



NY Destinations

The New York Times

[Sculpture Park Takes Shape at the Holland Tunnel](#)

NY Times – David W. Dunlap – 3/7

The words “sculpture park” bring the rolling expanses of Orange County to mind (Storm King Art Center) or, at least, the river’s edge in Queens (Socrates Sculpture Park). They do not instantly conjure the traffic-jammed corner of Varick and Canal Streets. Americas.

timesunion.com

[Promoting Belleayre is not good for state](#)

Albany Times Union – 3/6

While Gov. Eliot Spitzer is busy with damage control, tossing a public relations bone to the ski industry, the folks of the central Catskills have a much bigger bone to pick with him. He is pushing the Belleayre Resort like a boulder up a hill.

UTICAOD.COM

[Kiwanis event Saturday](#)

Oneida Dispatch – 3/5

The Central Division Kiwanis, composed of nine clubs-Boonville, Central Adirondacks-Old Forge, Clinton, Frankfort, Lake Delta, New Hartford, Rome, Utica and Westmoreland-will host the official visit of New York State District Governor of Kiwanis J. Donald Herring on Saturday, March 8 at 7 p.m. at Dibble’s Inn, Route 5.

ROCHESTER Democrat and Chronicle.com

[Locally grown food can help balance your budget](#)

Rochester Democrat and Chronicle – Bill Ochterski – 3/4

Our food is part of a global agriculture economy. Fortunately, food is still a surprisingly small expense and we can reasonably absorb most of the increased costs. Better still, we can choose food grown locally. If the supply side gets even tighter, we can count ourselves lucky to have good farmland and farmers nearby in the Finger Lakes.

STAR-GAZETTE.COM

[NY wine business begins to sparkle brighter](#)

Elmira Star-Gazette – 3/3

Mention wine, and the first thing that comes to mind is probably not agriculture. More likely it's celebrations, toasts or a fine meal. But wine-making begins as a product of planting, cultivating and harvesting well before it gets to its final stages in the hands of the winemaker.

LOCKPORT
Union-Sun & Journal

[OUTDOORS: Don't miss the Hamburg sport show this week](#)

Lockport Union-Sun & Journal - Bill Hilts - 3/3

If you're looking to relieve some big-time cabin fever and the LOTSA Fishing Expo wasn't enough for you the last weekend in February, be sure to take in the Western New York Sport & Travel Expo at the Erie County Fairgrounds from Thursday through Sunday.

THE BUFFALO NEWS

[Harley Owners Group plans anniversary rally](#)

The Buffalo News - 3/3

The New York State Harley Owners Group will return to Niagara Falls for its 20th anniversary rally in July. Niagara Tourism and Convention Corp. announced Wednesday that the private, members-only HOG rally will be held at Seneca Niagara Casino & Hotel.

Poughkeepsie Journal.com
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[Valley strives to preserve its natural resources](#)

Poughkeepsie Journal – Sarah Bradshaw – 3/2

Geography is responsible for adding hundreds of thousands of dollars to the mid-Hudson Valley economy each year. The miles of trails, waterfront parks and protected open spaces have made the Hudson River Valley a weekend getaway destination for many of New York City's 8 million residents.

ROCHESTER
Democrat and Chronicle.com

[Visitors bring millions to local economy](#)

Democrat & Chronicle - Deborah Alexander - 3/2

With attractions ranging from the Rochester International Jazz Festival to farm stands along rural roads, tourism is a growing industry in the Rochester-Finger Lakes region, accounting for 60,000 jobs. In Monroe County alone, tourism had almost a \$900 million impact on the economy in 2006, up 10 percent from the year before, according to a study done by an independent consultant for the state's Division of Tourism.

recordonline.com
TIMES HERALD-RECORD

[Concord partner Rechler speaks up](#)

Times Herald-Record – Victor Whitman – 3/2

Over at the farmers market in Monticello, owner Ken Heins is so sure that Concord owner Louis Cappelli won't build a hotel and convention center, so sure that he won't move the racino and raceway to the Concord properties, that he has put up a makeshift poster. "Do you think the Concord will be torn down in 45 days?" the poster says.

timesunion.com

[Question Belleayre projects](#)

Albany Times Union – Fred LeBrun – 3/2

There was some movement this past week on the decades-old plan for developer Dean Gitter's proposed Belleayre Resort in the Catskills, and the much newer but related plans by the state Department of Environmental Conservation to renovate and enlarge the adjoining Belleayre Mountain, a publicly-owned ski center.

