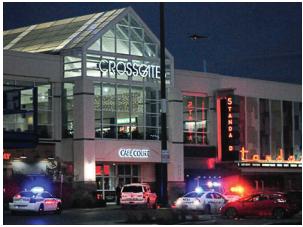




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Saturday's shooting at mall

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Police action

We have the summary on the latest law enforcement action

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TOP STORY



▲ Members of the Bethlehem boys soccer team console each other after losing in penalty kicks to Fairport in the state Class AA semifinals Saturday, Nov. 12, in Middletown. Jim Franco/Spotlight

▶ Bethlehem's Andy Kessler (15) is blocked from reaching the ball by a Fairport player. For more photos, visit spotlightnews.com/spotted. Jim Franco/Spotlight

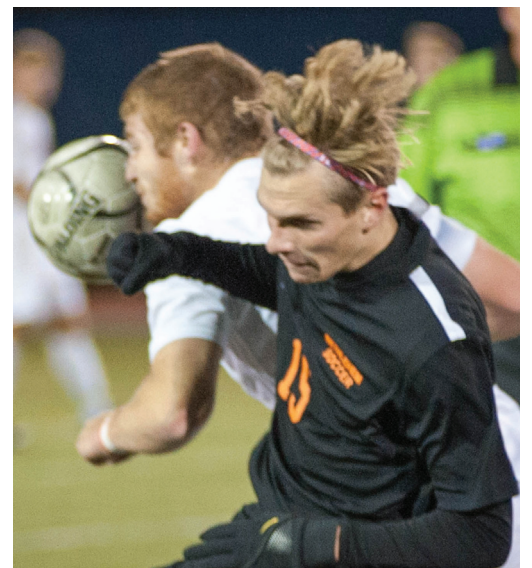
Semifinal setback

Fairport eliminates Bethlehem on penalty kicks

MIDDLETOWN — Section 5 champion Fairport won the penalty kick round 4-3 to eliminate Bethlehem in the state Class AA boys soccer semifinals Saturday, Nov. 12, in Middletown. The Eagles played the Red Raiders to a 0-0 tie to force a penalty kick round.

For more details, see the related story on Page 9. For a photo gallery, visit spotlightnews.com/spotted.

— Rob Jonas



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These are the days

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Albany's annual Veterans Day parade took to the streets on Friday

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COUNTY AND TOWN GOVERNMENT

Restoring honor

Local legislators introduce law to restore benefits to LGBT veterans dubiously discharged under Don't Ask, Don't Tell

By **ALI HIBBS**
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ALBANY—According to state and county legislators, an estimated 114,000 service members were discharged from the U.S. military because of their sexual orientation or gender identity between World War II and the 2011 repeal of Don't Ask Don't Tell (DADT). This has left them without more than 50 state programs, benefits and tax breaks that are contingent on a veteran's discharge status.

Legislation to restore those benefits in New York, introduced last November by State Sen. Brad Hoylman (D-27), has languished in the committee on Veterans, Homeland Security and Military Affairs since January. Federally, a bill introduced four months earlier by Sen. Brian Schatz of Hawaii and co-sponsored by

Sens. Kirsten Gillibrand and Chuck Schumer of New York has been stalled in the Senate Committee on Armed Services since the day it was introduced. Similar legislation, introduced by Gillibrand in 2013, which sought to ensure benefits for same-sex spouses, was reintroduced in early 2015 but never made it to the floor for a vote.

In Albany County, a handful of legislators have decided not to wait any longer for the state and federal government to act and are working to ensure that LGBT veterans are at least able to access county-level benefits.

Legislators Andrew Joyce (D-9), Lynne Lekakis (D-8), Bryan Clenahan (D-30), Raymond Joyce (D-13), Allison McLean Lane (D-14), Gary Domalewicz (D-10), Christopher Higgins (D-5), Douglas Bullock (D-7) and

Joanne Cunningham (D-34) have introduced a measure that would outline a process for any LGBT veteran who was discharged due to their sexual orientation to begin receiving benefits available to honorably discharged veterans in Albany County. These benefits include a property tax exemption, civil service points and the opportunity to participate in the county's Return the Favor discount program.

"I've served side-by-side with LGBT veterans in places like Iraq, Afghanistan, and even Staten Island during Superstorm Sandy," said Andrew Joyce, lead sponsor of the bill. "We've come a long way in our society towards equality, and it's time our policies reflected that."

According to Joyce, the legislation would ensure that any veteran whose discharge under or

before Don't Ask Don't Tell was classified as less than honorable due solely to their sexual orientation or gender identity are not impeded from receiving county benefits for which they would otherwise be eligible. Any LGBT veteran who was other than honorably discharged from the military are encouraged to provide, in writing, the details surrounding the nature of their discharge to the staff at the Albany County Veteran's Services Bureau. The bureau would review their case, and based on the information provided, would make a determination on their eligibility.

"The DADT policy was sanctioned discrimination" said McLean-Lane. "They have fought to preserve our freedoms, including freedom from discrimination. Now, we are obligated to fight for them."

Anyone interested in learning more information about the treatment of LGBT service members under and prior to DADT can access Holyman's 2015 Restoration of Honor report at the state Senate website (www.nysenate.gov/newsroom/press-releases/brad-holyman/senator-holyman-introduces-restoration-honor-act-nys-senate).

"For over two centuries, the experience of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender service members in the United States military was one of repression, deception, and fear," reads the introduction. "For the vast majority of our nation's history, patriotic service members willing to risk their lives in service of their country faced everything from criminal penalties to an unceremonious discharge solely due to their sexual orientation or gender identity."

Reduce, re-use, re-clothe

Under the direction of the town's recycling czar, Bethlehem participates in statewide textile recycling campaign

By **ALI HIBBS**
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DELMAR — New York residents dispose of approximately 1.4 billion pounds of clothing and textiles each year, according to Bethlehem Recycling Coordinator Dan Lilka-Rain, with an estimated market value of more than \$130 million.

"In Albany County alone, an estimated 21 million pounds of clothes and textiles, with an approximate market value of \$3.27 million are trashed

every year," he said. "If all of this material was recovered, not trashed, more than 1,000 jobs could be created across New York state."

Lilka-Rain hopes that Capital District residents will take advantage of an event planned in connection with America Recycles Day and donate all unused or unwanted clothing, footwear, bed sheets, unmatched socks and other textiles.

The Nov. 19 event takes place in the Bethlehem Central Middle School parking lot from 10 a.m. to

1 p.m., and is open to all Capital District residents. Recyclable materials include:

- All footwear
- Clothing—clean and dry. Rips, stains, missing buttons, non-functioning zippers are okay
- Accessories: hats, gloves, scarves, pocketbooks, duffle bags, totes, belts, ties, etc.;
- Linens: sheets, blankets, comforters, dish towels, throw rugs, draperies, table linens, placemats;
- stuffed animals.

In addition to clothing

and textile collection, there will be book collection for reuse and recycling by local charity Grassroot Givers, and on-site secure document shredding (NOTE: shredding is limited to Bethlehem residents/BCSD taxpayers with I.D. only; three medium boxes per household limit).

"We urge everyone to please stop putting clothing into the trash," said Lilka-Rain. "Even if it's ripped, missing buttons, has a broken zipper, or is slightly stained."

The town is teaming up with the New York State Association of Reduction, Reuse, and Recycling (NYSAR3), the Secondary Materials and Recycled Textiles Association (SMART), and the Council for Textile Recycling (CTR) in the statewide campaign, entitled "Re-Clothe NY." Throughout the state, municipalities are encouraging their local residents to "Clothes the Loop" by recycling their unwanted clothing and household textiles, rather than putting them into the

trash.

Lilka-Rain estimates that no more than 30 percent of municipalities in the state have positions comparable to the one he has held since taking over for his predecessor in 2010. "Bethlehem has always been a leader in the area on recycling," he said. "The position was created in 1989, I believe, to help the community manage recycling when it was first being developed and becoming law in the early 90s."

A graduate Alfred University with a degree in environmental studies and psychology, Lilka-Rain recently returned to his alma mater to deliver a lecture on textile recycling. He was also just named NYSAR3's top New York state recycler for 2016.

"His efforts with NYSAR's Textile Recovery working group lead to the development of an innovative set of public communication resources, including an outreach toolkit, media tools, and a database of collection sites that is serving as a model of

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TOWN JUSTICE

Due to a recent vacancy in the office of elected Town Justice, the Town of New Scotland Town Board is seeking a town resident to serve as Town Justice. The term of office for this position is the date of appointment through December 31, 2017. The appointed person must run for election in the fall of 2017 for a term of 1/1/2018 through 12/31/2021. The 2017 salary for the position will be 27,090.46 per year.

This is a part time, elective position in which the Town Justice is responsible to the public for carrying out the functions of his/her office as defined by the Town and State Law. A Town Justice has jurisdiction over a broad range of matters and criminal offenses. Duties include conducting court sessions & hearing civil & criminal cases brought before the Court. The Town Justice must be available to arraign defendants day and night and may be required to issue orders of protection when the Family Courts are closed. There are special training requirements applicable to those lacking a law degree. The Justice also supervises a part-time clerk.

Please submit your resume and/or letter of interest, by 4:00pm Wednesday, November 23rd by email to: skavanaugh@townofnewsotland.com or in person or by mail (must be postmarked by 11/23/16) to: Supervisor, 2029 New Scotland Rd., Slingerlands, NY 12159

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■ COPS, COURTS AND EMERGENCY CALLS

Police arrest mall shooting suspect

Crossgates Mall incident determined to be an isolated occurrence

By **LIANNE WEBSTER-KIM**
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GUILDERLAND— Police on Monday arrested a male who is allegedly responsible for firing the shot that led to the massive evacuation of Crossgates Mall on Saturday afternoon.

Nearly seven hours after initially responding to calls of shots fired inside

Crossgates Mall, hundreds of law enforcement officials, employees and shoppers waited at and inside the mall, while a suspect wanted for questioning based on surveillance video remained at large.

Sunday afternoon, the Chief of the Guilderland Police Department, Carol Lawlor, updated the public and said that no arrests had been made yet, though the

department was following leads on the case. Lawlor confirmed that one shot was fired, and the incident allegedly stemmed from two people who had been arguing.

On Saturday, Lawlor confirmed that her department, along with a host of other local agencies, State Police, and the FBI, have since responded to a call for shots fired near the Apple store on the mall's first floor received at approximately 2:20 p.m. Saturday afternoon.

The mall quickly went into lockdown, and both shoppers and employees were instructed to shelter in place until notified otherwise. No one appears to have been injured as a result of the alleged shooting.

Lawlor also informed media outlets that area SWAT teams were still going through

the mall, and that both employees and shoppers remain inside. At the time of the conference, she estimated that 10 percent of the mall had yet to be cleared and that those efforts would be complete "soon." She also added that she did not know whether the suspect wanted in connection for the alleged shooting was still inside the mall at this time. While she believes that the public is safe, she reminded people to be vigilant, and to say something if they see something.

One mall employee, who spoke on the condition of anonymity, told Spotlight News that he "heard a loud crack" around 2:20 p.m. on Sunday afternoon.

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Woman arrested for aggravated DWI



DALEY

GUILDERLAND— During the early morning hours of Oct. 18, state troopers stopped Kristen K. Daley for numerous traffic violations on Western Avenue in the City of Albany. While being interviewed, Daley reportedly displayed

obvious signs of intoxication. After failing standardized field sobriety tests, Daley was arrested for DWI.

After being taken to the State Police station Latham for arrest processing, Daley was allegedly determined to have a 0.35 percent BAC. She was charged with aggravated DWI and, due to her level of intoxication, was released to EMS personnel.

Traffic stop leads to pair of forgery arrests

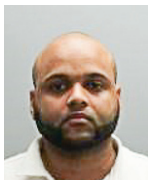
COEYMANS—On Nov. 8, at approximately 11:49 a.m., state troopers stopped a vehicle on I-87 for a speeding violation. The driver of the vehicle, Carlos M. Arias-Baez, 28, of the Bronx, was allegedly found to be in possession of 15 forged credit cards and five forged driver licenses. His passenger, Jasson Cabrera, 31, also of the Bronx, was reportedly found to be in possession of an additional three forged credit cards and seven forged driver licenses. Both were taken into custody, and transported to the State Police Albany station for processing.

Arias-Baez was charged with possession

of a forged instrument in the second degree, a class D felony, and speeding violations.



ARIAS-BAEZ



CABRERA

Cabrera was charged with possession of a forged instrument in the second degree, a class D felony.

Both men were arraigned before the Town of Coeymans Court and remanded to the Albany County Jail without bail.

Stillwater woman charged with DWI



MASTROPIETRO

GUILDERLAND— On Nov. 6, New York State Police in New Scotland arrested Alissa C. Mastropietro, 22, of Stillwater, for a misdemeanor DWI. Troopers reported that they initially stopped

Mastropietro for a window tint traffic infraction (SR 910F) in the Town of Guilderland. Subsequent to the traffic stop, Troopers arrested Mastropietro for DWI. It was reportedly determined that Mastropietro had a BAC of 0.08 percent. She was processed without incident and is scheduled to appear in the Town of Guilderland Court on Nov. 17.

Albany man arrested for DWI

GUILDERLAND—On Nov. 7, New York State Police in New Scotland arrested Clifford J. Morehouse, 31, of Albany for aggravated driving while intoxicated, a misdemeanor. Troopers reportedly stopped Morehouse for operating his vehicle without headlights on Western Avenue in the Town of Guilderland. Subsequent to the traffic stop, troopers

allegedly determined that Morehouse had a BAC of 0.21 percent and arrested him for DWI. Morehouse was processed without incident and is scheduled to appear in the Town of Guilderland Court on Nov. 17.



MOREHOUSE

TOWN GOVERNMENT

Development, preservation and zoning, oh my

Town board considers changes to town zoning laws, how to preserve green space in Bethlehem

By **ALI HIBBS**

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BETHLEHEM—At the Nov. 9 Town Board meeting, members quickly approved the 2017 budget and then spent the better part of the two and a half hour meeting discussing development.

Specifically, they talked about proposed changes to town zoning regulations and how to approach a plan to preserve open spaces that balances preservation with the rights of large landowners.

Open Spaces

Residents (and one from neighboring Guilderland) spoke for more than an hour during the public comment period that preceded the meeting, sharing their thoughts on open space preservation and a raft of proposed zoning amendments that was first brought before the board on Oct. 13.

Residents remarking on the preservation of open space highlighted the divergent priorities of those who live in Bethlehem's more populated neighborhoods, and those who live on larger parcels of land in rural areas. Some maintained large landowners disproportionately bear the costs of preservation efforts implemented to appease the suburban population.

One potential mechanism for

preserving open spaces is offering landowners a conservation easement, essentially a payment for leaving some or all of their land undeveloped for a specified amount of time. Called a "wonderful tool" by board member David VanLuven, local landowners seemed to feel differently.

"All we've asked for is to be left alone," said Linda Jasinski, a large landowner in Selkirk. Noting that previous efforts to achieve consensus on land preservation have failed, she accused the board of continuing to press the issue, saying "you people did not get what you wanted." Jasinski went on to say she knows landowners who have been bullied into conservation easement agreements by "the gods of the Planning Board" in exchange for the approval of development projects.

Another resident commented that he had agreed to a conservation easement on his property and felt he had been "disrespected" by town government. Yet another spoke for several minutes on the disparate concerns of rural landowners and suburban homeowners. Several chastised the board for raising taxes and then offering easements as a way to mitigate the increased burden.

"Easements and other forms of change in the ownership's rights only occur if they agree to do it and if they want to do it," said Bethlehem Supervisor John Clarkson, noting that compelling landowners to

make such decisions is not only against town policy, but also against the law.

Following up a dialogue on preserving open spaces that took place during both October board meetings, Robert Leslie, head of the town Department of Economic Planning and Development, presented a framework for the development of a comprehensive plan that could serve as a guide in developing a program by which preservation would be accomplished.

Leslie proposed building on work already done for the Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (LWRP), for which the town has been mapping natural resources between the Hudson River and the state Thruway. "We're looking at it from a standpoint of where we should encourage development and what areas are more environmentally sensitive," he said. "Where are the wetlands? Where are the slopes? Where are the agricultural and farm lands?"

"In doing so," he continued, "you can identify where you have this intersection of natural resources, existing conservation efforts, and other areas that pop out to us that highlight where we want to pursue further conservation." Leslie and Clarkson repeatedly stated throughout the meeting that, where the land they wished to be conserved was under private ownership, conservation efforts would be entirely

subject to the will of the landowner.

Board members Julie Sasso and VanLuven echoed the intention that any lands "targeted" for preservation should be chosen, not by specific property but by the property's intrinsic environmental value — a method also clearly preferred by Clarkson and Leslie.

"We're talking about qualities or types of land," said Sasso. "Not about specific parcels."

"We're talking about values," said VanLuven. "There was a lot of community input that went into identifying what these values were, and these maps will just present those concepts graphically." He said building on the LWRP is a smart way to undertake the planning process.

MJ Engineering, the firm hired to help develop the LWRP, has been working with a citizen advisory group and will be holding public meetings to gather input until early next year. Leslie proposes expanding their scope to include the rest of the town and use that information to develop a resource inventory list and town-wide open space preservation map, modeled after the Town of Pheasant Valley. (<http://pleasantvalley-ny.gov/government/environment/open-space-and-farmland-plan>)

Concurrently or subsequently, Leslie

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*CLOTHING AND TEXTILE REUSE AND RECYCLING ACCEPTABLE ITEMS:

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- Belts, hats, gloves, purses, bags, backpacks, footwear
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UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS: Do NOT include mattresses, loose foam stuffing, toys and household goods. No wet or mildewed textiles. No smelly items. No items contaminated with oil, paint or hazardous materials. For more info contact Dan Rain, Recycling Coordinator by email recycle@townofbethlehem.org or phone 518-439-4955 x1510. Visit www.nytextiles.org for facts and more informaton about textile recycling in NY State.







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COMMUNITY

A musical afternoon with Sonny and Perley

Our Coffee and Conversation series is wrapping up its 2016 season this Friday with a page from the Great American Songbook and more featuring local legends Sonny and Perley.

The husband-and-wife duo of vocalist Perley Rousseau and pianist Sonny Daye will present a mixed concert that introduces listeners to the material they regularly draw from, including the Great American Songbook (the Golden Age of popular songs from the 1920s through '50s), post Golden Age material from 1960-1980, international cabaret, and bossa nova. Sonny and Perley have spent the last several years developing and perfecting their unique repertoire and have performed extensively throughout the region and abroad.

The hour-long concert begins at 1 p.m. and is followed by a coffee hour featuring beverages and light refreshments. Coffee and Conversation is co-sponsored by Bethlehem Senior Projects, Inc.

Last Listening Party of the year

Don't miss the last Listening Party of 2016. On Thursday, Nov. 17, we'll be discussing the music of John Scofield, a dazzling, contemporary jazz guitarist. It's like a book club, but for music. Bethlehem librarian Michael Farley will facilitate



the discussion, which starts at 7 p.m. Listening Parties will be on hiatus in December but resume Jan. 19 with a look at the eclectic and ground-breaking music of David Bowie.

Emergency prep

Join us Saturday, Nov. 19, for "In Case of Emergency," a program that will give you the tools and resources you'll need to prepare for, and recover from, any type of disaster. Attendees receive an emergency prep starter kit. The program is free and open to everyone, but you must register with Citizen Preparedness Corps at www.prepare.ny.gov/training-events. Trainings are led by the New York National Guard, working with experts from the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services' Office of Emergency Management and Office of Fire Prevention and Control.

Holiday hours

The library will close at 5 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 23, and remain closed Thursday, Nov. 24, for the Thanksgiving holiday. The library will be open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 25.

Upcoming events

All events are free and

take place at Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar. For more information, call 439-9314 or visit bethlehempubliclibrary.org

Friday, Nov. 18

Music & Movement

Combining songs, instruments, dancing, learning and fun, 10 a.m. Children ages 3-6 attend by themselves in the Story Room, while babies and toddlers attend with a caregiver in the community room.

Lego Club

We supply the Legos; you supply the imagination. Try out our WeDo and Mechanisms kits or just free build, 4 p.m. For kids and families.

NaNoWriMo Write-In

Join others in the challenge of writing a novel in one month during National Novel Writing Month, 5 to 8 p.m. Writing instruction not provided. Visit nanowrimo.org for details.

