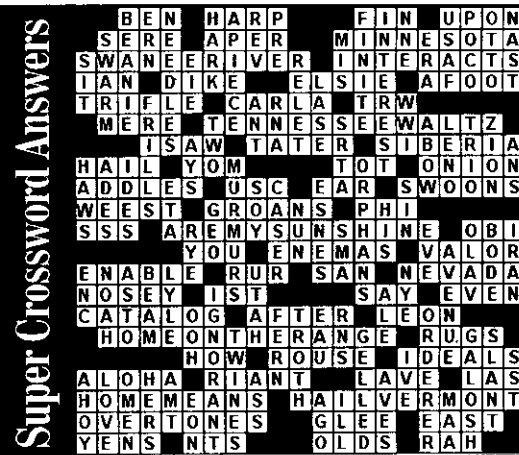
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## LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: KATZ EXCAVATING LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 05/03/02. The name was amended to KATZ EXCAVATING AND CONSTRUCTION, LLC on 06/06/06. Office location: Saratoga 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, 20 South Church Street, Schenectady, New York 12305. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. LD-17783 (January 30, 2008)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Cinram Manufacturing LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/6/07. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 9/24/04. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Ct Corporation System, 111 Eighth Ave., NY, NY 10011. Address to be maintained in DE: c/o The Corporation Trust Center, 1209 Orange St., Wilmington, DE 19801. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. Of State, 401 Federal St., Ste 4., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-17801 (January 30, 2008)

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Notice of Qualification of BIC Investments LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/6/07. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Oregon (OR) on 4/18/07. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o National Registered Agents, Inc., 875 Ave of the Americas, Ste 501, NY, NY 10001. Address to be maintained in OR: 900 SW Fifth Ave., Ste 2600, Portland, OR 97204. Arts. of Org. filed with OR Secy. Of State, Corporation Division, 255 Capitol St. NE, Ste 151, Salem, OR 97310-1327. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-17802 (January 30, 2008)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of MANAGED PRESSURE OPERATIONS LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 10/09/07. 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 Street- 3rd Floor, Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. LD-17803 (January 30, 2008)

## LEGAL NOTICE

"Sticks n' Bricks, LLC, a domestic Limited Liability Company (LLC) filed with the Sec of State of NY (SSNY) on 8/27/07. NY office Location: ALBANY County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY

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shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him/her to: Sticks n' Bricks, PO Box 8393 Albany, NY 12208. General purposes. LD-17807 (January 30, 2008)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: BAM-BOO CABANA LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 11/28/07. The latest date of dissolution is 12/31/2106. 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 Aand Sookand, 38-34 Carrel Boulevard, Oceanside, New York 11522. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. LD-17808 (January 30, 2008)

## LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: 137-139 MESEROLE DEVELOPMENT, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 11/08/07. The latest date of dissolution is 07/31/2011. 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, 3724 24th Street, Long Island City, New York 11101. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. LD-17809 (January 30, 2008)

## LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: 161 HUDSON CAFE, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 10/12/07. 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 Ronald H. Gitter, Esq., 110 East 59th Street, 23rd Floor, New York, New York 10022. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. LD-17810 (January 30, 2008)

## LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: DETHOMASIS HISTORIC PROPERTIES I, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 12/14/07. 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, 40 Rapp Road, Albany, New York 12203. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. LD-17811 (January 30, 2008)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Wyndham Hotel Group, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 12/10/07. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 12/14/05. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Corporation Service 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., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901.

## LEGAL NOTICE

Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-17812 (January 30, 2008)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of STR. Grants, LLC. Authority filed with NY Dept. of State on 12/7/07. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Virginia (VA) on 3/9/05. NY Secy. of State designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: Robert J. Fries, 4103 Chain Bridge Rd., Suite 300, Fairfax, VA 22030, the VA and principal business address of the LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with VA Secy. of the Commonwealth, 1300 East Main St., Richmond, VA 23219. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-17814 (January 30, 2008)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Champion Window Company of Rochester, LLC. Authority filed with NY Dept. of State on 12/3/07. Office location: Albany County. Principal business address: 12121 Champion Way, Cincinnati, OH 45241. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 11/15/07. NY Secy. of State designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: c/o CT Corporation System, 111 8th Ave., NY, NY 10011, registered agent upon whom process may be served. DE address of LLC: c/o The Corporation Trust Co., 1209 Orange St., Wilmington, DE 19801. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: all lawful purposes. LD-17815 (January 30, 2008)

## LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LLC Family Danz Fuel Services, LLC, filed Articles of Organization with the New York Secretary of State on December 6, 2007. 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 the LLC, at LLC, 677 Broadway, Suite 500, Albany, NY 12207. The street address of the principal business location is 404 North Pearl St., Albany, NY 12207. Its business is to engage in any lawful activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under Section 203 of the New York Limited Liability Company Act. LD-17816 (January 30, 2008)

## LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION Notice of Formation of Limited Liability Company (LLC). Name: TBP Realty, L.L.C. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on December 10, 2007. 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, c/o Ten Eyck B. Powell, III, 19 Bronk Road, Selkirk, New York, 12158. Purpose: any lawful purpose. LD-17821 (January 30, 2008)

## LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: G3 VENTURES, L.L.C.. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 11/15/07. Office location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, 13-11 Jackson Boulevard, #2A, Long Island City, New York 11101. Pur-

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pose: For any lawful purpose. LD-17822 (January 30, 2008)

## LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: DMZ BUSINESS SOLUTIONS, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 12/05/07. 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 Smith & Krantz, LLP, 122 East 42nd Street, Suite 1518, New York, New York 10168. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. LD-17823 (January 30, 2008)

## LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION PURSUANT TO NY LLC LAW SECTION 206 The name of the limited liability company is DLP Enterprises, LLC. The date of the filing of the Articles of Organization was December 3, 2007. The County in which the office of the LLC is to be located is Schenectady. Its principal business location is 220 Second Street, Scotia, New York. The agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served is the Secretary of State and such shall mail a copy of any process to: Burke & Casserly, PC, 255 Washington Ave Ext, Albany, NY 12205. The term of the LLC shall commence on the date of filing of the Articles of Organization and continue indefinitely. The purpose of the Company is internet retail services and for any other lawful activity for which limited liability companies may be formed under the Limited Liability Company Law. LD-17827 (January 30, 2008)

## LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: POUND-ESIGN STUDIO, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 10/22/07. 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, 555 Merrick Road, Apartment 1D, Rockville Centre, New York 11570. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. LD-17828 (January 30, 2008)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Mojo Music Services LLC. Arts Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 06/22/07. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Allstate Corp. Svcs., 41 State St., Ste. 415, Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-17829 (January 30, 2008)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Narkash Enterprises, LLC. Arts Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 12/17/07. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Allstate Corp. Svcs., 41 State St., Ste. 415, Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-17830 (January 30, 2008)

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Notice of Formation of Fahy Group Design, LLC. Arts Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 12/07/07. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Allstate Corp. Svcs., 41 State St., Ste. 415, Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-17831 (January 30, 2008)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Elite Consulting USA LLC. Arts Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 12/13/07. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Allstate Corp. Svcs., 41 State St., Ste. 415, Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-17832 (January 30, 2008)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 222 Sackett Street, LLC. Arts Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 10/24/07. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Allstate Corp. Svcs., 41 State St., Ste. 415, Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-17833 (January 30, 2008)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of 5Flightsup LLC. Arts Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 10/07/07. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Allstate Corp. Svcs., 41 State St., Ste. 415, Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-17834 (January 30, 2008)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Emerald Construction & Consultants LLC. Arts Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 10/04/07. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Allstate Corp. Svcs., 41 State St., Ste. 415, Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-17835 (January 30, 2008)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of M. Fouladvand MD PLLC. Arts Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 10/11/07. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of PLLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Allstate Corp. Svcs., 41 State St., Ste. 415, Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: provision of space to merchants. LD-17841 (January 30, 2008)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of KG-New York, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/12/07. 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-17842 (January 30, 2008)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Heights Services LLC. Arts Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 11/23/07. 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 Abraham D Greisman CPA, 1371 Carroll St., Bklyn, NY 11213. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-17837 (January 30, 2008)

## LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY

## LEGAL NOTICE

COMPANY. NAME: 20 ARDEN STREET LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 12/14/07, with an existence date of 01/01/08. The latest date of dissolution is 12/31/2099. 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, 329 East 5th Street, New York, New York 10003. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. LD-17838 (January 30, 2008)

## LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: 329 EAST 5th STREET LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 12/14/07, with an existence date of 01/01/08. The latest date of dissolution is 12/31/2099. 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, 329 East 5th Street, New York, New York 10003. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. LD-17839 (January 30, 2008)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Name of LLC is JK NEW SCOTLAND VENTURES, LLC. Articles of Organization of LLC were filed with NY Secretary of State, under Section 203 of Limited Liability Law of State of New York, December 17, 2007. Purpose of LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity. Office of LLC is located in Albany County. Secretary of State designated as agent upon whom process against LLC may be served. Address to which Secretary of State shall mail copy of process is 100 Orchard Hill Road, Slingerlands, New York 12159. LD-17840 (January 30, 2008)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Beehive Industries, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 12/7/07. Fictitious name in NY State: BeeHive Industries (NY), LLC. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Georgia (GA) on 4/12/06. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Corporation Service Company, 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207. GA address/principal business location of LLC: 1960 Westminster Way, Atlanta, GA 30307. Arts. of Org. filed with GA Secy. of State, 315 West Tower, 2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive, Atlanta, GA 30334. Purpose: provision of space to merchants. LD-17841 (January 30, 2008)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of KG-New York, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/12/07. 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-17842 (January 30, 2008)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of NE 106 West Hempstead Limited Partnership. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 12/12/07. Office location: Albany County. Principal business location: 2001 Bryan St., Ste. 3700, Dallas, TX 75201. LP formed in Delaware (DE) on 12/7/07. SSNY designated as agent

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of LP 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. DE address of LP: 2711 Centerville Road, Ste. 400, Wilmington, DE 19808. Name/address of each genl. ptr. available from SSNY. Cert. of LP filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-17843 (January 30, 2008)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Sweet Lorraine's LLC. Arts Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 12/17/07. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Allstate Corp. Svcs., 41 State St., Ste. 415, Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-17847 (January 30, 2008)

## LEGAL NOTICE

ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF Estudio, LLC Pursuant to Section 203 of the Limited Liability Company Law: FIRST: The name of the limited liability company is Estudio, LLC SECOND: The county within this state in which the principal office of the limited liability company is to be located in is Albany. THIRD: The Secretary of State is designated as agent of the limited liability company upon whom process against it may be served. The post office mailing address within this state to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the limited liability company served him or her is 15 Years Place, Latham, New York 12110. FOURTH: The effective date of these Articles of Organization is the filing date, December 14, 2007, a date which does not exceed the sixty days from the date of filing. FIFTH: The limited liability company is to be managed by one or more of its members. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this certificate has been subscribed to this 14th day of December, 2007 by the undersigned who affirms that the statements made herein are true under penalties of perjury. /s/ Robert E. Molloy, Attorney in Fact Filed by: Robert E. Molloy, Esq. Century Hill Plaza 22 Century Hill Drive Suite 303 Latham, NY 12110 LD-17851 (January 30, 2008)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: SHADOW STICK PRODUCTIONS, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 11/02/07. 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, 880 3rd Avenue, 16th Floor, New York, New York 10022. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. LD-17856 (January 30, 2008)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: 30-26 35th STREET LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 11/26/07. 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



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process to the LLC, c/o John Rudic, 30-26 35th Street, Astoria, New York. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. LD-17857 (January 30, 2008)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: CDM BROKERS NEW YORK, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 11/08/07. 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 Christian Michael De Medici, 245 Park Avenue, 24th Floor, New York, New York 10167. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. LD-17858 (January 30, 2008)

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Notice of Formation of CATHY & CHRIS FUNDING LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 12/24/07. 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 Street- 3rd Floor, Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. LD-17859 (January 30, 2008)

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Notice of Qualification of Terroir Hotel and Resort Fund, L.P. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 12/11/07. Office location: Albany County. LP formed in Delaware (DE) on 9/23/03. SSNY designated as agent of LP 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 LP: c/o CSC, 2711 Centerville Road, Ste. 400, Wilmington, DE 19808. Name/address of each genl. ptr. available from SSNY. Cert. of LP filed with DE Secy. of State, P.O. Box 898, Dover, DE 19903. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-17860 (January 30, 2008)

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Notice of Formation of Celestial Capital Holdings III, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/17/07. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Mark Ellman, Esq., 10 E. 40th St., Ste. 3210, NY, NY 10016. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-17861 (January 30, 2008)

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Notice of Formation of Celestial Capital Management III, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/17/07. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Mark Ellman, Esq., 10 E. 40th St., Ste. 3210, NY, NY 10016. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-17862 (January 30, 2008)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Remade LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 11/26/07. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Allstate Corp. Svcs Corp., 41

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State St., Ste. 415, Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-17863 (January 30, 2008)

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Notice of Qualification of Designer Skin, L.L.C. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/1/07. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Arizona (AZ) on 5/21/1998. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o National Registered Agents, Inc., 875 Ave of the Americas, Ste 501, NY, NY 10001. Address to be maintained in AZ: 3312 E. Broadway Rd., Phoenix, AZ 85040. Arts. of Org. filed with AZ Secy. Of State, 1300 W. Washington, Phoenix, AZ 85007. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-17864 (January 30, 2008)

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Notice of Formation of Chameleon Designs, LLC. Arts. Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 12/18/07. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Allstate Corp. Svcs., 41 State St., Ste. 415, Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-17867 (January 30, 2008)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of ZAWYA LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 11/29/07. 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 Street- 3rd Floor, Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. LD-17868 (January 30, 2008)

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Notice of Formation of Celestial Capital Holdings I, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/17/07. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Mark Ellman, Esq., 10 E. 40th St., Ste. 3210, NY, NY 10016. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-17869 (January 30, 2008)

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Notice of Formation of Celestial Capital Holdings II, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/17/07. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Mark Ellman, Esq., 10 E. 40th St., Ste. 3210, NY, NY 10016. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-17870 (January 30, 2008)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Celestial Capital Management Associates, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/17/07. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Mark Ellman, Esq., 10 E. 40th St., Ste. 3210, NY, NY 10016. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-17871 (January 30, 2008)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: P & M USA LLC. Articles of Organization were

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filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 12/13/07. 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 Kaufman & Serota, P.C., 225 Broadway, Suite 1902, New York, New York 10007. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. LD-17872 (January 30, 2008)

## LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: 80/20 CONSULTING LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 12/18/07. 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 Philip Karasyk, 225 Broadway, #3200, New York, New York 10007. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. LD-17873 (January 30, 2008)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: N.S.U. LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 12/19/07. 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, 288 Lexington Avenue, Apartment 5G, New York, New York 10016. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. LD-17874 (January 30, 2008)

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Notice of Formation of My Old Black Dog, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/17/07. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 92 Devon Rd., Delmar, NY 12054. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-17875 (January 30, 2008)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: ACUMEN ARCHITECTS, PLLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on December 21, 2007. Office Location: Schenectady 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: 858 Warner Road, Niskayuna, New York 12309. Purpose: For any lawful purpose LD-17878 (January 30, 2008)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Outside Ventures Capital, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/10/07. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 12/3/07. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, Attn: Sam Chanin, 150 Broadway, 3rd Fl., NY, NY 10038. Address to be maintained in DE: 160 Greentree Dr., Ste 101, Dover, DE 19904. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. Of State, 401 Federal St., Ste 4., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-17879 (January 30, 2008)

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Notice of Formation of Global Advisors of New York, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/11/07. Office location: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: National Registered Agents, Inc., 875 Ave of the Americas, Ste 501, NY, NY 10001, also registered agent. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-17880 (January 30, 2008)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Princeton Diversity Partners Limited Liability Company. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/13/07. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in New Jersey (NJ) on 10/12/07. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Incorporating Services, Ltd., 3500 S Dupont Hwy, Dover, DE 19901. Address to be maintained in NJ: 100 Metroplex Dr., Ste 101, Edison, NJ 08817. Arts. of Org. filed with NJ Secy. Of State, 820 Bear Tavern Rd., CN 450, W. Trenton, NJ 08625. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-17881 (January 30, 2008)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: CHAYENNE ASSOCIATES, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 12/06/07. 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 John T. Avellino, Esq., c/o Parisi & Patti, 200 Mamaroneck Avenue, White Plains, New York 10601. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. LD-17888 (January 30, 2008)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of HALO SYSTEMS, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 12/19/07. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 11/28/01. 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, P.O. Box 898, Dover, DE 19903. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-17889 (January 30, 2008)

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Notice of Qualification of T3 Unison Site Management LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 12/20/07. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 10/11/07. 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., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-17890 (January 30, 2008)

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Notice of Qualification of ACS Federal Solutions LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on

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10/2/07. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 3/1/05. 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, 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-17891 (January 30, 2008)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of eTailDirect LLC. Authority filed with NY Dept. of State on 12/21/07. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 10/26/06. NY Secy. of State designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: c/o Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207. DE address of LLC: 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-17893 (January 30, 2008)

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Notice of Qualification of InfraSource Telecommunication Services, LLC. Authority filed with NY Dept. of State on 12/21/07. Office location: Albany County. Principal business address: 219 Ruth Rd., Harleysville, PA 19438. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 12/14/07. NY Secy. of State designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: Whitney Parsley, c/o Quanta Services, Inc., 1360 Post Oak Blvd., Ste. 2100, Houston, TX 77056. DE address of LLC: 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-17894 (January 30, 2008)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: BOUNCING BACK WITH STRONG POMADE FACT LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 12/20/07. The latest date of dissolution is 12/07/2099. 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, One Sanford Court, North Woodmere, New York 11581. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. LD-17895 (January 30, 2008)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: WE HAVE BEAT THE COLECAPEYTC LIARS & CHEATS LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 12/20/07. The latest date of dissolution is 12/07/2099. 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, One Sanford Court, North Woodmere, New York 11581. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. LD-17896 (January 30, 2008)

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: WENY & BBOTX POMADE PROGENITORS LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 12/20/07. The latest date of dissolution is 12/07/2099. 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, One Sanford Court, North Woodmere, New York 11581. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. LD-17897 (January 30, 2008)

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Notice of Qualification of NSHE Nipomo, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 12/20/07. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Arizona (AZ) on 7/14/06. 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. AZ address of LLC: 2390 East Camelback Road, Ste. 325, Phoenix, AZ 85016. Arts. of Org. filed with AZ Corp. Commission, 1300 West Washington St., Phoenix, AZ 85007. Purpose: all lawful purposes. LD-17902 (January 30, 2008)

## LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: BOXWOOD WEALTH MANAGEMENT LLC. Application for Authority was filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 12/12/07. The LLC was originally filed with the Secretary of State of Delaware on 05/25/07. 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 Martin Bergstein, 450 Seventh Avenue, New York, New York 10123. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. LD-17903 (January 30, 2008)

## LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: 321 CHAUNCEY STREET, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 12/12/07. 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, 47 Brook Road, Valley Stream, New York 11581. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. LD-17904 (January 30, 2008)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of BARNSTON LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 11/29/05. 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 Street- 3rd Floor, Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. LD-17905 (January 30, 2008)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of CURZON LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 12/04/03. Office location: Albany Coun-

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ty. 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 Street- 3rd Floor, Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. LD-17906 (January 30, 2008)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of PROJECT ADVISORS GROUP LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 3/24/04 with the name AR PURCHASING LLC. 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 Street- 3rd Floor, Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. LD-17907 (January 30, 2008)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Pacific Platinum, LLC. Arts. Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 12/28/07. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Allstate Corp. Svcs., 41 State St., Ste. 415, Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-17909 (January 30, 2008)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of BISOUX LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 12/26/07. 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 Street, 3rd Floor, Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services, Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. LD-17911 (January 30, 2008)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of ABATRI INTERNATIONAL LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 12/26/07. 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 Street, 3rd Floor, Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services, Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. LD-17912 (January 30, 2008)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of DRIFTWOOD VALLEY LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 12/26/07. 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 Street, 3rd Floor, Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services, Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. LD-17913 (January 30, 2008)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of GRATAN LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 12/26/07. 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 Street, 3rd Floor, Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services, Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. LD-17914 (January 30, 2008)