STAR-GAZETTE.COM

[Much history in Wisteria Manor](#)

Elmira Star-Gazette - 3/2

Jill Drummond passed away in December, but her creativity, love of art, and exuberant personal style live on in the historic Montour Falls mansion she named Wisteria Manor

ROCHESTER Democrat and Chronicle.com

[Kodak retiree starts Deer Run winery](#)

Rochester Democrat and Chronicle – Claudia Vargas – 3/2

Cayuga and Seneca lakes are known for their winding wine trails and picturesque vineyards, but smaller Conesus Lake has never been considered part of the wine trail grouping.

PostStar.com

[Beauty, danger mix in Adirondacks](#)

Poststar.com – Michael Virtanen – 3/2

The benign old **Adirondack** Mountains have lots of ways to kill you. They can bury you in an avalanche, drop you off a cliff, freeze your bones, drown you or bring a raging lightning storm down on your head.

The New York Times

[Glass and Grass](#)

NY Times – 3/2008 Audio slideshow

Corporate architecture in the New York region seems to age gracefully.

THE BUFFALO NEWS

[Tourism hopes ride on state budget](#)

The Buffalo News - Bill Michelmore - 3/1

A decrepit Goat Island pedestrian bridge and a leaking roof in the visitor center at Prospect Point are just two repair jobs in a \$650 million backlog in park improvements statewide, State Parks Commissioner Carol Ash said at a tourism meeting Friday.

The Daily Star

[On The Bright Side: Exhibit details students' trek](#)

Oneonta Daily Star – Patricia Breakey – 3/1

An exhibit of photographs and journal entries documenting a 200-mile "Mountaintop to Tap" trek opens at 3 p.m. Saturday at Catskill Center's Erpf Gallery in Arkville. In July, 12 high school students from Sidney High School and the New York Harbor School in Brooklyn traveled the route New York City's drinking water supply follows from the Catskill Mountains to New York City.

[A soap and scented candles company in Canandaigua New York ...](#)

PR-USA.net (press release) – 3/2008

Wick-edly Sent, a natural soap and [scented candles](#) company in the Finger Lakes of Upstate New York, just released their new website design. The company features hand made olive oil soaps, all natural bath and body, including sulfate free [body wash](#), shea and olive body lotions, and much more in personal care.



[NYC Shops Cater To Euro-Toting Tourists](#)

ABC 5 Boston – 3/2008

The number of international tourists who came to the city last year grew by 20%, to 8.5 million, according to research by consulting firm Global Insight for NYC & Co., the city's official marketing and tourism organization. Many of those visitors came from Germany, Spain, Italy, and France. And no wonder, with the euro having gained about 12% against the dollar over the past 12 months. On Feb. 28, a day after Federal Reserve Board Chairman Ben Bernanke talked about further interest rate cuts, the dollar traded at an all-time low against the euro, \$1.52 to 1.

TravelPost.com Insider

[Cozy Last Minute Winter Deals on New York Inns](#)

Travel Post – 2/29

Yo, New Yorkers. Need a last minute getaway? There is still a week left to take advantage of the New York State Tourism department's weekend getaway promotion good at a plethora of the state's independent inns.

NIAGARA GAZETTE

[EVENT: N.Y. tourism spending lags](#)

Niagara Gazette – Don Glynn – 2/29

Despite an increase in funding for tourism, New York still lags behind other states in the dollars spent on marketing and promoting its destinations. That was among the messages conveyed Friday at the 2008 Niagara Falls Legislative Reception at the Conference Center Niagara Falls.

Green NY

Rochester Democrat and Chronicle.com

[Local 'green' business is a growing concern](#)

Rochester Democrat and Chronicle – 3/6

Roof-top gardens have become increasingly popular in metropolitan areas, but one local company took that idea to the next level. Rochester-based Green Living Technologies LLC has developed soil-based green roofs and walls, with some of the "walls" acting more like artwork.



