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Bethlehem Central School Superintendent Jody Monroe cited Elsmere Elementary's robotics program as one of many accolades in her State of our Schools address. Spotlight file photo

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State of our schools

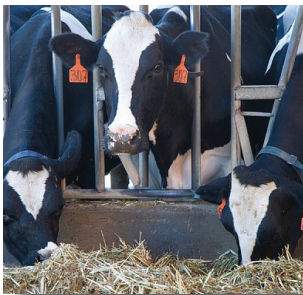
BCSD super gives annual update, previews upcoming budget season

By ALI HIBBS
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BETHLEHEM — During the Feb. 1 Board of Education meeting, Bethlehem Central School District Superintendent Jody Monroe delivered the annual State of the Schools address, during which she highlighted district priorities, initiatives, successes, and other considerations. She also set the stage for the upcoming 2017-18 budget process, which begins Feb. 15.

Monroe began by pointing out that Bethlehem's schools are ranked first in the Capital District, sixth in upstate New York, 53rd in the entire state and 223rd in the nation. "While we appreciate these rankings and recognize that they are part of what elevates the community's reputation," she said, "they do not tell the whole story. So let me try to highlight some of the hard work of our

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Subsidizing stewards

Millions available to help local farm owners improve environmental practices.

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Road scholar

Shaka Senghor is a student of the classroom, and of the street, and pushes for prison reform.

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SPORTS



Rockin' the gym

Several Section 2 cheer teams battled it out in last week's championships.

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■ COPS, COURTS AND EMERGENCY CALLS

Man charged with alleged rape of underage girl



COBB

GUILDERLAND — A town man is under arrest for having sexual contact with an underage girl at his Danna Joelle Drive home.

According to police, Jonathan Cobb allegedly allowed underage drinking at his home and then had sexual contact with the girl who was unable to consent.

Cobb is charged with rape in the third degree, criminal sexual act and for unlawfully dealing with a child.

Anyone with more information is asked to call the Guilderland Police Department at 356-1501.

Traffic stop leads to multiple citations, charges

BETHLEHEM — Town police arrested Raegan Boyle, 38, of Salisbury Road in Delmar, on Saturday, Jan. 7 at 11:46 p.m. after she reportedly took a wide right turn off Euclid Avenue onto Delaware Avenue, and almost hit a police patrol vehicle. Police report that she exited her vehicle upon being stopped in front of her house, and the officer detected a strong scent of alcohol. Boyle reportedly identified herself by name but told the officer that she did not have identification and would have to retrieve it from her house, walking quickly toward the door and ignoring the officer's

commands to stop until her father stepped in.

According to reports, the officer, who had observed a phone and wallet in her jacket pocket, asked again for identification and was told by Boyle that it was in her wallet inside of her house. She allegedly failed field sobriety tests and a pre-screening device, before she was placed in custody. Upon arrest, it was also reportedly discovered that she was in possession of 80 Alprazolam pills, an anti-anxiety medication often called Xanax, for which she had no prescription. Boyle was charged with: several traffic citations; one

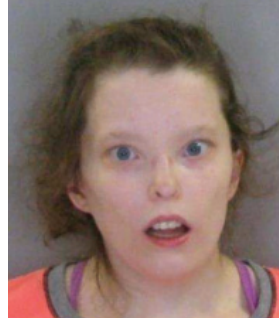


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infraction; a misdemeanor DWI; misdemeanor criminal possession of a controlled substance; and fifth-degree criminal possession with intent to sell, a felony.

Boyle was released to her father and scheduled to return to court on Feb. 7.

Woman arrested for violating order of protection



CAMERON

BETHLEHEM — Town police arrested Amanda Cameron, 28, of 320 Kenwood Ave., an assisted living facility in Delmar, on Monday, Jan. 16 at 6:20 p.m. after responding to a report of harassment in violation of an order of protection at the facility. Cameron allegedly struck another woman who had

walked into a shared living space.

She was charged with felony criminal contempt and second-degree harassment, a violation, and ordered to return to Bethlehem Town Court on Feb. 7.

The reporting officer contacted the Justice Center to report the incident.