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Notice of Formation of JAN-DO HOLDINGS LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 12/26/07. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o the LLC, 46 State Street, 3rd Floor, Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services, Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. LD-17915 (January 30, 2008)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of LEE-LANE LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 12/26/07. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o the LLC, 46 State Street, 3rd Floor, Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services, Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. LD-17916 (January 30, 2008)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of MEAINS LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 12/26/07. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o the LLC, 46 State Street, 3rd Floor, Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services, Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. LD-17917 (January 30, 2008)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of SNOWDON LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 12/26/07. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o the LLC, 46 State Street, 3rd Floor, Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services, Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. LD-17918 (January 30, 2008)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of STONE FORT LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 12/26/07. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o the LLC, 46 State Street, 3rd Floor, Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services, Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. LD-17919 (January 30, 2008)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of SUGAN LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 12/26/07. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o the LLC, 46 State Street, 3rd Floor, Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services, Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. LD-17920 (January 30, 2008)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of P&B International LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/5/07. Office location: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Incorporating Services, Ltd., 3500 S. Dupont Hwy, Dover, DE

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19901. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-17924 (January 30, 2008)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of East-Coast-Contact LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/13/07. Office location: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Incorporating Services Ltd., 3500 S. Dupont Hwy, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-17925 (January 30, 2008)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Registration of Sloss Eckhouse Brennan LLP. Ctr. of Reg. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/20/2007. Office location: Albany County. Principal office: 555 West 25th St., 4th Fl, NY, NY 10001. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: the LLP, 555 West 25th St., 4th Fl, NY, NY 10001. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-17926 (January 30, 2008)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Wells Fargo Home Mortgage of Hawaii, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 12/28/2007. Office location: Albany County. Principal business location: One Home Campus Mac #X2401-049, Des Moines, IA 50328. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 2/4/1998. 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, Federal & Duke of York Sts., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: provide residential mortgage lending. LD-17928 (January 30, 2008)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Treadway Enterprises USA LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 11/23/07. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Allstate Corp. Svcs., 41 State St., Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-17929 (January 30, 2008)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Ahava of California, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 06/06/07. LLC formed in California (CA) on 03/08/00. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: C/O Corporation Service Company, 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207. CA address of LLC: 908 Rose Ave., Venice, CA 90291. Arts. of Org. filed with CA Secy. Of State, 1500 11th St., Sacramento, CA 95814. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-17930 (January 30, 2008)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of JMC SELKIRK, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 11/8/07. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 12/28/7. 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., Al-

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bany, 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-17931 (January 30, 2008)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of JMC SELKIRK HOLDINGS, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 11/8/07. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 5/22/90. 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-17932 (January 30, 2008)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Staten Island Lithotripsy, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 12/31/07. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Nevada (NV) on 11/8/07. 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: 6339 East Speedway Blvd., Ste. 201, Tucson, AZ 85710. Arts. of Org. filed with NV Secy. of State, 206 North Carson St., Carson City, NV 89701. Purpose: all lawful purposes. LD-17933 (January 30, 2008)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Green Bass, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/3/08. 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-17934 (January 30, 2008)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of NSHE NY Brooklyn, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 1/3/08. 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 CT Corporation System, 111 8th Ave., NY, NY 10011, registered agent upon whom process may be served. Purpose: all lawful purposes. LD-17935 (January 30, 2008)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of a Limited Liability Company (LLC): Name: ENVIRONMENTAL LUNCH BOX TECHNOLOGY LLC, 341 Settles Hill Rd, Altamont, NY 12009. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose. Latest date upon which LLC is to dissolve: No specific date. LD-17936 (January 30, 2008)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Greentree Fiber Arts, LLC. Art. of Org. filed Sec'y of

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State (SSNY) 12/7/07. 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 245 Starr Rd., Ravenna, NY 12143. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-17937 (January 30, 2008)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of PML Wireless, LLC, App. for Auth. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 12/6/07. Office location: Albany County. LLC org. in GA 7/6/06. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to c/o Nat. Reg. Agents, 875 Ave. of the Americas, Ste. 501, NY, NY 10001. GA office addr.: 5 Concourse Pkwy., Ste. 400, Atlanta, GA 30328. Art. of Org. on file: SSGA, 2 Martin Luther King Jr. Dr., Atlanta, GA 30334. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-17938 (January 30, 2008)

## LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: CROSSTOWN WEST 28 LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 01/02/08. 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 Leonard Zigelbaum, 10 Cove Lane, Kings Point, New York 11024. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. LD-17939 (January 30, 2008)

## LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: EAST 170th NO. 2, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 01/02/08. 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, 501 Avenue F, Brooklyn, New York 11218. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. LD-17940 (January 30, 2008)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Capitol Premium Plan, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/17/07. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Missouri (MO) on 6/5/07. 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 Eighth Ave., NY, NY 10011, also registered agent. Address to be maintained in MO: 427 West 12th St., Ste. 100, Kansas City, MO 64105. Arts. of Org. filed with MO Secy. Of State, 800 W. Main St., Rm 322, Jefferson City, MO 65101. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-17958 (January 30, 2008)

## LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: JENNIFER STOCK LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 12/18/07. 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 Ross Wisdom CPA, PLLC, 29 Broadway, Suite 1412, New York, New York 10006-3249. Purpose: For any lawful purpose.

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LD-17961 (January 30, 2008)

## LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: TRIAD CANAL, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 12/28/07, with an existence date of 01/01/08. 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 Transworld Equities, 500 Fifth Avenue, Suite 2424, New York, New York 10110. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. LD-17962 (January 30, 2008)

## LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: TRIAD 11 WEST, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 12/28/07, with an existence date of 01/01/08. 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 Transworld Equities, 500 Fifth Avenue, Suite 2424, New York, New York 10110. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. LD-17962 (January 30, 2008)

## LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: TRIAD 13 EAST, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 12/28/07, with an existence date of 01/01/08. 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 Transworld Equities, 500 Fifth Avenue, Suite 2424, New York, New York 10110. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. LD-17964 (January 30, 2008)

## LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: TRIAD 15 EAST, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 12/28/07, with an existence date of 01/01/08. 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 Transworld Equities, 500 Fifth Avenue, Suite 2424, New York, New York 10110. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. LD-17965 (January 30, 2008)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Barrington Lakes TP LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/28/07. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 11/29/07. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o National Registered Agents, Inc., 875 Ave of the Americas, Ste 501, NY, NY 10001. Address to be maintained in DE: 160 Greentree Dr., Ste 101, Dover, DE 19904. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. Of State, 401 Federal St., Ste 4., Dover,

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DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-17966 (January 30, 2008)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Barrington Manor TP LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/28/07. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 11/29/07. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o National Registered Agents, Inc., 875 Ave of the Americas, Ste 501, NY, NY 10001. Address to be maintained in DE: 160 Greentree Dr., Ste. 101, Dover, DE 19904. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. Of State, 401 Federal St., Ste 4., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-17967 (January 30, 2008)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of 1011 Clark TP LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/28/07. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 11/29/07. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o National Registered Agents, Inc., 875 Ave of the Americas, Ste 501, NY, NY 10001. Address to be maintained in DE: 160 Greentree Dr., Ste. 101, Dover, DE 19904. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. Of State, 401 Federal St., Ste 4., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-17968 (January 30, 2008)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Ahmed 3, L.L.C. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/31/07. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Missouri (MO) on 4/13/07. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o National Registered Agents, Inc., 875 Ave of the Americas, Ste 501, NY, NY 10001. Address to be maintained in MO: 11 Long Meadows Ln., St. Louis, MO 63131. Arts. of Org. filed with MO Secy. Of State, 600 W. Main, Jefferson, MO 65101. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-17970 (January 30, 2008)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Elizabeth A. Riley NP In Psychiatry, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 9/13/07. Office location: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 1471 Western Ave., Albany, NY 12203. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-17972 (January 30, 2008)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Marilyn Von Dollen NP In Psychiatry, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 9/13/07. Office location: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 1471 Western Ave., Albany, NY 12203. Purpose: any lawful activities. LD-17973 (January 30, 2008)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of IM & SC LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 12/28/07. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Allstate Corp. Svcs., 41

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State St., Ste. 415, Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-17974 (January 30, 2008)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Good Family LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 01/08/08. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Allstate Corp. Svcs., 41 State St., Ste. 415, Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-17975 (January 30, 2008)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Lusk LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 01/04/08. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Allstate Corp. Svcs., 41 State St., Ste. 415, Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: any lawful activity. LD-17976 (January 30, 2008)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of CON-VERT GROUP ENG. LLC. Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 12/21/07. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State Street-3rd Floor, Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities. LD-17977 (January 30, 2008)

## LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: Meredith Jayne Interior Spaces L.L.C., Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on August 16, 2007, 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 Towne, Bartkowski & DeFio Kean, P.C., P.O. Box 15072, 450 New Karner Road, Albany, New York 12212. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. LD-17980 (January 30, 2008)

## LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF TAX ROLL AND WARRANT TAKE NOTICE, that I, Nancy Mendick, the undersigned Receiver of Taxes and Assessments for the Town of Bethlehem, have received the tax roll and warrant for the collection of taxes and will receive payments thereon Monday through Friday, from 8:30 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. and on Saturday, January 26 from 9:00 am at the Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York for the properties assessed upon such roll.

NO COLLECTION FEE DURING JANUARY  
1% collection fee during February  
2% collection fee during March  
TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that pursuant to the provisions of the tax roll of the Town of Bethlehem will be returned to the County of Albany Director of Finance on April 1, 2008.  
Dated January 1, 2008  
Nancy Mendick  
Town of Bethlehem  
Receiver of Taxes & Assessments  
LD-17981  
(January 30, 2008)



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**CRAKE ASSET MANAGEMENT, LLC.**  
Articles of Organization were filed on the 31st day of October, 2007. The office is located in the County of Albany with a principal place of business of 11 Mayfair Drive, Slingerlands, New York 12159. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent for service of process and shall mail such process to 11 Mayfair Drive, Slingerlands, New York 12159. This LLC is formed for every legal purpose.  
LD-17982  
(January 30, 2008)

## LEGAL NOTICE

**Notice of Formation of TILLMAN LLC.** Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 7/26/04. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State Street-3rd Floor, Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities.  
LD-17983  
(January 30, 2008)

## LEGAL NOTICE

**Notice of Formation of SPORT & MORE LLC.** Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 1/10/08. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State Street-3rd Floor, Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities.  
LD-17984  
(January 30, 2008)

## LEGAL NOTICE

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY.** NAME: 645 LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 12/03/07. 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, Post Office Box 151, Bronx, New York 10461. Purpose: For any lawful purpose.  
LD-17985  
(January 30, 2008)

## LEGAL NOTICE

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY.** NAME: AMERICAN MAINTENANCE SYSTEMS, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 12/14/07. 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 Barrows & Associates PLLC, 330 Madison Avenue, 6th Floor, New York, New York 10017. Purpose: For any lawful purpose.  
LD-17986  
(January 30, 2008)

## LEGAL NOTICE

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY.** NAME: UTOPIAN CONSTRUCTS, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 12/21/07, with an existence date of 01/02/08. 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 Robert Schmidt, 45 East 7th Street, #3A, New York, New York 10003. Purpose: For any lawful purpose.

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## LEGAL NOTICE

**Notice of Qualification of RTM Operating Company, LLC.** Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 1/4/2008. Office location: Albany County. Principal business location: 1155 Perimeter Center West, Ste. 1200, Atlanta, GA 30338. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 2/12/1997. 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-17988  
(January 30, 2008)

## LEGAL NOTICE

**Notice of Qualification of West Hempstead Development LLC.** Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 1/3/08. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 9/15/06. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Corporation Service Company, 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207. DE address of LLC: 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-17989  
(January 30, 2008)

## LEGAL NOTICE

**Notice of Qualification of UMS Services of Albany, LLC.** Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/7/08. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 1/2/08. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o National Registered Agents, Inc., 875 Ave of the Americas, Ste 501, NY, NY 10001. Address to be maintained in DE: 160 Greentree Dr., Ste 101, Dover, DE 19904. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Ste 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activities.  
LD-17990  
(January 30, 2008)

## LEGAL NOTICE

**Notice of Qualification of GREATER ATLANTA FINANCIAL SERVICES, LLC.** Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 12/28/07. Office location: Albany County. Principal business location: One Home Campus, MAC# X2401-049, Des Moines, IA 50328. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 1/31/06. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Corporation Service Company, 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207. DE address of LLC: 2711 Centerville Road, Ste. 400, Wilmington, DE 19808. Arts. of Org. filed with DE Secy. of State, Federal & Duke of York Sts., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: provide residential mortgage lending.  
LD-17994  
(January 30, 2008)

## LEGAL NOTICE

**Notice of Qualification of MedFi International, LLC.** Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 12/11/07. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in Florida (FL) on 8/16/00. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to FL address of LLC: 15500 New Barn Road, Ste. 205, Miami Lakes, FL 33014. Arts. of Org. filed with FL Secy. of

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State, 500 South Bronough St., Tallahassee, FL 32399. Purpose: any lawful activity.  
LD-17995  
(January 30, 2008)

## LEGAL NOTICE

**Notice of Formation of Mera, LLC.** Article of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (ssny) on December 17 2007. Office location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated Agent for Service of Process. The post office address to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon it is C/O Elisabeth Ruthman 14 Aspen Heights, Slingerlands N.Y. 12159. Purpose of LLC: to engage in any lawful activity. Address of principal business location: 1 Juniper Drive Delmar N.Y. 12054.  
LD-17997  
(January 30, 2008)

## LEGAL NOTICE

**Notice of Formation of Mare of Albany, LLC.** Article of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (ssny) on December 17 2007. Office location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated Agent for Service of Process. The post office address to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon it is C/O Elisabeth Ruthman 14 Aspen Heights, Slingerlands N.Y. 12159. Purpose of LLC: to engage in any lawful activity. Address of principal business location: 1 Juniper Drive Delmar N.Y. 12054.  
LD-17998  
(January 30, 2008)

## LEGAL NOTICE

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY ("LLC").** Name is Champagne Demolition, LLC; Articles of Organization were filed with Secretary of State on June 11, 2007; Office location is in Albany County; Secretary of State has been designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served; the street address of principal business location and Post Office address to which Secretary of State shall mail a copy of process against the LLC is Champagne Demolition, LLC, 300 Smith Boulevard, Port of Albany, Albany, NY 12202; Purpose of the business of the LLC is to engage in any lawful business.  
LD-18002  
(January 30, 2008)

## LEGAL NOTICE

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY.** NAME: PEARL STREET FLOWERS LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 10/23/07. The latest date of dissolution is 09/30/2106. 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, 908 Hewlett Drive, North Woodmere, New York 11581. Purpose: For any lawful purpose.  
LD-18003  
(January 30, 2008)

## LEGAL NOTICE

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY.** NAME: SHORT SALE CONSULTANTS, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 12/20/07. The name was amended to SHORT SALE CONSULTANTS, LLC on 12/24/07. The latest date of dissolution is 12/31/3333. 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

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to the LLC, c/o Joseph G. Canepa, PLLC 37-38 75th Street, Main Floor, Jackson Heights, New York 11372. Purpose: For any lawful purpose.  
LD-18004  
(January 30, 2008)

## LEGAL NOTICE

**Notice of Formation of The Grand Gourmet Deli & Catering Company, LLC.** Arts Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 01/15/08. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Allstate Corp. Svcs., 41 State St., Ste. 415, Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: any lawful activity.  
LD-18006  
(January 30, 2008)

## LEGAL NOTICE

**Notice of Formation of Altamuro Enterprises, LLC.** Arts Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 01/11/08. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Allstate Corp. Svcs., 41 State St., Ste. 415, Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: any lawful activity.  
LD-18007  
(January 30, 2008)

## LEGAL NOTICE

**Notice of Formation of Rebel Rat, LLC.** Arts Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 01/11/08. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Allstate Corp. Svcs., 41 State St., Ste. 415, Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: any lawful activity.  
LD-18008  
(January 30, 2008)

## LEGAL NOTICE

**Notice of Formation of Park Hudson Temporary Staffing LLC.** Arts Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 01/11/08. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Allstate Corp. Svcs., 41 State St., Ste. 415, Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: any lawful activity.  
LD-18009  
(January 30, 2008)

## LEGAL NOTICE

**Notice of Formation of Free At Last Properties, LLC.** Arts Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 01/10/08. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Allstate Corp. Svcs., 41 State St., Ste. 415, Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: any lawful activity.  
LD-18010  
(January 30, 2008)

## LEGAL NOTICE

**Notice of Formation of Green Team Disposal LLC.** Arts Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 01/09/08. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Allstate Corp. Svcs., 41 State St., Ste. 415, Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: any lawful activity.  
LD-18011  
(January 30, 2008)

## LEGAL NOTICE

**Notice of Formation of The Grand Gourmet Deli & Catering Company, LLC.** Arts Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 01/15/08. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail

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process to: Allstate Corp. Svcs., 41 State St., Ste. 415, Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: any lawful activity.  
LD-18012  
(January 30, 2008)

## LEGAL NOTICE

**Notice of Formation of ELS Star International LLC.** Arts Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 11/19/07. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Allstate Corp. Svcs., 41 State St., Ste. 415, Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: any lawful activity.  
LD-18013  
(January 30, 2008)

## LEGAL NOTICE

**Notice of Formation of M Alan LLC.** Arts Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 01/14/08. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Allstate Corp. Svcs., 41 State St., Ste. 415, Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: any lawful activity.  
LD-18014  
(January 30, 2008)

## LEGAL NOTICE

**Notice of Formation of Telworx Communications LLC.** Arts Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 01/14/08. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Allstate Corp. Svcs., 41 State St., Ste. 415, Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: any lawful activity.  
LD-18015  
(January 30, 2008)

## LEGAL NOTICE

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY.** NAME: 163 W 80 LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 11/28/07. 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, 993 Morris Park Avenue, Bronx, New York 10462. Purpose: For any lawful purpose.  
LD-18017  
(January 30, 2008)

## LEGAL NOTICE

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY.** NAME: 17 MAPLE ROAD, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 12/20/07. The latest date of dissolution is 12/31/2107. 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, 17 Maple Road, Voorheesville, New York 12186. Purpose: For any lawful purpose.  
LD-18018  
(January 30, 2008)

## LEGAL NOTICE

**Notice of Formation of Devon Scott LLC.** Arts Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 01/15/08. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Allstate Corp. Svcs., 41 State St., Ste. 415, Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: any lawful activity.  
LD-18019  
(January 30, 2008)

## LEGAL NOTICE

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LLC**

## LEGAL NOTICE

The Georges Group, LLC, filed Articles of Organization with the New York Secretary of State on January 10, 2008. 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 the LLC, at LLC, 11 Prospect Terrace, Albany, NY 12208. The street address of the principal business location is 11 Prospect Terrace, Albany, NY 12208. Its business is to engage in any lawful activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under Section 203 of the New York Limited Liability Company Act.  
LD-18023  
(January 30, 2008)

## LEGAL NOTICE

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY.** NAME: 81-10 COMMONWEALTH BLVD LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 01/08/08. 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, 100-02 101st Avenue, Ozone Park, New York 11416. Purpose: For any lawful purpose.  
LD-18026  
(January 30, 2008)

## LEGAL NOTICE

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY.** NAME: 81-12 COMMONWEALTH BLVD LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 01/08/08. 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, 100-12 101st Avenue, Ozone Park, New York 11416. Purpose: For any lawful purpose.  
LD-18027  
(January 30, 2008)

## LEGAL NOTICE

**Notice of Formation of AB-DERIS LLC.** Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 1/07/08. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 46 State Street-3rd Floor, Albany, NY 12207. The registered agent is: USA Corporate Services Inc. at the same address. Purpose: all lawful activities.  
LD-18028  
(January 30, 2008)

## LEGAL NOTICE

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LLC.** NMR Ventures, LLC, filed Articles of Organization with the New York Secretary of State on January 14, 2008. 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 the LLC, at LLC, 18 Walker Way, Albany, NY 12205. The street address of the principal business location is 18 Walker Way, Albany, NY 12205. Its business is to engage in any lawful activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under Section 203 of the New York Limited Liability Company Act.  
LD-18029  
(January 30, 2008)

## LEGAL NOTICE

**Notice of Formation of Riverbend Kennels LLC.** Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/19/07. Office location: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served.