Sunday, Nov. 20

Sunday Cinema

Watch "Hunt for the Wilderpeople" (Sony Pictures, PG-13, 101 min.), a story about a boy and his foster father who become the subjects of a manhunt after they get stranded in the New Zealand wilderness, 2 p.m.

Knit One, Purl One

If you're an experienced



Sonny and Perley will perform at the library Friday, Nov. 18, at 1 p.m. The concert will feature selections from the Great American Songbook and more.

Sonny and Perley

knitter, bring your current project. If you're a beginner, bring size 8 knitting needles; we'll provide yarn and get you started, 2 to 3 p.m. For adults, teens and kids age 9 and up.

Monday, Nov. 21

Intro to MS Word

Also Monday, Nov. 28. Learn the basics of using Microsoft Word 2010 in this two-session program, 10 a.m. to noon. Sign up online or call.

Open Sewing

Sewing machines will be available for independent projects, 6 to 8 p.m. Bring your own supplies. Sign up for one or more two-hour sessions.

— Kristen Roberts

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

Bet Kafeh night at B'nai Sholom

ALBANY — B'nai Sholom Reform Congregation, 420 Whitehall Road, is holding a "Bet Kafeh" (coffeehouse) Saturday, Dec. 3, at 7 p.m.

Hosted by singer-songwriters

Phil Teumim, Will Vail and Jeff Klamka, the open mic event will showcase the singing, storytelling, poetry and musicianship of the Jewish community. Everyone is invited to perform. Sign up in advance or at the door. Coffee and refreshments will be available.

The event is free, but donations

are appreciated. For more information, call 482-5283 or visit www.bnaisholomalbany.org.

Science Lecture Series continues

COLONIE — The Albany Pine Bush Discovery Center's Science Lecture Series continues

Thursday, Nov. 17, at 7 p.m., with a talk titled "Pitch Pine Scrub Oak Barrens Restoration and Management 101."

Conservation Director Neil Gifford will review the techniques used by the Albany Pine Bush Preserve Commission to meet its goal of restoring a healthy barrens, and he will

explain some of the research conducted to determine if the methods are working.

The lecture is free and appropriate for people ages 15 and up. The lecture takes place inside the Discovery Center, 195 New Karner Road in Colonie. For more information, visit www.albanypinebush.org.

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SPOTLIGHT ON FINANCE

End of year tax planning for business owners

By RYAN CASE,
Senior Vice President,
Business Banking, KeyBank

For the first time in years, taxpayers don't have to wait for congressional action on late-year extenders. A number of the traditional tax extender provisions have either been made permanent or been extended through the end of 2016 under the Protecting Americans from Tax Hikes (PATH) Act of 2015. While this certainly makes year-end tax planning for 2016 a little easier, the election year clouds the future—making “now” a good time for business owners to take advantage of opportunities to reduce their tax burden.

If you are a business owner, a number of planning strategies are available that can help you minimize taxes and retain or transfer your wealth more efficiently. Early planning ensures that you can take advantage of them. So as the year comes to a close, here are seven ideas to consider.

1. Review retirement plan options. Qualified retirement plans can be a powerful way to defer business income and lower current tax liabilities. If you already have these plans you should use the end of the year as

an opportunity to fully fund your plans, and if you don't you should gather information about various plans and calculate tax savings. Along with defined contribution plans, you might consider defined benefit plans, cash-balance plans or combinations of the two.

Deductible contributions to these plans might dwarf the limits of IRAs, 401(k)s or other defined contribution plans. You can also use non-qualified deferred compensation plans to attract and retain talent.



Ryan Case

While there is no current deduction when the plan is funded, tax can be deferred on the growth of the assets that fund the plan by using cash value life insurance.

2. Assess whether your income and brackets are likely to change. If your business has had a strong year, you can benefit from accelerating deductions at the end of 2016 and deferring income to the first quarter of 2017. Conversely, if your business expects a stronger year in 2017, you may consider doing the reverse.

Compiling year-to-date financial reporting and projecting the remainder of the year is crucial for year-end planning. It's also a useful test of the your business's accounting systems and controls.

3. Coordinate your business and personal situations. If you own S corporations and other pass-through entities that have had a strong year, consider accelerating not only business deductions but also personal deductions into 2016.

Deductions that can offset business income in 2016 include: fulfillment of 2016 state income tax, prepayment of real estate tax or mortgage payments and accelerating charitable pledge payments.

4. Take advantage of business measures that have been modified under the PATH Act of 2015. The Section 179 expensing election has been made permanent. This allows your small business to immediately deduct up to \$500,000 of capital expenditures. The 50 percent bonus depreciation has been extended through 2019, and the research and experimentation tax credit has been made permanent.

Also, if your corporation wants to convert to S corporation status, you can now plan with more certainty because the five-year period for recognizing the built-in gains tax has been made permanent.

5. Review your exit strategy in light of proposed IRS family business valuation regulations. On August 4, 2016, the IRS released newly proposed regulations that may dramatically affect the estate, gift and generation skipping transfer

taxation of closely held businesses. If passed, it will result in a substantial tax increase due to how the value of closely held businesses is calculated for transfer tax purposes.

The new rules are expected to go into effect in early 2017. If you own a family business with taxable estates and wish to transfer the business to family members, you have a limited window of opportunity to move forward with planning strategies that exploit the current valuation rules.

6. Review compliance with the employer healthcare insurance mandate. Now is the time to review healthcare insurance and coverage and verify that you are in compliance with the Affordable Care Act (ACA).

In 2016, the healthcare provisions kicked in for

companies with 50 or more full-time employees. (Some states have adopted the one-to-100-employee definition of small employer.)

If your organization was close to the 50 or more full-time employee threshold at the end of 2015, you should determine sooner, rather than later, if they are subject to the shared responsibility requirements. You should also prepare for an earlier deadline for informational return filings for 2016.

7. Split the tax bill among family members. If you are a family business owner, you can take advantage of ways to shift income to lower overall taxes. Paying reasonable salaries to family members reduces the amount of business income. The salary would also be earned

income, thus allowing children to establish and contribute to a Roth IRA or retirement plan.

These are just a few options that may be available to you to help with your year-end tax planning. For more options, schedule an appointment with your financial advisor and tax professional.

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Overlooked tax deductions for your small business

A variety of tax planning strategies are available to your small business as mentioned above, but don't forget the various business deductions that you may qualify for when it comes time to file your 2016 business tax return. The following deductions can help you save come tax time:

Startup costs. These expenses are incurred before you open for business. If you are a new company, it is important to understand your startup costs—what you can and can't claim for 2016.

Of course, you want to maximize your deductions, but doing it right the first time will save you in the long run. This may mean spreading out deductions over time.

Mileage and travel expenses. If traveling to meet with clients is part of your job, don't forget to claim your mileage. There are two methods for doing this: standard and actual. The standard method for calculating mileage in 2016 is 54 cents per business mile (down from 57.5 cents per business mile in 2015) plus tolls and parking.

The actual method is to add up all automobile expenses—including gas, repairs, oil change, car insurance and car washes—and then multiply it by your business percentage, which is determined by dividing your business miles by total miles for the year.

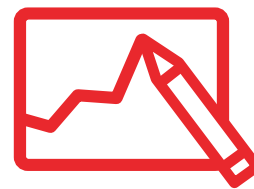
Depreciation deduction. Consult with your tax advisor on newly purchased office furniture, property, and equipment for your business. You can depreciate these assets over time. You may even qualify for a full write-off using the section 179 depreciation deduction. This allows you to deduct the entire amount of the purchase instead of increments of annual depreciation each year.

Insurance premiums. You can deduct all premiums that you pay for your business owner's policy, liability, malpractice, workers' compensation insurance and others.

Health insurance deductions or credits. If you are self-employed you may be eligible to deduct your health and dental insurance premiums as a personal expense on your 1040 (not as a business expense).

If you are a small business employer you are eligible for the small business health care credit if you employ fewer than 25 full-time equivalent employees; the average annual wages of your employees are less than \$52,000; and you pay a uniform percentage for all employees that is equal to at least 50 percent of the premium cost of employee-only insurance coverage.

Also, don't forget the Affordable Care Act. Small businesses need to make sure they are adhering to and complying with the ACA to avoid fines.



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COMMUNITY

Chess Challenge

On Saturday, Nov. 19, at 10:30 a.m., Walter Mockler, past Albany Chess Club Champion, will take on all challengers in a simultaneous exhibition to celebrate International Games Day. Players of all ages are welcome. Please register to assure play.

Pokémon Party

Celebrate the biggest gaming sensation of the year, "Pokémon Go," with challenges, prizes and treats. Grades 3 and up should register for this Saturday, Nov. 19, 2 p.m. program.

Creativity Lab: Kaleidoscopes

After admiring the kaleidoscopes on display and a short presentation, students in grades 2 and up will have a



chance to use some scopes from Judy Mysliborski's collection.

On Sunday, Nov. 27, at 2 p.m., you will learn the science of light and mirrors while assembling your own customized kaleidoscope. This will be a fun family project for younger students, while older students can complete it on their own.

Registering for programs helps us to determine supply needs. Unless otherwise indicated, registration is requested for all programs. You can register in person, by phone (765-2791) or using our online calendar at voorheesvillelibrary.org/calendar.asp.

— Lynn Kohler

International Games Day

International Games Day is being celebrated around the world — and at GPL — on Saturday, Nov. 19.

GPL's activities begin at noon, and continue until 4 p.m. Teens are invited to spend the afternoon at GPL playing video and board games with friends old and new. No advance registration required; just sign up to use each gaming system when you arrive. Have fun!

Medicare 101: A Primer for Everyone

If you are enrolled in Medicare or soon to be enrolled, you may have many questions: what is Medicare Part A? Part B? Part D? What does Medicare pay for? What will be your contribution? How are prescriptions covered?

You can get these and

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other Medicare-related questions answered when you come to GPL on Tuesday, Nov. 22, at 2 p.m., for "Medicare 101: A Primer for Everyone."

Medicare can be very confusing, but help is here: Janet Kiffney, a certified Medicare counselor with HIICAP (New York State's Health Insurance Information Counseling and Assistance Program), will present a "soup-to-nuts" program on Medicare and answer all your questions. You'll leave with a better understanding of your options and obligations with regard to health insurance. This presentation is free and sponsored by the New York State Office for the Aging and the Albany County Department for Aging.

Please register online

at www.guilpl.org, or by calling 456-2400, ext. 2. Registration is limited to 30 people.

Red Cross blood drive

The Guilderland Public Library will host a Red Cross Blood Drive on Monday, Nov. 21, from noon until 6 p.m.

The need for blood locally remains constant, and donations are needed to offset seasonal blood shortages. You can donate a pint of blood every 56 days; you're encouraged to eat a meal prior to giving blood and drink plenty of water. Photo ID is required at donation time.

Drop-ins are welcome, but you can also make an appointment by calling the Red Cross at 1-800-RED-

CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

Ron Darling event

Just a reminder to ticket holders for the Ron Darling event on Friday, Nov. 18: The 6:30 p.m. Author's Reception — orange tickets — will be held in the Library's Helderberg Room. The 7:30 p.m. Author Talk & Book Signing — tan tickets — will be held in the Farnsworth Middle School's cafeterium.

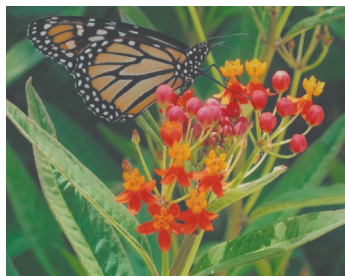
Please carpool! Parking is going to be tight.

Thanksgiving holiday

GPL will close at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 23, and be closed all day Thursday, Nov. 24, for the Thanksgiving holiday.

— Mark Curiale

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Family Fort Night

RCS COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Bring some blankets and pillows to build a family fort in the library on Tuesday, Nov. 22, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Build your fort, cozy up with a book and then stick around for the end when we'll be serving up s'mores! No need to register.

Get your craft on

Before the holiday madness strikes, stop into

the library to get creative and make a few projects to keep or give.

On Saturday, Nov. 19, drop in between 10:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. to create 3-D paper stars, a snowflake garland, snowman wreath and more.

In addition, join us for

scheduled classes for more detailed projects:

10:30 am — Pallet Board Snowman

Noon — Ornaments! Sleds and Skis

2 p.m. — Origami Ornaments

Classes are first come - first served. Drop-in crafts are available until 4 p.m.

Come anytime that fits your schedule and leave with new skills and

handcrafted gifts.

'Finding Dory' at the library

Schedule some family time at the library the day after Thanksgiving. We'll be showing the summer hit "Finding Dory" Friday, Nov. 25, at 2 p.m. in the Community Room. Big screen, great sound system and fresh popcorn courtesy of the library.

Small business scavenger hunt

The library is participating in the RCS Community Business Association scavenger hunt. Follow clues around Ravena, Coeymans and Selkirk to discover local businesses. Stop by the library starting Nov. 26 to pick up clues. The prize will be at least \$250.

— Carol Melewski

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■ PLAYER OF THE WEEK



NOAH CAREY

Guilderland's Noah Carey is The Spotlight Player of the Week for the period ending Sunday, Nov. 13. Carey was the top Section 2 runner in the boys Class A race at the New York State Public High School Athletic Association Cross Country Championships Saturday, Nov. 12, at Chenango Valley State Park. The senior finished third with a time of 15:30.7, three seconds off the winning pace.

■ IN BRIEF



Captain Kane

Bethlehem Central High School graduate Nate Kane was named one of the captains for the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute men's basketball team. Kane led RPI in assists (74) last season and was third in steals (27).

■ BOYS SOCCER



Stopped in semis

Fairport advances past BC
on penalty kicks

MIDDLETOWN — Fairport outlasted Bethlehem 4-3 in penalty kicks to eliminate the Eagles in the state Class AA boys soccer semifinals Saturday, Nov. 12.

The two sides played to a scoreless draw through 80 minutes of regulation and two overtime periods. The Red Raiders struck first in the penalty kick round, while the Eagles missed, and Bethlehem never recovered.

"It's tougher," said Bethlehem coach Phil Ridgway. "You always want to have the game end while you're playing, but penalties are tough. It's a hard way to end a game."

To view a photo gallery from the game, visit spotlightnews.com/spotted.

— Jim Franco

▲ Bethlehem goaltender Ryan Henning gets ready for a penalty kick during the state Class AA semifinals against Section 5 champion Fairport Saturday, Nov. 12, in Middletown.

Bethlehem's Greg Hyde watches as the ball comes in contact with a falling Fairport player. For more photos, visit spotlightnews.com/spotted.

Jim Franco/Spotlight



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■ OBITUARIES



Robert Buttercase

The good friends and sisters of "Rob," "Bob," "Beezer" would like you to know of his passing on November 6, 2016, at the age of 59. He wanted no formal goodbyes, so we hope instead you all take away many fond memories of our kind-hearted friend and brother.

Bradt, Sarah S.

DELMAR — Sarah Samantha (Amos) Bradt, 74, passed away peacefully November 7, 2016 surrounded by loving family and friends. Born February 10, 1942, she was the daughter of Dr. Franklin B. and Gladys Amos. She was very active with her family and church. Many knew her from her part-time job at Town & Tweed or through bridge club. She had a loving heart and warm, welcoming smile that brightened all of our hearts.

Survived by daughter, Kim Bolduc (Gary), son Randall Nolan, brother Frank Amos (Rosalie), sister Penni Purzycki (Bob). Pre-deceased by sister, Sue Wells (Hamilton). She is



Sarah Bradt

also survived by a large, extended family and close friends, all of whom she loved dearly.

Services will be held Saturday, November 19, 2016 at Bethlehem Community Church, 201 Elm Ave., Delmar, starting at 11:30am.

■ IN BRIEF

Boy Scout Troop 75 holds Sportsmart

BETHLEHEM — Delmar-based Boy Scout Troop 75 is holding its annual Sportsmart fundraiser Saturday, Nov.

17, from 1 to 4 p.m. in the Bethlehem Central High School cafeteria.

Sportsmart is a bargain sale of all types of sporting goods, with an emphasis on winter sporting goods and equipment such as skis, ski boots, snowboards, skates, snowshoes and hockey equipment. Other items for sale include soccer, golf, baseball and lacrosse gear, clothing and bicycles.

Community members can bring their sporting goods for sale to the cafeteria between 8:30 and 11 a.m. The scout troop receives one-third of every sale.

There will also be a silent auction and a drawing for special items and gift packages. People are also asked to bring a minimum \$1 donation for the Regional Food Bank.

For more information, email Peter Lauricella at peter.lauricella@wilsonelser.com or visit the Sportsmart Facebook page.

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■ COMMUNITY

Thanksgiving at the Y

It's a Thanksgiving tradition unlike any other! A morning workout at the Bethlehem YMCA to get ready for turkey time.

This Thanksgiving day, the Y will be open from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., and we will have a HIIT class, Zumba, a spin class and a special '80s retro step class — bring your headbands and big, bright socks. Call the Y at 439-4394 for the class schedules.

Having an (almost) guilt-free Thanksgiving dinner starts at the Bethlehem Y, so please stop by.

The day after Thanksgiving, the Bethlehem Y will offer a Black Friday "drop and shop" event. You can drop your kids off at the Y from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. to enjoy swimming, skating and gym games, while you get a head start on your Christmas shopping.

The Bethlehem YMCA is thankful for all our wonderful members that make the Y such a special place, and for everyone in our community that supports the Y. We are so much more than a gym. The pool, the rink, the wellness area, the court, the camp — these are the



structures you see.

But remember, the YMCA has a heart and a soul that comes in the form of our Annual Campaign. Our campaign generates more than \$100,000 each year from our members, volunteers and staff to help families in Bethlehem use the programs and services of the Y. No one is ever turned away from the Y for an inability to pay.

We are very thankful for each donation, and truly blessed to be able to help those in need. Have a great Thanksgiving.

Birthdays parties

Getting a little cold to have a birthday party outside, isn't it? Maybe you don't look forward to cleaning up your house

after hosting a party for a large group of kids.

Here is the solution — let the Bethlehem YMCA host your child's birthday party and do the work for you. Our conference room is the perfect location for a party, and we can arrange swimming, skating, gym games and more to go along with the cake and presents.

Learn To Skate

The Bethlehem YMCA's Learn to Skate program can teach anyone of any age how to glide gracefully across the ice. From tots ages 3 to 5 all the way up to older adults and from those who've never skated before to advanced skaters, the Y has a Learn to Skate program for you.

Winter is here. Embrace it by coming by the YMCA skating rink, or escape it by warming up in our pool, hot tub, sauna and steam room.

— Mark Hansen

Schoharie trip

Take a trip with us to the Apple Barrel Country Store in Schoharie on Tuesday, Nov. 22, at 10 a.m. Browse the store and have lunch, cost on your own. Call 439-4955, ext. 1176.

Join Equinox for a traditional Thanksgiving Day turkey dinner on Thursday, Nov. 24, at First Presbyterian Church in Albany. Home delivered meals are also available. Call 439-4955, ext. 1176.

Enjoy the Bethlehem Senior Chorus program, "As Evening Comes," on Friday, Dec. 2, at 1 p.m. at the Bethlehem Town Hall. Join us for lunch at Applebee's before the show, cost on your own.

The following support meetings are available:

- Alzheimer's Support Caregiver Group — Wednesday Nov. 23, at 10:30 a.m.
- Caregiver Support Group — Wednesday, Dec. 14, at 10:30 a.m.



• Medicare Basics for those turning 65 this year — Wednesday, Dec. 7, at 12:30 p.m.

• Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) — by appointment

• Senior Legal Services Program — by appointment

Call 439-4955, ext. 1176 for more information or appointments.

Bethlehem Town Hall will be closed on Thursday and Friday, Nov. 24 and 25, for Thanksgiving. There will be no transportation during the week of Nov. 21-25.

Support Bethlehem Senior Projects, Inc. and enjoy Broadway's hilarious smash hit "Something Rotten!" on Jan. 14 at Proctors. You do not need to be a senior — all are welcome. Your paid

reservation of \$95 includes your ticket for the show, charter bus transportation and a tax-deductible donation to BSP, Inc. You can also join us for an all-inclusive dinner after the show for \$29 at Normanside Country Club. Call 439-4955, ext. 1176. Make your reservations now. Tickets will go fast.