[Yellow Cabs go green in US](#)

AFP – 3/6

The Yellow Cab is an American classic but in this suburb of Washington they're turning green. Hans

Hess, 35, is the owner of enviroCAB, a taxi company which is putting a fleet of all-hybrid taxis on the streets of Arlington. EnviroCAB bills itself as the first all-hybrid taxi company in the country.

[Finger Lakes Environmental Film Festival: March 31- April 6](#)

3/1 - By newyorkoutdoors

The **Finger Lakes** Environmental Film Festival (FLEFF) is a one-week multimedia inter-arts extravaganza in Ithaca that reboots the environment and sustainability into a larger global conversation, embracing issues ranging from labor, war, health, disease, music, intellectual property, fine art, software, remix culture, economics, archives, AIDS, women's rights, and human rights.

New York Outdoors Blog - <http://newyorkoutdoors.wordpress.com>



[GOVERNOR SPITZER ANNOUNCES ROCHESTER INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY TO ...](#)

PressZoom (press release) – 3/2008

Governor Eliot Spitzer today announced the selection of the Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT) as the host of the Pollution Prevention Institute, a cutting-edge research and development center to design and test “green” manufacturing methods and provide technical support to businesses for pollution reduction measures that will help make them more competitive.



[New York Botanical Garden Continuing Education: Creating Green ...](#)

The New York Academy of Sciences, NY – 3/2008

Green roofs are not only aesthetically pleasing but they also reduce stormwater runoff and insulate buildings. As a follow up to the two successful green roof symposia,

Blogs

[Food Product Vendor](#)

3/6 - By Art & Soul of the Catskills

Art & Soul of the **Catskills**: two days of visual and literary art, food, music to stimulate and revitalize the spirit! The event reaches from Courthouse Square, to the Village of Delhi businesses along Main Street, and up to SUNY Delhi

Art & Soul of the Catskills - <http://artnsoulofthecatskills.blogspot.com/>

[Finger Lakes Wines Win at Monterey Wine Competition](#)

3/6 - By Finger Lakes Weekend Wino

At the Monterey Wine Competition last week, over 1200 wines from 8 countries were evaluated by 24 wine professionals over 2 days at the Salinas Valley Fairgrounds. Judges awarded 55 gold, 255 silver, and 394 bronze medals.

Finger Lakes Weekend Wino - <http://fingerlakesweekendwino.blogspot.com/>

[Route 28 to White Lake, Adirondacks](#)

3/4 - By Mrs. Mecomber

We meandered back down Route 28 for a while. I wanted to get off the “main drag.” Even though I begrudgingly maintained a speed of 55 miles per hour through this wooded wonderland, huge

SUVs and monster pick-up trucks breathed down my tailpipe, pushing me to go faster. Hey, this is the *Adirondacks*, buster; how can you roar right through them without even a glance and a sigh?
New York Traveler.net - <http://newyorktraveler.net>

[Adirondack Rock](#)

3/5 - By cilogear

If you're going to climb in the Adirondacks, or in New York, or you love guidebooks, go buy the new [Adirondack Rock Guidebook](#). The Adirondacks are some of the best rock climbing I've ever done in the world. It's a very strange place, with a remote nature and pristine beauty that rivals or surpasses what I've seen out West and certainly anything in Europe or Central Asia.
[cilogear makes packs](#) - <http://blog.cilogear.biz/>

[Tour Cayuga County, You will be amazed!](#)

3/4 - By Skaneateles Suites

Auburn, Skaneateles, Aurora - Full service hotels, conference facilities, elegant bed and breakfasts and historic inns, as well as campgrounds make up the variety of accommodations available in this **Finger Lakes** county.
- <http://www.skaneatelessuites.com>

[Seyval Blanc anchors new 'Hudson Heritage White'](#)

3/3 - By William Dowd

Obviously, Clinton Vineyards co-owners Phyllis and Ben Feder and other members of the Hudson Valley Wine & Grape Association feel strongly about the grape as well. So much so, in fact, that the group has selected Seyval Blanc (shown at right) as the primary grape for wines that will qualify for the new "Hudson Heritage White" designation, with Vignoles, Vidal or Cayuga White allowed for blending.