## LEGAL NOTICE

SSNY shall mail process to: Stacy Snyder, 1406 River Rd., Selkirk, NY 12158, also registered agent. Purpose: any lawful activities.  
LD-18030  
(January 30, 2008)

## LEGAL NOTICE

**Notice of Formation of 81 Media LLC.** Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/14/08. Office location: Albany Co. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, c/o Trigger Street Independent, 799 Washington St., NY, NY 10014. Purpose: any lawful activities.  
LD-18031  
(January 30, 2008)

## LEGAL NOTICE

**Notice of Formation of 167 SKILLMAN REALTY LLC.** Arts. of Org. was filed with SSNY on 1/22/08. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: C/O THE LLC, 131 HOOPER STREET, BROOKLYN, NY 11211. Purpose: all lawful activities.  
LD-18032  
(January 30, 2008)

## LEGAL NOTICE

**Notice of formation of Technically Green LLC.** Articles of organization filed with the NY Sec of State on 12/28/2007. Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 188 Wood-sedge Ct Voorheesville, NY 12186. Purpose: Any Lawful Activity.  
LD-18035  
(January 30, 2008)

## LEGAL NOTICE

**NOTICE TO BIDDERS**  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem hereby invites sealed bids for the furnishing of Materials for the Town of Bethlehem, for the year 2008. Bids will be received up to 2:30 p.m. on materials, February 12, 2008 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 John H. Cunningham, Supervisor, Town of Bethlehem, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York. Bids shall be in sealed envelopes which shall bear, on the face thereof, the name and address of the bidder and the subject of the bid. Original and one copy of each bid shall be submitted. Bidders may bid on any or all items. The Town Board reserves the right to waive any informalities or to reject any or all bids. Specifications may be picked up at the Town Clerk's office, Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York 12054. Bid documents may also be available for download from the Capital Region Purchasing Group through the Town of Bethlehem Website at [www.townofbethlehem.org](http://www.townofbethlehem.org) Purchasing Division.

BY ORDER OF THE  
TOWN BOARD OF  
THE TOWN OF  
BETHLEHEM  
KATHLEEN A. NEWKIRK  
MMC, RMC  
TOWN CLERK  
Dated: January 23, 2008  
LD-18036  
(January 30, 2008)

## LEGAL NOTICE

**Notice of Qualification of DS-Variel Holding, LLC.** Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/16/08. Office location: Albany County. LLC formed in California (CA) on 1/7/08. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o DS Ventures, Attn:



# Sports *in the* Spotlight

## Bub's power play goal lifts Eagles past Jets

By MIKE CIOFFI  
news@spotlightnews.com

Shaker/Colonie's offensive struggles continued, and so did its losing streak.

Matthew Bub scored the go-ahead goal early in the third period to help Bethlehem defeat the Jets 2-1 in Saturday's Capital District High School Hockey League game at the Bethlehem Area YMCA.

"This was a good league win

for us," said Bethlehem coach Dick Hughes. "That team over there (Shaker/Colonie) is a good program. My hat's off to that team, too."

The Jets (4-8-2 league, 5-12-3 overall) haven't won a game since a 5-0 victory over South Glens Falls Dec. 28. They've scored 10 goals in the eight games since that win.

"We have to figure out some way to get out of the slump that we're in, and part of that is just

getting a win," said Shaker/Colonie coach Steve Hudak. "A win helps a lot, and we haven't gotten many lately."

Bethlehem (8-4-0, 12-7-1) got on the scoreboard at 9:54 of the first period. Defenseman Paul Hospodar tapped in a rebound off a scrum in front of the net to give the Eagles a 1-0 lead.

Shaker/Colonie had its chances to tie the game in the first period, including a power play when Bethlehem was called for too many men on the ice. Bethlehem goaltender T.J. Caswell responded to the challenge, stopping all eight shots he faced.

The Jets finally solved Caswell 27 seconds into the second period. Senior defenseman D.J. O'Connell raced down the ice and got behind the Bethlehem defense. He then faked a shot and passed the puck to Seth Clickner, who shot it past Caswell to tie the

game at 1.

Sophomore defenseman Nick Krytazis had an opportunity to give Shaker/Colonie the lead on a power play a short time later, but his wrist banged off the goalpost. The Jets had three shots with the man advantage, but couldn't get anything into the goal.

"We're just not connecting," said Hudak. "I don't know if we have to move the lines around to change it up a little bit - we've done all that. We're going to figure something out."

A penalty against Shaker/Colonie's Chris Cusack at the end of the second period gave Bethlehem the break it was looking for. One minute into the third period, Mike Barba sent a pass from behind the net to Bub, who buried a shot between Jets goaltender Jim Lanne's legs to put the Eagles ahead.

Caswell made the one-goal lead stand up. The senior turned aside several Shaker/Colonie scoring chances in the third

period to seal the victory.

"T.J.'s been outstanding in the last couple of games," Hughes said of Caswell, who finished with 20 saves. "He's been very steady and works very hard. He's a solid team player, and he's given us chances to win."

It was only the second league victory for Bethlehem since New Year's Day, but Hughes said he sees some promising signs.

"We had a great start to the season, and we seem to be picking things up again," he said. "We played some Division I teams and have been very competitive lately."

Bethlehem entered the game off a 6-0 non-league victory over Plattsburgh Friday at the Bethlehem Area YMCA. The Eagles scored twice in the first period and added three goals in the third period to seal the win.

Stephen Russo had a goal and two assists to lead Bethlehem's offense. Eric Halek, Kyle Barach and Emmet Dalton each added a goal and an assist.

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LD-18037  
(January 30, 2008)

### LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Members Only USA, LLC. Arts. Of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 01/17/08. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Allstate Corp. Svcs., 41 State St., Ste. 415, Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: any lawful activity.  
LD-18038

### LEGAL NOTICE

(January 30, 2008)

### LEGAL NOTICE

**SELKIRK FIRE DISTRICT NOTICE TO BIDDERS**  
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE the Selkirk Fire District is requesting bids for the purchase of a 2008 fleet/non retail Chevrolet Tahoe truck and a new diesel pickup truck. The bids for each vehicle will be considered separately. All bids shall be received by Secretary Frank With at Selkirk Fire Company No. 3, 480 Bridge Street, South Bethlehem, New York on or before February 18, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. At such time and place, all sealed bids received shall be open and publicly considered by the Board of Commissioners of the Selkirk fire District. Specifications may be obtained by contacting District Chief William Borger. Sealed bids may be mailed to Secretary Frank With, P.O. Box 5, Selkirk, New York 12158. All bids are made and received upon the following conditions:

1. All bids shall include the name, address, and telephone number of the bidder.
2. All bids shall be enclosed in a sealed envelope labeled to identify the subject of the bid.
3. All bids shall be made subject to specifications available upon request.
4. The contract shall be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder provided the Board of Commissioner reserves the right to reject all bids.
5. Bids mailed but not received before February 18, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. will not be considered.
6. A statement of non-collusion of bids is required.
7. The purchase will be subject to a permissive referendum.

Frank With  
Secretary/Treasurer

### LEGAL NOTICE

Dated: January 24, 2008  
LD-18045  
(January 30, 2008)

### LEGAL NOTICE

**SELKIRK FIRE DISTRICT PERMISSIVE REFERENDUM**  
At a meeting of the Fire Commissioners of the Selkirk Fire District held on January 21, 2008, a resolution was adopted permitting and authorizing the expenditure from an existing capital reserve account, established for equipment, for the purchase of a 2008 fleet/non retail Chevrolet Tahoe truck and a new diesel utility pickup truck. The expenditure for each vehicle shall not exceed \$45,000.00. The purchase of each vehicle shall be made solely with existing funds contained in said existing capital reserve account. This resolution shall not take effect until 30 days after the

### LEGAL NOTICE

Board of Fire Commissioners meeting on January 21, 2008. This resolution is subject to a permissive referendum.  
FRANK WITH  
Secretary  
Dated: January 24, 2008  
LD-18046  
(January 30, 2008)

### LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Xemplar Holdings, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with NY Dept. of State on 1/11/08. Office location: Albany County. Secy. of LLC designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: 450 New Karner Rd., Suite 200, Albany, NY 12205, principal business address of the LLC. Purpose: any lawful activity.  
LD-18047  
(January 30, 2008)

### LEGAL NOTICE

#### LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Panorama Ross, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 11/14/07. Office location: Albany County. Principal business location: 11705 Airport Way, Broomfield, CO 80021. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 9/25/07. 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 19903. Purpose: any lawful activity.  
LD-18050  
(January 30, 2008)

### LEGAL NOTICE

#### LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of Hudson Valley Crossing, L.L.C. Authority filed with Secy. of State of N.Y. (SSNY) on 1/14/08. Office location: Albany County. Principal business location: 2099 Gaither Road, Ste. 100, Rockville, MD 20850. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 1/2/08. 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-18051  
(January 30, 2008)



Bethlehem's Matt Branigan shoots between two Mohonasen defenders during Friday's Suburban Council game. *Rob Jonas/Spotlight*

## Eagles

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Meanwhile, Mohonasen (6-5, 9-6) struggled to get its offense going. Jordan Macejka and Anthony Robustiano each scored 11 points, but leading scorer Cameron Couball was limited to eight points before fouling out midway through the fourth quarter.

"I don't know what we spent a week preparing for," said Mohonasen coach Ken Dagostino.

The game featured a series of runs. Bethlehem jumped out to a seven point lead in the first quarter, but a series of fouls allowed Mohonasen to creep back from the free throw line. Ten of the Mighty Warriors' first 14 points came from the foul line, which helped them tie the game at 14 early in the second quarter.

## Smith

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three months ago -- wasn't about to bet against the Giants when asked who he thought would win the Super Bowl.

"The odds don't look good for the Giants," said Duncan. "But the way the Giants have played lately ... I would say they have a chance."

Hey, crazier things have happened. Like landing a player from a Super Bowl-bound team to sign autographs for three hours at a local telethon.

Bethlehem went on another run after that to build a 30-22 halftime lead, but Mohonasen wouldn't go away. The Mighty Warriors rallied in the third quarter to pull within three points at 43-40.

Eventually, Bethlehem's inside game became too much for Mohonasen to handle. Drazan and Branigan each hit clutch shots during a 13-0 fourth quarter run that gave the Eagles a 56-40 lead.

Bethlehem looked to keep its momentum going when it traveled to Shaker Tuesday, while Mohonasen looked to regain its momentum when it hosted Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake.

## Lacrosse club holds registration sessions

Bethlehem Lacrosse Club is holding two registration sessions for its 2008 season. The sessions take place Feb. 2 from 9 to 11 a.m. and Feb. 28 from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at Bethlehem Town Hall on Delaware Avenue in Delmar.

The club is offering boys and girls lacrosse this season for children in grades three through six. The cost is \$125 per player.

For information, contact Jay Gustafson at 439-7820 or e-mail [jgustafson@us.loreale.com](mailto:jgustafson@us.loreale.com).

## McCullough leads Lady Eagles past Mohonasen

The Bethlehem girls basketball team kept pace with Shenendehowa and Niskayuna for the best record in the Suburban Council following a 53-38 victory against Mohonasen Friday.

Alex McCullough scored 21 points to lead the Lady Eagles (10-1 league, 13-1 overall), who jumped out to a 31-11 halftime lead. Sarah Thompson contributed 12 points.

In Colonial Council girls basketball action Friday, Lansingburgh defeated Voorheesville 45-32, and Academy of the Holy Names downed Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk 51-17.

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**Wednesday, Jan. 30**

### GIRLS BASKETBALL

Bethlehem at Troy, 7:30 p.m.

### WRESTLING

Bethlehem at Ballston Spa, 7:30 p.m.

**Thursday, Jan. 31**

### BOYS BOWLING

Bethlehem at Colonie, 4 p.m.

### GIRLS BOWLING

Bethlehem at Colonie, 4 p.m.

### BOYS SWIMMING

Bethlehem at Shenendehowa, 4:30 p.m.

Guilderville at Niskayuna, 4:30 p.m.

### WRESTLING

Cohoes at Voorheesville, 6 p.m.

**Friday, Feb. 1**

### BOYS BASKETBALL

Bethlehem at Ballston Spa, 7:30 p.m.

Voorheesville at Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk, 7:30 p.m.

### GIRLS BASKETBALL

Ballston Spa at Bethlehem, 7:30 p.m.

Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk at Voorheesville, 7:30 p.m.

### HOCKEY

Bethlehem at Niskayuna/Schenectady, 8 p.m.

### BOYS SWIMMING

Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk at Albany Academy, 4:30 p.m.

**Saturday, Feb. 2**

### BOYS SWIMMING

Guilderville at Niskayuna diving meet, 9 a.m.

### WRESTLING

Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk at Section II Duals, 9 a.m.

**Tuesday, Feb. 5**

### BOYS BASKETBALL

Bethlehem at Guiderland, 7:30 p.m.

Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk at Watervliet, 7:30 p.m.

Voorheesville at Schalmont, 7:30 p.m.

### GIRLS BASKETBALL

Guiderland at Bethlehem, 7:30 p.m.

Schalmont at Voorheesville, 7:30 p.m.

Watervliet at Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk, 7:30 p.m.

### BOYS BOWLING

Bethlehem at Suburban Council Championships, 3:30 p.m.

**Wednesday, Feb. 6**

### WRESTLING

Guiderland at Bethlehem, 7:30 p.m.

## Balanced Eagles prevail

### Bethlehem ends Mohonasen's winning streak

By JESSE PULITZER-KENNEDY

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Without two of its top players, the Bethlehem boys basketball team survived a physical battle with Mohonasen to defeat the Mighty Warriors 61-48 on Senior Night, Friday, Jan. 25, at Bethlehem.

The Eagles (8-3 league, 11-4 overall) didn't have Dan Lanchantin or leading scorer Joe Kane for their Suburban Council showdown with red-hot Mohonasen, which rode an eight-game winning streak into the game. Lanchantin is out for the rest of the season with a torn ACL, while Kane was benched for the game.

Bethlehem coach A.G. Irons said he kept his team focused on playing Mohonasen by not mentioning Kane's name until after the game.

"The whole week, we've just been focused on the game," said Irons.

Without Kane and Lanchantin, Bethlehem turned to several players to lead the offense. Junior forwards Matt Branigan and Ryan Prinzo each scored 14 points, with most of Prinzo's points coming in the second quarter. Senior center John Drazan also netted 14 points, most of which came during the fourth quarter.

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Bethlehem's John Drazan (50) shoots over two Mohonasen defenders during Friday's Suburban Council game. Drazan was one of three Eagles to score 14 points in a 61-48 victory.

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## Smith takes a time out to help charity

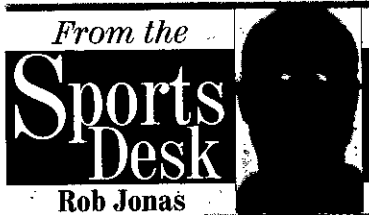
No one would have faulted New York Giants rookie wide receiver Steve Smith if he had to back out of his appearance at Sunday's Center for Disabilities Services Telethon at Colonie's Holiday Inn.

But in the middle of preparing for Super Bowl XLII in Arizona, Smith used the one day off head coach Tom Coughlin gave his players to fulfill his obligation of signing autographs at the telethon — an obligation he signed on for the day after the Giants beat the Green Bay Packers in the NFC championship game and turned the football world on its ear.

"I had to do it," said Smith. "My boy 'J.R.' called me and told me about this, and I had to come up here."

(Note: I have no idea who "J.R." is, but anyone who can convince a pro football player to use his day off in preparing for the Super Bowl to sign autographs for charity is all right with me.)

Paired with New York Yankees



Rob Jonas

first baseman/outfielder Shelley Duncan, who concluded his rookie season in the major leagues last fall, Smith sat at the autograph table for three hours signing his name to pictures, miniature footballs and mini Giants helmets for the sports fans that gathered at the telethon — some of whom waited for hours to be among the first in line.

Though that might sound tedious (and a recipe for writer's cramp), it was probably a welcome relief from all the ticket requests Smith has received since the Giants beat the Packers 23-20 for their NFL-record 10<sup>th</sup> consecutive road victory.

"It's been crazy," said Smith. "All the family members. I don't

talk to have been calling me up. My neighbor can't come over to talk about anything other than the Super Bowl."

Smith has been on championship runs before. At Southern California, he played on two national championship teams alongside Arizona quarterback Matt Leinart, New Orleans running back Reggie Bush and Tennessee tailback LenDale White.

Still, the Super Bowl is a different matter. Right?

"I think there's a lot of similarities (between the Super Bowl and the national championship games) because after your last game in (the) college (season), you get a month off," said Smith. "I like it better this way where you get only a week off (before the Super Bowl) to get your body right."

At least there's one difference for Smith this time — the team he's playing for is a decided underdog heading into the

championship game. Even after the Giants came close to handing the New England Patriots their first loss of the season in week 17 of the regular season (anyone remember the 38-35 game where the Giants led by 11 points in the second half?), oddsmakers have Big Blue listed as nearly a two-touchdown underdog to the still perfect Pats.

Of course, the fact that everyone is counting the Giants out only serves as motivation for Smith and his teammates to go out and beat the Pats this time around — just like when they beat Tampa Bay, Dallas and Green Bay on the road to get to the Super Bowl.

"We kind of thrived on going on the road and shutting the other teams' fans up," said Smith.

Duncan — who received equal attention from the media and the fans as Smith did, despite the fact that the Yankees' season ended

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When the New Year's parties are over and the rich foods and gooey desserts have been put away, most of us start thinking about getting our bodies back in shape. But how "fit" are the other parts of your life -- such as your finances -- for the year ahead?

"The key to financial fitness is preparation. Whether preparing for retirement, college for your children, a dream vacation home or even the unexpected, everybody needs to take time each year to reexamine what they're doing and the progress they're making in order to reach those milestones," says Christopher Pinkerton, senior vice president, North American sales and marketing for Foresters, a leading fraternal benefit society that assists people in achieving financial security.

Here are some easy ways to put together a financial fitness plan so you're better prepared monetarily for the days and months to come.

### Saving Money

It's a new year and a new opportunity to examine your expenses, spending and savings habits. Start the year right by creating a month-by-month budget, setting a savings goal and projecting your financial needs.

A good rule of thumb is to set aside three to six months of salary for unexpected events such as a job loss, major car repairs or large medical bills. In addition to preparing for the unexpected, identify 'known expenses' that are coming up such as college costs, a new home, new car or a new addition to the family, and build them into your budget. Give yourself adequate time to save for these expenses a little each month. Before you know it, you won't even

feel as if you're saving and you'll be a step ahead.

### Taxes

They're definitely something you can count on year after year. Review the withholding on your paycheck and adjust it if necessary. Take time to gather and sort out your receipts from the past year to identify tax deductions. While you're at it, set up an organized system to keep track of receipts for next year, so you don't misplace something and miss out on any deductions moving forward. And speaking of deductions,

this is also a good time to determine which charitable contributions you made in the previous year, and which ones you plan to make in the coming year.

### Retirement

Review the status of your 401(k), IRA and pension plan. If appropriate and consistent with your savings goals, sign up for any automatic increases offered through your employer. Take note of your retirement plan status at this stage of your life -- are you on track for growth, or is it time for an investment change? Even periodic small changes can have a big impact on your ability to build strength through investments.

Also, review your spouse's retirement plan, and agree on a plan for building wealth. Determine a strategy that allows you to increase your contributions during the good times as well as make changes during challenging times. For example, mark your calendar to review your investment performance with a financial advisor each quarter.



### Estate Planning

The need for this may seem like a long way off, but it's a good idea to plan for your family's financial security. Do you have a will, trust or health-care directive? If so, review the beneficiary designations to make sure the plans reflect your current wishes. Ensure that you have a guardian named for your children, and that you've outlined how your assets will be transferred.

Also at this time, consider whether there will be significant tax consequences for your survivors, who has title to what property and who will oversee your estate plan. If you don't yet have these items in place, an estate planning professional can help you sort things out, saving your family added complications upon your death. Your family will appreciate your forethought and be comforted by knowing that you made plans for them.

### Life Insurance

An important step in financial fitness is financial security, and life insurance can be the backbone of financial security.

Remember, life insurance is the piece of the puzzle that makes sure

your family can keep the house, send the kids to college or sustain the family's livelihood if there's a loss of one or both income providers. Some life insurance products can also provide savings and investment options for a home, a family bequest or a dream vacation.