Support the Bethlehem Food Pantry on Thanksgiving Day at the Our Towne Bethlehem Turkey Trot on Thursday, Nov. 24. Bring canned goods, paper supplies or other items to the Bethlehem Middle School on that day or on Thanksgiving Eve, Nov. 23. Enjoy the fireworks on Thanksgiving Eve.

Get your flu shot at the Albany County Health Department, 175 Green St., in Albany. Call 447-4589 for an appointment. You can also see your physician or local pharmacy.

— Wilma DeLucco


■ IN BRIEF

Black Friday Fair Trade Market

BETHLEHEM — Delmar Presbyterian Church, 585 Delaware Ave., is hosting a Black Friday Fair Trade Market Nov. 25 and 26 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Approximately 12 vendors will offer fairly traded items from all over the world. Items include jewelry, textiles, baskets, clothing, handbags, scarves, children's products, coffee, tea, chocolate and more. Mayan Hands, Mango Tree Imports, Women's Peace Collection, Amani ya Juu, Freetset and Equal Exchange will be represented.

The market will also include a children's educational activity, as well as snacks and lunch items.



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NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to the mortgage company will not stop the foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. Dated: August 2nd, 2016 RAS BORISKIN, LLC

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LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF NEW YORK SUPREME COURT : COUNTY OF ALBANY

FIRST NIAGARA FUNDING, INC.,
Plaintiff,

v. Index No. 900434/2016
Mortgaged Premises 335 Maple Road Slingerlands, New York 12159
SPENCER S. SISSON, SPENCER INSURANCE AGENCY, INC., CASSIE SWEARINGEN, DICK SWEARINGEN, and CORRINE AVIZA, Defendants.
Commercial Foreclosure

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE

In pursuance and by virtue of a judgment of foreclosure and sale in the amount of \$138,004.64, granted by this Court on the 26th day of September, 2016 and duly entered in the Albany County Clerk's Office on the 17th day of October, 2016, I, the undersigned Referee, duly appointed in this action for such purpose, will expose for sale and sell at Public Auction to the highest bidder at 335 Maple Road, Town of New Scotland, Hamlet of Slingerlands, County of Albany, State of New York, 12159 on the 1st day of December, 2016 at 1:00 in the afternoon of that day, the mortgaged premises directed in and by said judgment to be sold in said judgment described as follows:

See "Schedule A" attached.

Dated: October 25, 2016

Craig M. Crist, Esq., Referee

SCHEDULE A

ALL THAT CERTAIN PIECE OR PARCEL OF LAND together with the buildings thereon situated in the Town of New Scotland, County of Albany and State of New York, bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a stake in the southerly boundary line of the Charles Bender Farm and located 169.6 feet east along said boundary line from a stone monument in the southeast corner of the Hilton Estate and runs from thence south 9 degrees 45 minutes west 70 feet to a stake; thence south 88 degrees east 200 feet to a stake in the west boundary of the New Scotland Voorheesville Road; thence along the western boundary of said road north 9 degrees 45 minutes east 70 feet to a stake in the boundary line of said Bender Estate and being the northeastern corner of the lot hereby conveyed; thence north 88 degrees west 200 feet to the place of beginning, containing .31 of an acre of land more or less, as the same was surveyed according to the Magnetic Meridian of March 31, 1926.

The above described lot being in the northeast corner of the Christ Hansen Farm.

Ad#134956

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF 1218 Realty LLC. Art. of Org. filed w/ Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 09/07/2016. Office location: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC for service of process. SSNY shall mail process to: 1659 Central Avenue, Albany, NY 12205. Purpose: Any lawful activity Ad#133506

LEGAL NOTICE

1400 Meadow Lane, LLC was filed with the SSNY on 09/22/2016. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC whom process against may be served. The address which SSNY shall mail any process against the LLC served upon him: c/o CorpCo, 910 Foulk Rd., Suite 201, Wilmington, DE 19803. Purpose: any lawful purpose. Ad#133219

LEGAL NOTICE

25 PARK AVENUE REALTY, LLC NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LLC 25 Park Avenue Realty, LLC Art. or Org. Filed with NYS Dept. of State 9/27/2016. Office Location Albany Co. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to The LLC, c/o The Bronsther Law Firm, 12 Century Hill Drive, Latham, NY 12110. Any lawful purpose. Ad#132748

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF Limited Liability Company (LLC)

1. The name of the LLC is: 3 STONE PROPERTIES, LLC

2. The date of the filing

LEGAL NOTICE

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(NS) on May 12, 2016 office location: Albany County, NS is designated as agent upon whom process may be served, NS shall mail service of process (SOP) to 17 Upper Loudon Rd, Albany, NY 12211. Ad#135019

LEGAL NOTICE

614 SHAKER, LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 10/12/2016. Office in Albany Co. SSNY design. agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to c/o Bernard F. Radtke, Jr, 798 Meadowdale Rd., Altamont, NY 12009. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. Ad#136026

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice formation of an LLC; A-Line Rentals LLC Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 10/31/2016. Office Location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be reserved. SSNY shall mail process to; A-Line Rentals LLC c/o Tyler Coleman, 3 Hartman Rd. Apt 1, Albany, NY 12208. Purpose: Any lawful activity. Ad#135674

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Formation of an LLC: Accelerate Athletics, LLC Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 11/10/2016

3. The office within New York State the LLC is located in is Albany County.

4. The SSNY is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him or her is: 3 Stone Properties, LLC 270 Waldenmaier Road Feura Bush, New York 12067

5. The specific date upon which the LLC is to dissolve is: NONE

6. The purpose of the business of the LLC is: any lawful business of purpose. Ad#136296

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Notice of formation of 5x5 Lab, LLC. Articles of Org. filed with NY Secretary of State

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). Name: Altamont Meats LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 11/07/2016. 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: 2563 Western Avenue, Altamont, New York 12009. Purpose: to engage in any lawful act or activity for which a limited liability company may be formed under section 201 of the Limited Liability Company Law. Ad#136030

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL ELECTION SLINGERLANDS FIRE DISTRICT PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that the Annual Election of the Slingerlands Fire District will take place on December 13, 2016, between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. at the firehouse located at 1520 New Scotland

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Name: BCG Resort Group, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with sec. of state of NY(SOS) on 11/10/16. Office location: Albany County. SOS is designated as agent of LLC for service of process. SOS shall mail copy of process to c/o Whiteman Osterman & Hanna, One Commerce Plaza, Albany, NY 12260. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity Ad#136245

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Beacon Communities Development LLC (the "LLC") filed an Application for Authority with the Secretary of State of New York ("SSNY") on 1/27/2016. Jurisdiction: Massachusetts ("MA"), filed certificate of organization on 3/18/04. LLC office location: Albany County. The SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The SSNY shall mail a copy of any process served to LLC, c/o Corporation Service Company, 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207. The address of the office required to be maintained in MA is Two Center Plaza, Suite 700, c/o Beacon Communities LLC, Boston, MA 02108. Authorized officer in MA: Secretary of the Commonwealth of MA, Division of Corporations, McCormack Division, One Ashburton Place, 17th Fl, Boston, MA 02108. Purpose: any lawful activity. Ad#133230

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of formation of Bonesteel Property Management LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/31/2016. Office location: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served. The Post Office address to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him is Bonesteel Property Management LLC, 625 4th Avenue, Watervliet NY 12189. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity. Ad#135339

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NOTICE OF FOREIGN QUALIFICATION IN NEW YORK BY A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY Name: BRIGHT LINE TITLE, LLC d/b/a "BRIGHTLINE TITLE AGENCY LLC". Authority filed with SSNY on 10/11/2016. Office loc.: Albany Co. SSNY designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: c/o Corporation Service Company, 80 State St., Albany, NY. 12207. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity. Ad#134986

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CELESTE HAIR SALON & BARBER SHOP LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 10/5/2016. Office in Albany Co. SSNY design. agent of LLC upon whom process may be

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC) The name of the LLC is Clifton Associates II LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on October 3, 2016. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the LLC is to be located in Albany County. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against the LLC may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is c/o 302 Washington Avenue Extension, Albany, New York 12203. Ad#133805

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: Flowers In Hand LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 10/26/16. 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 at, 601 Ocean Parkway, Ste 3B, Brooklyn, NY 11218. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. Ad#136280

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NOTICE OF FORMATION DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). Name: FORT EDWARD MANUFACTURING COMPANY LLC. Articles of Organization filed with NY Secretary of State, November 4, 2016. Purpose: to engage in any lawful act or activity. Office: Albany County. Secretary of State is agent for process against LLC and shall mail copy to c/o Goldman Attorneys PLLC, 210 Washington Ave. Ext., Albany, NY 12203. Ad#135667

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"Notice of Formation of a Limited Liability Company (LLC): Name: HELDERBERG HOME INSPECTION SERVICES, LLC, Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 10/18/16, Office Location: Albany Country, 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: C/O HELDERBERG HOME INSPECTION SERVICES, LLC, 52 Scotch Pine Drive, Voorheesville, 12186. Purpose: Any lawful purpose." Ad#135013

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From page 4... Crossgates shooting

“Everybody sort of had a collective realization that it was probably a gun shot because it seemed too loud to have been anything else,” he said.

The employee then described how he saw some smoke, and then he and other employees ran towards the back of the store because they weren’t sure whether or not the suspect was shooting into the store. He said that employees were led out of the store through the back and out of the mall into the parking lot.

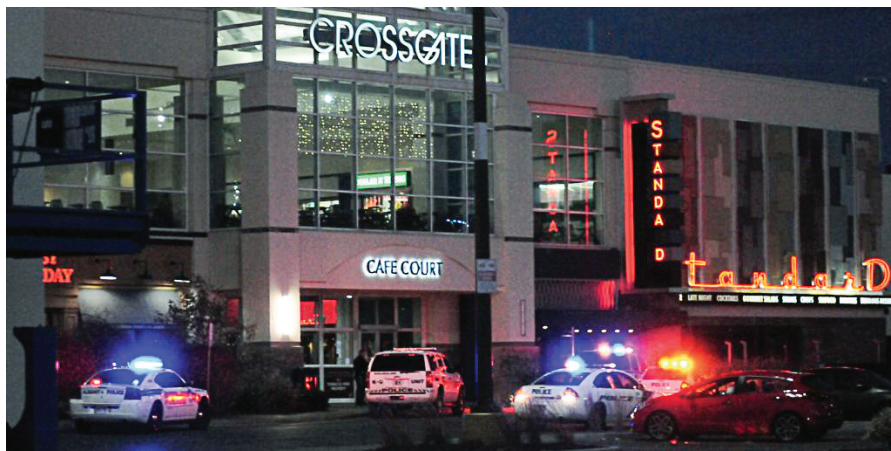
None of the people who were near the front of the store said they saw what happened, according to the employee, but he said his manager, who saw the security footage of the alleged incident, confirmed that one shot was fired.

“It was all very chaotic,” he said.

During a briefing held around 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Lawlor said that authorities were looking for a black man wearing a white shirt and a black hoodie, who is about 6 feet tall and weighs about 200 pounds. When asked if police were going to release an image of the suspect to the public during the latter briefing, Lawlor replied that an image was not available and that a photo would not be released.

Lawlor also confirmed that two people who originally matched the suspect’s description were detained and later released when police determined that they were not involved with the alleged shooting.

The chief also indicated that hundreds of people have been interviewed regarding the incident. She



Multiple police agencies remained on the scene at Crossgates Mall at dusk Saturday evening as they continue their search for a suspect in an alleged shooting which took place inside the mall earlier in the afternoon.

Michael Hallisey/Spotlight

also encouraged people who took photos of the incident on their cell phone to share those images with police, as they have the potential to assist with the ongoing investigation.

A tweet posted early Saturday evening by one of the mall’s tenants, Albany Funny Bone, stated that Crossgates had closed for the day. A call made to the mall’s main phone number around 5:45 p.m. Saturday went unanswered. There was no message on the recording about the alleged shooting nor the facility’s closure for the day.

Joe Castaldo, director of shopping center management for Pyramid Companies, was cautiously optimistic that Crossgates would reopen for business Sunday morning at 11 a.m.

Castaldo also addressed the issue of the vast amount of personal property that was left behind by those evacuating the mall after the alleged shooting. Personal items left in common areas

of the mall will be saved and placed in a secure area where shoppers will be able to retrieve their belongings after properly identifying them. Shoppers who left personal property in stores when evacuating the building after the lockdown should make arrangements with the specific tenant to reclaim their property.

While CDTA bus service to the mall was suspended, it parked about a dozen vehicles in the overflow lot across from Dave & Busters for evacuees to use as warming stations. All road entrances into the mall were blocked through late Saturday evening.

Lawlor also stated that Guilderland Police will have a visible presence at the mall on Sunday at the request of the management. She did not specify whether other police agencies would be assisting with those efforts.

Reporter Kassie Parisi contributed to this article.

From page 2... Textile recycling

excellence for other states,” said NYSAR’s Dianne Woske.

According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, more than 13 million tons of solid municipal waste generated annually is exclusively clothing and other household textiles. Of this amount, 2 million tons, or only 15.3 percent, is recycled.

Individually, the average American puts 70 pounds of clothing, footwear or textiles into local landfills or waste-to-energy facilities every year, even though 95 percent of all clothing and textile products can be reused or recycled into new products. In addition to reuse, the repurposing of textile products includes converting them into wiping cloths or remanufacturing them into products such as home insulation, carpet padding, or sound proofing material.

In a 2011 study, the EPA calculated the impact the current level of recycling has on greenhouse gases in the U.S. The report indicates 2 million tons of textiles are currently recycled annually—the equivalent of removing a million cars from America’s highways. This is more than five times the impact of recycled yard trimmings (170,000 cars removed); more than four times the impact of glass recycling (210,000 cars removed); more than plastic recycling (640,000 cars removed); and is nearly equal to the impact of aluminum recycling (1.3 million cars removed).

Residents can also donate clothing, footwear and other textiles throughout the rest of the year by using clothing collection bins and sheds, or dropping them off at their favorite charitable organization. They should not be placed in curbside recycling bins. Find your nearest drop off location by visiting www.townofbethlehem.org/recycling or www.NYTextiles.org.

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Notice of Formation of Herlandia Rift LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY on 10/12/2016. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of Process to the LLC, 128 E Broadway, #700, New York, NY 10002. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. Ad#133476

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: Izzy D Realty LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 10/13/16. 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 at, 2621 East 63rd Street, Brooklyn, NY 11234. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. Ad#133478

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: JG and TG Holdings LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on

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10/11/16. 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, 1755 Broadway, Brooklyn NY 11207. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. Ad#133477

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Larsen Property Development, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 09/23/16. Off. loc.: Albany Co. SSNY des. as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC, 11 Danton Lane, Lattingtown, NY 11560. Purpose: General. Ad#133222

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: LEANNE TASHJIAN DESIGNS, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on October 06, 2016. 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, 80

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Mordella Rd, Albany, New York 12205. Purpose: Jewelry Design and Sales. Ad#133482

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NORTHEAST BK FOODANDBEV LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 11/3/2016. Office in Albany Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to 57 Thames St., Brooklyn, NY 11237, which is also the principal business location. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. Ad#135654

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LLC Articles of Organization for PANITAN LLC were filed with the Secretary of State of New York on September 19, 2016. Office located Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process may be served and a copy of process shall be mailed by the Secretary of State to the LLC at Panitan Eamroongroj, 161 Regent Street, Apt#20, Saratoga Springs, New York 12866. Purpose: for any lawful activity Ad#136208

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Capital Funding LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 10/13/16. 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, 48 South Service Road, Melville, NY 11747. Purpose: For any lawful purpose. Ad#133480

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Notice of formation of Practical Environmental Solutions LLC, a limited liability company (the “LLC”). Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (the “SSNY”) on 9/26/16. Office location: Albany County. The SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC, upon whom process against it may be served. The SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to the LLC, 11 Winners Circle, Albany, New York 12205. Purposes: are to incur indebtedness, secured and unsecured; to enter into and perform contracts and agreements of any kind necessary to, in connection with or incidental to the business of the Limited Liability Company;

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and to carry on any other activities necessary to, in connection with or incidental to the foregoing, as the Managers in their discretion may deem desirable. Ad#132654

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PUBLIC ELECTION NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Selkirk Board of Fire Commissioners of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, State of New York, will hold the Annual Public Election for the position of one (1) Commissioner for the term of: one five (5) year term expiring on December 31, 2021. The term commences on January 1, 2017. The election will be held on Tuesday, December 13, 2016 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the following locations: Fire Station No. 1, 126 Maple Avenue, Selkirk Fire Station No. 2, 301 Glenmont Road, Glenmont Fire Station No. 3, 480 Bridge Street, South Bethlehem The last day to file petitions for candidates of office is November 23, 2016. Petitions must be obtained from, and filed with the District Secretary. Note, as with public commissioner meetings, reasonable accommodations and access are available. Stephanie L. Krause

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District Secretary, Selkirk Fire District Board of Fire Commissioners Ad#136224

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Name: Pulver Real Property, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with sec. of state of NY(SOS) on 11/8/16. Office location: Albany County. SOS is designated as agent of LLC for service of process. SOS shall mail copy of process to 9 Twin Ponds Drive, Kingston, NY 12401-6429. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity. Ad#136223

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF Limited Liability Company (LLC)

1. The name of the LLC is: RAZA MARK, LLC
2. The date of the filing of the Articles of Organization with the Secretary of State of the State of New York (SSNY) is: 10/20/2016
3. The office within New York State the LLC is located in is Albany County.
4. The SSNY is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address to which the

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SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him or her is: Raza Mark, LLC 3112 Lone Pine Road Schenectady, New York 12303

5. The specific date upon which the LLC is to dissolve is: NONE
6. The purpose of the business of the LLC is: any lawful business of purpose. Ad#134982

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: RED BARK PROPERTY MANAGEMENT LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on October 11, 2016. 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, 18 Buchanan Street, Albany, New York 12206. Purpose: Property Management. Ad#133484

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ROOPBY, LLC NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LLC ROOPBY, LLC Art. or Org. Filed with NYS Dept. of State /8/2016. Office Location Albany Co. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against LLC

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may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to The LLC, c/o The Bronsther Law Firm, 12 Century Hill Drive, Latham, NY 12110. Any lawful purpose. Ad#132757

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Round Albany, LLC Arts of Org filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 3/22/16. Office in Albany Co. SSNY desig. as agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to The LLC, 87 Chatsworth Way, Clifton Park, NY 12065. Ad#133810

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Notice of formation of LLC-Tian Ma Express LLC has filed an Articles of Organization with the Secretary of State of New York on 10/26/2016. Its office is located in Albany County. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent upon whom process may be served. A copy of any process shall be mailed to 1314 Central Ave., 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. Ad#134878

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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Thank you, law enforcement

It was only a matter of time. Details surrounding Saturday afternoon's incident at Crossgates Mall are still at a premium at this hour, but what played out from outside the 1.7 million square foot retail center — as calm and orderly as local law enforcement agencies facilitated — was a nightmare scenario.

It seems with every shooting incident that occurs in our country, the fear of it happening in our backyard quickly creeps into consciousness. And, with every incident comes talk of gun control, though according to the Pew Research Center, gun related homicides are down from 15.2 per 100,000 people in 1993 to 10.6 per 100,000 in 2013. Nonetheless, the talk is still welcomed.

But, let's focus back on the events that occurred on Saturday, and more actually, on the swift and massive response from law enforcement.

Crossgates Mall is one of the largest

malls in the country. It's two-stories tall and a country-mile long. It's marketed as a hub for entertainment, catering to comedy shows, live music and video game aficionados alike. Thousands of patrons roam within its walls on any given day, and has since it opened more than 30 years ago.

Reports of an "active shooter" inside Crossgates Mall circulated across social media at around 2:30 p.m. and into the news feeds of local media agencies soon afterwards. One shooter, two shooters, four, no one could confirm. "Casualties" was a word thrown around; as many as four, ultimately there were none reported. But, that didn't help those who stuck to their cellphones hanging on every nugget of information available. Some of those people were still inside.

Within an hour of those first reports, a bevy of law enforcement officers were on site, around the edges of the mall property, around the building, and inside. To understand the grand scope of the

response, agencies from Altamont to East Greenbush, from State Park police to New York state Troopers and the Federal Bureau of Investigations were "all hands on deck."

As reports have come in, we are thankful that the nightmare scenario we had initially feared did not play itself out. What we take away from it is knowing that our local law enforcement officers swiftly head the call to serve our community. And, for that, we give every one of them thanks.

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WHAT HAPPENED IN 2011...

