

By Mark Frost Chronicle Editor

A Queensbury High School grad, Class of 1996, and her husband from Brooklyn — who fell in love working for a minor-league baseball team — are succeeding hugely in downtown Troy, turning vin-

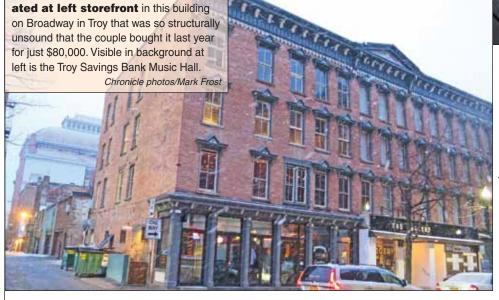
tage Victorian-era buildings into a unique wine bar, a grocery and now a restaurant drawing crowds, raves and publicity far and wide.

When *The New York Times* depicted Troy in a March 26 travel feature as a town "reinventing itself," its recommended stops started with Lucas Confectionery:

"This elegant two-year-old hideaway, the creation of the husband-and-wife team of Vic Christopher and Heather LaVine,

Peck's Arcade restaurant is situ-

Queensbury native Heather LaVine & her Brooklyn-born husband Vic Christopher leading wave with atmospheric bar & now restaurant; New York Times notices



pairs French pinot noirs with inventive dishes like six-minute eggs with confit mushrooms and shallots..."

The couple's newest venture, Peck's Arcade — its first full-scale restaurant — opened just three months ago and was packed two Saturday nights ago when *The Chronicle* visited.

Their and the city's rise seem simultaneous. "The momentum right now is really incredible," says Heather. "There's this com-

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Benedict Arnold or Horatio Gates

By David Cederstrom

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Who was the real hero of the crucial American victory in the 1777 Battles of Saratoga — Gen. Benedict Arnold (before he turned trai-

tor and went over to the British) or Gen. Horatio Gates? On Saturday, April 11, at 2 p.m. Which was the hero of Battles of Saratoga?

at the New York State Military Museum at 61 Lake Ave. in Saratoga Springs, Park Rangers Joe Craig and Eric Schnitzer from

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