"At the start of a new year, many people resolve to re-evaluate their investments or bump up their 401(k) contributions. However, as your life changes so will your life insurance needs. Be sure to check the beneficiaries. And consult with a life insurance representative on a regular basis to help you determine if you have the coverage that fits your needs," says Pinkerton.

Conventional wisdom recommends households should carry anywhere between two to 10 times your annual income in life insurance.

If you don't have a life insurance policy -- or any of the other financial plans mentioned above -- now is the time to get those parts of your life in shape. With the help of qualified professional advisors, you can put a financial fitness plan in place and prepare both you and your loved ones for the future.

For information on your life insurance needs, visit [www.Foresters.com](http://www.Foresters.com).

## About this issue

It's a new year and time to take a look at what's happening in the communities where we live, work and play.

A wide array of educational opportunities are featured in Spotlight's Update 1. Many of our area's primary and secondary schools focus on what they are doing to educate and prepare our children for not only today but also for the future. The post-secondary schools focus on their diverse program offerings.

Expertise on the local real estate market, tips on energy conservation and ideas for updating and care of our homes can also be found in this edition.

The Update 1 overview of legal, financial and insurance institutions offers advice on how to be an informed consumer when you need to use these types of services.

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# How to avoid money management pitfalls

You see them on college campuses and at county fairs, people offering free T-shirts when you sign up for a credit card. You get offers in the mail every day - instant approval for the credit card of your choice. But just because you have access to seemingly unlimited credit does not necessarily mean you should take the credit card industry up on the offer.

"Over the years, I've seen many students, colleagues and acquaintances make some very serious mistakes by misusing readily available credit and uninformed borrowing," says Larry Lazofson, professor of business ad-

ministration at DeVry University, Columbus. Lazofson offers these tips to start young people off on the right financial footing:

- It's your responsibility to know what you can afford

Never rely on a lender to determine how much debt you can manage. There are lenders who will readily extend enough credit to place you in a cash-strapped position where a large chunk of your earnings will go directly to paying their interest.

Every borrower needs to carefully review their finances to determine how

much debt he or she can safely and comfortably afford. A simple debt-to-income calculator can be found at [www.bankrate.com](http://www.bankrate.com). It is your responsibility, as a borrower, to do the research on how much debt a person at your income level can handle.

"I can't even begin to tell you how many credit card offers I received when I was a student," says Ronna DiBuono, a recent college graduate, now working as a marketing and communications professional in Pittsburgh. "I had friends that took everything they were offered, but I did my homework and knew the consequences. I passed on

most of the offers so I wouldn't have financial problems before my career even started."

- Build a financial mountain or dig a hole of debt

When you save money and earn interest your investment compounds over time, like a snowball rolling downhill that becomes bigger the further it goes. Too many people borrow money to purchase things that lose value such as designer clothing, electronics and expensive cars. Putting lots of consumer goods on your credit cards can saddle you with debt for years and sap your personal savings.

And what happens to the trendy, chic stuff put on the credit card? It ends up in a box in the closet or in the trash while the debt lives on. It's always a better investment to save and build interest rather than spend and pay interest.

- There is no easy escape  
Some people, when drilling them-

selves deeper into debt, believe that filing for bankruptcy will allow them to escape their financial troubles. Federal bankruptcy laws were revised in 2005, making it much harder to erase debt by filing for bankruptcy. If a college student plans on finding a good, professional job after completing his education, he should think twice before attempting to file for bankruptcy. Many employers do background checks and will not hire an employee with a poor history of managing finances.

"College students already make important sacrifices that will pay off both professionally and financially in the future. Students need to understand that taking advantage of easy credit is not worth the risk," says Lazofson. "Young adults bound for college, students and everyone, for that matter, need to carefully consider their consumer purchases, especially if making them on credit, and instead choose to invest in themselves and in the future."

## St. Matthew's is a school for the generations

St. Matthew Lutheran School is a family tradition. Several graduates of the Albany school bring their own children to the facility years later, said Gail Gray MacIntosh, executive director of the school, which is embarking on its 37th year of service.

"We're one big family," MacIntosh said.

She also said that many former students come back to volunteer at the school while in college.

"I love to see them grown up," said MacIntosh, who has been with the school for 35 years.

The school offers yearround programming to approximately 100 students of several different backgrounds.

"We have an unusually diverse student body," MacIntosh said.

Although the majority of students and staff are Christian, the school celebrates a variety of holidays, including Kwanzaa and Hanukkah.

St. Matthew Lutheran School has a full-day kindergarten program, as well as a preschool program for 3- and 4-year olds.

Full-day kindergarten students study reading, writing and arithmetic, as well as science and social studies.

One tool that is a favorite with both

children and teachers is the Peabody Language Kits. The kit uses a dog puppet, named Peabella, who talks, sings and teaches, MacIntosh said.

In the preschool program, the children work together on hands-on activities. Some are even able to read by the end of the pre-kindergarten program.

The school also offers after-school programs, which run from 2:30 to 5:45 p.m., and summer programs for children, up to age 12.

The summer programs although less structured, gives children a balance of fun and learning said MacIntosh. The summer programs run from 7 a.m. to 5:45 p.m.

Children are able to use the school's gym or large playground and nearby fields for organized team games.

Additionally, she said, students are able to use area pools, sprinklers on-site, and attend off-grounds picnics and field trips at least once a week.

MacIntosh said the school is always looking for new activities to do with the students, especially field trips.

Their open-ended lessons allow children to advance at their own speed. They also teach their students self-empowerment and independence, so they are able to handle problems on their own.

She said no matter where the students go after St. Matthew Lutheran School, "They are always ahead."

Another unique quality of the school is the longevity of staff, several of whom have been with the school for more than 10 years, explained MacIntosh.

"We have an excellent staff," said MacIntosh.

The school encourages parents to be involved in their children's education. Parents are always invited to enjoy a homemade lunch with their children or simply stop in and see what their children are doing, said MacIntosh.

MacIntosh also said the students are very open to new students. "When a new child comes, the other children take him or her into their hearts," MacIntosh said.

Students can enroll on an ongoing basis. Applications are accepted based on availability.

Parents are required to view the school in person, said MacIntosh. "I don't think any one can decide without seeing it," she said.

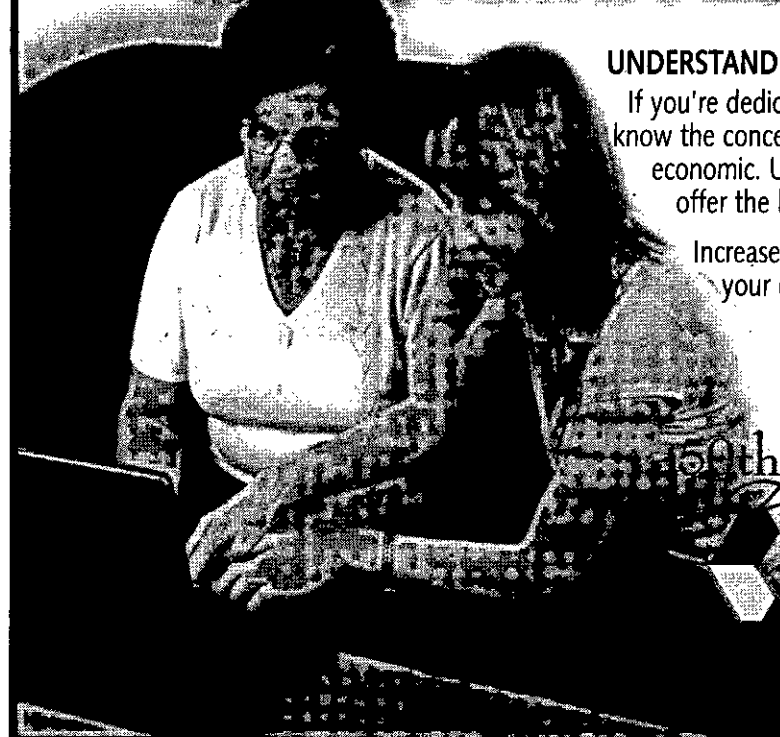
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# New name, long history

## Albany Academies invest in the future

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The Albany Academies includes west and east campuses which continue the tradition of single-gender classes. Following the school's philosophy, in single-gender classes in the lower and middle schools, girls and boys show increased self-confidence. Students learn together in the upper school in a setting that prepares them for the vast array of colleges and universities they will

what's happening here now, and we're looking for outreach opportunities to connect with this community," said Barter. "I've had meetings with the mayor. I'd like to get more Albany city children involved here."

Some of the new initiatives include a dramatic expansion of summer enrichment programs. The Academies host the Empire State Youth Orchestra, which Barter describes as second only to famed New York City student performance groups. School leaders strive to offer a top-notch, broad academic curriculum, an extensive extra-curricular and athletic program, an active arts program, and a commitment to guide each student to be

a person of character. Students are groomed to become active members and leaders of the community, with a lifelong love of learning.

One way to foster these traits in young students is to bring in role models.

"We've existed for so many years that in this town, our alumni are significant individuals," said Barter. "We work hard on keeping connected with our alumni so they will continue to support us, consider sending their children here, and come to campus. We had an alumni graduate from the 1960s come recently to talk about her experiences living and working in Nepal."

Distinguished alumni are also a source of financial support for the academies.

"The only way to keep our tuition affordable is through the generosity of our alumni, who give generously," said Barter. "We tell parents, the tuition is paying for the daily costs of education, but their children are inheriting a



Students at Albany Academies are exposed to a broad range of educational opportunities.

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\$50 million facility built through the gifts of others."

Although officially chartered by New York state, as an independent school, learning opportunities at the academies have more flexibility to meet changing needs of students and society at large.

"Independent schools can meet special needs and be creative, and Albany is a great place to do this," said Barter. "We're in the middle of a high-tech area with RPI and the Albany state government, so we have an experiential component to our learning. There are so many opportunities for kids in this town."

One of those opportunities is a required internship for high school seniors to work in a business, nonprofit or government of-

fice related to their future field of study. The program meets the dual goals of giving students a taste of what's out there, and spreading the word about the highly competent kids graduating from the Academies.

Aiming for a diverse student body, there are no minimum grades required for acceptance into the academies. School leaders do look for students whose families are committed to be involved in their education.

"We really need parents to support and encourage their children," said Barter. "In the changing face of the workforce, it can be difficult for parents to be volunteers on a regular basis, but if you look at after-school activities and intermural sports, that's where

you'll see the parents as coaches and participants."

Barter said one of his personal missions is to ensure girls are encouraged to pursue math and science, rather than submitting to bygone stereotypes.

"I come from a family of six, and the boys all have advanced degrees, and my two sisters are nurses," said Barter. "This worked well in our time, but now I want the girls here to see they can emulate leaders like Shirley Jackson, president of RPI. We work from a very equitable perspective, from athletics to arts to math and science. That's a promise we make."

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The term "gerontology" is often confused with the term "geriatrics." While geriatrics refers to study of the elderly that is medical in nature, gerontology is more concerned with the whole person and the physical, social, emotional, spiritual and intellectual issues that may arise as a person ages.

"Our program began in 1997 as we saw a growing need for specialized training in dealing with the challenges faced by our elderly

population," said Sister Virginia Sposito, RSM, coordinator of the Maria College gerontology certificate program. "Today our students graduate to serve seniors in a variety of settings..."

Students who participate in the gerontology certificate program are those who would like to supplement their degree programs, those who are already in the field and wish to further their knowledge of the aging process, and those who want to learn more for their own personal reasons. Often students either already possess or are on their way to nursing, occupational therapy assistant, liberal arts or social work degrees.

Some of the courses offered through the gerontology certificate program are:

- Nutrition of aging: An over-

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Because of budget constraints, many schools have cut enrichment classes such as art, music and physical education. In fact, many are turning to help pay for field trips, athletic uniforms and basic learning tools such as pencils, paper, markers, chalk and glue.

Think education is expensive now? According to the College Board, a not-for-profit membership association whose mission is to connect students to college success and opportunity, the average cost for tuition and fees at four-year public institutions has increased nearly 51 percent over the last 10 years (after adjusting for inflation), and these costs will almost certainly continue to rise. While the cost of college has skyrocketed, families are not saving enough. The good news is that every little contribution helps and parents should know there are some simple steps they can take now to jumpstart their child's college savings for the future:

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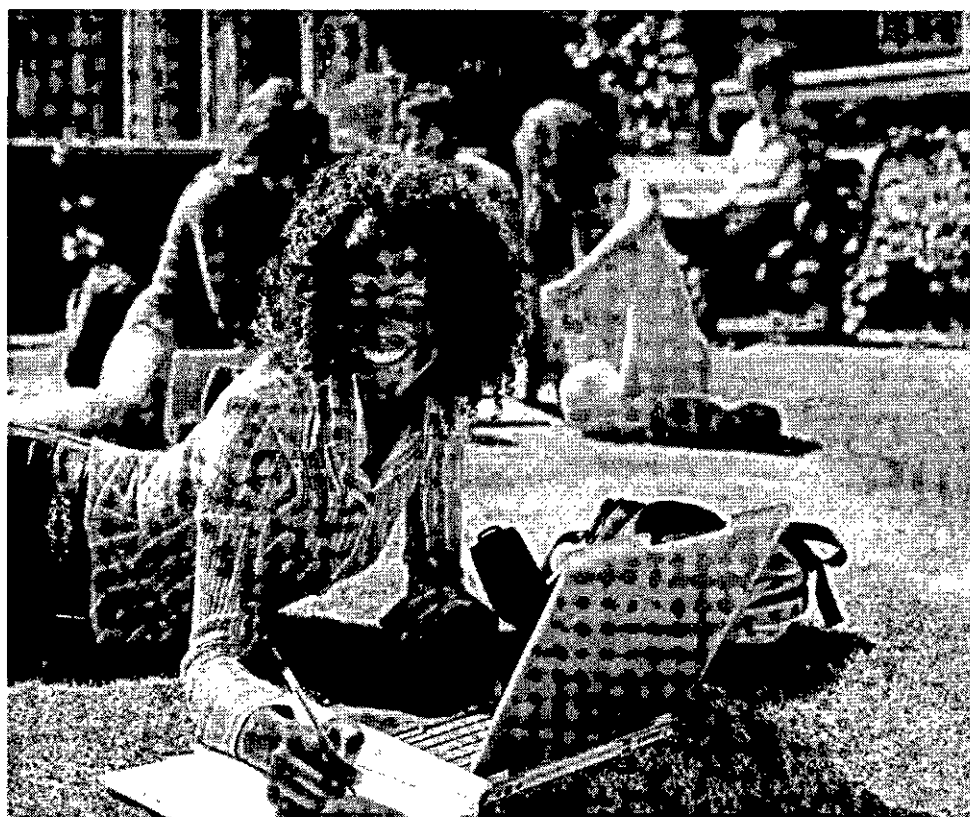


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## St. Pius X school program helps working parents

### New full-day pre-K to begin in the fall

St. Pius X School, already the largest Catholic school in the Diocese of Albany with more than 600 students, expects to grow even larger during the 2008-2009 school year. The pre-kindergarten-through-eighth-grade parish school, located in the heart of Loudonville not far from Siena College, will be adding a full-day pre-kindergarten program with before- and after-school care beginning in September.

Dennis Mullahy, the school's

principal for the past 10 years, says that the full-day program for 4- and 5-year-olds will help meet the needs of the school's current families, as well as new families to the school.

"Over the past decade, nearly all of our school families have become families with working moms and dads. Our new full-day pre-K will allow those parents to leave their child with us in time to get to work, and return at the end of the work day. What's best is that our parents, many of whom already have students in the school, know that their children will be in a safe learning environment surrounded

by talented and nurturing teachers. We're all very excited about meeting many of our students' little brothers and sisters."

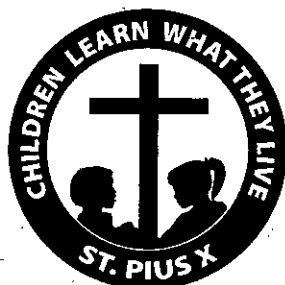
In addition to the full-day pre-K, the school offers three sections of partial day pre-K for 3-, 4- and 5-year-olds, as well as three sections of full-day kindergarten through sixth grade, and two sections each of seventh and eighth grade.

For information about St. Pius X Catholic School, call 465-4539 to arrange a personal tour, e-mail the school at [stpiusxschool@nycap.rr.com](mailto:stpiusxschool@nycap.rr.com) or visit the Web site at [stpiusx.nycap.rr.com](http://stpiusx.nycap.rr.com).

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# Brown School is mindful about educating young people

By DR. MARC A. MEYER

*The writer is associate head of school*  
**W**e live in a stressful world in troubled times, and that is not supposed to be the way children grow up.

School classrooms can be the safe haven where academic practices and classroom strategies can provide children with emotional comfort and pleasure as well as knowledge. When teachers use strategies to reduce stress and build a positive emotional environment, students gain emotional resilience and learn more efficiently and at higher levels of cognition.

Mindfulness is a state of being aware of your own mind, at any given moment. It means to pay attention in a particular way: on purpose, in the present moment and without judgment.

Mindfulness is a path for cultivating awareness. The better we understand our own thoughts and feelings, the more we are aware — and in control of — our own behavior. Rather than judging and reacting to what occurs in our experience, we learn to observe and respond. It may sound difficult at first, but it's not. Mindful awareness is simple and accessible to people of all

ages. It isn't something you have to get or work hard to achieve. It already exists in every one of us. It's a moment-to-moment approach to engaging fully in your experience, whatever that experience may be.

Mindful, focused awareness can increase children's attention, memory, and enjoyment of what they see, hear, and experience so sensory input becomes wisdom and knowledge.

When students experience school as a supportive community where they can share in an exchange of ideas, build knowledge of subject material motivated by interest and personal relevance, and associate pleasure and joy with learning, their brains are in the ideal state to learn.

When classrooms are low stress and students are engaged and motivated, they are able to achieve the highest levels of cognition, executive thinking, and making of connections. This comes not from directed lectures and teacher-centered activities, but rather when classrooms have an atmosphere of joyful discovery, mindful awareness, and cooperative peer interactions. Those are the classrooms where students of all ages retain that



Brown School's approach to hands-on learning applies to all grade levels, as these students demonstrate during their ancient Egypt archeological dig.

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 kindergarten enthusiasm of embracing each day of joyful learning. The goal of learning is for classrooms to once again become the place where the imagination and spirits of children are embraced, rather than left outside on the playground, when the school bell rings.

Superior learning takes place when classroom experiences are enjoyable and relevant to students' lives, interests and experiences. That the supportive environment of a strong classroom community and implementation of strategies that enable students to be open to the flow of the sensory input yields a model for joyful, successful education.

To implement the best environment for the brain to acquire new information, the learning experiences need to be relevant to students' lives, interests, and experiences. Lessons ought to be stimulating and challenging, without being intimidating. The recognition that low stress and relaxed alertness, the likes of which result from mindfulness educational practices gives teachers the advantage of being able to connect the neuroscience of learning to the art of teaching.

When a lesson or series of lessons will be full of dry facts that must be memorized, the stress can be reduced when students see an authentic, in-

trinsic reward for their mental efforts. Mastery of the facts can then be seen as a needed tool so students can participate successfully in multi-sensory or hands-on/minds-on discovery laboratory exploration.

Helping children learn through personally relevant activities and experiences as they form and revise their beliefs about themselves and the world as they travel through a curriculum is no small or straightforward task. This is a goal, like world peace, that is hard to be against. To educate young people who can thrive in and make significant contributions to a democratic society, we need to ensure they develop the intellectual, social, emotional, and basic skills needed to inquire, reason, and debate and to value these activities as the soundest path to achieving goals, resolving conflicts, and ensuring individual happiness and the collective welfare. Mindfulness education is not a panacea to correct American education, but it is certainly a step in the right direction.

## CBA prepares students for life

By JILL U. ADAMS

**C**hristian Brothers Academy is a college preparatory junior and senior high school for boys. The school was founded in 1859 by the De La Salle Christian Brothers.

It's a Catholic school with a military tradition, said Brother Aloysius Myers, who is the director of guidance at the school. That doesn't mean training soldiers to go into battle, he said, "but to embed in them a sense of responsibility and respect and a desire to be a leader."