Five Years Ago: Move into the future

BETHLEHEM— Exactly five years ago today, the town of Bethlehem took a leap into the future by embarking on a project to install solar panels at the Elm Avenue Town park.

According to a *Spotlight News* article published in the Nov. 16, 2011 edition, the town was awarded a grant totaling \$111,500 in 2010 with the intention of installing the panels. The grant was provided by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, and was awarded to the

town through the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA).

The town only had to foot \$12,500 for the project.

"We restructured the contract a bit to get more interest from some of the qualified vendors," said then Town Engineer Paul Penman, upon explaining in the article why the town had rejected two previous bids on the project.

However, at its Nov. 9 meeting, the

town board unanimously voted to award to project to Alternative Power Solutions of New York, LLC, a company based north of Syracuse.

"This should be a two to three year payback of our match," Penman said in the 2011 article. "After three years, based on the amount of money that we'd be saving annually, we'd be saving money every year."

Solar panels have been popping up around Bethlehem for a few years since then on homes and other buildings.

In the 2011 article, town officials estimated that the installation of a photovoltaic system would reduce energy usage at the park facility by 70 percent each year, resulting in an annual savings amount of approximately \$4,000.

But Bethlehem was only one of the many municipalities awarded funding for installation of alternative energy sources. NYSERDA had over \$27 million to distribute.

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■ OPINION

FRANKLY SPEAKING: It's Hillary's fault

There is only one person to blame for a Trump presidency

By **JIM FRANCO**

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First let me say that I'm willing to give Donald Trump a chance.

I know the very thought of that riles a gamut of emotion. Some are elated, some depressed and some are just angry – angry to the point of rioting, even.

But, he did win the election. And he won it fair and square. We really don't have a choice, now do we.

And there is one person to blame for that – Hillary Clinton.

There are others, I guess. Like the Democratic National Committee and all the people who sandbagged Bernie Sanders during the Democratic primary. Obviously, it's impossible to say how Sanders would have done against Trump in a head-to-head contest, but safe to say he wouldn't have done any worse than Clinton.

The former first lady is officially the worst candidate in the history of American politics. It was a toss up before the election, but Trump narrowly avoided that distinction by nosing her out on Election Day.

Despite the rhetoric, I don't think Hillary lost because of a glass ceiling, a set of silent prejudices holding down women. She lost because she was a terrible candidate with a sense of entitlement rivaling an inner city welfare line.

In addition to her prickly personality – a personality that changes depending on her audience – she also had issues like the email scandal and the Clinton Foundation. Those were the two big ones in my mind.

I don't think, however, the emails compromised national security, like some Republicans claim. But I do think she used her position as secretary of state to get money from foreign countries – even those who are hostile to the U.S. and to the very women's rights she touted – for the Clinton Foundation.

I don't think we have heard the last of her email scandal or the Clinton Foundation but we'll have to see. Maybe she will just ride off into the sunset with her husband. I hope so. I've had enough of the Clintons, and the Bushes, to last the rest of my lifetime.

Some Clinton fanatics – and Clinton herself – are blaming FBI Director James Comey for saying he will re-open the investigation into the emails just days before the election for the loss on Election Day. That certainly didn't help the Clinton cause, but it wasn't a deciding factor. The fact there were emails to investigate, however, was.

And she alienated a huge segment of the Democrats by screwing Sanders out of the nomination. Obviously, the

woman who epitomizes the “establishment” in Washington didn't grasp the anti-establishment sentiment Trump and Sanders not only embraced, but perpetuated.

The stats indicate many Sanders supporters actually voted for Trump. Opposite ends of the ideological spectrum, without a doubt, but each with a sense of change and revolution at the crux of their respective platforms.

It wasn't all Clinton's follies, though. Trump did have a couple things going for him.

One was that he never pretended to be anything he isn't. He was either Trump, or he kept his mouth shut. You just never knew what Hillary you were going to get.

Also, Trump, like him or hate him, ignited a passion in people. I covered his stop in Albany and you could feel the electricity in the Times Union Center. People were pumped up. It was the same type of electricity you felt at the Washington Avenue Armory when Sanders spoke.

That energy was painfully absent when Hillary came to Cohoes High School. Safe to say she didn't motivate any new voters – or older voters for that matter.

And despite the rhetoric of the protesters and Democrats, the majority of Trump's core supporters are not racist, misogynistic, homophobic, bigoted,

sexist missing links. They are blue collar, working class Americans, sick and tired of being called racist, misogynist, sexist and homophobic.

Just because they don't like Hillary doesn't make them a sexist. Because they are not buying the “Black Lives Matter” movement doesn't make them racist. And most of them are too busy working hard and caring for their families to worry about if two guys or two women want to get hitched.

It's odd because the Democrats have traditionally touted themselves as champions of the working class, and it's the working class largely responsible for Trump's ascent to the White House.

The Democrats and Hillary supporters (and Trump haters) can complain and protest and throw fits but we will have Trump for the next four years.

I'm willing to give him a chance, to see if he can bring some constructive change to how Washington does business – to drain the swamp, so to speak.

I'm not at all confident that will happen, but we have no choice but to give him a shot.

Jim Franco has covered the Capital District for more than 20 years. He can be reached at 878-1000 or francoj@spotlightnews.com

■ ALBANY COUNTY

Redistricting commission proposed

ALBANY - The last two times legislators re-drew district lines in Albany County, they faced legal censure and incurred significant financial penalties after federal courts found they discriminated against the county's minority population.

In the wake of the last fiasco, which took more than four years and nearly \$2 million to ultimately settle, residents and reform-minded legislators intensified their call for an independent redistricting body.

While proponents of the status quo claim there is no such thing as a truly independent redistricting body (because members would likely be chosen by elected officials) or that it's the job of elected leaders to draw district lines, a group of legislators introduced a plan they say would “create the first truly independent redistricting commission in Albany County history and one of the first in the state.”

“For three decades Albany County has been sued and lost court cases because gerrymandering and partisan politics took precedence over voting and civil rights,” said Legislator Joanne Cunningham (D-34.) “Let's take the politicians out of the process and let the voters pick their legislator, not the other way around.”

Drafted by a group of 19 Democrats, Republicans and a Conservative, the proposed commission would be composed of nine members, with no more than four from any one political party. It would include representatives from the League of Women Voters and the NAACP.

Two district maps would be prepared: one of the entire county and the other of the majority-minority population districts in the county — after merging the two maps, the commission would then make a recommendation to the Legislature.

The commission would be required to adhere to the following redistricting principles:

- Districts must comply with the requirements of the Voting Rights Act
- Residences of incumbent legislators or challengers may not be identified or considered
- Party registration and voting history data shall be excluded from the maps
- Commission will be prohibited from having ex parte communications with legislators
- Districts must be contiguous, compact and consistent with existing municipal boundaries
- Neighborhoods can only have a population deviation of no more than 2 percent.

The commission would have its own budget and staff and can hire legal counsel with voting rights experience.

If approved, it will go to a referendum in 2017.

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recommended a series of public participation activities like those MJ is conducting for the LWRP. The final step would be drafting a document “that addresses public comments and includes the natural resource inventory, open space preservation map, and goals and implementation strategies.”

Zoning Amendments

A public hearing, specifically on the proposed zoning amendments, allowed residents to raise questions about various aspects of the zoning proposal related to land allowances, municipal exemptions and a new overlay zone called a Planned Hamlet District (PHD).

Large landowners criticized changes proposed to the Rural Light Industrial (RLI) zoned districts, where much of their land is located. The amendment would restrict residential development to one- and two- family units, and regulate the frequency with which residential structures may be built.

The justification provided by the Planning Department stated “a review of the Comprehensive Plan indicates that residential uses were not envisioned as a supportive or compatible use within the RLI. The purpose of the district is to promote light industrial and related uses.”

Critics, some of whom claimed they were present when the Comprehensive Plan was being developed, said they believed the intent of the RLI district was to promote flexibility and said the amendments would only serve to stifle the

options of RLI landowners. Still angry over recent property value re-appraisals that resulted in significant property tax increases for many large landowners, Jasinski and others lobbied the board to reconsider changes that would make it more difficult for them to develop their land in economically viable ways.

Sasso said that the concerns of residents seemed legitimate, and asked Leslie if it shouldn't be the right of those landowners to develop their lands in ways they deem fit. Leslie responded that the change was meant to promote consistency within that district, and to avoid the sort of situations in which large multi-family residential developments might be built immediately adjacent to loud, potentially hazardous industrial developments.

“The rationale,” said town Planner Jeff Lipnicky, “is to allow some use of the property for residential purposes, but to limit the amount of residential uses that get built. The fundamental issue here is really that you have a light industrial district and, if you allow larger-scale, either multi-family condominiums or large single-family subdivisions and ownership housing, you're building in opposition to the purpose of the district that you're trying to create.”

A number of residents questioned an addition to the zoning code that states the board, “shall have exclusive jurisdiction over any town sponsored public and quasi-public projects and improvements, including any special districts of the town, or projects constructed with approval of the Town Board on town owned or controlled property. Such projects and improvements shall not be subject to the provisions of the town Zoning Code.”

“You're no better than anybody else,” said Jasinski. “And if these are such good

zoning laws, you should follow them.” She pointed out that the town could go before the Zoning Board to request exemptions when needed.

Concerns about this addition were raised at the Oct. 13 meeting, at which point the Planning Board agreed to review the practices of other municipalities to see how they approach public projects. In all but one of ten cases, there was no language in the municipal code specifically exempting public projects from zoning laws, but Leslie said that, in practice, all consider those projects to be exempt. “However,” he said “they do consider the intention and potential impacts of the proposed project in their decision [whether or not] to request assistance for review and recommendation by their town Planning Board.”

The amendment, said Leslie, was meant to streamline the process for projects such as the building of cell phone towers, or the expansion of the water treatment plant. VanLuven asked why the additional step of going through the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) was so prohibitive and was informed it's only happened twice in the last ten years. Once with a public-private endeavor to install a solar array, which was sent to the Planning Board; and again when the ZBA determined the public benefit derived from expanding the town's water treatment facility superseded the need for site plan review by the Planning Board.

Town Attorney Jim Potter also mentioned the amendment places the responsibility for such decisions squarely on the shoulders of the town's elected officials, rather than the ZBA, which is an appointed body.

Another amendment that was

questioned by residents was the addition of a new, floating zoning district called a Planned Hamlet District (PHD). The new district would target mixed residential and commercial projects in areas where residents desire a walkable community that offers a mix of residential, retail, restaurant and office spaces. The new district was recommended by a community advisory group as a way to help facilitate the New Scotland Road Master Plan, a plan conceived by neighborhood residents.

Essentially, said Leslie, the PHD would be very similar to a Planned Development District (PDD), except that it requires a certain amount of commercial development to occur alongside residential growth and would require discretionary approval by the Town Board.

“Over the past three or four years, as staff has applied zoning law and subdivision regulations to projects,” said Leslie, “we've been taking notes on what is working and what isn't. How can we make things better? How can we improve procedures? What items are inconsistent with the Comprehensive Plan?”

Clarkson said he and Sasso have plans to meet with residents to solicit feedback on the proposed amendments. “It's nice to have an informal dialogue,” he said.

“We've heard a number of people here tonight talk about, I believe the phrase was ‘the gods of the Planning Board,’ exercising discretion and saying what you can do with your property,” said Clarkson. “Then, we hear from the other people who want that to happen, who very much want the Planning Board to review what's going in and what the impacts are. I just want you to understand that we face all the time, as does the Planning Board, that fundamental conflict.”

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These are the days

10,000 Maniacs celebrate 35 years, and is playing better than ever before

By **MICHAEL HALLISEY**
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COHOES — Steven Gustafson is quick to laugh these days. The bass player, and founding member of 10,000 Maniacs, believes he and his bandmates are playing the best music they have had in 35 years. The alternative rock band released two albums in 2016, and is off touring in support of "Playing Favorites," its first live album since the 1993 release of its commercially successful MTV Unplugged LP.

The success of 20 years ago continues to define the perception casual fans have of the band. But, it's also the specter of a former singer that has haunted the band for more than half of its existence.

When Gustafson sits down to speak with *TheSpot518*, he is less than two weeks away from performing at Cohoes Music Hall, where 10,000 Maniacs are to play Saturday, Nov. 19.

"Playing Favorites" is the band's first live album since its commercially successful "MTV Unplugged" LP in 1993.

Photo by Thomas Levinson

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"There's a long story about that MTV Unplugged thing. We never, ever, put our pictures on the cover of any of our albums until that one. And, of course, none of us got on the cover of that one." [Except for Merchant.] "It was a springboard off our shoulders. I suppose we take great pride in that, because what else are we going to do? Complain? No. We helped her get to where she is today. "Yay for us."




— Steven Gustafson, 10,000 Maniacs



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■ WHAT'S HAPPENING

# Bethesda Church honors Burleigh

Acclaimed baritone Stephen Saltes to perform

**SARATOGA SPRINGS** – The Bethesda Episcopal Church will honor the musical legacy of Harry T. Burleigh on the 150th anniversary of his birth at the church's annual Advent Service of Lessons & Carols on Saturday, Dec. 3.

The service will feature the singing of internationally acclaimed opera baritone Stephen Saltes, one of America's premier interpreters of Burleigh's arrangements of African-American spirituals.

Bethesda's annual Service of Lessons and Carols heralds the season of Advent, and includes scripture readings and musical selections foretelling the birth of the Messiah.

This year's special event will include repertoire by Burleigh, with both Saltes and Bethesda's Schola

Cantorum choir featured. Bethesda's music director and organist Farrell Goehring, and choral director Kathleen Slezak will lead.

Saltes, who sings "like God on a good day, intensely imaginative and adventurous" according to the *Washington Post*, has won acclaim throughout Europe, the U.K., Asia and the U.S. for his passionate and impeccably articulated performances of a wide range of both contemporary and standard repertoire.

Saltes's appearance at Bethesda, located at 26 Washington St., is part of a collaboration with Skidmore College marking Burleigh's anniversary. The Skidmore Music Department has mounted a training workshop and academic unit on the history, significance and performance of spirituals. Public events at Skidmore



STEPHEN SALTERS

will take place at the Arthur Zankel Music Center on Friday Dec. 2:

- 12:15 p.m.: A talk by Myra Young Armstead (Bard College), "Blacks in Saratoga Springs: Then and Now."

- 7 p.m.: A pre-concert talk by historian Jean Snyder, author of "Harry T. Burleigh: from the Spiritual to the Harlem Renaissance" (2015), Ladd

Concert Hall.

- 8 p.m.: Concert by Salters, Ladd Concert Hall.

Local historians have placed Burleigh in Saratoga Springs in the 1890s, where he visited to work as a wine steward in the Grand Union Hotel, which, like other hotels, provided seasonal jobs for young African-American men.

Bethesda's rector, Rev. Joseph Carey, took an interest in the young men who worked in the hotels, and arranged an afternoon service for them, where Burleigh's voice attracted attention and visitors.

As a student at New York City's National Conservatory of Music, Burleigh became associated with Dvorak and is credited with inspiring the great composer to include spiritual melodies in the *New World Symphony*.

■ COMING UP

## 'Curious Incident of the Dog' at Proctors

**SCHENECTADY**

— In the spirit of Thanksgiving, \$10 from all tickets purchased for the Friday, Nov. 25 performances of "The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time" at Proctors will be donated to the City Mission of Schenectady to assist the organization's efforts in providing "not only help for today, but hope for tomorrow."

Ben Brantley, of *The New York Times*, called the five-time Tony Award-winning "The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time," "One of the most fully immersive works ever to wallop Broadway."

Tickets for "The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time," are available at the box office at Proctors, 432 State St., Schenectady; by phone at 346-6204 and online at [www.proctors.org](http://www.proctors.org).

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■ IN BRIEF

**Big Head Blues Club at Troy Music Hall**

TROY — Big Head Blues Club featuring Big Head Todd and the Monsters will perform at the Troy Savings Bank Music Hall on 30 Second Street in Troy on Nov. 16 at 7:30 p.m.

Big Head Todd and the Monsters join forces with Mud Morganfield, Billy Branch and Ronnie Baker Brooks to pay tribute to Willie Dixon, an accomplished bass player, singer, and blues songwriter.

Tickets start at \$36. For more information or to buy tickets, call the box office at (518) 273-0038 or visit www.troymusichall.org.

**Tech Valley Game Space Lesson Night**

TROY — The Tech Valley Center of Gravity is holding a Tech Valley Game Space Night in the Quackenbush building on 30 3rd street in Troy on Nov. 16 from 6:30 to 9:30.

TVGS Lesson night is a free monthly lesson on tools useful for game development. Lessons are appropriate for participants of all ages and backgrounds. There is no prior experience required.

For more information visit www.tvcog.net or email info@techvalleycenterofgravity.com.

**The Aluminum Show at Proctors**

SCHENECTADY — Proctors will host The Aluminum Show on Nov. 17 at 7:30 p.m.

This show brings the material, the music and the artists together on stage in a magical, mystery-filled creation combining visual theater, dance and humor into an exciting multi-sensory experience.

Tickets range from \$20 to \$40. For more information or to buy tickets, visit www.proctors.org/events/ or call the box office at (518) 346-6204.

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### WHAT'S HAPPENING

#### Martin Lawrence

Times Union Center — Thursday, Nov. 17

ALBANY — You might remember Martin Lawrence from his roles in such movies as “Bad Boys,” “Blue Streak” and the “Big Momma’s House” franchise, or as Martin Payne on his eponymous TV sitcom from the 1990s.

But before he was Martin Lawrence the actor, he was Martin Lawrence the stand-up comedian. And on Thursday, Nov. 17, Capital District residents can see him do what first gained him fame when he performs at the Times Union Center in downtown Albany.

Lawrence is currently performing around the Northeast at his “Doin’ Time” tour. Earlier this fall, Showtime aired Lawrence’s first stand-up special in 14 years, “Martin Lawrence Doin’ Time: Uncut,” where he talked about his Hollywood career, his relationships, President Barack Obama and more.

How many of these topics can Albany fans expect the 51-year-old to cover during Thursday’s show? You’ll have to be there to find out.

Tickets range in price from \$48 to \$98. For more information or to buy tickets, visit [www.timesunioncenter-albany.com](http://www.timesunioncenter-albany.com).

#### A Taste of the Holidays Craft Beer and Wine Festival

Washington Park — Saturday, Nov. 19

ALBANY — Get a sneak peak of this year’s Capital Holiday Lights in the Park displays at A Taste of the Holidays Craft Beer and Wine Festival Saturday, Nov. 19, from 4 to 8 p.m. in Washington Park.

Guests are welcome to stroll the lake paths and preview the lights in advance of the annual holiday celebration’s 20th anniversary, while enjoying samples of craft beer, wine, cider and distillery products. There will also be live music inside the Washington Park Lakehouse and a heated festival tent.

Tickets are \$20 in advance (including a tasting glass) and \$45 at the door. Guests must be at least 21 years old to attend, and ID is required.

Proceeds from the event go to the Albany Police Athletic League, which offers a wide range of programs to more than 2,000 children living in the city. Special walk night events will benefit Ronald McDonald House Charities of the Capital Region, Alzheimer’s Association of Northeastern New York and the Albany Fund for Education.

### PICK OF THE WEEK

# Groovin’ back in time

Proctors show features Capital District musicians taking on the roles of rock and roll icons

SCHENECTADY — Some of the Capital District’s top musicians take on the challenge of personifying some of rock and roll’s all-time greats for a good cause.

“Groovin’... A 60s & 70s Musical Journey” takes place Saturday, Nov. 19, at 8 p.m. on the mainstage at Proctors, 432 State St., Schenectady.

The show features Tommy Love (Mick Jagger, Robert Plant), Collette McComb (Stevie Nicks, Grace Slick, Carole King), Lenny Thomas (Elton John), Krista David (Linda Ronstadt) and more performing the rock hits of the 1960s and 1970s. They will be backed by a live band featuring a horn section, as well as three dancers.

Part of the show’s proceeds benefit local war veterans. This year, proceeds will support the Gold Star Families Memorial Monument Fund.

Tickets range in price from \$22 to \$38. For more information or to buy tickets, call the Proctors box office at 346-6204 or visit [www.proctors.org](http://www.proctors.org).