[Dowd On Drinks](http://blogs.timesunion.com/dowdondrinks) - <http://blogs.timesunion.com/dowdondrinks>

[Uncorking the potential of New York's wine industry](#)

3/3 - By Paul

Last week, I was honored to be part of a team from RIT and the New York Wine & Culinary Center to organize and present an education and training program for members of the state's wine industry. The effort was made possible through a grant from the New York Wine & Grape Foundation, a not-for-profit agency that supports wines and other grape products produced in our state through promotion and research.

[The Tiger Beat Blog](http://www.thetigerbeat.com/blog) - <http://www.thetigerbeat.com/blog>

[Wine Regions of the World: New York - Finger Lakes](#)

3/3 - By enobytes

Welcome to our "*Wine Regions of the World*" series. This map depicts outstanding wineries and upcoming tasting rooms within the New York Finger Lakes AVA. Here you will find Enobytes exclusive vineyard and winery information including geographical terrain, Enobytes tasting room and wine reviews, public reviews, winery hours of operation, location information and much more.

[Enobytes Wine Blog](http://enobytes.org/wine_blog) - http://enobytes.org/wine_blog

[Big Weekend in the Adirondacks](#)

3/2 - By Joann

We are in the midst of a big and busy weekend here in the lovely Adirondack Mountains of Upstate New York. The VISA US Snowboarding World Cup is underway at Whiteface, the

Olympic Mountain.

Adirondack Living Blog - <http://adirondacklifestyle.blogspot.com/>

[Book Spotlight - Waterfalls of the Adirondacks and Catskills](#)

3/2 - By Claire

Waterfalls of the Adirondacks and Catskills by Derek Doeffinger More of a coffee table book, I did enjoy flipping through this one. There are plenty of full page pictures of various waterfalls in New York state, and some have a bit of history about that particular waterfall.

Mind in Motion - <http://hoshikaze.livejournal.com/>

[MUSICIANS OF MA'ALWYCK "MOONSTRUCK", Emerson Concert Hall.](#)

3/2 - By Casey Seiler

Music lovers know the way to Union College primarily for the chamber music series held in the lovely and spacious Memorial Chapel, built in the years after World War I. But since last April there's another venue on campus, the Emerson Concert Hall in the new Taylor Music Center.

Attachments

These buds for you

The Toronto Sun – 3/2

These buds for you NEW YORK (AP) Like daffodils breaking through the cold ground' garden shows, festivals and events are a sure sign of spring. Here are a few around the U.S. in the next few weeks and months: The Philadelphia Flower Show, today through March 9, Pennsylvania Convention Center, Philadelphia, theflowershow.com.

The famed Plaza Hotel Is back*

The Toronto Sun – 3/2

The famed Plaza Hotel Is back! Two-year, \$400M reno complete NEW YORK Two years after shutting its gilded doors for a \$400 million renovation, Manhattan's famed Plaza Hotel began welcoming back guests yesterday to its \$1,000-a-night-and-up rooms.

Park Avenue discount

The Globe and Mail – 3/1

Park Avenue discount The rise of the loonie over tl past few years has generatec record numbers of Canadiar visitors to New York, one of the most expensive cities in the U.S. especially in term; of hotel rates. Winter is as good a time as any to visit tl city that never sleeps, with many hotels offering discou; and packages.

The Whig-Standard – 3/1

Forget the Empire State Here are 10 great NYC to see and you've probably never heard of d them The Associated Press Everybody knows what the Empire State Building looks like. That's why Rick Bell, the head of the Center for Architecture, didn't put the famous skyscraper on his list of 10 great buildings to see in New York.

Selling New York City

Travel Trade News – 2/18

Easy and Profitable for Agents by Barry Tenenbaum RECENTLY, A TRAVEL AGENT E-MAILED

NYCVP and wrote, "I'm new to booking New York City. However it is something I have got to learn." Another e-mailed, "I don't book a lot of NYC packages and really appreciate any help you can provide in assisting me with booking this."