The combination of Christian values, military discipline and academic excellence is appropriate for a certain kind of student, said Myers.

"A person who is motivated to improve himself and is willing to take on challenges, to take risks," he said. "To not take the easy way out."

The military aspect of the school is more about giving adolescents structure and direction. The school day begins with a prayer and an inspection. Students in grades nine to 12 wear a military-style uniform and once gathered in formation are assessed on the manner in which they present themselves, down to the proper placement of awards and ranks on their uniforms.

In good weather, students work on drill exercises. Again, it's about personal discipline, said Myers, "How to walk and how to compose themselves."

The drill exercises prepare students for participating in parades around the Capital District on holidays like Memorial Day. In addition to ceremony and fun, it supports the school's commitment to "honor our country and recognize the contributions of our soldiers," said Myers.

Christian Brothers Academy is also the only Catholic high school in the area to offer a JROTC program which has obtained the highest ranking from the United States Department of the Army, as an "honor unit with distinction."

Academics are paramount and the school has a slate of Regents courses, Advanced Placement classes, and an honors program. In addition to a typical high school curriculum filled with language arts, social studies, and math, students at Christian Brothers Academy take courses in business, religion, and military science.

The school supports a wide range of extracurricular activities, from athletics to varsity clubs, and from drama to student council.

College admission is only one measure of success for the school and a vast majority of students go on to higher education. Without naming colleges, Myers said he is continually im-

pressed at the schools students apply to.

"It's much more advanced than 20 years ago — these are prestigious schools," he said.

Myers has been at Christian Brothers Academy for more than 50 years, and bears witness to the changes that have taken place in education. Foremost is the use of technology in the classroom, which Myers compared to the chalkboard of yesteryear.

"The computer has really done some wonderful things," he said. "It's helped people learn," especially those students who struggled in the pen-and-paper past.

Located on a 126-acre campus in the town of Colonie, the school has a state-of-the-art building with fiber-optic wiring, modern science labs, and a media center. In addition, there are athletic facilities to support a range of sports programs and a Brothers Residence.

Society has changed as well, including more educated and involved parents, said Myers.

"I call them helicopter parents," he said. "I think it's a good thing. They're around, supporting their sons and daughters."

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## Parker School announces initiatives in science

Robert C. Parker School is excited to announce that it is creating A Center for Sustainable Energy Education on the school grounds.

The Center will take advantage of the school's unique 77-acre property and will add dynamic and innovative features to its already rich science program. It revolves around

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Meg Taylor

research and lab work.

The Center for Sustainable Energy Education will eventually become a year-round component of Parker. Under the guidance of a coordinator, it will be a centerpiece of the summer program and will allow the school to offer energy-related

field trips and weekend programs to regional students.

In the next months, the school will gather a panel of educators and scientists as partners in this new program.

In support of science at the school, Parker received a grant in November for more than \$8,500 for completing their greenhouse, building a bird and butterfly garden, and continuing science curriculum work.

Parker's pre-kindergarten to grade eight educational program includes preparing students to solve global problems like climate change, resource allocation, and alternative energy. Through the national Challenge 20/20 program, Parker's middle school students are currently paired with a school in Zambia to find solutions to global warming. The new science features will complement existing photovoltaic solar panels received through a New York State Energy Research Development Authority (NYSERDA) School Power Naturally grant and a partnership with the Rensselaer County master gardeners whose demonstration gardens are located on the school's property.

"Students of all ages are excited by the challenge of tackling really big problems like global warming and renewable energy. It engages their hearts and minds and motivates them to think creatively. They see that their own efforts can have a big impact," says Head of School Meg Taylor.

Established in 1991, Robert C. Parker School is an independent, non-sectarian school serving boys and girls in preschool through eighth grade. The school is located in a sunny 23,000-square-foot facility, completed in September 1998, on 77 acres of meadows and woodlands in North Greenbush, just across the Hudson River from Albany.

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"I always wanted to own and operate my own business. I apply my teaching skills to my in-car instruction," Lanza said. "My experience has made me a patient, knowledgeable and thorough instructor. As a former teacher, I realize that everyone learns differently." Learn to Drive School, Inc. has a wide range of students with different driving abilities. "We have students that have never driven a car and others who just need some tips before taking their road test," Lanza said.

Most people want to know how many lessons they will need. "That depends on how much driving experience they have and how well they learn," Lanza said.

*"(The practice test) gives them a sense of what the actual road test is like and what they may need to work on before they schedule the test."*

Charles Lanza

Learn to Drive offers a variety of tips: a single lesson for 45 minutes; a double lesson for 90 minutes; and finally, a three-lesson package. This includes three lessons offered at a discounted price.

"It's a good value for students who need a lot of in-car instruction," Lanza said. "Most students pick up bad driving habits from their parents and friends, and we try to break those bad habits," Lanza explained.

A student with minimal experience first learns the basics — steering the wheel correctly. Once the student masters the basics, the school then

advances to driving in traffic, three-point turns, parallel parking, and finally, the simulated road test.

"The practice test is very beneficial for students," Lanza said. "It gives them a sense of what the actual road test is like and what they may need to work on before they schedule the test."

Learn to Drive School, Inc. also offers the five-hour pre-licensing course. This is mandated by the state of New York and must be completed before a student can schedule a road test at the Department of Motor Vehicles. Learn to Drive teaches the five-hour pre-licensing course on Saturdays and Mondays.

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## Loudonville Christian combines strong academics with the spiritual

By KATHERINE McCARTHY

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**L**ocated in Loudonville, the Loudonville Christian School is a pre-kindergarten-through grade-12 school that sends its accomplished graduates to many places in the world.

"In 2006, our graduates won a total of \$1.3 million dollars in scholarships," said the school's principal, Katie Hills. "We offer a New York state Regents diploma program, and have many strong AP courses and offer college courses through SUNY."

Hills praised the school's guidance and placement office. "We have a good reputation with local colleges," she said. "Students have gone to Albany College of Pharmacy, to Siena's medical program, where they will go directly to Albany Medical College, and to the University of Buffalo."

Loudonville Christian School started as a nursery school in 1955, and had its first high school graduating class in 1999. It is a ministry of the Loudonville Community Church, but Hills said that the church doesn't govern the school.

"We have about 340 students," she said. "Our mission is to partner with Christian parents to provide a strong academic program with Christianity with an evangelical view," Hills said. "Our goal is to launch our grads into the best university with a sense of our Lord. We offer them a good academic foundation with a Biblical perspective."

The emphasis, Hills said, is on seeing the student as a whole student. The small size helps, she said.

"We have about 33 seniors," she said.

"The student/teacher ratio helps, and is a big influence in the lower school. That's the heart of the school."

Hills also pointed out that the students at Loudonville Christian School do well academically.

"Our girls volleyball team was third in the state in 2006-07," Hills said. "We play in section 2, class D because we're small, but our teams are really doing well."

Tuition at Loudonville Christian School is \$5,440 in the lower school; \$6,655 in the middle school and \$7,580 in the high school.

Hills was at the Albany Academy for Girls before she came to Loudonville Christian School. "I'm in my fourth year here," she said. "It's a great school with small classes and great academics. I'm pleased to be part of it."

For information about Loudonville Christian School, call 434-6051, or visit [www.lcs.org](http://www.lcs.org).

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## SUNYIT sets enrollment record

College plans two new buildings, new programs

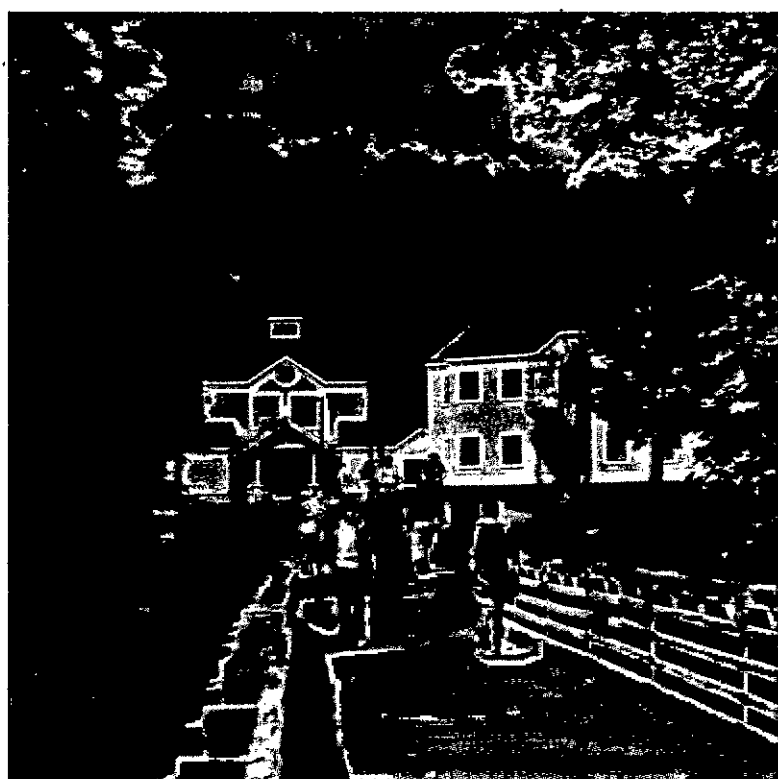
**W**ith fall 2007 enrollment setting a 25-year record, SUNYIT is poised for continued growth in 2008.

"There is increased interest in SUNYIT as a choice for college-bound students across the region," said Peter A. Spina, president. "With a growing campus — both in terms of our infrastructure and our academic offerings — it stands to reason that more and more students are choosing us."

The campus completed a multi-million dollar building renovation last year, launched a \$1 million campus-wide wireless system available to students, faculty, staff and visitors, and is planning to break ground in 2008-2009 on two new buildings: a \$13 million student center and a \$20 million sports complex. A new master of business administration program and a criminal justice major will be launched in 2008, and a number of new undergraduate and graduate degree programs are being developed.

SUNYIT, the State University of New York Institute of Technology, is SUNY's only institute of technology. More than 2,800 students are enrolled in undergraduate and graduate degree programs in technology, professional studies and the liberal arts on the SUNYIT campus, a high-tech learning environment on more than 800 acres in Marcy, Oneida County, minutes from Thruway Exit 31, Utica. SUNYIT students come from all over New York, many other states and more than 20 other nations; a growing number of students are enrolled in online courses and degree programs.

SUNYIT's undergraduate degree majors/programs include: accounting, applied mathematics, applied mathematics/electrical engineering, business, civil engineering technology, communication and information de-



The SUNYIT campus covers more than 800 acres in Marcy, Oneida County. Submitted photo

sign, computer engineering technology, computer and information science, computer information systems, criminal justice, electrical engineering, electrical engineering technology, finance, general studies, health information management, health services management, industrial engineering technology, mechanical engineering technology, nursing, psychology, sociology and telecommunications.

Graduate degree programs are: MBA in health services management; MBA in technology management; master of science degree programs in accountancy; advanced technology; applied sociology; computer and information science; health services administration; information design and technology; and telecommunications; and master of science programs in nursing: adult nurse practitioner; family nurse practitioner; gerontological nurse practitioner; nursing administration; and nursing education. Accelerated BS/MS options are available in computer science, nursing, and telecommunications.

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Open House, a daylong program for prospective students and parents, will be held Saturday, April 5. For information, visit [www.sunyit.edu](http://www.sunyit.edu).

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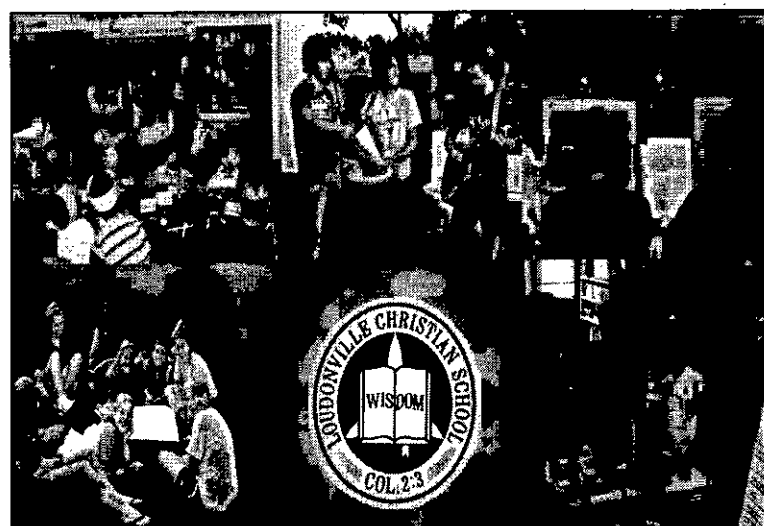
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# St. Gregory's School offers unique experience for boys

By ROSS MARVIN

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According to Fran Foley, headmaster of St. Gregory's School for Boys, the school offers a specific method of teaching that sometimes goes overlooked in traditional co-ed schools.

"We offer a unique opportunity for boys because we gear our curriculum specifically toward the way boys learn," said Foley.

*"It's important that our students learn how to reach out in the community. It's about the spirit of giving, and our parents have been willing to be generous with their time as well."*

Fran Foley

Students enjoy two short recess periods and take classes in multiple classroom locations. Saint Gregory's is a Catholic, independent school. As an independent school, a board of trustees, made up of parents, alumni and community leaders, sets its policies. The school has a current enrollment of 155 students.

Founded in 1962, St. Gregory's School is located on 22 acres in Loudonville and serves students from many surrounding communities.

The school's fundamental principles are academic excellence, Christian values and leadership skills. Small class sizes, individual attention and advanced courses are offered. Saint Gregory's accepts boys and girls ages 3 to 6 in its nursery-through-kindergarten program, and boys in grades one through eight.

In order to put those principles to work, St. Gregory's has been filling its classrooms with cutting-edge technology. Each classroom is now equipped with a Toshiba Tablet. Equal parts spiral notebook and computer, the Tablet can be used like a regular computer with a keyboard, or it can be written on with a digital pen. The Tablet recognizes individual handwriting styles. Faculty members currently use the Tablets, but Foley said he hopes that in the near future, all students in grades five through eight will have their own Tablet.

In other technological improvements, St. Gregory's also developed a new Web site, [www.saintgregoryschool.org](http://www.saintgregoryschool.org).

"We think the Web site does a good job letting people know what we're all about," said Foley.

St. Gregory's also instills the importance of maintaining a personal touch in the midst of a technological world.

Students are taught the importance of community involvement through a variety of outreach programs. In recent years, students have volunteered their time at food pantries, nursing homes and hospitals.

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Parents are also an important part of the St. Gregory's community. Parents are encouraged to participate in their child's education through extended at-home activities, support of good work habits and study skills, and frequent contact with teachers.

The dedicated faculty of Saint Gregory's School consists of highly trained educators who stay in-

formed of current trends in their ever-changing fields. Faculty continually updates and integrates materials, methods and themes to fit the needs of the students.

Saint Gregory's is a nonprofit independent school and is funded only by tuition revenue and by charitable contributions. The school is in the middle of several fundraising campaigns, including the Cornerstone Campaign, which aims to make improvements to the school's physical plant. The successful campaign

recently financed new carpeting for the school. Foley said he hopes the fund will continue to grow to help with maintenance and repair costs.

Foley said that with the help of generous donors, St. Gregory's will continue to espouse its motto, "To learn. To achieve. To grow," long into the future.

For information about St. Gregory's School, call 785-6621 or visit the Web site, [www.saintgregoryschool.org](http://www.saintgregoryschool.org).

## Glenmont Job Corps offers career-training alternatives

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In an ongoing effort to expand job training and academic services to Columbia and Greene counties, the Glenmont Job Corps Academy will be facilitating weekly orientation/information sessions, which began Jan. 15 in Hudson.

Orientation sessions will be held every Tuesday, from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Time & Space Limited, located at 434 Columbia St. in downtown Hudson.

"We look forward to working with Job Corps and we support their outreach into our community. Their quality training programs offer young adults access to the latest skills that today's jobs require. We are eager to partner with them at TSL (Time & Space Limited)," said Linda Mussman of TSL.

The Glenmont Job Corps Academy is one of 122 Job Corps centers in the country that provides academic and vocational training to

young adults ages 16 to 24. At the Glenmont campus, students can choose to enter one of the following career tracks: nursing assistant, medical office support, culinary arts, auto mechanics, business technology and facility maintenance. The Academy also assists graduates with obtaining jobs in their chosen fields upon completion of the program.

The Academy is located in Glenmont and provides 340 students

with hands-on job training, academic programs toward obtaining a GED or high school diploma, and job and college placement services. Additional benefits include medical care, a bi-weekly living allowance, and a

transitional allowance upon graduation. Students can live at home or on campus.

To register for the weekly orientation nearest you, call 767-9371. For information about the center and the career training offered, visit the Glenmont Job Corps Web site at <http://bostonregion.jobcorps.gov>.



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# Local classes foster lifelong learning

**H**ILL (The Bethlehem Humanities Institute for Lifelong Learning) is in its 15th year of offering university level classes, taught by area university faculty, to residents of Bethlehem and the Capital District. Again, this semester is dedicated to Fred and Helen Adler, the founders of the HILL program, and to all of the former and current HILL committee members who volunteered their time and expertise in making HILL the great program it is today. Following is a list of upcoming classes, which take place for six weeks.

The fee for each course is \$35 for Bethlehem residents and \$45 for nonresidents. All HILL classes will be held at Delmar Reformed Church.

Additional details and a registration form will be included in Bethlehem Central School District's "Continuing Education Spring 2008 Schedule," which will be mailed to district residents this week. For information, visit [www.timesunion.com/communities/HILL](http://www.timesunion.com/communities/HILL) or call 439-9622 or 439-6017 or 439-4559.

• **MONDAYS**, beginning Feb. 25, 10 a.m. to noon. "The CIA and the Art of Intelligence," taught by Thomas Lobe, professor of comparative politics and international politics at Union College. The lecture series will focus on the U.S. and its intelligence community, as it has evolved from the OSS to the creation and build-up of the CIA during the Cold War. The series will examine new challenges facing the U.S. and the intelligence world, with a focus on reaction to 9/11.

• **MONDAYS**, beginning Feb. 25, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

"Women and Politics in the

Muslim World" taught by Michele Penner Angrist, assistant professor of political science at Union College.

The course will examine how politics and women intersect across the Muslim world. The course will cover the Arab world, Turkey and Iran, exploring competing explanations of women's varying status in the region — including the roles of Islam, tribalism and patriarchy, economic development and foreign intervention and influence.

• **TUESDAYS**, beginning March 4, 10 a.m. to noon.

• **TCHAIKOVSKY**: Transcending the Popularity of the 1812 Overture" taught by Ann-Marie Baker Schwartz, director of and

violinist with the chamber ensemble, Musicians of Ma'alwyck; director of the Siena College Music Series.

The course will examine Tchaikovsky's important works, and attempt to discover why he is often categorized as a merely popular composer and not a significant one. The class will offer a glimpse into the musical world of Russia during the second half of the 19th century.

• **WEDNESDAYS**, beginning Feb. 27, 1:30-3:30 p.m. "Spring Sampler," a six-lecture series by specialists on Wednesdays, beginning Feb. 27, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m., consists of the following:

• Helen Desfosses, Albany. "Critical Issues in New York State Politics"  
• Andrew Feffer, Union College. "Power over the Past: What Hollywood Films Teach Us About American History"  
• David Baum, Union College. "The

World Before Luther: Renaissance Man, the Measure of All Things"

• Alethia Jones, UAlbany. "Immigrant Rights as Bureaucratic Politics"

• Ed Dague, broadcast journalist. "Media Responsibilities and Obligations in a Republic"

• Sheldon Solomon, Skidmore College. "Neurosis and Human Growth: The Life and Work of Karen Horney."