— Rob Jonas



Collette McComb, as Fleetwood Mac lead singer Stevie Nicks, is one of the singers performing in “Groovin’... A 60s and 70s Musical” Nov. 19 at Proctors. Photo courtesy of Gary Weinlein

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LOCAL MUSIC

# Formula 5 launches Kickstarter

Funk jam band plans spring release of next album

By **TIM O'SHEA**  
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**ALBANY** — Last week, the upstate New York funk outfit Formula

5 announced a Kickstarter campaign in support of its forthcoming studio album, its third one, set to be released in Spring 2017.

In less than four days,

the crowd-funding effort netted more than 20 percent of the \$12,000 goal, putting the crowd sourcing effort on a pace to beat the goal before

the Wednesday, Dec. 14 deadline.

Visit the campaign at [Tinyurl.com/F5album](http://Tinyurl.com/F5album) for more details.

This venture into the studio will be the first one for the band's new lineup of Joe Davis (guitar), Greg Marek (drums), James Woods (bass) and Matt Richards (keyboards). This will also be the first studio album for both Woods and Richards, the newest members of the group. "I look forward to the process of arranging songs we

have performed live many times, and how that will be different from the process of adapting our new songs from the album to our live arrangements," said Richards. "In a live setting, you have to perfect your arrangement of a song during the performance. You are limited by what arrangement you can perform in a singular moment. In the studio, your arrangements aren't limited by what you can perform at one moment. That greatly increases the number of possible arrangements for a given song."

Formula 5 has upped its game and toured relentlessly in 2016, clocking in at nearly 90 shows so far, and will celebrate its 100th show of the year at The Hollow Bar and Kitchen in Albany on Friday, Nov. 25. This is an annual hometown "throwdown" for the band that also features Funktional Flow from Buffalo to kick the night off.

During the past five years, Formula 5 has undergone considerable growth and change, both musically and as a team. With a fan base that has grown thanks to appearances at Catskill Chill, Disc Jam, Buffalo, Backwoods Pondfest, Rock n Roll Resort, and Adirondack Music Festival, Marek reflects on the success of 2016.

"We have gained a significant amount of fans in the last year that have shown immense support

*"I look forward to the process of arranging songs we have performed live many times, and how that will be different from the process of adapting our new songs from the album to our live arrangements."*

— Matt Richards, Formula 5

both online and at the shows," he said.

As Formula 5 launches its current Kickstarter campaign, the band is confident the improvisational funk jam sound it is known for will continue to find new audiences across the country, and help grow an increasingly fervent fan base.

The band intends to record an album for fans both old and new, establish a unique sound and then return to the road.

## Creative Art Day: St. Nicholas

**ALBANY** — The NYS Museum will present Creative Art Day: Preparing for St. Nicholas on Nov. 19 from 1 to 3 p.m. in its classrooms.

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## ■ IN BRIEF

### Threatened Since March at Chrome Food and Spirits

**WATERFORD** — Threatened Since March and Wasteland Junction will perform at Chrome Food and Spirits at 405 Hudson River Road in Waterford on Nov. 18 from 8 p.m. to 12 a.m.

Threatened Since March consists of drums, guitar, bass, and vocals and features members of High Voltage, Project Retro and My Poor Brain.

For more information visit [goin2chrome.com](http://goin2chrome.com).

### First Walk for Charity at Washington Park Holiday Capital Lights

**ALBANY** — The first Charity Walk Night will take place at Washington Park on Nov. 18 from 5 to 8 p.m.

Join Mayor Kathy Sheehan, Santa and other special guests to “Light Up the Holidays” for the 20th year and walk around the lake as a part of a walk-only Charity Walk Night to benefit the local Charities of Choice for 2016.

Suggested donations are \$5 per person or \$10 per family. For more information

visit [www.albanycapitalholidaylights.com](http://www.albanycapitalholidaylights.com).

### “Eat, Drink and Be Murdered”

**SARATOGA SPRINGS** — The Schenectady Civic Players are bringing “Eat, Drink and be Murdered” back to Anne’s Washington Inn at 111 South Broadway in Saratoga Springs on Nov. 18 and 19 at 6 p.m.

Audience members will get to cheer and boo as two feuding families go after each other. Someone will meet an untimely death, and it’s up to the audience to solve the crime. Prizes will be awarded to the first people who correctly guess the

murder and motive. Dinner is catered by Mama Mia’s Restaurant.

Tickets are \$60 each. To buy tickets call 518-382-2081 and select option 6 or send a check made payable to Schenectady Civic Players, PO Box 927, Schenectady NY 12301. For more information visit [civicplayers.org](http://civicplayers.org).

### Kicker Arenacross and Freestyle Motocross

**ALBANY** — Orange Motors presents the Kicker Arenacross and Freestyle Motocross Show at the Times Union Center on Nov. 19 at 7:30 p.m.



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# Night & Day

## Night: Dark Star Orchestra concert and after-party

ALBANY — The Palace Theatre welcomes internationally acclaimed Grateful Dead tribute band Dark Star Orchestra this Saturday, Nov. 19, beginning at 8 p.m., followed by an after party at The Hollow featuring regional tribute band Gratefully Yours at 11 p.m.

Performing for nearly 19 years, Dark Star Orchestra continues the Grateful Dead concert experience. Its shows are built off the Dead's extensive catalog and the talent of its seven members. Each show is based on a set list from either the Grateful Dead's 30 years of extensive touring or the band's own catalog. Honoring both The Dead and the fans, Dark Star Orchestra's members seek out the unique style and sound of each era while simultaneously offering its own informed improvisations creating a sound that truly encapsulates the energy and the experience.

Advance tickets for Dark Star Orchestra, cost \$33.50 (\$36.50 the day of the show), and are available for purchase at



Dark Star Orchestra

Promotional photo via Facebook

ticketmaster.com or by calling the Palace box office at (518) 463-4663.

A limited number of after-party advance tickets are available for \$12 each at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/gratefully-yours-dso-aftershow-party-tickets-28190473465#tickets>. Tickets at

the door will be sold for \$15.

For more details about these two shows, visit [www.palacealbany.com](http://www.palacealbany.com) and [www.thehollowalbany.com](http://www.thehollowalbany.com).

Both venues are located in Albany; The Palace Theatre is located at 19 Clinton Avenue, while The Hollow is located at 79 North Pearl Street.



The New York State Museum Carousel

Courtesy State Museum website

## Day: Family Fun Day at the State Museum

ALBANY — The New York State Museum will host its next Family Fun Day this Saturday, Nov. 19, from 1 to 4 p.m.

This month's event features fun activities which revolve around the museum's historic carousel, built between 1912 and 1916 by the Herschell-Spillman Company of North Towanda. It features a total of 40 animals, 36 horses of three sizes in various poses, along with a pair of deer and a pair of donkeys. After first being used in Wellsville, the carousel was relocated to Cuba Lake's Olivecrest Amusement Park in Cuba, where it operated

until the early 1970s. Although the museum purchased the carousel in 1975, it remained in its collections facility until 2011, when it was fully restored and installed in the new Terrace Gallery on the fourth floor.

While admission to the museum is free, a donation of \$5 per person or \$10 per family is suggested. Carousel rides are also free, however, donations are appreciated.

For more information, visit [www.nysem.nysed.gov](http://www.nysem.nysed.gov). The New York State Museum is located at 222 Madison Ave., at the Empire State Plaza in Albany.

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Sat: **Brian Patneaud Quartet** | 9 p.m.

**Albany Rail Yard**  
1118 Central Ave., Albany. 489-2990  
Every Thur: **DJ Scott Grant** | 9 p.m.

**Aperitivo**  
426 State St., Schenectady. 579-3371  
Tue: **Jecco Duo** | 5:30 p.m.

**Arthur's Market**  
35 N. Ferry St., Schenectady. 382-1938  
Wed: **Harry Pellegrin** | 7 p.m.  
Every Thur: **Edith's Amazing Jam** | 6:30 p.m.

Fri: **The Nellies** | 7 p.m.  
Sat: **John Slovacek** | 2 p.m.  
**Kitchen Jazz** | 7 p.m.  
Sun: **Jere, John & Mike** | 7 p.m.  
Tue: **Dynamic Duo** | 7 p.m.

**Athos**  
1814 Western Ave., Albany. 608-6400  
Fri: **Jeanne O'Connor** | 7 p.m.

**Café NOLA**  
617 Union St., Schenectady. 357-8628  
Sat: **Debbie Fish and The Crowd Pleasers** | 6:30 p.m.

**Caffé Lena**  
47 Phila St., Saratoga Springs. 225-0882  
Every Thur: **Open Mic** (42 Phils St.) | 7 p.m.

Fri: **Greg Klyma with Kevin Maul** (23 Middle Grove Road, Greenfield Center) | 8 p.m.

Sat: **Mollie O'Brien & Rich Moore** (230 Nelson Ave.) | 8 p.m.

**Carney's Tavern**  
17 Main Street, Ballston Lake. 280-7959  
Every Thur: **Matty Finn** | 6 p.m.  
Fri: **Rich Thomas** | 7:30 p.m.  
Sat: **E.J. Hopeck** | 8 p.m.

**Castle Street Café**  
10 Castle St., Great Barrington, Mass.  
413-528-5244  
Fri: **Wanda Houston Band** | 8 p.m.

# ARTS CALENDAR



## Funny folks

Singer-songwriters Christine Lavin, left, and Don White bring the music and the laughs to the GE Theatre at Proctors in Schenectady Saturday, Nov. 19, at 7:30 p.m. For tickets or more information, call 346-6204. Submitted photo

Sat: **Scott Bassinson Duo** | 8 p.m.

**Centre Street Pub**  
308 Union St., Schenectady. 393-2337  
Wed: **Jecco Trio** | 8 p.m.  
Thur: **Josh Casano** | 7 p.m.  
Fri: **Ill Funk** | 9 p.m.  
Sat: **Good Time Charlies** | 9 p.m.

**Chrome Food & Spirits**  
405 Hudson River Road, Waterford.

326-2725  
Fri: **Threatened Since March, Wasteland Junction** | 8 p.m.  
Sat: **Rock for Tots** | noon  
**City Beer Hall**  
42 Howard St., Albany. 449-2337  
Every Sat: **90s Dance Party** | 11 p.m.  
**Club Helsinki**  
405 Columbia St., Hudson. 828-4800 or helsinkiHUDSON.com

Fri: **The Lustre Kings, Cindy Cashdollar** | 9 p.m.  
Sat: **Murali Coryell** | 9 p.m.  
**Diamond Club Grill**  
Embassy Suites, 88 Congress St., Saratoga Springs. 886-1111  
Sat: **Out of the Box** | 6:30 p.m.

**Dolce Vita**  
1727 State St., Schenectady. 357-3324

Fri & Sat: **Music and Dancing with Randy Loren** | 5 p.m.  
**Emack & Bolio's**  
366 Delaware Ave., Albany. 512-5100  
Fri: **Luke Ryan & Don Ferber** | 7 p.m.  
Sat: **Deb Cavanaugh** (Family show) | 3 p.m.  
**Alan Goldberg** | 7 p.m.  
Every Tue: **Open Mic** | 7 p.m.

**Fuze Box**  
12 Central Ave., Albany. 703-8937  
Fri: **Cretin Hop** | 9:30 p.m.  
Sat: **Wolfpack Family Reunion with Cranial ABUSE** | 7 p.m.  
**80s Night** | 9 p.m.  
Sun: **Ion Dissonance, Fit for an Autopsy** | 7 p.m.

**Gaffney's**  
16 Caroline St., Saratoga Springs. 587-7359  
Thur: **Sirsy** | 9 p.m.  
Fri: **Ubuntu** | 9 p.m.  
Sat: **Acoustic Circus** | 9 p.m.  
Tue: **Open Mic** | 8 p.m.

**Ginger Man**  
234 Western Ave., Albany. 427-5963  
Fri: **Tim Williams** | 8 p.m.

**Grappa '72**  
818 Central Ave., Albany. 482-7200  
Wed & Thur: **Hamilton Street Jazz Company** | 6:30 p.m.

**The Half Moon**  
48 S. Front St., Hudson. thehalfmoonHUDSON.com  
Thur: **Zach Schmidt** | 8 p.m.  
Sat: **DJ Jonathan Toubin** | 10 p.m.

**Hamlet and Ghost**  
24 Caroline St., Saratoga Springs. 450-7287  
Wed: **Hot Club of Saratoga** | 7 p.m.

**The Happy Cappuccino**  
1 Crossgates Mall Road, Albany. 313-7423  
Fri: **Jecco** | noon

**The Hollow Bar + Kitchen**  
79 N. Pearl St., Albany. 426-8550  
Fri: **Sabrina Carpenter** | 9 p.m.  
Sat: **Gratefully Yours** (DSO After-party) | 10:30 p.m.  
Sun: **Against the Current, Cruisr, Beach Weather** | 8 p.m.

**Hudson River Music Hall**  
10 Maple St., Hudson Falls. 832-3484  
Every Wed: **Open Mic** | 7 p.m.  
Fri: **Sonny and the Suspicions** | 7:30 p.m.

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**ACROSS**

- Bent
- Certain surgeon's "patient"
- Marienbad, for one
- Clearasil target
- Angry, with "up"
- Blue hue
- Little sister, for example
- "Cogito \_\_\_ sum"
- Clod chopper
- Black cat, maybe
- Avenue
- Some Olympians, nowadays
- Try, as a case
- \_\_\_ ID
- Marine crustacean
- "Mi chiamano Mimi," e.g.
- Breed
- Gladly
- Jiffs
- Whacks
- Data
- Jersey, e.g.
- Affectedly creative
- Campus military org.
- Satisfies
- Catch, as in a net
- Attired
- "Guilty," e.g.
- Kind of wit
- The "C" in U.P.C.
- 20-20, e.g.
- "Pumping \_\_\_"
- Type of way to prepare oats
- \_\_\_ mortals
- Carries
- Abstruse
- Convened
- Makeup, e.g.
- Elizabeth \_\_\_, English suffragist

**DOWN**

- Shellacking
- An aviation organization
- A chip, maybe
- Undertake, with "out"
- Aftershock
- Marriage and others
- Brio
- Moray, e.g.
- Arid
- Beep
- Bunches
- Abandons
- Firm or solid earth (2 wds)
- Elders' teachings
- "The Joy Luck Club" author
- Synthetic material for wax modeling
- A shrew
- Port holders
- "Gladiator" setting
- Allowed
- Fires
- Birchbark
- Holds up
- Methuselah's father
- Bit
- Inflammation of a mucous membrane
- A pint, maybe
- Firstborn
- Call for
- Surveys
- Brinks
- Length x width, for a rectangle
- After-dinner drink
- Hint
- Old Chinese money
- Any thing
- Catch a glimpse of
- \_\_\_ grass
- "\_\_\_ to Billie Joe"

Answers on Pg. B30

## ARTS CALENDAR

Sat: **Whiskey River Band** | 7:30 p.m.

### Lanie's Café

471 Albany-Shaker Road, Loudonville, 438-5005  
Every Tue: **Dan Sherwin** | 6 p.m.

### The Low Beat

335 Central Ave., Albany. 432-6572  
Every Wed: **The Deadbeats** | 10 p.m.  
Thur: **Girls Guns and Glory, Hawbuckees** | 7:30 p.m.

Fri: **Jouska, The Parlor, Another Michael, Hammer Hawk, Slowshine, Hospital Corners, Rechorduroys** | 8 p.m.

Sat: **Pig Food Records: Alaska, Elsphinx, Mic Lanny** | 8 p.m.

Sun: **Ted Leo, Ian Sweet** | 7 p.m.  
Tue: **Throat Culture, The Spirit of Violence, Mange** | 9:30 p.m.

### Lucky Strike Social, Jupiter Hall

1 Crossgates Mall Road, Albany. 556-3350  
Fri: **Maybird, Hasty Page** | 8 p.m.  
Sat: **DJ Ric & Papa Giogio** | 10:30 p.m.

### Madison Theater

1036 Madison Ave., Albany. 438-2094  
Sat: **The Mike + Ruthy Band** | 8 p.m.

### McGeary's

4 Clinton Square, Albany. 463-1455  
Every Wed: **Best Damn Open Mic Ever with MotherJudge** | 7:30 p.m.  
Every Sun: **Blues Jam** | 7:30 p.m.

### Moon & River Café

115 S. Ferry St., Schenectady. 377-5100  
Wed: **Peter Carman & Ryan Legere** | 7 p.m.  
Thur: **Running the River** | 7 p.m.  
Fri: **John Birchler** | 7 p.m.  
Sun: **Marilyn Williams** | 2 p.m.



## New play looks at child trafficking

Creative Action Unlimited presents Michael Kennedy's one-act play, "Taken In," about local sex trafficking of minors. There will be two performances Nov. 18 and 19 at 7:30 p.m. at the Independent Living Center, 15 Third St. in Troy. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$10 for students and seniors.

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Every Sun: **Open Mic** | 7:30 p.m.

Mon: **Francis Wilkin** | 7 p.m.

Tue: **Dave Kitchen Jazz Trio** | 7 p.m.

### Mouzon House

1 York St., Saratoga Springs. 226-0014  
Thur: **Hot Club of Saratoga Trio** | 7 p.m.

Fri: **Brass & Blues** | 7 p.m.

Sat: **Joe Gitto & Dan Wancyk** | 6:30 p.m.

### Newberry Music Hall

388 Broadway, Saratoga Springs. (877) 565-3849  
Fri: **Latin Night** | 9 p.m.

### Oh Bar

304 Lark St., Albany. 463-9004  
Thur: **Karaoke** | 10 p.m.

### One Caroline Street

1 Caroline St., Saratoga Springs. 587-2026

Wed: **The Masters of Nostalgia** | 8:30 p.m.

Thur: **Cloud Lifter** | 8 p.m.

Fri: **Dryer** (EP release) | 9 p.m.

Sat: **The Elements** | 9 p.m.

Mon: **Tim Wechelaer** | 7:30 p.m.

### Parish Public House

388 Broadway, Albany. 365-0444  
Sat: **TooMuchTooFast, Solar Gypsies** | 10 p.m.

### The Parting Glass

40 Lake Ave., Saratoga Springs. 583-1916

Fri: **Big Medicine** | 9 p.m.

Sat: **Hair of the Dog** | 8 p.m.

Sun: **Caravan of Thieves** | 7 p.m.

### Panza's

510 NY Rte. 9P (on Saratoga Lake), Saratoga Springs. 584-6882

Sat: **Colleen Pratt with Peg & Bill Delaney** | 7 p.m.

### Pauly's Hotel

337 Central Ave., Albany. paulyshotel.com  
Mon: **Blues Jam** | 8 p.m.

### Prime at Saratoga National

458 Union Ave., Saratoga Springs. 583-4653

Sun: **Joe Sorrentino Trio** (jazz brunch) | 10:30 a.m.

### Putnam Den

63a Putnam St., Saratoga Springs. 584-8066

Fri: **Start Making Sense** | 9:30 p.m.

Sat: **Pink Talking Fish, The Primate Fiasco** | 9 p.m.

### Roux

10-01 Vista Blvd., Slingerlands. 487-4358

Wed: **Skip Parsons' Clarinet Marmalade** | 6 p.m.

### Rustic Barn Pub

150 Speigletown Road, Troy. 235-5858  
Every Thur: **Open Mic** | 8 p.m.

Fri: **The Refrigerators** | 9 p.m.

Sat: **The Bear Bones Project** | 8 p.m.

Sun: **Maurizio Russomanno** | 4 p.m.

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### Sake Japanese Steakhouse

611 Troy-Schenectady Road, Latham. 785-7215

Sat: **New Edge** | 7:30 p.m.

### Speakeasy 518

42 Howard St., Albany. 449-2332

Wed: **Tyler Giroux** | 8 p.m.

Thur: **Phi Allen Trio** | 9 p.m.

Fri: **Tyler Giroux Trio** | 9 p.m.

Sat: **Phil Chow Trio** | 9 p.m.

Mon: **Joe Finn** | 8 p.m.

Tue: **Mike Jenkins Trio** (swing night) | 8 p.m.

### Stockade Inn

1 North Church St., Schenectady. 346-3400

Thur: **Dino Cimino** | 7 p.m.

Fri: **Sonny & Perley** | 7 p.m.

### Twisted Vine

384 Kenwood Ave., Delmar. 439-3241

Fri: **Brian Patneude** | 8 p.m.