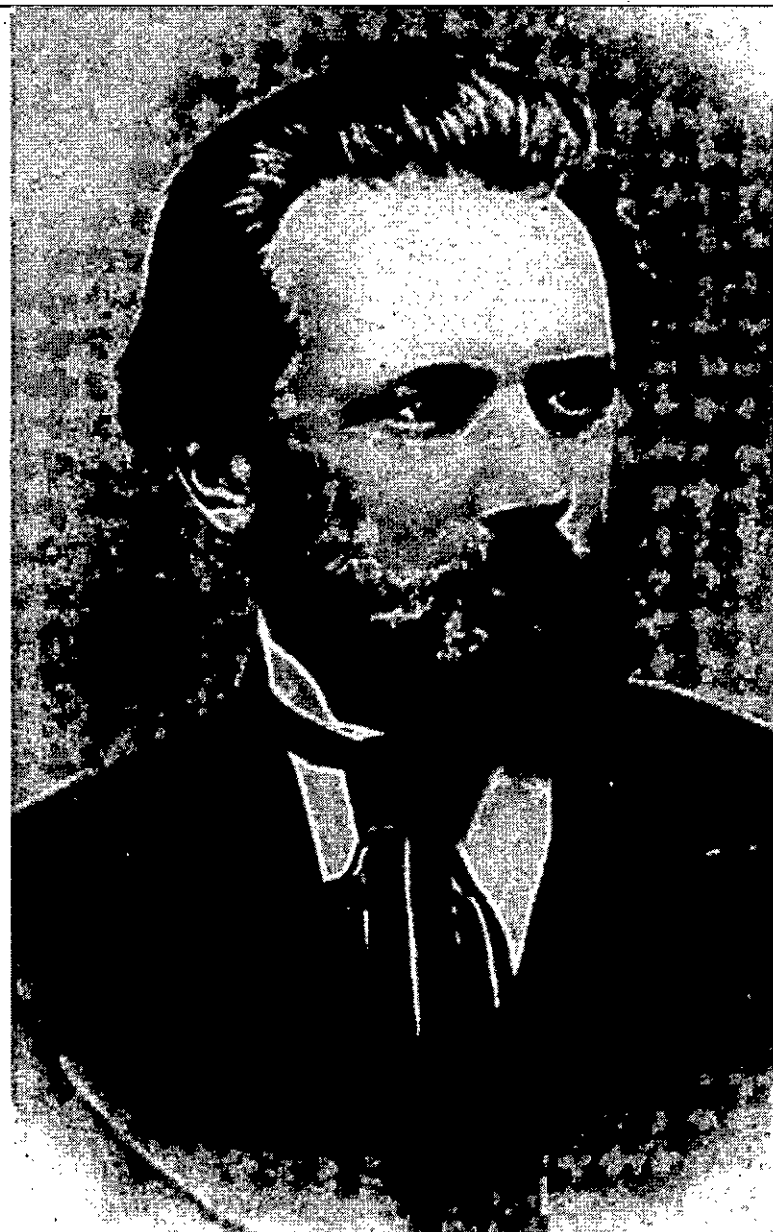
• **THURSDAYS**, beginning Feb. 28, 1:30 to 3 p.m.

"The World Since 1900 — A Different Perspective"

Steven Leibo, professor of international history and politics at The Sage Colleges, will put developments in the United States in the context of 20th-century world history. The class will emphasize the relationship between various ethnic and national groups within 20th century national state and during European colonization of the Third World. Majority/minority relationships, social movements and the impact of industrialization on the planet will be discussed.

Tchaikovsky in 1879, age 39.

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## Mildred Elley addresses parents' questions

By **GEORGE CHAKMAKAS**

*The writer is director of admissions at Mildred Elley.*

**I**t is a common fact that a student's success in the classroom is directly correlated with the parents' involvement and support in the entire college process. From choosing the right program to admissions and financial aid, there are many overwhelming factors that can discourage a student from pursuing their educational goals. With the following helpful information, you can help ease your

child through the college process.

Here are some of the top questions parents ask about the college enrollment process and insightful answers.

### 1. How do I know I have the right school for my child?

Every student excels in different learning environments. You and your child will have to recognize what environment works best. Some factors to consider include population size, student/teacher ratios, majors and job placement.

Here's an example of one of my students, who we'll call Todd. Before coming to Mildred Elley,

Todd attended a nearby college with a very large student population. Todd was having trouble in math and got a D in the class. After realizing he needed more one-on-one attention, Todd transferred to Mildred Elley, since our student population is smaller. This enabled him to get an A in the same level math class. Not every student needs one-on-one attention, but choosing the best learning environment will enable you to choose the right school.

### 2. How can I afford college?

This is the No. 1 question ... and for good reason. In addition to buying a home, college is one of the most expensive investments anyone will make. The good news is there are massive amounts of support for paying for college.

The first place to look is your savings account. Should there not be enough saved for college tuition and fees, any college's financial aid office can walk you through the variety of programs available.

There are various loans, grants, scholarships, and community and company-sponsored programs available. Low-interest student loans can be taken out in the parents' or student's name. Not only do these help pay for school, they do wonders on your credit report and have many tax benefits. Grants are free money that does not need to be paid back. There are also countless scholarship opportunities. I've seen many cases where a student's tuition and fees are almost all or completely paid for by grants and scholarships.

### 3. What's the difference between a college like Mildred Elley and a traditional college?

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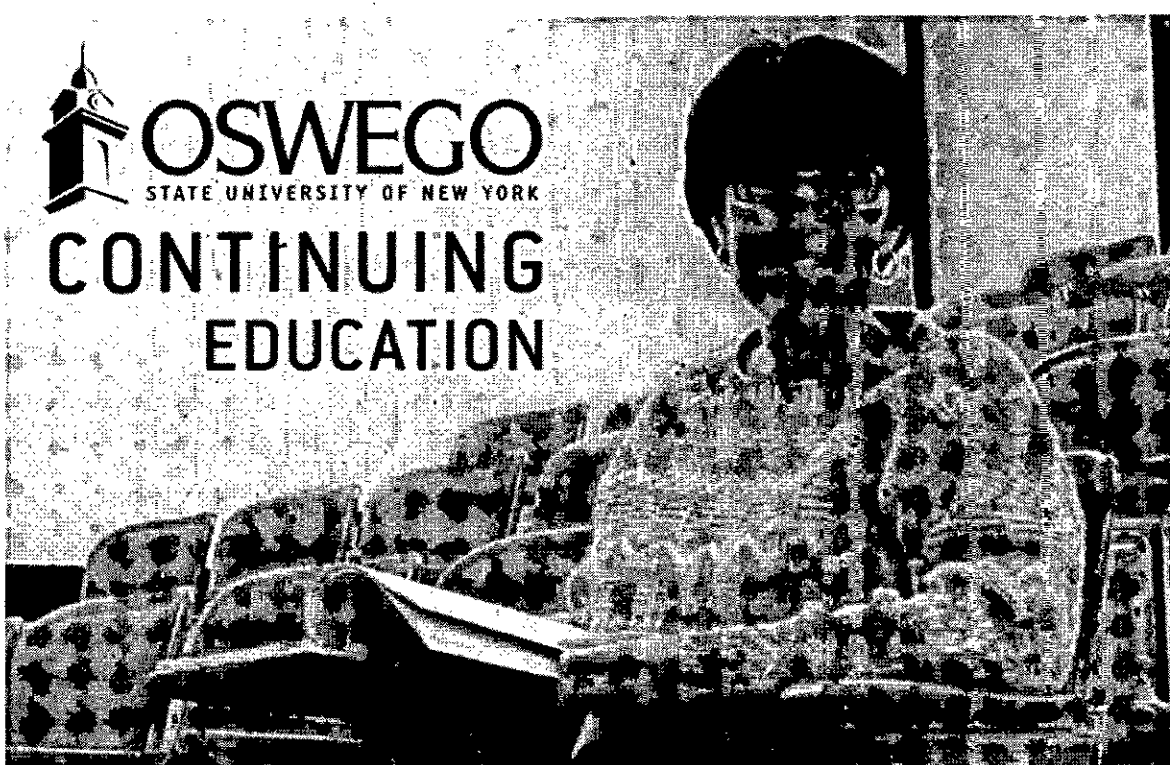
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SUNY Oswego's Division of Continuing Education offers an innovative, flexible approach to education.

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career college, which focuses more on hands-on training and practical skills and less on liberal arts and other classes not related to the career. Traditional colleges teach more theory, liberal arts and classes geared to giving a broad perspective.

#### 4. Can credits earned be transferred from college to college?

It is very common to have students transfer from one college to another. However, each college has its own transfer policy on how many credits it can accept as well as what classes can qualify to be transferred. The best thing to do is present college transcripts to the college you want to transfer into and get their results. Most colleges, including Mildred Elley, have articulation agreements with other institutions. This means that you can take a program at one college and transfer seamlessly into the next grade up at a higher-level college, having all credits transfer.

#### 5. Does it take longer to graduate in evening or weekend classes?

In most cases, it does not take longer to graduate. It is almost a luxury to be able to attend classes during evening or weekend hours because of its convenience. Many colleges, including Mildred Elley, offer evening and weekend programs that finish in the same length of time as day programs. Not all colleges offer this convenience, however, because there can be a waiting period before the next class is available. Research your college of choice to find out their session offerings.

Hopefully, these tips will assist you and your child in getting through the college process in a worry-free way. Good luck in your



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# Art from around the world

## Loudonville store features unique collectibles and baubles

Since opening its doors last November, Art in Design in Newtonville Plaza is beginning to realize what sells and what doesn't.

the Roman Glass jewelry moves quick, one of a kind center pieces sell as well as their collection of beads, not your box craft store sort of beads, but beads that have, enthusiasts making day trips out of the eclectic store.

Storeowners Peter and Yona Ilani have already began circulation certain works, of artists, potters and silversmiths from around the world.

Through years of collaboration with artists throughout the world, Peter and Yona of Rhinebeck have brought their connections and collections of classic and contemporary art to Loudonville.

No more than three days after opening, several items at the Art in Design store had been sold. They are irreplaceable, one-of-a-kind works of art that have their roots in Germany, South Africa, Turkey and Israel. Some works incorporate classic design into modern media and others use semi-precious stones and metals,

and in one artist's jewelry -- Roman glass. A common artifact to come by in the couple's home country, Israel.

"I still like the fact that we are very different because we have a collection you can't get anywhere else," said Peter.

Yona and Peter, a former sort of trade-show-gypsy, moved to Rhinebeck from New York City nearly four years ago and to New York City from Israel in 1975. Both served in the Israeli military during the Yom Kippur War. Peter served his mandatory three years; Yona went on to become an officer.

They both kept art close in their hearts. After years of trade shows and traveling the world and occasional trips back home to Israel, they wanted a place to share their passion. Yona brought her beads and Peter sought crafts and jewelry from across the globe.

"When we first opened we didn't know our customers," said Yona.

Now they are begging to make the connection. They are taking on more sculptures and Yona's bead classes are slowly gaining momentum with several coming to the store to design one of a kind bead necklaces or jewelry. Loudonville, and the area is proving to have its respectable population of people looking for unique gifts or conversational pieces at their homes. Each of the works has a designer, a

culture and a story. And Yona and Peter know them all.

The two knew they wanted to set up shop near Albany because of its size and population. They scoured commercial and retail sites for two years before landing at Newton Plaza.

Peter use to come to Albany three to four time a year as part of his trade shows. Yona became known for her beads. Not one of them is plastic, and it isn't uncommon for a strand to run \$85 dollars. They are crafted from rare stones and minerals found throughout the world. Others are glass or forged from steel, gold or silver. These are not novice beads, she said. Peter's background is in photography. Yona's background is in painting, interior design and beading.

The beads cover the entire rear portion of the store.

The collection looks expensive, both said. Some items are, but most people would expect to pay a lot more for sterling silver jewelry set with 2,000-year-old glass forged by Romans while Jerusalem was under their control. They try to keep their prices equitable so as to attract new customers and to be able to clear some room for pieces and artists they have had their eyes on. The two have taken up a small Valentine's Day collection for shoppers. But, chances are you'll be walking out with more than a heart bracelet or necklace. And if you don't you'll be back, almost all who visit the store have done so, they said.

Art in Design is open weekdays 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. The store is located in Newton Plaza on the east side of Loudon Road.



Capital Upholstery staff, from left: Diane Wozmak, sales/decorator; Michael Sirois, proprietor/upholsterer; Tiffany Lacy, upholsterer; Patricia Stempel, seamstress.

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## Capital Upholstery known for quality

Capital Upholstery, widely known for its top quality workmanship, is announcing its 20th anniversary. Formed in 1987 by Michael and Adrienne Sirois, it is a small, but thriving business located in New Salem in the Town of New Scotland.

Michael, a seasoned professional in his field and his wife Adrienne, an experienced sales associate with an eye for color, began the company with the goal of providing good service and customer satisfaction. As the business grew more workers were needed. The company now employs a seamstress, upholstery assistants, a decorating consultant and delivery personnel. Capital Upholstery offers both residential and commercial custom reupholstery and window treatments to area residents. Many local interior decorators also use the professional services of Capital Upholstery. Being in business for 20 years means they have had the opportunity to work with many of their clients again and again as they decorate and redecorate their homes.

"We have done work in many of the Capital District's most beautiful homes. We work with some great people," said Michael. "It's never boring. Although we don't specialize per se, we do a great deal of antique pieces. Our customers take pride in their family heirlooms and they want to keep them in excellent condition."

When furniture is reupholstered, frames are re-glued, the springs are re-tied and padding is added before the new fabric. Finally they are recovered to look "showroom new." Diane Wozniak, their experienced

decorating consultant, has been with Capital Upholstery for almost 14 years. She will visit your home to give you a free estimate and assist you with fabric selection and design ideas for your furniture. She also creates beautifully designed custom window treatments.

"After seeing the furniture and windows and discussing the decorating goals of the customer, make fabric recommendations based on their wants and needs, and their idea of color and design," Wozniak said.

She explains that her purpose is to educate clients on what is appropriate and to guide them away from a design error so they end up with choices they love.

"It can be a daunting process to choose fabrics," she said "so I try putting people at ease. It should be fun."

The company offers an extensive line of quality fabrics, including Kravet, Robert Allen, Fabricut, Duralee and Artmark. Wozniak's artistic eye and extensive product knowledge give her the expertise to help clients successfully navigate the many choices available. The end result is the room you envisioned. It's all about makeovers at Capital Upholstery.

"We've refurbished pieces that some would think are ready for the trash," explains Mike Sirois. "But as long as the frame is good hardwood and it has coil springs we can work wonders. We've done some amazing transformations. Being in business for 20 years says a lot about a company. And we have our many loyal customers to thank for that."

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A new line of Pella wood entry doors was just introduced to provide both decorative and practical functions. To boot, installing the doors will instantly upgrade

your entire home.

"Studies show that a house with a new front door has far more curb appeal than the exact same house with an unattractive door," said Steven Stiansen, general manager. "That's also a big plus if you're thinking of selling your house in the future."

As far as safety, Stiansen said people still opt for the side windows, or windows on the doors, but there's also advanced technology for ensuring the doors won't provide access for break-ins.

"The doors are fiberglass, and have a three-point entrance lock, with deadbolts on the top, middle and bottom," said Stiansen. "It's far more secure; you couldn't get past these doors with a crowbar."

Squelch the urge to add a new

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Steven Stiansen

door and then paint it a vibrant color to match the shutters on your house; the new designs feature natural-looking wood stains.

"The doors are fiberglass, but they're made to mimic a wood grain," said Stiansen. "With the fiberglass, you won't get the warping that comes hand-in-hand with a wooden door. With sufficient overhang protecting it from the elements, they require almost no maintenance."

As for home windows, bay windows are still popular, but you won't find a tangle of cords and plastic pulley systems to

open and shut heavy drapes today. Instead, windows come with mini-pleated shades that are cordless, adjusted by a simple lever.

"It's a self-contained unit," said Stiansen. "Vertical blinds are out. You don't want to cover up the nice wood trim around the windows with curtains and valances, either."

Skylights are also appealing to people, but Stiansen recommends they be put in place during a new home's construction, rather than added afterwards with a do-it-yourself kit.

"There are just so many risks with putting a hole in your roof," he said. "People also frequently find they ice up and get covered in snow. Skylights are much more

popular in the south."

Pella patio doors come in sliding and hinged varieties, and again, security is a priority.

"We have foot bolts, which are essentially dead bolts for the sliding door," said Stiansen. "We really don't want to see people wedging a broom handle in the bottom of the sliding glass door frame to feel secure."

Despite all the advances, one thing that won't change about all varieties of windows is that they need frequent washing, and that's something that needs to be done by hand.

"They haven't come up with a self-scrubbing window," said Stiansen. "But we do have tilt features that tilt the windows into the house, so at least you don't have to climb up a ladder to reach windows on the second floor."

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Carbone's carried a complete line of Bigelow, Downs, Cabin Craft and Aldon's carpets, and his mechanics were factory trained.

Shortly after that, the store added area rugs and vinyl flooring.

Presently, Carbone's offers broadloom carpets by Karastan,

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And, the store carries laminates and more than 200 halls of rolled runner-for stairs.

Carbone's also features truck-mounted steam cleaners for home and area rug cleaning.

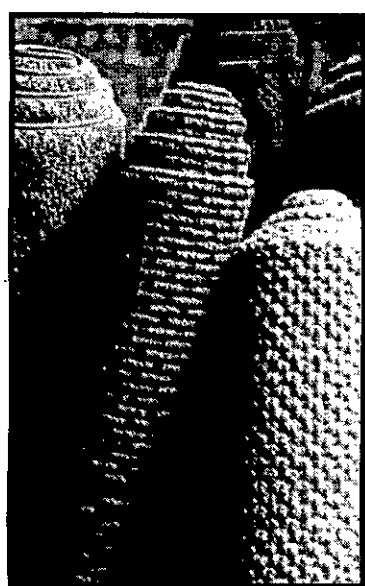
Carbone is still active in his business, but he does go to Florida

for the winter.

The staff is knowledgeable, courteous and eager to assist customers with the selections available.

Carbone's Carpets invites customers to celebrate its 53rd birthday with sale prices on Karastan through February.

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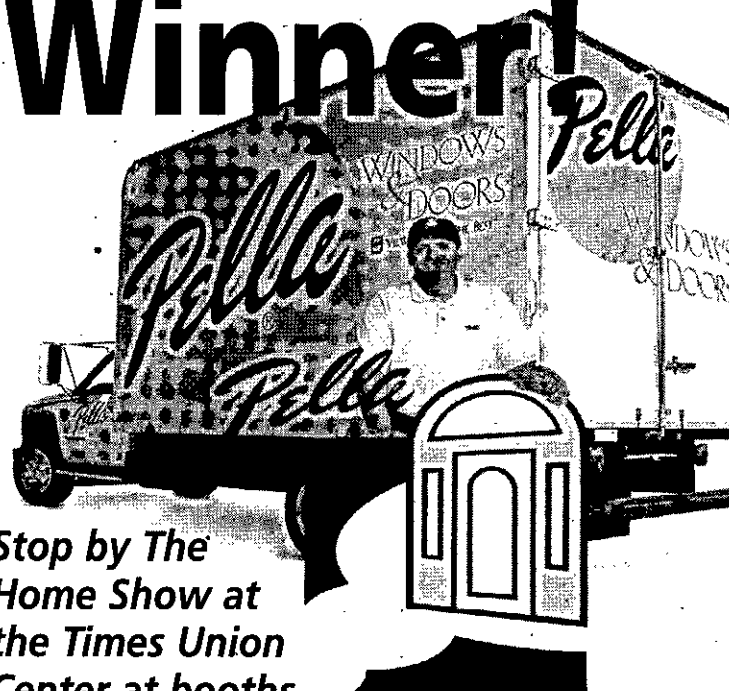
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# Crisafulli Brothers to give back in February

By WILLIAM R. DEVOE

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Crisafulli Bros. Plumbing, and Heating Contractors, Inc., founded in 1939, now spans three generations and is one of the largest mechanical service firms in the Capital District. The company provides plumbing, heating and air conditioning design, installation, service and scheduled maintenance to residential and commercial clientele. Crisafulli Bros' commitment to providing customers with the highest quality of service and products available has enabled them to become a leader in the industry.

Crisafulli Bros. employs more than 40 trained and competent technicians to answer almost every customer's needs.

Andrea Russo, president of Crisafulli Bros., has made a commitment to having all of their heating, ventilating, and air conditioning (HVAC) technicians North American Technician Excellence (NATE) certified. The certification means Crisafulli Bros' 16 HVAC service people and installation technicians are educated in energy efficient practices and able to work on energy-saving equipment.

"NATE certification is the most stringent certification in the industry," said Russo. "Our goal is to be the first company of our size to be 100 percent NATE certified."

Russo said the family atmosphere among Crisafulli Bros' employees develops better customer service. There is a strong team approach from management on down, Russo said.

"The way we treat our employees — that's the way they are going to treat our customers," she said.

And to Russo, the "customer base is the entire community," and Crisafulli Bros. enjoys giving back to the communities it serves.

To that end, Russo said that Crisafulli Bros. will donate \$5 from every plumbing and heating service performed in February to the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, a pediatric treatment and research facility.

"I've never done anything like this before," said Russo. "The staff is very excited."

Crisafulli Bros. staffers also will work the St. Jude telethon, which airs March 2 on channel 6, WRGB.

"We're so excited to be part of that," she said. "We wanted to give back to the community."

Last year, Crisafulli Bros. did heating and plumbing work on a home featured on the television show, "Extreme Makeover: Home Edition."

"We did that house and it just felt really good," Russo said. "It was great for the morale of our staff and really built a sense of cohesion in our employees."

Starting this year, Crisafulli Bros. will reach out to the community through its Web site, [www.crisbro.com](http://www.crisbro.com), by offering online specials and tips for conserving energy and maintaining the heating and plumbing systems in their homes.

"I think folks are very cognizant of the cost of energy," said Russo, "and if we can use our Web site as a tool to reach out to the community to offer



Winter is an ideal time to start sprucing up your interior. One of the easiest, least expensive ways to give a room a new look and feel is with paint.

## Give your room a 2008 look with the hottest trends

Are you ready to get a jump start on discovering 2008's hottest decorating and paint color trends? Winter is an ideal time to start planning your interior decorating spruce ups. And one of the easiest, least expensive ways to give a room a new look and feel

is with paint.

"The 2008 color forecast contains some extraordinarily vibrant, yet versatile, hues that have been inspired by everyday life," says Donna Schroeder of Dutch Boy Paints. "The depth and range of this year's most popular colors provide extensive options for adding accents to a room, changing themes and styles, or even completely re-decorating from scratch."

All of the colors in this year's forecast can be found in the Trend Palette within Dutch Boy's innovative Color Simplicity System. The five modern and stylish color themes found in the 2008 Trend Palette are as follows:

### Fashion

Whether it's a favorite blouse, scarf or dress, find inspiration in your own fashionable favorites and dress your home in color. This year's Fashion palette was influenced by saturated Art Nouveau colors and graphic Deco patterns.

Colors in the Fashion palette include the following: Roaring 20s, Gazette Gold, Champagne Punch, Nouveau Riche, Deco Detail, Floral Applique, Jade Brooch and Paris Metro Station.

### Nature

The beauty and wonder that comes from the natural world can be a great place to derive inspiration. By using colors and textures from the great outdoors, you can create your own scenic landscape in the comfort of your own living room.

Colors in the Nature palette include the following: Leafy Glimmer, Brown Noddy, Red Clover Blossom, Dark Forest, Hen House, Haven White, Purple Loosestrife and Patina Verdigris.

### Culinary

Have you ever strolled past a bakery mesmerized by the brightly colored pastries adorned with intricate details? Food can have an emotional connection for many people, stimulating the senses, including sight. So, why not bring some of these culinary inspirations into your home decor with the Culinary palette?

Colors in the Culinary palette include: A La Carte, Gazpacho, Pink Chenna, Worn Avocado, Dining Alfresco, Phyllo, Sous Chef and Chopping Block.

### Travel

Think distant lands and exotic destinations. The Travel palette takes its cue from faraway locales and memories of times past. Bring your own journeys home by displaying your travel treasures against richly colored walls.

Colors in the Travel palette include the following: African Sunset, Elephant Watch, Victoria Falls, Slouch Hat, Soukous, Cheerah Spots, Kwaito and Open Savannah.

### Art

Do you have a favorite piece of artwork? If you're someone who appreciates the classics like Monet or Renoir, focus on adding more "lifelike" colors to the home -- like blues and neutrals. For a more contemporary look, embrace more unique, energetic colors for an abstract experience.

Colors in the Art palette include the following: Minimalist Cream, Picasso's Blue Period, Skandi, Bartel Blue, Blue Tape, Impressionist Blue and Canvas Sky.

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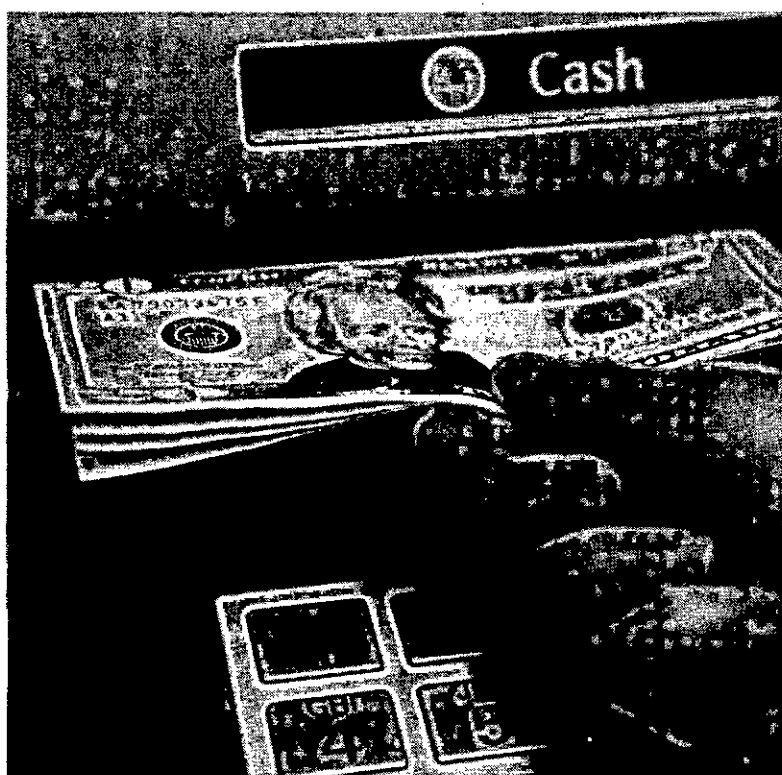


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Millions of Americans now do their banking online or through ATMs, rather than in person, because it gives them convenient 24-hour access to their funds. But an average ATM fee for non-account-holders is about \$1.78, according to Bankrate.com's 2007 Checking Study.

## Bank convenience grows, but at what cost?

When was the last time you actually stepped into your local bank branch? Can't remember? You're not alone. Millions of Americans now do their banking online or through ATMs, rather than in person, because it gives them convenient 24-hour access to their funds.

But this convenience comes with a cost - sometimes a very high cost.

An average ATM fee for non-account-holders is about \$1.78, according to Bankrate.com's 2007 Checking Study. Add to that the fee your own bank may charge for using an ATM they don't own, and you can pay close to \$5 in fees for that \$20 cash withdrawal you just made. Additionally, some banks charge for online banking privileges. Nearly 80 million Americans now bank online, according to eMarketer.

"In many ways, technology has proven to be a windfall for the banking industry," says Todd Sipe, president and CEO of Thrivent Financial Bank. "Consumers can, however, minimize the fees and surcharges they pay to use banking technology by making smart choices and using the industry's natural competitiveness to their advantage."

Here are some tips for reducing technology-related bank surcharges:

- Not all ATM fees are created equal.

The best way to save on ATM fees is to limit your transactions to machines owned by financial institutions where you have an account. However, when you're traveling, that may not always be possible. Surcharges can vary widely - Bank of America recently announced it will charge \$3 for non-customers who make withdrawals at most of its ATMs.

Thrivent Financial Bank allows its customers to use any ATM in the world without penalty and will reimburse them for fees imposed by other banks on up to 10 transactions a month.

- Take advantage of debit card flexibility.

If it's not possible to always make cash withdrawals from ATMs owned by your bank, consider getting cash back when you make a

purchase using your debit card. Merchants from department stores to supermarkets now offer the option of getting cash back. As long as your bank doesn't charge for debit card transactions, cash back amounts to a free ATM transaction.

- Make the most of your online banking.

Online banking has surpassed ATM use and rivals phone use as a preferred method of banking for millions of Americans. In 2007, 79.7 million people used online banking and that figure is expected to climb to 101 million by 2011, according to eMarketer.

While many financial institutions charge for online bill pay, some do not. "Comparison shop for financial institutions that offer this valuable service free of charge," Sipe says. "Online bill pay is free at Thrivent Financial Bank and many other institutions."

- Learn how to avoid overdraft charges.

Before you swipe that debit card or submit your online bill payments, be sure you understand your bank's policy on overdrafts. Keep careful track of your debit card expenditures and ATM withdrawals - not tracking these transactions is a fast way to overextend yourself.

Be sure you know how your bank processes checks and check card transactions, as this may result in overdraft charges. Checks may be processed sequentially by check number, or by the amount of the transaction, first processing from smaller to larger sums or from larger to smaller sums. Also, keep in mind how long it takes your bank to process a deposit. Some can withhold deposited funds for several days. Thrivent Financial Bank makes deposited funds available in just one business day.

Find out if your bank will allow you to open a line of credit that can be linked to your checking account. That way, if you overdraw your funds, the overage can come out of the line of credit. "It's almost always cheaper to pay a little bit of interest than to pay an overdraft fee," Sipe advises.

To learn more about surcharge-free ATM transactions, free online banking and other financial products, visit [www.thriventbank.com](http://www.thriventbank.com).

# Capital Communications opens ninth branch

## Company celebrates growth with recent credit union opening in Glenmont

Capital Communications Federal Credit Union celebrated its ninth branch opening in Glenmont in January, furthering a Capital District expansion plan that began in 2007 with the merger of Excelsior Credit Union.

Construction has already begun on its 10th branch in Cohoes, which is expected to open by spring of 2008.

Capital Communications strives to give its members a unique banking experience, and this effort includes creating a branch environment that is welcoming and functional. For instance, each branch features waiting areas with a gourmet coffee bar and daily newspapers. Kids are welcome to play and watch cartoons in specially designed play areas. In addition, members can access their accounts online at a computer station, sort coins or use a copier.

"Our commitment to our members' needs drives everything we do," said Paula Stopera, President and CEO of Capital Communications. "Our expansion furthers our

commitment to being as convenient as possible for them."

Convenience is only part of the equation for member satisfaction at Capital Communications. Every interaction - whether it's in person or over the phone - is met with individual attention. Stopera went on to add, "Service is ingrained in our culture. Our employees do everything in their power to make banking with us a memorable and rewarding experience."

Backing the service commitment is an extensive product array that serves members and their families for a lifetime. In addition

to checking, savings and money market accounts, Capital Communications loan products include mortgages, home equity lines, autos and credit cards. A Young Adult Checking Account that waives ATM fees is one of several products Capital Communications offers for young adults. Children are encouraged to save through the Great Grades and Reading programs that reward school-age children for good marks

and reading. On an annual basis, the credit union awards numerous scholarships through its Capital Communications Cares Foundation.

Another key ingredient of the credit union's philosophy is having fun. Last year the credit union purchased a fully equipped ice cream truck that makes visits to participating employer groups.

"Our members just love it! It's something that we can do that's fun and brings out the kid in everyone," said Stopera.

Capital Communications also operates

CAP COM Investment Services, a subsidiary organization providing investment and insurance planning and the Capital Communications Cares Foundation which provides philanthropic support to local children and families.

For information on Capital Communications Federal Credit Union, visit [www.capcomfcu.org](http://www.capcomfcu.org) or call 458-2195.

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# First New York Federal Credit Union Builds on a solid foundation

Since 1937, First New York Federal Credit Union (originally Schenectady Teachers Federal Credit Union) has provided the community with a valuable financial resource – credit union membership.

First New York FCU is a financial cooperative that is owned by its members. Because of the not-for-profit ownership structure, the credit union gives back profits in the form of lower loan rates, higher deposit rates, less fees and better service.

Since its humble beginning with an office in the home of a Schenectady educator, the credit union has been growing. During the past 70 years, the credit union has added several branch offices to its current seven-branch network.

This past year, two new offices were opened at 424 Maple Ave. (Route 9) in Saratoga Springs and at 2 Wall St. (at New Karner Road) in Colonie. These new offices are in addition to existing offices located at 1776 Union St. in Niskayuna, 795 East Main Street in Cobleskill, 19 Glenridge Road in Glenville, 818 Central Ave. in Albany and 1879 Altamont Ave. in Rotterdam.

In addition to the seven full service branch offices, First New York FCU has not forgotten its roots in education and operates two in-school offices located in Schenectady High School and Mohonasen High School. The in-school branch

offices are run by the students and are part of the school curriculum. Employees from First New York help supervise the in-school branches and offer suggestions on how to promote the branches. The fully operational in-school branches are the only branches of its type in the Capital District.

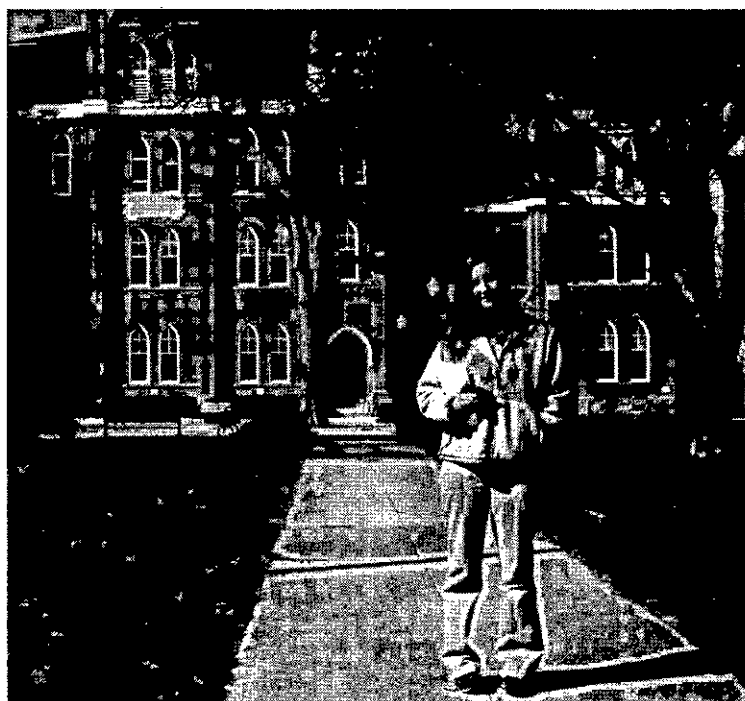
With the offices that opened in 2007, First New York FCU is building for future growth on its

solid foundation of 70 years of member service. First New York offers a wide range of products and services for individuals and small to mid-sized businesses. In addition to typical loan and deposit products, the

credit union offers all of the convenient services for today's busy consumer. Services such as online banking, online bill payment, telephone account access, extended member service access, live online help and debit cards keep members in touch with their credit union accounts wherever they may be, 24/7.

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## RealtyUSA stays strong

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We did not experience the softness that was evident in the Capital District market. We maintained our record sales level from 2006, with nearly 306 of the agents in the office recording a personal best for 2007.

With all the positive economic news regarding Bethlehem's Vista Tech Park; the potential move to Malta by Advance Micro Devices; jobs coming back to Schenectady; and the downtown revitalization, we are expecting a strong 2008.

In 2007, the Northeast was the strongest area of real estate in the country, and we expect it to remain so in 2008.

## Sunmark rolls out financial goals

A new year is here and so are the financial expectations that follow. While we're finally paying off those holiday bills and shedding those holiday pounds, we will be inundated with different marketing messages from a host of financial institutions across the area.

The thing is, what products will work best for our families?

"Everyone is looking for the best products to assist themselves and their families' financial needs," said Sunmark Federal Credit Union President and CEO Bruce Beaudette. "We look to understand our member's needs and work towards providing them with accessible and innovative products to allow them to make those sound financial decisions."

As a part of Sunmark's dedication to its members and the community in 2008, the Schenectady-based credit union is putting together a number of product and financial initiatives that will better assist area residents and their membership.

Beginning in spring, Sunmark will introduce Balance, a financial fitness program, to its membership. The credit union looks to offer this program to assist its members with managing finances, improving their credit ratings, assessing their debt-

control and a host of other financial related information to assist with those post-holiday blues.

The Balance program will also partner with Sunmark's financial education program. The program, titled "Your Path to Financial Freedom," works with low and moderate income households in expanding opportunities to establish deposit accounts, accumulate assets and instilling individuals with the confidence necessary to effectively manage their finances to create a more secure financial future.

In addition, the credit union strengthened its presence within the insurance industry over the past year, revolutionizing the way people shop for coverage for their automobiles and homes. Sunmark insurance representatives do more than just provide quotes, they take a consultative approach. Through free insurance reviews, Sunmark

*"We look to understand our member's needs and work towards providing them with accessible and innovative products to allow them to make those sound financial decisions."*

Bruce Beaudette

experts counsel consumers to help them understand the coverage they have and identify potential shortfalls, so they can make informed decisions. Representing dozens of insurance carriers, Sunmark also assists insurance shoppers in finding the best value.

"We're excited to see how successful these programs are for our members," said Beaudette. "Each year we're looking for the programs that reflect the mindset of the financial landscape and put that towards our members' needs."

While the programs have yet to be measured in their success, you can bet that Sunmark will continue to explore new avenues to address our area's financial needs.

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# SEFCU, outlook for 2008 includes growth

By Jennifer Farnsworth

From expanding their administrative office to increasing their commitment to giving back to the community, SEFCU is excited about what looks to be a prosperous 2008.

"The heart of our company is the philosophy of people helping people, we believe in that for our employees, our customers, and for the communities where we exist," said Michael J. Castellana, SEFCU's President and CEO.

Castellana said one of the aspects of the company that is growing is environmental awareness. While he said SEFCU is not an expert on "going green," they are trying to do their part by giving customer incentives to purchase environmentally friendly items ranging from electronics to windows. In 2008, SEFCU will plant 156,844 trees across New York, one for each existing mem-

ber and an additional tree for each new member who joins this year. They also plan to hold shredding days in their offices as well as offer a 25 percent discount on loans used to purchase eco-friendly vehicles. Another important change is the relationship SEFCU has recently formed with the University of Albany. Castellana said SEFCU announced a commitment to rename the university's Recreation and Convocation Center, in addition to promotional opportunities for a 10-year period. The facility, to be known as the SEFCU Arena, is the home for UAlbany's men's and women's basketball teams. In addition to sports, the SEFCU Arena will continue to expand its role as a major venue for community events and university activities. Castellana said this would allow SEFCU the opportunity to educate UAlbany faculty, staff, students, and alumni about the ben-

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Michael J. Castellana

efits of credit union membership as well as provide financial literacy programs to the community, including children from the Albany City School District who are part of the UAlbany Alliance.

Castellana said that while this country is in the midst of uncertain financial times, SEFCU is growing stronger from within the corporation and without. They are planning to open between eight to 10 branches across the state by the end of the year. SEFCU also projects they will add at least 100 jobs by the end of the year, due in part to a plan to open up administrative offices within local cities.

"We are looking at downtown Troy and downtown Schenectady as possibilities," said Castellana.

SEFCU's community involve-

ment will also be increasing this year. Castellana said, while SEFCU has always been about giving back to the community, they have made a substantial commitment to some programs that the area will be sure to see this year. In the past, their involvement has led to opening branches in neighborhoods like Arbor Hill in Albany and Hamilton Hill in Schenectady. From those branches, they use a wealth of programs to help residents achieve financial and personal success.

"We have made a commitment to be much more aggressive this year in giving back to our communities. We are very excited about what we have in store," said Castellana.

A SEFCU member is more than a customer, he or she is an owner.

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SEFCU is also proud of its recent recognition by the Times Union as the 2007 Reader's Choice for best credit union and/or bank. The Times Union reportedly said they won by a "landslide."

Established in 1937, SEFCU is among the 70 largest credit unions in the U.S. with more than \$1.4 billion in assets and over 150,000 members in upstate New York, including the Capital District. SEFCU offers 24-hour banking by phone and Internet, electronic bill payment and eStatements, investment and insurance services, and a full-range of business banking and lending services. You can learn more by contacting the call center at 452-8183 or visit [www.sefcu.com](http://www.sefcu.com).



## Tax season stress?

### How to prepare for potential bills

As the April 15 tax deadline creeps closer, many people may still be wondering: Will I owe? It may be time to take proactive steps to set aside money that can be used to cover the extra expense you may soon face.