### Upstate Concert Hall

1208 New York 146, Clifton Park. 371-0012 or upstateconcerthall.com

Fri: **In Flames, HELLYEAH,**

**From Ashes to New, Source** | 7 p.m.

Sat: **Crown the Empire, Bless the Fall,**

**New Years Day, Too Close to Touch,**

**Light Up the Sky** | 7 p.m.

### Waterworks Pub

76 Central Ave., Albany. 465-9079

Thur: **DJ Shawn Gillie** | 11 p.m.

Fri: **Karaoke** | 10 p.m.

Sat: **DJ David Barna** | 10 p.m.

Mon: **Karaoke** | 10 p.m.

### Wishing Well Restaurant

745 Saratoga Road, Wilton. 584-7640

Fri: **Roger Held** | 6:30 p.m.

Sat: **Rob Aronstein** | 6:30 p.m.

### Yono's

25 Chapel St., Albany. 436-7747

Fri and Sat: **Hamilton Street**

**Jazz Duo** | 6:30 p.m.

## MUSIC

### WGNA Secret Star Acoustic Jam

Four country music stars perform their songs, and the audience won't know who they are until they take the stage. Nov. 16, 7 p.m., Proctors, 432 State St., Schenectady. Tickets: \$19-\$34. Information: 346-6204 or www.proctors.org.

### Big Head Blues Club

The music of Willie Dixon featuring Big

Head Todd and the Monsters, with special guests Mud Morganfield, Billy Branch and Ronnie Baker. Nov. 16, 7:30 p.m., Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, 30 Second St., Troy. Tickets: \$36 and \$45. Information: 273-0038 or troymusichall.org.

### Elvis: Aloha from Hawaii

Elvis Presley tribute singer David Lee re-creates the King of Rock and Roll's 1973 concert special and other hits. Presented by St. Catherine's Center for Children, with proceeds benefitting abused and neglected children. Nov. 19, 7:30 p.m., Hart Theater, The Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany. Tickets: \$32.50-\$72.50. Information: 473-1845 or www.theegg.org.

### Christine Lavin and Don White

Two funny folk singer-songwriters join forces for a night of laughs and music. Presented by The Eighth Step, Nov. 19, 7:30 p.m., GE Theatre at Proctors, 432 State St., Schenectady. Tickets: \$26-\$50. Information: 346-6204 or www.proctors.org.

### 10,000 Maniacs

Indie folk/rock band known for songs such as "These Are Days" and "What's the Matter Here." Nov. 19, 7:30 p.m., Cohoes Music Hall, 58 Remsen St., Cohoes. Tickets: \$32-\$52. Information: palacealbany.com.

### Groovin' ... A 60s & 70s

### Musical Journey

A tribute concert featuring music by Carole King, John Fogerty, Neil Young, Eric Burdon, David Clayton Thomas, Burton Cummings and a special tribute to David Bowie. Nov. 19, 8 p.m., Proctors, 432 State St., Schenectady. Tickets: \$22-\$38. Information: 346-6204 or www.proctors.org.

### Squirrel Nut Zippers

Blues/swing band celebrating the 20th anniversary of its breakthrough album, "Hot." Nov. 19, 8 p.m., Swyer Theater, The Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany. Tickets: \$34. Information: 473-1845 or www.theegg.org.

### Dark Star Orchestra

One of the premier Grateful Dead tribute bands. Nov. 19, 8 p.m., Palace Theatre, 19 Clinton Ave., Albany. Tickets: advance \$33.50, day of show \$36.50. Information: palacealbany.com.

### Low Lily

The string and vocal trio Low Lily (formerly Annalivia) explores the roots and branches of American folk music with traditional influences and modern inspiration that weaves together a unique brand of acoustic music. Nov. 19, 8 p.m., Sand Lake Center for the Arts, 2880 NY-43, Averill Park. Tickets: \$18. Information: slcactp.ticketleap.com/low-lily/dates/Nov-19-2016\_at\_0800PM.

### Sierra Hull

Acclaimed singer-songwriter and mandolin player, presented as part of the American Roots Series at The Linda and hosted by Michael Eck. Nov. 19, 8 p.m., The Linda: WAMC's Performing Arts Studio, 339 Central Ave., Albany. Tickets: \$20. Information: thelinda.org.

### Hot Tuna — Electric!

Jorma Kaukonen and Jack Casady lead the legendary blues-rock band in an evening of classic tunes and epic improvisations. Nov. 20, 7 p.m., Swyer Theater, The Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany. Tickets: \$39.50. Information: 473-1845 or www.theegg.org.

### Sully Erna

Lead singer of Godsmack takes a solo turn to perform songs from his new recording, "Hometown Life." Nov. 22, 8 p.m., The Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany. Tickets: \$29.50-\$49.50. Information: 473-1845 or www.theegg.org.

## THEATER

### Farragut North

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## Theater fundraiser

Chris Lamberth headlines **BeneFITS of LAUGHTER**, a night of stand-up comedy to benefit Steamer No. 10 Theatre in Albany. The show takes place Saturday, Nov. 18, at 8 p.m. at the theater, 500 Western Ave., in Albany.

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## ARTS CALENDAR

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### Wonderful World

Comedy about a close-knit family that is shaken to its core when a minor misunderstanding spirals out of control. Presented by Albany Civic Theater, through Nov. 20, 235 Second Ave., Albany. Shows: Friday and Saturday 7:30 p.m., Sunday 3 p.m. Tickets: adults \$18, students \$10. Information: 462-1297 or www.albanycivictheater.org.

### Water by the Spoonful

Quiara Alegria Hudes' Pulitzer Prize-winning play about coping in today's society. Presented by The Theatre Program of the University at Albany, Nov. 16-20, UAlbany Performing Arts Center, uptown campus, 1400 Washington Ave. Shows: Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday 7 p.m., Friday 3 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday, 2 p.m. Advance tickets: general public \$15, students/seniors/UAlbany staff \$10. Day of show: general public \$20, students/seniors/UAlbany staff \$15. Information: 442-3997 or www.albany.edu/pac.

### Eat, Drink, and Be Murdered

A dinner theater whodunit. Presented by Schenectady Civic Players, Nov. 18 and 19, 6 p.m., Anne's Washington Inn, 111 South Broadway, Saratoga Springs. Tickets: \$60. Information: 382-2081 or 584-9807.

### Taken In

A one-act play about local sex trafficking of minors written and directed by Michael Kennedy. Presented by Creative

Action Unlimited, Nov. 18 and 19, 7:30 p.m., Independent Living Center, 15 Third St., Troy. Tickets: adults \$12, students/seniors \$10. Information: 763-3975.

### Hip Hop Theatre with Open Thought Productions

This special performance will be the culmination of a four day school residency featuring students from Monument Valley Regional Middle School, Mt. Everett Middle and High School and St. Mary's School performing with the professional dancers from Open Thought Productions. Nov. 18, 7 p.m., Mahaiwe Performing Arts Center, 14 Castle St., Great Barrington, Mass. Tickets: \$5.

### Don Giovanni

Rebroadcast of The Met's performance of the classic opera. Nov. 19, 1 p.m., The Clark Institute, 225 South St., Williamstown, Mass. Tickets: members \$22, general admission \$25, students/children \$18. Information: www.clarkart.edu.

### London's National Theatre in HD: Hamlet

Benedict Cumberbatch takes on the title role of Shakespeare's great tragedy in this simulcast. Nov. 20, 3 p.m., Mahaiwe Performing Arts Center, 14 Castle St., Great Barrington, Mass. Tickets: \$17.

## COMEDY

### The Funny Bone

**Tim Gaither**, Nov. 17, 7:30 p.m. **Aries Spears**, Nov. 18, 7:30 and 10 p.m., Nov. 19, 7 and 10 p.m. and Nov. 20, 7 p.m. Crossgates Mall, Western Avenue, Guilderland. Information: 313-7484 or

Albany.funnybone.com.

### The Comedy Works

**Robert Kelly**, Nov. 17, 8 p.m., Nov. 18, 8 p.m., and Nov. 19, 7:30 and 9:30 p.m. **The Comedy Works Local All-Stars**, Nov. 18, 10 p.m. 388 Broadway, Saratoga Springs. Information: 275-6897 or thecomedyworks.com.

### Comedy@Via Entertainment

**Kristin Seltman, Angela Cobb, Henry Liu** and host **Dee Watson**. Nov. 19, 8 p.m., ViaPort Rotterdam, 93 West Campbell Road, Schenectady. Tickets: \$15. Information: 894-0285.

### Martin Lawrence

Actor and comedian returns to his stand-up roots for his "Doin' Time: Uncut Live Tour." Nov. 17, 8 p.m., Times Union Center, 51 South Pearl St., Albany. Tickets: \$48-\$98. Information: www.timesunioncenter-albany.com.

### BeneFITS of LAUGHTER

A benefit show for the Steamer No. 10 Theatre featuring **Chris Lamberth, Ethan Ullman, Dre Cerbin** and more. Nov. 19, 8 p.m., Steamer No. 10 Theatre, 500 Western Ave., Albany. Tickets: \$15. Information: 438-5503 or www.steamer10theatre.org.

## DANCE

### NYS Capital District Chapter of USA Dance

Monthly ballroom dance featuring 45-minute dance lesson, music provided by Jim Appicella and a live dance demo provided by Frank and Mary Colby. Nov. 20, 6:15 p.m., Danceland, 638 Columbia St. Extension, Latham. Admission: USA Dance

members \$10, non members \$13, students \$5, children 18 and under free. Information: Jim DeForge, 233-0957 or capitalusadance.com.

## FAMILY

### Science of Hibernation

Can't bear to be cold? Elementary aged kids are invited to Library Science Lab to experiment with techniques that hibernating animals use to get through the winter. Nov. 16, 4 p.m., Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Library, 95 Main St., Ravena. Registration appreciated. Information: 756-2053.

### Sensory Play:

### Thanksgiving Celebrations

Help your child improve motor skills and increase his or her understanding of how the world works. Join SUNY Poly CMOST in the GE Junior Discovery room for a hands-on sensory science activity. No pre-registration required, activity included with museum admission. Ages 2-6. Nov. 17, 10 to 11:30 a.m. CSNE Children's Museum of Science and Technology, 250 Jordan Road, Troy.

### Kneehigh Naturalist

This class is intended for children ages 2-5 and their parents/guardians. We will discover different themes of nature with a short story and hands on experiences. Registration is necessary with 24 hours advanced notice. Nov. 17, 10 a.m. Moreau Lake State Park, 605 Old Saratoga Road, Gansevoort.

### Jeanne Birdsall and Harry Bliss

National Book Award winner (Birdsall) and bestselling illustrator (Bliss) present their new picture book, "My Favorite Pets

by Gus W. for Ms. Smolinski's Class." Nov. 18, 6 p.m., Northshire Bookstore, 424 Broadway, Saratoga Springs. Information: 682-4200 or www.northshire.com.

### Disney Live: Mickey & Minnie's Doorway to Magic

Mickey and Minnie Mouse go on an adventure with Donald Duck and Goofy. Nov. 18, 4 and 7 p.m., Palace Theatre, 19 Clinton Ave., Albany. Tickets: \$18-\$78. Information: palacealbany.com.

### Kids&Clay

Classes are held every Tuesday and Thursday at 4 p.m. and Saturday at 10 a.m. while school is in session. Classes are offered on a rolling admission. Saratoga Clay Arts Center, 167 Hayes Road, Schuylerville. Cost: \$190 for six classes of \$360 for 12 classes. Information: saratogaclayarts.org.

## FILM

### It Came From Schenectady presents 'Blue Velvet'

David Lynch's cult classic starring Kyle MacLachlan, Dennis Hopper, Isabella Rossellini and Laura Dern. Nov. 17, 7 p.m., Proctors, 432 State St., Schenectady. Tickets: adults \$9, children/students with ID \$6. Information: 346-6204 or www.proctors.org.

### Food For Thought: Indian Point

Documentary about the Indian Point nuclear power plant in the lower Hudson Valley. Nov. 17, 7 p.m., The Linda: WAMC's Performing Arts Studio, 339 Central Ave., Albany. Tickets: \$8. Information: thelinda.org.

### Citizens Bank Movie Series

See "Star Trek III: The Search for Spock," Nov. 21, 7 p.m., Palace Theatre, 19 Clinton Ave., Albany. Tickets: \$5. Information: palacealbany.com.

### Music Hall Movie Series

See "Alice's Restaurant," Nov. 22, 7 p.m., Cohoes Music Hall, 58 Remsen St., Cohoes. Tickets: \$5. Information: palacealbany.com.

## LITERARY

### Tracy Kidder

Pulitzer Prize-winning author talks about his career and his new book, "A Truck Full of Money." Nov. 17, 7 p.m., Schenectady High School, 1445 The Plaza, Schenectady. Presented by Friends of the Schenectady County Public Library. Information: www.friendsofscpl.org.

### Sonya Chang book launch

A launch party for Chang's new novel, "The Loved Ones." Nov. 17, 7 p.m., Northshire Bookstore, 424 Broadway, Saratoga Springs. Information: 682-4200 or www.northshire.com.

### Tellabration — It Ain't Necessarily So

Readings of short stories featuring Clarie Beetlestone, Fran Berger, Kent Busman, Betty Cassidy, Kate Dudding, Adam Hoffman, Christy Keegan, Eliud Nieves, Joe Peck and Sandy Schuman. Hosted by Karen Pillsworth. Nov. 20, 2 p.m., GE Theatre at Proctors, 432 State St., Schenectady. Tickets: adults \$12, students \$6. Information: 346-6204 or www.proctors.org.

## EDUCATION

### Chilly Willy's Winter's Eve:

### How the Dutch Survived Winter

Surviving winter is the topic for the November meeting of the Bethlehem Historical Association. Shelby Mattice, curator of the Bronck Museum, looks at how the early Dutch settlers of the rural Hudson Valley survived the harsh reality that is an upstate New York winter. Nov. 17, 7 p.m., Cedar Hill Schoolhouse Museum, 1003 River Road, Selkirk. Free.

### Sebastian Smee on the Art of Rivalry

The Boston Globe's Pulitzer Prize winning art critic will discuss his acclaimed new work, "The Art of Rivalry: Four Friendships, Betrayals, and Breakthroughs in Modern Art." A book signing immediately follows the talk. Nov. 18, 7 to 8:30 p.m., The Clark Institute, 225 South St., Williamstown, Mass. Free; registration required. Information: www.clarkart.edu.

### Albany Made Creative Lab

This space for makers is full of equipment and technology, including a 3D printer, 3D scanner, video and music editing equipment, sewing machine, fiber arts materials, hand tools, graphics software and computer, color printer, digital camera, and bike repair kit. Mondays, 4 to 7:30 p.m., and Thursdays, 2 to 5:30 p.m. Albany Public Library Main Branch, 161 Washington Ave., Albany. Information: 427-4349 or email albanymade@albanypubliclibrary.org.

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## ARTS CALENDAR

7 p.m., as well as Saturday and Sunday at 2 p.m. Weaving and spinning demos. Free admission and parking. Nov. 17-20, Pruy House, 207 Old Niskayuna Road, Latham. Hours: Thursday 2 to 9 p.m., Friday 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sunday noon to 4 p.m.

**Red, White and Chocolate Gala**  
An evening of socializing with live music and delicious hors d'oeuvres, an array of wine and whiskey, gourmet cheeses and delectable chocolates. Nov. 17, 6 to 10 p.m., Renaissance Albany, 144 State St., Albany Honorary Tickets: \$150. Regular tickets: \$80. 35 years old and under: \$65.

**Holiday Gala for the Ten Broeck Mansion**  
Hosted by the Albany County Historical Association featuring hors d'oeuvres, a three course dinner, silent auction and a cash bar. Nov. 17, 6:30 to 10:30 p.m., 677 Prime, 677 Broadway, Albany. Cost: \$100 per person.

**The Aluminum Show**  
A magical creation combining visual theater, dance and humor. Nov. 17, 7:30 p.m., Proctors, 432 State St., Schenectady. Tickets: \$20-\$40. Information: 346-6204 or proctors.org.

**Basketweaving Workshop: Make a Penobscot Tote**  
Each student gets to plan the design and look of his/her own basket using dyed reed and other simple weaving techniques. Nov. 19, 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Mabee Farm Historic Site, 1100 Main St., Rotterdam Junction. Registration and information: Mary Zawacki, 887-5073 or curator@schenectadyhistorical.org.

**Fair Trade Holiday Marketplace**  
This one-day event is the second in a five-venue series offering specialty items not found in stores or other craft fairs. They will feature multiple vendors showcasing a stunning array of handcrafted gifts, housewares and accessories, as well as specialty foods and coffees. Nov. 19, 10 a.m., Community Reformed Church, 701 Sand Creek Road, Colonie.

**Dollars for Scholars Card Party**  
Fundraiser for scholarship benefitting a Bethlehem Central High School senior. Bring your friends, your board games and your cards, or just come to socialize. Nov. 19, noon to 4 p.m., Normanside Country Club, 150 Salisbury Road, Delmar. \$25 per person; reservations preferred. Information: Margaret Dilgen (mdilgen43@gmail.com or 275-0078) or Laura Cooper (mcooper1@nycap.rr.com or 330-2476).

**Grem's-Doolittle Library's 25th Anniversary Reception**  
Former Schenectady County Historical Society trustee Frank Taormina will give a presentation on the history of the library, and there will be a selection of library and archival items showcasing 350 years of Schenectady's history. Nov. 19, 2 p.m., Schenectady County Historical Society, 32 Washington Ave., Schenectady. Free. Information: schenectadyhistorical.org.

**Participatory Art & Action workshop**  
Brenda Ann Kenneally will share strategies for participatory community art practice, including the process behind her scrapbooks and the StoryCandles project. Nov. 19, 4 to 6 p.m., Sanctuary for Independent Media, 3361 6th Ave., Troy.

**Epicurious at UpRiver**  
A combination of fine food and a fine art sale, benefitting the Lake George Arts Project. Nov. 19, 4 to 7 p.m., UpRiver Café, 29 Main St., Lake Luzerne. Reservations suggested. Admission: \$30. Information: 668-2616 or mail@lakegeorgearts.org.

**Albany Center Gallery 40th Anniversary Gala**  
A black-and-white themed event featuring music, dancing, auctions and drawings, complemented by culinary artistry and a selection of fine wine donated by Dr. Joel and Kira Spiro, beer from the Albany Pump Station and cider from Nine Pin Cider Works. Nov. 19, 7 p.m., Renaissance Albany, 144 State St., Albany. Tickets: \$100 per person, \$75 for young professionals. Information: 462-4775 or albanycentergallery.org.

**Medea Benjamin**  
Co-founder of the women-led peace group CODEPINK and the co-founder of the human rights group Global Exchange speaks. Nov. 19, 7 p.m., Sanctuary for Independent Media, 3361 6th Ave., Troy.

**Kicker Arenacross & Freestyle Motocross Show**  
High-velocity motorcycle racing on the dirt. Nov. 19, 7:30 p.m., Times Union Center, 51 South Pearl St., Albany. Tickets: adults \$21-\$28, children ages 2-12 \$21. Prices increase \$2 the day of the event. Information: www.timesunioncenter-albany.com.

**Faces of Addiction Fashion Show**  
A benefit to raise awareness and support for those impacted by the heroin epidemic. Nov. 20, 9:30 a.m., Albany Marriott, 189 Wolf Road, Colonie.

Tickets: \$45-\$55. Information: www.albanyfashionshow.com.

### EXHIBITS

**Albany Institute of History and Art**  
"Rock & Roll Icons: Photographs by Patrick Harbron," through Feb. 12; "The Art of Seating: 200 Years of American Design," through Dec. 31; "Spotlight: Alexander Hamilton," through Dec. 31; plus "Nineteenth-Century American Sculpture: Erastus Dow Palmer and His Protégés, Launt Thompson, Charles Calverley, and Richard Park," "A Gather of Glass: Selections from the Museum's Collection," "Ancient Egypt" and more. 125 Washington Ave., Albany. Information: 463-4478 or www.albanyinstitute.org.

**Albany Pine Bush Discovery Center**  
"Karnar Station," a special exhibit focusing on where the Karnar Blue butterfly was first documented near the Karnar Train Station, through Dec. 31. 195 New Karnar Road, Colonie. Information: 456-0655 or albanypinebush.org.

**AMP Galleries**  
"Sense of Light and Tone," an exhibit featuring the works of MaryEllen Hedderman-Pheiffer. 454 Broadway, Saratoga Springs. Information: 898-6976.