Whether you underestimated your withholdings or experienced an unanticipated bump in income, you wouldn't be alone if you found that you owe money on your taxes. Owing a lot -- or even just a little -- can be stressful and burdensome, especially as the bill arrives while many are still paying off debts incurred during the holidays.

"The good news is, preparing to pay for a tax bill may be easier than you think," says Stephen Semprevivo, president of LowerMyBills.com. "Many people can find simple ways to save some money that can then be used to pay off any taxes they might owe. Even if you ultimately

find that you don't owe anything, you can use the money you saved to buy yourself a treat or, better yet, to put away in savings."

Here are five simple savings techniques:

1. Evaluate your entertainment expenses. Americans spend more on entertainment than they do on other vital expenses such as gas, furniture and clothing, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Entertainment is one of the easiest areas in which to find savings. How much do you spend in a month on movies, restaurants and other outings? Simply staying home and watching TV, or eating your own home-cooked meal, can create substantial savings.

2. Reduce your rates - on everything from phone bills to credit cards. You may be paying more than you need to for simple monthly expenses such as insurance, cell

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## SEFCU is giving a whole new meaning to saving some green!



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SEFCU is on a journey to make our business more eco-friendly. Are we experts on the environment? No. But we do realize that it is our responsibility to help make our communities better places to live. Look for other exciting announcements as we help raise awareness about the environment and find ways to improve our communities. To learn more about SEFCU and our eco-friendly initiatives, visit [www.sefcu.com](http://www.sefcu.com).



# Long-term care insurance has you covered

Does your financial portfolio include a long-term care insurance policy? It should. You've insured your home, your health, your car, even your life, and you've carefully planned your savings and investments. But, all of your plans could be wasted, if you or your spouse needs long-term care. Chances are greater than 50 percent that each of us will require extended care at home or in a nursing home. A recent survey stated that one in five Americans over age 50 are at risk

of needing long-term care services during the next 122 months. In our area, at an average cost of \$70,000 a year for room and board, plus drug-related supplies, it doesn't take long to wipe out a family's assets. The odds are much higher that home care will be needed rather than nursing home care, since 85 percent of long-term care occurs at home, or in the community.

Long-term care is the greatest expense that older Americans face. This is true because it is the only major health-care expense that is not covered by Medicare, Medicare supplements, or conventional group or individual health insurance. And surprisingly, 40 percent of those receiving long-term care are working-age adults, ages 18-64, due to accidents, mental conditions, AIDS, multiple sclerosis, and muscular dystrophy, etc. Long-term care insurance is the private enterprise system solution to this serious problem that threatens the financial security of Americans. It is a relatively new form of insurance that provides benefits for all levels of care, provided by home health agencies, as-

sisted living facilities, adult daycare care centers, and nursing homes. Some policies do not require home health care to be provided by a home health agency, and some even provide money to pay for home care provided by friends and family.

Long-term care insurance is available to people ages 18-99. The policies are age-related and health underwritten. So, the earlier that one purchases a policy, the lower the premiums. Another good reason for getting coverage

at an earlier age is once a serious health problem is diagnosed, you may not be able to qualify for coverage. Typical applicants are between ages 40 and 85.

People should be able to enjoy the assets they have saved when they retire. Too often, the fear of a husband or wife getting sick causes older Americans to abandon their plans, and have the quality of life they anticipated in retirement. Long-term care insurance can give you the financial security to enjoy your retirement to the fullest.

The purchase of long-term care insurance is not something you do just for yourself. You really do it for your family, you spouse, and your children. The emotional trauma of long-term care is enough to deal with. Giving your family the financial support to deal with long-term care needs is one of the most meaningful things you will ever do for them. Planning for long-term care is not just a good idea it is essential for every American, so that families retain independence and choice when care is needed.

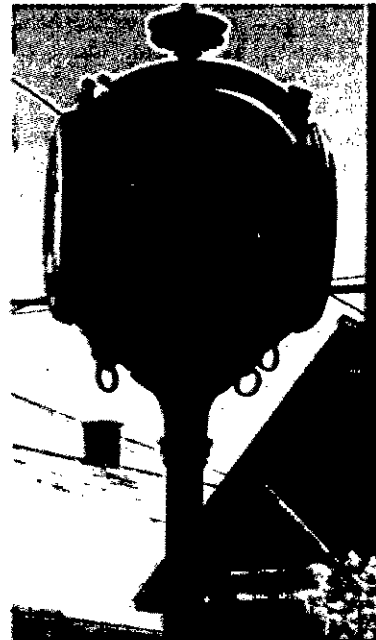


## Area's growth is a measure of group's success

The thermometer may not show it yet, but Bethlehem is HOT. It is the place for a great quality of life, with award-winning schools, great recreation and plenty of businesses to serve every need. The action-oriented Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce works hard for the community 365 days a year, and they're a big part of why the area is getting hotter all the time.

Since 1957, chamber members have represented a wide variety of employers, nonprofit organizations and committed individuals who are invested in the growth and prosperity of the community. They provide residents with any product or service they're looking for. Check out [www.bethlehemchamber.com](http://www.bethlehemchamber.com) or pick up a membership directory and support members who support the community.

With 650 members representing thousands of employees, we are the catalyst for getting things done. The chamber's influence extends beyond normal boundaries. Through the Tech Valley Chamber Coalition, we work closely with other chambers in the region, and we're active in the Chamber Alliance of New York State. A chamber isn't just a business organization - but a collaborative partner in the greater community working toward a common vision.



The year 2008 promises to be a busy one for Bethlehem. Town Supervisor Jack Cunningham kicks it off at the Chamber's Good News Breakfast. Business leaders are treated to a tour of the newly remodeled high school by Superintendent Les Loomis, and a tour of the SABIC Innovative Plastics plant by manager Christo Zemerling. Chamber Board Chairman Don Slingerland turns the gavel over to Glenmont resident Laura Wander of CDPHP - joining officers Greg Turner of Burt Anthony Associates and Shoham Piorentino of First Niagara Bank.

Special awards are presented at the Annual Dinner hosted by New

Visions in Slingerlands. Leads Groups step up efforts to recruit new members to share business leads and expertise. Reaching out to sister chambers in nearby communities, we've planned joint mixers and educational forums.

Businesses from all over the region tap into the chamber's group health and dental insurance plans to save money. For over 20 years employers have chosen Blue Shield, CDPHP, MVP and Guardian Dental coverage. Our knowledgeable staff goes above and beyond in helping members find the right coverage.

Vista Technology Park, developed in Slingerlands by BBL Construction Group is ready to bring in high-paying jobs and high-tech companies from all over the world. In Glenmont, Capital Communications FCU opened their doors to a warm welcome by the community. Eagle Elementary School opens in September, and a Citizen's Budget Committee, including chamber members, works to educate the public about school budget issues. The rail trail that runs through Bethlehem from Voorheesville to Albany is moving forward with help from Albany County Executive Michael Breslin, the Mohawk and Hudson Land Conservancy, and organizations like ours. The 5 K Delmar-Dash runs through our neighborhoods for an astonishing 20th year.

The Chamber of Commerce is a trusted convener, developing a framework to advance prosperity. What can the chamber do for you?

## Tax (From Page S17)

phones or Internet service. Sites like [LowerMyBills.com](http://LowerMyBills.com) can help you search across multiple service providers to find low rates on these and other monthly bills.

3. Spend to save - really. Unless you're willing to alienate everyone in your life, holiday gifts will always be an expense. Since you have to spend on holiday gifts anyway, do so wisely by taking advantage of seasonal sales. From post-holiday sales to Presidents' Day to Easter, the months before tax season are full of opportunities to purchase - and save on - holiday gifts for next year. Next November, when everyone

else is scrambling and spending, you will have the satisfaction of knowing your holiday shopping is done and that you saved money doing it. You can earmark those savings for paying next year's taxes.

4. Minimize your mortgage payment. Right now there's a lot in the news about adjustable rate mortgages that are resetting to higher rates - with bigger monthly payments. If you have an ARM that's about to reset, or if you just want to get better terms on your fixed-rate loan, it may be a good time to consider refinancing. Sites like [LowerMyBills.com](http://LowerMyBills.com) can help you investigate your refinancing options. Just be sure to read all the terms of your loan carefully, and if possible, consult a financial advisor or other professional.

5. Consider seeking professional

help. If you even suspect you're going to be facing a big tax bill, consider consulting a tax consultant or other financial advisor. These professionals may be able to help you find ways to trim your budget and set more money aside to pay your taxes. They may also be able to help reduce the amount you owe, or set up a payment plan with the government.

"It's never too late, or too early, to start saving and preparing for tax season," says Semprevivo. "With a few money-saving techniques, you may be able to save enough to cover your tax payments this year and put a little away to take care of next year as well."

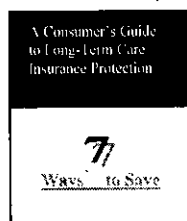
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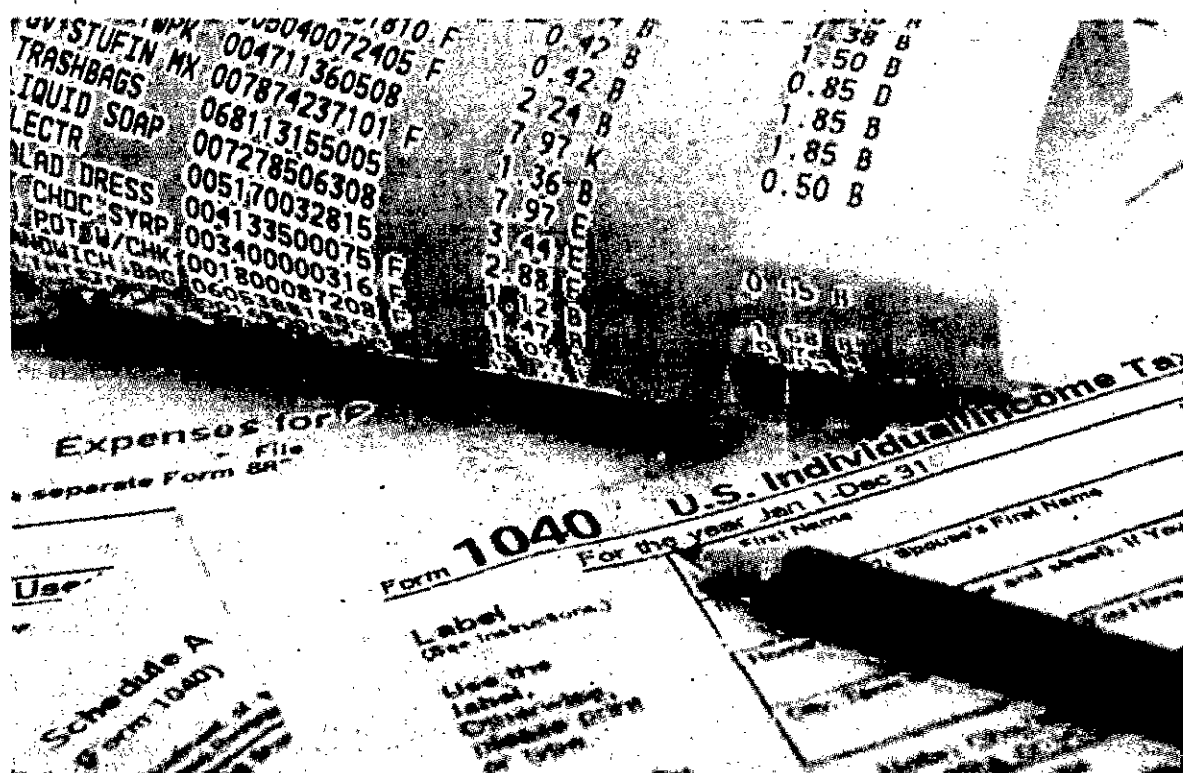
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Consider using your tax refund to improve your financial health.

## State Farm advises you to use your refund wisely

So your 1040 is filed and you are now anxiously waiting for your refund. What do you plan on doing with it? Go on that long-awaited cruise, get a new set of golf clubs or buy that wide-screen TV you've had your eye on? There are so many ways you could spend your refund but there may be better alternatives to consider.

According to the Internal Revenue Service, more than 75 percent of American taxpayers received a federal tax refund, with the average around \$2,500. It's what you do with your refund now that may create a better financial future for you and your family later on.

Instead of spending your refund this year, consider funding an Individual Retirement Account (IRA), setting up a college savings fund for a child, or paying down credit card debt. These options will help to improve your financial situation.

First on your list of priorities should be paying down any high-interest credit card debts you have incurred. By paying only the minimum each month, you may be paying just the interest (or less) on the debt and little or nothing toward the principal. Paying down the debt can free up additional money for other important financial needs.

If debt is not a problem, your tax refund could provide you an

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excellent opportunity to fund an existing IRA or establish a new one. For the 2007 tax year, you can contribute up to \$4,000 to an IRA. If you were 50 years or older by Dec. 31, 2007, you can add an additional \$1,000 to the account. Making a tax-deductible contribution to traditional IRA is an option if you are not participating in an employer-sponsored retirement plan or, if you are participating, your adjusted gross income falls within eligibility guidelines.

A Roth IRA may be a more appropriate choice, depending on your eligibility. Contributions to a Roth IRA are not tax-deductible. However, qualified distributions are received free from federal income tax. Your refund could also be used to fund a Coverdell Education Savings Account (ESA) or 529 Plan for your child. Contributions are not deductible, but withdrawals to pay qualified educational expenses are free from federal income tax.

One thing to remember after you've decided the fate of this

year's refund: The check you received is not a windfall but the return of an interest-free loan you provided the government.

Regardless of the pleasure you may get from receiving a large check each tax year, adjusting the amount withheld by Uncle Sam to reduce the amount of future refunds may be an appropriate course. You may not get a refund in April, but there may be more in each paycheck to contribute to a Coverdell ESA, 529 plan, IRA or to pay down debt throughout the year.

Take some time to consider your options before making the down payment on that cabin cruiser. The earlier you start saving for your future, the more you may have during your retirement.

If you have questions about these options and others, you owe it to yourself to contact a financial services professional that you know and trust. Your financial future may depend on it.

## Attorney specializes in elder law

### Schenectady firm helps clients navigate complicated field

What started out as a detour away from corporate law became a passion for Kathleen Toombs. She and her business partner Christina Meier founded Toombs & Meier, PLLC in October 2007 with the express purpose of focusing on Elder Law (including Health Care Proxies, Powers of Attorney, Guardianships and Wills), Medicaid Planning and Application, Trust and Estate Planning, Estate Administration and Litigation and Real Estate.

After graduating cum laude from Albany Law School of Union University in 1998 with a concentration in the field of Family and Elder law, Kate worked for firms where she honed her skills until she settled into a local firm in 2002. By 2005, Kate had become a partner there working exclusively in Elder Law. It was during this time that a well-known elder lawyer became her mentor. Kate credits him with instilling the understanding that what clients need most is the simplest, most manageable and readily understandable language in what is a very complex field. Her commitment to learning and the sharing of information with those who need it has led to Kate engaging in public speaking in a variety of formats.

When asked what she feels is the most important first step in dealing with an elder issue, Kate said, "Get good information from someone who will advocate for

you." She emphasized that a relationship with an elder attorney is much more than a legal and business relationship. Experience has proven that families need not only advocacy but compassion for the personal stress suffered during what can be a difficult time in their lives.

As a member of the New York State and County Bar Associations, her dedication to the practice of Elder Law drew her to the Estate Planning and Elder Law Committee which she has chaired since 2003. She is also a member of the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys (NAELA) and

is a frequent speaker at public and professional seminars on Elder Law and Estate and Medicaid Planning.

Kate and her husband moved to Schenectady in 1989 where she remains actively involved in the community. Her nine-year old daughter is a fourth grade student at Scotia-Glenville School and a member of the Girl Scouts for which Kate is as an assistant leader. She is an Auxiliary member of Thomas Corners Volunteer Fire Department and serves as an Elder and Property Chairperson at Trinity Presbyterian Church. She is a past Vice President and Secretary of the Board of Trustees of Historic Cherry Hill and a past Director of the Schenectady YMCA.

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# Taboo talk is important for mitigating risk

By JOE COMELLA

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Nobody likes to talk about growing old, becoming disabled, or dying. These were certainly "taboo" subjects when I was growing up; if you talked about them, you would tempt fate.

Yet, it's the not talking about them that may lead to financial strife for many couples and families. As a financial adviser, I have these conversations with my clients because there are ways to mitigate the risk of wreaking havoc on finances should something unexpected happen.

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Having a plan in place is important. Unfortunately, many people wait to "get around to it" and then life gets in the way, and they never do anything until it is too late. I don't want anyone to have to have regrets by failing to have a plan. It can mean the difference between a comfortable retirement for a surviving spouse and living in poverty after paying medical costs. It can mean that the family can meet its expenses despite the loss in income rather than the surviving spouse having to work two or three jobs to make ends meet. It can mean that children further their education versus having to support the family by working. It can mean leaving more to heirs rather than to Uncle Sam.

It can mean the ongoing survival of a business versus selling it for pennies on the dollar. In other words, it means a lot.

It is important to know for certain that you have enough insurance. If you set up your policies years ago, changes in your life and lifestyle may not be appropriately considered. Term policies at work usually end when you leave the job — are you covered at all? Because of longer life spans, the cost for life insurance has come down considerably in recent years. In fact, if you have an existing life insurance policy that you have not

had reviewed in five or more years, you may find that you might be able to get better coverage for the same cost or the same coverage at lesser cost.

As our population ages, you may have noticed an abundance of

commercials on television discussing long-term care insurance. Long-term care insurance is not just for nursing homes as some people think — it can help alleviate the cost of home care, so that an individual might remain in his/her home. Obtaining coverage at younger ages, particularly before any adverse medical conditions are present may mean significant premium savings. Protecting assets with long-term care insurance is an important part of risk-mitigation program. Lastly, if you were hurt and unable to work, how long could you/your family live on your savings? Disability insurance helps to keep finances in check. Many claimants of disability insurance are younger, active individuals.

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The Bryant family has insurance experience that spans generations.

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## Bryant Asset a family affair

Family tradition can determine whether we gravitate toward cats or dogs, coffee or tea, jazz or country. In the Bethlehem area, the Bryant family continues to mark a family tradition that has made hundreds of their neighbors happier, healthier and safer.

The Bryants — beginning with Charlie Bryant and now sons Jeff and Mark — have made a tradition of involving themselves and their insurance and financial services agency, Bryant Asset Protection, in support of a wide range of community efforts. From helping local high schools in acquiring expensive musical instruments to sponsoring the Delmar Dash road race for some 1,200 friends and neighbors for the past 20 years, the Bryant family and Bryant Asset Protection give back generously to the community that houses their Slingerlands-based business.

As one might expect from an insurance firm, much of the Bryant tradition leans just a bit toward health and safety. In the past, Bryant Asset has supported community initiatives, including safe prom night activities, purchase of defibrillators for the local community and has sponsored numerous local sports teams for young people. In addition, the Bryant family business offers a pair of scholarships for driver

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Jeff Bryant

education programs in local high schools.

Community service also means that the Bryant family members offer their own time and talent to local service organizations — a tradition begun by Charlie Bryant who served as president of the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce. Charlie's son Mark eventually succeeded him in that office. Since that time, Mark has also served as a committee member for the critical Bethlehem Comprehensive Plan in 2004 and 2005.

Jeff Bryant has concentrated his local efforts in serving as vice president of the Voorheesville Community and School Foundation. That group provides assistance via grants for educational and community needs not normally affordable in the smaller district areas. In addition, Jeff and his family are active in area Special Olympics.

"We believe that a business should be as actively involved in

the local community as possible. The people and businesses served by Bryant Asset Protection are our neighbors, our friends and our clients. We want the best for them in life and we are always going to be willing to make that effort," Jeff Bryant said.

Current Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce President Marty Delaney agrees. "Bryant Asset Protection has always been a great corporate sponsor of many Chamber programs and activities," Delaney said.

So, as hundreds, if not thousands will also agree, Bryant Asset Protection is in the hands of people who consistently offer their own hands and hearts to their community to provide not only those necessary insurance and financial services, but service to neighbors and new and old friends.



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