**Art de Cure**  
"Inspired by Nature," a benefit for the American Diabetes Association, through Dec. 30. Albany Medical Center, The Endocrine Group at 1365 Washington Ave. #300, Albany.

**Arts Center of the Capital Region**  
"Screprint Biennial" and "Under the

Sea to the Kitchen Sink," through Dec. 23. 265 River St., Troy. Information: 273-0552 or www.artscenonline.org.

**The Clark Institute**  
"Photography and Discovery," through Feb. 5; "Thomas Schutte: Crystal," through Oct. 9. 225 South St., Williamstown, Mass. Information: www.clarkart.edu.

**Clement Art Gallery**  
"Heading Home to the Catskills," an exhibit featuring works by Mara Lehmann. 201 Broadway, Troy. Information: 272-6811.

**Collar Works**  
"Screenprint Biennial," in conjunction with the Arts Center for the Capital Region's exhibit of the same name, through Dec. 23. 621 River St., Troy. Information: www.collarworks.org.

**Esther Massry Gallery**  
"Hitting Bumps on the School Bus," an exhibition of paintings by Danny Ginsburg, through Feb. 26. The College of Saint Rose, Massry Center for the Arts, 1002 Madison Ave., Albany. Information: 485-3902 or www.strose.edu/gallery.

**Hudson Valley Community College**  
"The Fine Arts and Digital Media Faculty Exhibit," through Dec. 3, Teaching Gallery, Administration Building, HVCC campus, Route 4, Troy. Information: www.hvcc.edu.

**The Hyde Collection**  
"Artists of the Mohawk-Hudson Region" and "Transforming The Hyde: The Feibes & Schmitt Gift," a selection of works from the collection of Werner Feibes and the late James Schmitt, through Dec. 31. 161 Warren St., Glens Falls. Information:

792-1761 or hydecollection.org.  
**The Laffer Gallery**  
"Fourth Annual Upstate Invitational," featuring works by Anne Diggory, Janice Medina and Russell Serrienne, through Nov. 27. 96 Broad St., Schuylerville. Information: www.thelaffergallery.com.

**miSci**  
"Tinkering: Bring Out Your Inner Engineer," a hands-on exhibit from the San Francisco Exploratorium, through May 17. Nott Terrace Heights, Schenectady. Information: 382-7890 or www.miSci.org.

**National Museum of Dance**  
"50 Years at SPAC," celebrating the golden anniversary of the venerable performance venue; "The Dancing Connection," an exhibit that explores the connection between dance and sports; "Gen," a life-sized sculpture of former New York City Ballet principal dancer Gen Horiuchi; plus "A Tribute to Dancers in Film," "Making Art Dance" and "2015 Hall of Fame Inductees Mark Morris and Rudolf Nureyev." 99 South Broadway, Saratoga Springs. Information: 584-2225 or www.dancemuseum.org.

**New York State Museum**  
"The People's Art: Selectios from the Empire State Plaza Art Collection," on display through Sept. 3, 2017; plus "Hudson Valley Ruins," "Art for the People," and more. Empire State Plaza, 222 Madison Ave., Albany. Information: 474-5877 or www.nysm.nysed.gov.

**Saratoga Automobile Museum**  
"Rolling Bones," an exhibit featuring hot rods from Rolling Bones Hot Rod Shop. 110 Avenue of the Pines, Saratoga Spa State Park, Saratoga Springs. Information: saratogaautomuseum.org.



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## CULINARY ARTS

### Mashed Potatoes

#### Preparation

Peel and boil the number of potatoes for the number of people you are feeding. Mashed potatoes with butter, milk, and sour cream. Add desired to taste with salt and pepper.

Or, Mashed potatoes with roasted garlic — slice off the top of whole garlic bulbs, wrap in foil, and roast in a 450°F oven for 20 minutes. Squeeze paste into the potatoes. Add butter, milk, salt and pepper.

### Brussel Sprouts: A Couple Of Ways Caramelized

Saute several strips of bacon, drain reserve oil. Take sliced red onion, and chopped garlic, and saute in the oil from the bacon. Add a splash of white wine vinegar, and halved brussel sprouts (12 ounces) and saute until caramelized (15-20 minutes). Chop bacon, and toss with brussel sprout mixture, chopped toasted walnuts, and grated Parmesan Reggiano cheese.

### Sweet And Sour Roasted

Cut brussel sprouts (12 ounces) in half and toss with olive oil, salt and pepper. Roast on a cookie sheet in a 400° F oven for 20 minutes. While the brussel sprouts are in the oven, add a cup of apple cider, and a splash of apple cider vinegar to a

pan, and heat on medium high, until reduced. Toast some breadcrumbs in butter. Once the brussel sprouts are done, pour the apple cider mixture over the brussel sprouts. Slice celery, fuji apple, and fennel in thin strips. Put the brussel sprouts in a bowl, and top with celery, apple, fennel, and breadcrumbs.

### Cranberry Relish Ingredients - Serves 10-12

- 2 pkgs. fresh cranberries (12 ounces each)
- 2 apples (fuji, gala or honeycrisp)
- 2 pears
- 1 lemon
- 1 cup of sugar
- 1/2-1 cup of Orange juice
- Spices (cinnamon, clove, nutmeg) to taste

#### Preparation

Rinse cranberries, apples, and pears. Chop and core the apples, and pears. Place cranberries, apples, and pears in a saucepan with sugar, and orange juice. Cook on medium-low heat, until the berries pop, and thicken slightly. Remove from the heat, and let cool. Place in a bowl, and add the zest and juice of the lemon. Add spices and chill.

### Bundt Pan Cornbread Dressing Preparation -16 slices

Preheat oven to 350° F degrees. Coat a bundt pan with butter or a nonstick spray. Melt 1/2 cup of butter in a medium

# HOROSCOPES

November 2016 — Week 3



**CAPRICORN**  
December 22–  
January 19

Change is in the air, and it will be for the better. Go with the flow, Capricorn. The time to redo a room has come. Work from the top to bottom.



**ARIES**  
March 21–  
April 19

Of course you can, Aries, but that doesn't mean you want to or should. Take some time to think about the consequences before you act.



**CANCER**  
June 22–  
July 22

Cold weather sets in, and the to-do list grows. Seek the help of a couple of professionals, Cancer, and you could save a bundle. A gift arrives.



**LIBRA**  
September 23–  
October 22

You're let in on a big secret. Guard it with your life, Libra. A breakdown in communication causes quite the scene at work. Take it easy.



**AQUARIUS**  
January 20–  
February 18

Travel plans come together with the help of an old friend. Show your appreciation with a gift, Aquarius. An interior design choice turns out to be more difficult than thought.



**TAURUS**  
April 20–  
May 20

Clearly a loved one is troubled. Before you start prying, you may want to ask yourself if you have the energy to devote to the matter, Taurus.



**LEO**  
July 23–  
August 22

Snooze, and you will most certainly lose. When an opportunity arises, grab hold, Leo. A frank conversation with a friend leads to some self-revelations.



**SCORPIO**  
October 23–  
November 21

The big day is almost here. Go over your checklist and make sure everything is ready. There is no room for error, Scorpio. Important people are watching.



**PISCES**  
February 19–  
March 20

Rest does not come easily at home this week, setting everyone on edge. Be patient, Pisces. Things will work out, and harmony will resume.



**GEMINI**  
May 21–  
June 21

Small fixes at home make for big dividends later. Go, Gemini, go! A comment catches you off-guard at work. Think through your response carefully.



**VIRGO**  
August 23–  
September 22

The holiday season will be here before you know it. Start the planning now, Virgo. A big project at work is headed your way and is sure to keep you busy.



**SAGITTARIUS**  
November 22–  
December 21

Geez, Sagittarius. Nothing you do is right for a certain someone. Give up and help out where you will be appreciated. An art project concludes.



skillet on medium heat. Add a medium diced sweet onion and cook until translucent. Place in a large bowl, and add eight cups of cubed cornbread, and 4 cups of day old Italian or French bread. Add 32 ounces of chicken broth, and 11 ounces of cream of celery soup. To that add 4 beaten eggs. Add 1 Tbs. of parsley, poultry seasoning, 2 tsp. Garlic powder, and 1/2 tsp. of fresh ground black pepper. Mix and pour into the bundt pan. Bake 50-60 minutes. Let rest in the pan for 15 minutes, and then invert onto a serving platter. Slice, and serve with your favorite gravy.

### Homemade Green Bean Casserole

#### Ingredients — Serves Four

- 1.5 lbs. green beans
- 4 Tbs. unsalted butter
- 1 onion finely chopped
- 1 lb. cremini or white button mushrooms sliced
- 4 Tbs. all-purpose flour
- 2 1/2 cups half-and-half
- 2 tsp. sea salt
- 1/2 tsp. fresh ground black pepper
- 1/2 cup Parmesan cheese
- 2 tsp. sherry or red wine vinegar
- 4 ounces of your favorite french fried onions

#### Preparation

Pre-heat oven to 350° F. Coat a 9" x 13" casserole dish with butter or cooking

spray. Bring a large pot of water to a boil. Prepare an ice bath, with water and ice. Cook green beans in boiling water for 3-4 minutes until tender. Drain the beans and submerge in the ice bath to stop cooking. Drain.

In a large skillet, melt butter over medium-high heat. Add the onion and cook until translucent, about 8 minutes. Stir in the mushrooms, and cook 7-8 minutes. Add flour and continue stirring for 2 minutes. Whisk in half-and-half, salt, and pepper. Continue stirring until the mixture begins to coat the back of a wooden spoon. Turn off the heat, and whisk in parmesan and vinegar. Toss the green beans into the mixture.

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Until next recipe,  
Annie

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- Nov. 27 **Trans-Siberian Orchestra**
- Dec. 1 **I Love The 90's**
- Dec. 2 **Albany Devils vs. Utica**
- Dec. 3 **Siena vs. Fairfield**
- Dec. 4 **Albany Devils vs. Binghamton**
- Dec. 7 **Albany Devils vs. Binghamton**
- Dec. 9 **UFC Fight Night**
- Dec. 10 **Albany Devils vs. Providence**
- Dec. 11 **Kanye West**

HEALTH & FITNESS

# Battling body image

Body image issues can affect men and women, boys and girls

By CRAIG W. ARMSTRONG  
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There is an old phrase, "to see ourselves as others see us." Unfortunately, we can't, and when it comes to our body image, we are, without a doubt, our harshest critics. Body image issues can affect men and women, boys and girls. Men seem to struggle less, and there is a double standard. Our society has a way of putting pressure on women to be thin, beautiful and perfect, whereas men have more leeway to be overweight and unkempt. Either way, both sexes can suffer from a negative body image.

Everyone wants to look his or her best, but that is not always possible. We are bombarded with images of "perfect" people in entertainment and sports who appear to be flawless. Keep in mind there are a few things happening here. First, the images you see are more than likely altered to make these people look their best. Combine this with lighting, hairstyles, makeup artists and Photoshop and you have the "perfect" person. Second, consider that these folks have trainers and chefs who cook them nothing but

healthy food and drag them out of bed to work out. Finally, think about the sacrifice they make to look like that. It is not uncommon to hear performers tell stories about how they starved themselves for a certain role or to look a certain way. Does that sound like real life to you?

The point is what you see around you is not necessarily reality. For this reason you need to put your body in perspective and give yourself a break. Many people believe that change comes from the inside. You have to accept who you are and work to better yourself, not just your appearance, but your overall health.

Start with a good foundation. This means seeing your doctor to make sure you are healthy enough to take this journey. See a dietitian or do your homework on what you should and shouldn't eat. Find out what type of exercise program works for you.

It's important to realize that losing weight and getting healthier will not happen overnight and quick fix diets and exercise apparatus don't work. The answer is simple, eating right and exercising, which is anything but simple. You didn't become overweight overnight and you won't be able to reverse it overnight. You must be patient with the process and, more importantly, with yourself.

People who belong to Alcoholics

Anonymous are very familiar with the phrase, "one day at a time." The same philosophy can be used here. Did you eat well today? Did you exercise today? If so, that's a win and puts you one step closer to your

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goal. There will absolutely be days when you don't eat right and don't exercise, and that's okay! The key is to have more good days than bad. Consistency is the key. Don't quit.

Speaking of consistency, nothing will

throw you off faster than impatience. You will not see results immediately and it will take time. The easiest way to derail your consistency and give up is to weigh yourself or to expect too much too soon.

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## ■ RESTAURANT REVIEW

# Celebrating at Grappa

Elizabeth and guest decide to celebrate personal milestones at Albany eatery

By **ELIZABETH SCHAEFER**

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**ALBANY** — We had multiple things to celebrate this weekend, so we decided to head out for Italian. Celebrations in my family always call for a good Italian meal. It was my boyfriend, daughter and I, as well as another couple. We chose Grappa 72 in Albany because the other couple had never been there prior, and my boyfriend and I had been but only for a quick dinner on a weeknight.

### ■ IF YOU GO

- **What:** Grappa 72
- **Where:** 818 Central Avenue  
Albany, N.Y. 12206
- **Phone:** (518) 482-7200

We made a reservation, which was important, as they were booked tightly that evening. We ended up running a bit late, but that wasn't an issue for them.

We were seated almost immediately when we did arrive, and offered water. Our server came over quickly, took our drink order and asked if we wanted to hear about the specials then or in a bit. I thought that was a nice touch, she gave us the option of relaxing a bit first. However, as we were all hungry, we listened to specials, as well as placed an order for calamari and a caprese salad to start us off. Three of us also ordered wine. In addition, bread was delivered to our table quickly. It was served with a slightly spicy olive tapenade, and an oil and vinegar dipping option (which is a favorite of mine).

Our wine, and the other beverages arrived quickly, and my Riesling was wonderful. It was chilled nicely, and was just sweet enough that it didn't turn into a dessert wine. I wish I had gotten the name, I may end up calling them, as I would like to get a bottle for home.

Once our appetizers arrived, we were more than ready for them. The calamari was served with a yogurt based dipping sauce, almost like a spicy version of tzatziki but our server also brought the traditional marinara, as she said many people like to have the option. The calamari was good, I am not going to say the best, it could have been a little less breaded and a little more seasoned, but it was certainly good. I also did not like the yogurt sauce with it, and am glad she brought the other option. The caprese salad was the perfect size, enough for all the adults to have a good-sized piece, without it being so large that we



couldn't handle it. The mozzarella was very fresh, and even though it is an off time of year, the tomatoes and arugula tasted as if they were in season.

It will be difficult to focus on everyone's entrees, as there were just too many of us, but I will begin by saving everyone raved about their dishes. I chose the vongole (linguine and clams) and it was outrageously delicious. There were about a dozen clams (still in the shell) on the top of a perfectly cooked linguine. The wine sauce was a little thick, which was wonderful, because it clung to the clams as well as the pasta. The garlic, and lemon complimented the wine base with the just right amount of each. The meal was large, but with the way the wine sauce was served, as well as the clams, it was not uncomfortably filling. It was a must order for sure.

My daughter chose the bolognese, and not only devoured as much as she could then, but finished off quite a bit the next day for breakfast. Their bolognese has a sweetness to it – which we later discovered was a hint of nutmeg, and it just adds a lovely extra dimension to the sauce. My boyfriend at one of their specials, one of our friends also enjoyed an order of the vongole, and his companion had the cavatelli dish, which she said was fantastic.

Even though we were all quite full, we

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## ■ IN BRIEF

### Rock for Tots at Chrome Food and Spirits

**WATERFORD** — Rock for Tots 2016 will be held at Chrome Food and Spirits at 405 Hudson River Road in Waterford on Nov. 19 from 3:30 to 11 p.m.

The event has been set to include performances by Winchester and Young, Rough n Real, River Junction, Wylder and EB JEB.

Admission for event is \$10 per person and at least one new unwrapped toy. Proceeds will help support the efforts of Capital Region Toys for Tots. For more information visit [www.toysfortotsalbany.com](http://www.toysfortotsalbany.com).

### Hot Tuna — Electric at The Egg

**ALBANY** — Hot Tuna will perform at the Egg in Albany on Nov. 20 at 7 p.m.

Guitarist Jorma Kaukonen and bassist Jack Casady lead the legendary blues-rock band in an evening of classic tunes and epic improvisations.

Tickets are \$39.50. For more information or to buy tickets visit [www.theegg.org](http://www.theegg.org) or call the box office at 518-473-1845.

### Third Annual Capital Holiday Lights Chili, Chowder and Soup Festival

**ALBANY** — The Third Annual Capital Holiday Lights Chili, Chowder and Soup Festival will take place at the Washington Park Lakehouse on Nov. 20 from 4 to 8 p.m.

Guests are welcome to stroll the lake paths of Albany's Washington Park and Preview the Lights, while enjoying the best chili, soup, and chowder the region has to offer with music by the Reverberators. Samples are \$1 each. For more information visit [www.albany.org](http://www.albany.org).

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**IN BRIEF**

**Elvis: Aloha from Hawaii at the Egg**

ALBANY — David Lee will re-create Elvis's historic 1973 Aloha from Hawaii concert at the Egg on Nov. 19 at 7 p.m.

Lee is ranked among the top Elvis Presley tribute artists in the nation. He has been performing for more than two decades, touring throughout the U.S., Canada and Mexico.

Tickets are \$32.50, \$37.50 or \$72.50. Proceeds will benefit abused and neglected children at St. Catherine's Center for Children. For more information visit [www.theegg.org](http://www.theegg.org) or call the box office at 518-473-1848.

**Squirrel Nut Zippers at The Egg**

ALBANY — The Squirrel Nut Zippers will perform at The Egg on Nov. 19 at 8 p.m.

The group is celebrating the 20th anniversary of their most celebrated album, "Hot," with their eclectic fusion of Delta blues, gypsy jazz and swing.

Tickets are \$34. For more information or to buy tickets call the box office at 518-473-1845 or visit [www.theegg.org](http://www.theegg.org).



**Happy Birthday!**

"Lustre Kings" featuring guest musicians, Kevin Maul (lap steel/ vocals) and Luke Mc Namee (Saxophone), Russ Cashdollar (drums/ vocals), Mark Gamsjager (guitar/vocals), and Chops (upright bass), recently performing in celebration of Kevin Maul's birthday at the Rustic Barn Pub in Troy.

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■ MUSIC REVIEW

# Head-bopping funk

Tweed's "The Chunky Life" satisfies the need for funk

By **GAVIN BLASIER**  
nysmusic.com

"The Chunky Life, a five-song album from Philadelphia band Tweed combines classic synth parts, powerful vocals, and funky grooves to create a whirlwind of vibes that range from the dark and mysterious to those of high energy that automatically warrant head bops after pressing play. The second track on the album, "Best Thing On The Menu," is composed of many different levels and moods. From the fast paced funky grooves and interesting lyrics to the dark and broody sections that almost sound like modern day dub step garnished with the sound of wailing guitar solos, the song exhibits a very eclectic style of music taste and ability for the band.

"You," combines a story told through sound with the same groovy drum patterns and rhythms, although this time incorporates vocals that are similar to and seem to be reminiscent of songs from the late 1990's or early 2000's. The solo nearing the end is indicative of the mixed emotions of confusion and lust



Tweed tries to emit from this track.

Other notable songs from this project are "Big Sky" and the strong finishing last song, "Loup-Garou." All five tracks in The Chunky Life emit the same vibes – maintaining the funk flare that is initially intended. That being said, there isn't much of a buildup or climax, which makes listeners question the storyline behind the tracks. With songs that end among the six or seven minute range, Tweed creates a head bopping environment that is indicative of the world's need and, furthermore, necessity for funk music.

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# Wailers play it straight and simple

By **ALLY DEAN**  
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The whiskey drinkin' outlaws from northern New York have been roaming across the state supporting the release of their sophomore recording, Empty Promises. Brothers Dave (lead guitar/vocals) and Christian Parker (guitar) along with Michael Scriminger (drums/percussion) and Connor Pelkey (bass/backing vocals) outfit the four-man roots rock band, which coalesced in 2012.

Released earlier in 2016 through Woodstock Records, "Empty Promises" embodies a multitude of familiar human experiences nestled in straightforward blues-rock riffs and uncomplicated lyrics. The cautionary "Don't Let Life Pass You By" opens the 10-track album, spurring listeners to derive meaning through a slew of thrill-seeking adventures. Dave contends, "You can spend your money, ya won't ever get it back, to get that feeling that you lack." Though jumping from an airplane or being shot from a cannon may only appeal to some, anyone can relate to the notion of attributing meaning through memorable experiences.



The title track "Empty Promises" engages a harder rock sound with more percussive guitar. Waydown Wailers' genre-bending outlaw jam style is embodied by the varying stylistic elements of this song. Low octave backing vocals reiterate lyrics in a "Monster Mash" fashion, while the chorus in unison with guitar impart a likeness to Survivor's "Eye of the Tiger." "Jealousy" concludes with an up-tempo organ-driven siege perfectly tailored for a wild west cowboy chase. Strong classic rock vibes on "No Time to Waste" emulate a satisfying Allman Brothers-esque guitar mix, while "St. Vrain" gets a little softer.

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■ **INTERVIEW**

# Punk with empathy

An interview with Frank Turner

By **LISA CHRISTOPHER**  
nysmusic.com

**CLIFTON PARK** — Frank Turner — who headlined Upstate Concert Hall on Wednesday, Nov. 2 with support from Arkells and Will Varley — radiates passion and authenticity both in his on stage performance and work behind the scenes. Turner, who has six albums under his belt with 2015's most recent release "Positive Songs for Negative People," hovers the genre line between punk and folk. Defying categorization, he has amassed a fan following who packed Upstate Concert Hall to near capacity, the largest Turner has seen for one of his performances at the venue.

Fans of Turner perhaps most identify with his honesty and tendency to not deter from difficult themes, even when those topics are self-deprecating. Turner was open about discussing authenticity, empathy, and his experience writing "The Road Beneath My Feet."

Lisa Christopher: You tour pretty incessantly. Can I know what show number this one is?

Frank Turner: Tonight is 1,972.

LC: How do you keep all the different numbers and shows straight in all the shows from "The Road Beneath My Feet?"

FT: I just have a list. It's on my website; it's publicly accessible. That's the thing, people think I'm sort of, more, sort of like "rain man" about it than I actually am. I write the set number on the set

list every day, and I just write it down, and I just check when the number of the previous one was.

LC: Was it difficult transitioning from song writing to memoir writing with "The Road Beneath My Feet?"

FT: Yeah, definitely, that was a classic case of hubris for me. I sort of got, I was part reluctant about writing a book, full stop, at the beginning simply because I think people who write autobiographies when they're young, I think that's lame. But we talked about stuff like, Henry Rollin's tour memoirs, which have been a big deal to me growing up. I know he's in town today, actually. Get in the Van was like a bible for me as a kid. The publisher and I sort of came up with an approach that made sense. And then I was like, well I've written sort of three-page magazine articles plenty of times so this is kind of going to be like writing —

LC: A bunch of them all in a row?

FT: Yeah, and that's obviously completely wrong. And there's quite a serious intellectual effort to support the internal architecture of a 300-page book, you know?

LC: Absolutely.

FT: It was quite rough at times where I wasn't sure if I would pull it off. It was immensely satisfying when I did. It's always satisfying to finish a record, but I've done it a few times now. This was the first time I've finished a book. When I got a hard back copy it was great because you can gift it to your friends for Christmas,



Turner doesn't let the intimacy of his lyrics deter from his performance.

— Jim Gilbert / nysmusic.com

or indeed your enemies.

LC: Inflict it upon them.

FT: Yeah, you can hit people with it, it's quite a solid thing. It felt pretty good.

LC: I noticed there's kind of a big change and transition in the tone from "Tape Deck Heart" to your current album. Is it hard to include songs from both albums in a complete set?

FT: No, I don't think so. The set list thing — I try to do something different every time I make a record because I sort of write autobiographically and I tend to write chronologically as well. You know, the mood of a record generally reflects my mood as an individual at the time. Part of the reason I find comparing the records I've made impossible — I think most artists do anyway — but it's like asking me to compare my second record with my sixth record. It's a slightly meaningless

comparison to me because it's like asking me to compare myself at twenty-five to myself at thirty-two. It's just like... what?

LC: So much has changed.

FT: Right, it's so kind of time specific to me. So definitely, I think that "Tape Deck Heart" and "Positive Songs" are kind of flip slides of a coin. "Tape Deck Heart" is about things sort of falling apart and "Positive Songs" isn't so much about them coming back together, it's about kind of, dragging yourself out of the burning wreckage.

LC: I feel like the theme of recovery is kind of a theme among all of them.

FT: Yeah, it sort of is about dusting

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yourself off after falling off your bike, and trying to straighten out the handlebars. I mean, in terms of set list, I spend a really tragically large part of my adult life thinking about the set list. We generally have a kind of working architecture that lasts for about three months or so before we flip it up. There's so much you have to do, I try to play something off every record I've done, I try to not put two songs in the same key next to each other unless you're deliberately running from one into the other. There are transitions and technical issues...there's just a million different things. You want to tell a story, you want to start strong, you want to bring people down...it's endless. The consideration of which record and which mood is part of it, but those are two attributes of many things that come into consideration.

LC: In the same vein as that, your live shows are always so energetic and engaging. You always engage the audience. Your lyrics are so honest and personal, and I wonder, is it hard sometimes to juxtapose those song concepts into such an energetic set?

FT: Yes and no. There's a degree of performance...I mean I am a performer among other things. I'm a singer and a songwriter and a musician but I'm also a performer. There's something with the repetition of performance and the realities of a tour, where it sort of softens the emotional content of some songs, you know what I mean? And you have kind of an emotional...I am shying away from the word *detachment*. I don't want to say that

I feel detached when I play those songs, but you can't go through the experience of everything that goes into writing a song every single time that you play it. So, there's that. And there's also, I think one of the most central concerns as a writer is empathy. And for me, there's something fascinating and enormously rewarding about singing a song about your deepest darkest secrets and screw ups and having a room full of people sing it back again. At the very least there's something interesting about that. So I don't think that the two are philosophically opposed.

LC: That's a good point.

FT: It sort of surprised me – sorry I'm rambling, I talk way too much – but one of things that sort of pleasantly surprises me, I always try to write honestly and about flaws and that kind of thing. But particularly with "Tape Deck Heart," as well as many other things that went into that record — "England Keep My Bones" is quite a bombastic record thematically, and certainly in the UK it was kind of my break through record. I was definitely like, much more main stream after that record came out. And at that moment in time it kind of struck me as perversely interesting to then go inwards rather than outwards as to my subject matter, and I sort of tried to write the most broken down record about failure and my own failure that I could. Just because that seems – I'm kind of a contrarian at heart I think. It seemed kind of interesting to me. And then it was yet more popular – which was like oh my god

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— Frank Turner

what's happening! But yeah, it's weird singing the song "Plain Sailing Weather" in front of a room of people, because that's a song that isn't generous to myself, you know.

LC: But I think it's authentic and a lot of people can relate to that as a ubiquitous human experience.

FT: Yeah, that was kind of the intention so I'm glad the plan worked.

LC: How was working with Butch Walker?

FT: He was great. Butch is an amazing guy. He smells better than any man I've ever met.

LC: What does he smell like? Just curious now!

FT: He smells like, just like, goodness and adulthood and manhood. No, I don't know. He's just, anyway. He just sort of – I kind of got myself in a bind where I'd come up with a methodology to go with the songs I was writing and my record label were not convinced that it was a good idea. And I sort of fought tooth and nail for that but I needed an ally, and in the end Butch was my ally. I mean part because he's a major league producer but also just like – I sort of contacted him not through management or whatever, I just got his e-mail address and dropped him a line – we met up for a beer and just instantly clicked. And one of the first things he said is that everything he thinks about song writing and production can be found on the first two Weezer records. And I said, I could not agree more strongly with that statement. So yeah, so we clicked straight away. And when I started explaining this methodology – which had to do with making things quickly and raw with a kind of pop heart to it – he just kind of started finishing my sentences before – we'd known each other for twenty minutes, you know. He's a great soul and I'd love to work with him again.

LC: Is there anyone you haven't worked with as yet who you liked to?

FT: Oh yeah – loads. On the production side of things, yeah. I'm fascinated by Rick Rubin. I have mixed feelings about Rick Rubin as a producer but I think that's kind of the point. Part

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of me is really interested in the idea of going off and making a record with something out of really left field...I'm really into Bjork and indeed electronica. Do something really deconstructionist –

LC: That would be interesting.

FT: Yeah, you know, it's certainly – I think that being outside my comfort zone at this point in my career is extremely important and it's certainly what I try to do.

LC: Are there any topics that you wouldn't write about? So much that you write about seems so personal.

FT: Um, you know, I try to quite hard for the answer to that question to be no. My boundaries are more to do with stuff like...like consideration for other people, you know what I mean? There's a song, which I'm not going to name because that's kind of the point I'm trying to make, but there is a song I wrote about a situation with a friend of mine that it was an overstepping of the bounds in kind of revealing or just discussing – it didn't name her in any way but – she was pretty pissed when the song came out. Retrospectively, I understand why completely and I feel pretty bad about it. So, you know what I mean, if like I choose to hang my dirty laundry out in public that's my business but it's not up to me to do that for other people.

LC: Right, choice and consent.

FT: Yeah, exactly. I mean, the counter argument to everything I've just said is "Tape Deck Heart" because I wrote

quite in depth about a relationship which involves another person and I'm not sure I have a ready argument for that topic that I've just introduced. But, other than don't date songwriters.

LC: Or you'll be written about?

FT: Yeah.

LC: I have one more question that is kind of silly. I've seen you in other places where you've Googled an anecdote of places you're at and shared what you've found. Have you Googled Clifton Park yet and what did you find?

FT: That's a good question, it's not something I do every single time and it's funny because – that [stuff] works better in the states than it does in other places in the world. I think partly because American cities and towns have a sort of tradition of civic pride where they're trying to distinguish themselves so it's like you get a place that's like, we have the biggest Coke can in the continental United States! And it's just like...what? But Clifton Park is sort of, we've played here before, and I think last time I cheated and Googled Albany instead.

LC: I think more will come up if you Google Albany.

FT: But you sort of just reminded me to do that tonight.

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**MUSIC REVIEW**

# Haunting muse heightens experience

Communist Daughter's Johnny Solomon wrote songs towards own recovery

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It's a pretty phenomenal album, but only when there is a fairly deep understanding and sympathy for who wrote this and why he did. A naïve listener would view this album as just another band with a "hipster" sound: spacey vocals, an indie sound with touches of punk rock. And he or she wouldn't be wrong, but the album represents so much more than that.

The protagonist of the story is Johnny Solomon. The tale of his musical career started with his first band, "Friends Like These," which was allegedly widely recognized, but was short lived along with his marriage, thanks to substance abuse and mental health issues that landed him behind bars for sometime.

Needless to say it was a low point in his life and he wanted to push forward and moved to Prescott, Wisconsin hoping to escape his demons with the assumption his musical career was over. He found that song writing was the coping mechanism he needed, but little did he know that he would have created some true masterpieces. Friends and colleagues came to help record what Solomon thought would be his eulogy, and before they knew it, Communist Daughter was born. The band launched off, and during all of the success, Solomon leaves for a rehab one more time to be as clear eyed as possible for the release of the band's debut album, "Soundtrack to the End" in 2010, an EP "Lions and Lambs" in 2012, and now, its sophomore album, "The Cracks That Built the Wall" released in late October.

This new album is very personal, very indie and very well done. The production value is immaculate and its sound, although very familiar, is strong and empowering.

This big euphoric sound is the most prominent in the first track, "Hold Back." Like most of these songs, the tone is major and uplifting, but the musicianship is rock based, which tends to have a minor tone to it. That defining characteristic of indie music, coupled with what is unmistakably punk or rock undertones, will result in an ethereal tone that is given power and force which can be synonymous with a feeling of freeing oneself of a physical/mental hardship or point in life, like what



Solomon endured. The album has so much more meaning when the muse of it is fully understood and it's especially true with this collection.

Other tracks have the same effect, with some being a bit more dainty than others, like "Strange" with Solomon's wife, Molly, taking the lead vocals. Her voice is breathy and angelic, with some aid from sound effects and echo, but nonetheless makes this track more ballad-like instead not necessarily depressing, more uplifting.

Other tracks, such as "Beach Stalker" and "The Dealer," are harder variations that definitely stick out in the album more than some of the softer tracks. The band feels like it has put more effort into the production and song writing especially when it comes to the direction of these songs. The ones mentioned later are omnidirectional and unpredictable as the first listen. The ballads on the other hand can be a bit dreary and lackluster. Arguably, this is album is a representation of Solomon's life, which undoubtedly had its many, many ups and downs.

Overall, this album will definitely help launch Communist Daughter into more music scenes, with production value and pedigree being a catalyst. Indie bands are widely abundant and loved these days, which is ironic within itself, but nonetheless will help these very talented musicians make waves in the indie music scene.

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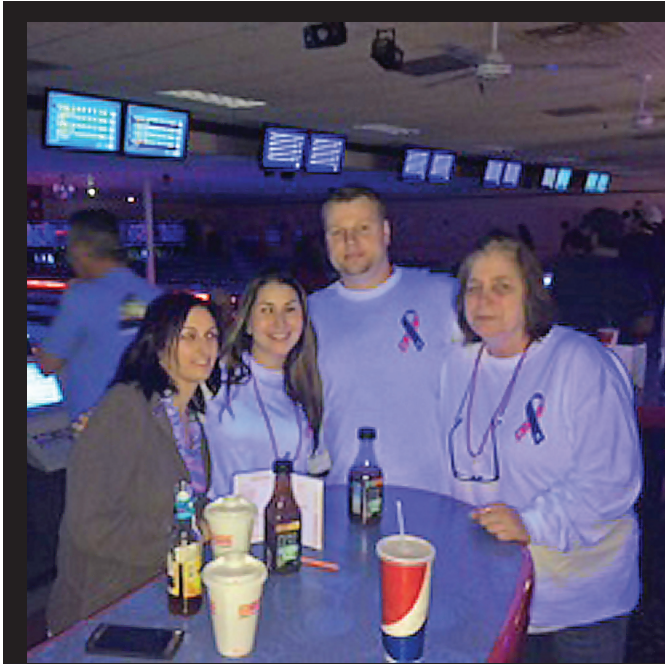
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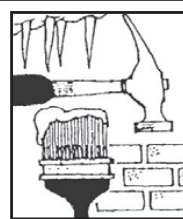
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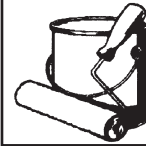
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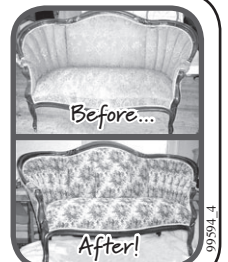
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# RECYCLE

## From page B1 ... These are the days

It is also a day removed from Election Day. Religion, politics and money are often topics to avoid in everyday conversation. Leading to this interview, another topic is assumed to be anything relating to Natalie Merchant, who left the band in 1993. Yet, I immediately admit to Gustafson that I had "Like the Weather" playing on a continuous loop in my head while preparing for our interview.

"I guess we kind of get used to it," Gustafson said, when I share that the song is part of my life's soundtrack. "It's very flattering. It's sometimes unnerving. Musicians write songs for a reason, you know. They want people to listen. They want people to whistle when they walk down the street. And, they want people to buy them. We don't want to be paupers. It's a business. When we can capture someone's attention with a melody or lyric, well then we did something right."

"I produce shows, some of it is just a matter of repetition," he continues. "If you hear something long enough, you're not going to forget it. It's kinda like how political campaigns are run."

"Playing Favorites" features 14 tracks from the band's full catalogue of songs. It spans from 1983's independent "Secrets of the I Ching" to 1987's "In My Tribe" to 1993's triple platinum MTV Unplugged (which featured the Billboard No. 11 single "Because the Night") and beyond. "Like the Weather" is the No. 2 track on the album, the knowledge of that fact makes the confession less awkward.

"Our only real live record that we made was the MTV thing," said Gustafson. "That was sort of an acoustic thing, and done mostly by our lead singer [Merchant]. And, I think what we wanted to do was capture how we are playing currently, and where the band's at. We think we're playing better than we ever had. We're quite excited about that because we're playing a lot now. And, we just wanted to document that."

Formed in 1981 in Jamestown, 10,000 Maniacs struggled until its first full-length album release was spun on BBC Radio 1 by legendary DJ John Peel, giving the band its first minor U.K. hit, "My Mother the War" and enabling it to tour overseas behind it. Its major label debut, "The Wishing Chair," was released to much critical acclaim. However, it was "In My Tribe" that went double-platinum in the U.S. and yielded the first of a string of radio hits with "Like the Weather." Subsequent releases "Blind Man's Zoo," "Our Time in Eden," "MTV Unplugged" and "Love Among the Ruins" sent more songs up the charts, most notably "These Are Days" and the Bruce Springsteen/Patti Smith-penned "Because the Night."

The mid-'90s through much of the next decade was marked by line-up changes and breaks for other projects, but the core members remained intact. The six-piece

core of Gustafson, Jerome Augustyniak, Dennis Drew, Jeff Erickson, John Lombardo, and Mary Ramsey have been together for the better part of two decades. Erickson, the band's guitarist, is the newest member by having joined in 2002.

It's Ramsey depicted on the "Playing Favorites" album cover with viola in hand. You can catch a similar image of her in that famed MTV broadcast, too. Outside of a brief hiatus in the early 2000s, Ramsey has been the Maniacs lead vocalist since Merchant's departure in 1993.

After Gustafson drops Merchant's name a few times — and playfully dogging me to talk politics — it's evident that all subjects are on the table to discuss.

Merchant left the band in August 1993, announcing the news on MTV a

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few months prior to the release of the "Unplugged" album that would go triple platinum. She said she, "didn't want art by committee anymore." A quote Gustafson repeated.

"There's a long story about that MTV Unplugged thing," he said. "We never, ever, put our pictures on the cover of any of our albums until that one. And, of course, none of us got on the cover of that one." Except for Merchant. "It was a springboard off our shoulders. I suppose we take great pride in that, because what else are we going to do? Complain? No. We helped her get to where she is today. "Yay for us."

Since leaving the band, Merchant has released seven solo albums. Her 1995 debut "Tigerlily" would go on to sell more than five million copies off the strength of hits "Carnival," "Wonder," and "Jealousy."

Both 10,000 Maniacs and Merchant perform songs from their shared past at their respective shows. But, conversations are often limited to lawyers. In nearly 25 years, Gustafson said he's seen Merchant only twice, once by mistake. When Merchant's father died a few years ago, Gustafson and the band were out of town on tour. They sent flowers, and he said Merchant stopped at his house to drop off memorabilia her father collected, along with a thank you note. "I'm sure we would have sat on the porch and we would have chatted," he said.

"I have to be honest," he said. We weren't the easiest guys to be in a band with," Gustafson said, describing a rift of personalities between the band and its lead singer. "We were a bit arrogant. A bit intoxicated. ... We were in the front of the bus watching football games, and she was in the back of the bus learning German."

One thing clear about the band today is that everyone is having fun, said Gustafson.



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The movie documents the final performance by the original members of The Band and was named the number one concert movie of all time by Rolling Stone.

Admission is free. Reservations are required. For more information, call (518) 473-1845 or visit http://www.theegg.org/event.

One Night in Seattle at the Upper Room

ALBANY — Tier One Talent Group Inc. presents "One Night in Seattle" at the Upper Room in Albany on Nov. 25 from 7:30 to 11 p.m.

The event will feature Sludge Factory (Alice In Chains tribute), Lithium (Nirvana tribute) and Given To Fly (Pearl Jam tribute).

General admission is \$10. For

more information, visit http://theupperroomalbany.com/event.

Camelot at CapitalREP

ALBANY — CapitalREP presents Camelot at its location on 111 North Pearl Street in Albany from Nov. 25 to Dec. 24.

The four-time Tony Award-winning musical tells the story of the legendary King Arthur, who rules his kingdom with new ideals, bringing peace to a troubled land.

Tickets start at \$25. For more information or to buy tickets, visit http://capitalrep.org/camelot or call the Box Office at (518) 445-SHOW (7469).

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SCHENECTADY — Tim Dillon headlines "Pretty Much the Best Comedy Show" at Proctors in Schenectady on Nov. 26 at 8 p.m.

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Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door. For more information or to buy tickets, call the box office at (518) 346-6204 or visit http://www.proctors.org/events.

The Museum's Mighty Mastodon; State Museum

ALBANY — The New York State Museum will be celebrating the anniversary of the discovery of the Museum's Cohoes Mastodon in the South Hall on Nov. 26 from 1 to 4 p.m. and Nov. 27 from 1 to 3 p.m.

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