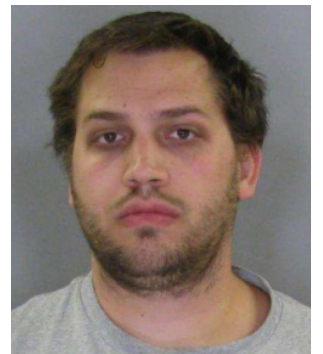
Fire department assist on drug arrest in Delmar

BETHLEHEM — Town police arrested Ross Feinberg, 27, of Catlyn Court in Delmar, on Tuesday, Jan. 10 at 7:58 a.m., when officers responded to assist the fire department with the smell of gas and smoke at Feinberg's home.

He reportedly allowed officers into his home to check his apartment, where they allegedly found marijuana residue on the stove and white powder on a coffee table. Police report that Feinberg admitted to possessing marijuana.

After transporting

Feinberg to the station for further questions, the responding detective obtained a warrant authorizing the search of his apartment and vehicle. The search resulted in five drug charges: criminal possession of a controlled substance in the third degree with intent to sell and criminal possession of a narcotic drug in the fourth degree, both felonies; criminal possession of marijuana in the fifth degree and criminal use of drug paraphernalia, both misdemeanors; and possession of marijuana, a



FEINBERG

violation.

Feinberg immediately posted bail and the case remains open, pending further investigation.

BETHLEHEM SOCCER CLUB IS SEEKING BOARD MEMBERS

The Bethlehem Soccer Club is currently seeking volunteers to serve on its **board of directors**. Do you know anyone that might be a great board member OR who may know great people for the board? There are numerous rewards associated with serving on our board. You will directly improve the lives of children, improve sports in our region and meet interesting business leaders.

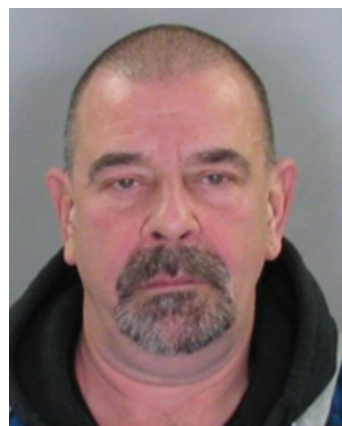
Participation is a commitment of time as the organization is in need of the professional and practical expertise provided by its board. A board member is expected to attend monthly meetings, support the organization's goals, participate in business development activities, and adhere to the bylaws.

If you would like more information regarding the duties of the director positions please contact our Club President Jeremy Martelle at president@bscny.org. Interested candidates should submit their resume and cover letter (indicating why you would like to be on the board) to Kristen Costantini, the Club Administrator at administrator@bscny.org by **February 10, 2017**.

MISSION: BSC is a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization whose mission is to provide opportunities for youth of all levels to play and enjoy the game of soccer. The goal of the club is to create an environment where players can develop to their fullest potential, through volunteer efforts, professional leadership, high quality coaching, and outstanding facilities. The club encourages players to have fun while learning the values of teamwork, sportsmanship and fair play.



Jury convicts Delmar man on two counts of DWI



DeFLUMER

ALBANY — A jury convicted a Delmar man of two counts of DWI and operating an uninspected motor vehicle on Thursday, Feb. 2.

On Feb. 5, 2014, John DeFlumer, 59, crashed his car on New Scotland Avenue at around 4:30 p.m.

Police responded and found the vehicle in the middle of the road. DeFlumer displayed signs of intoxication and admitted to drinking earlier in the day.

He failed filed sobriety tests and a breathalyzer indicated his BAC was 0.11 percent.

According to Albany County District Attorney David Soares, he faces up to a year in state prison when sentenced by Bethlehem Judge Andrew Kirby on March 28.

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■ AGRICULTURE

Subsidizing stewards

Millions available to help local farm owners improve environmental practices

By **ALI HIBBS**
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ALBANY COUNTY — Gov. Andrew Cuomo has announced \$14 million in grant funding to protect soil and water resources across New York state. The grants, funded through the Agricultural Nonpoint Source Abatement and Control Program (AgNPS), are intended to address water quality challenges on farms in critical watersheds around the state.

“This is the 23rd year it’s being offered,” said Susan Lewis, administration manager for the Albany County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD), the entity responsible for applying for AgNPS grants. Since Round 14, she said, the county has been awarded five contracts totaling \$584,566. Those funds are not intended to cover the entire cost of the proposed projects, which can involve either planning or implementation of projects intended to reduce and/or prevent “nonpoint source pollution” — pollution resulting from rainfall

or snowmelt waters moving through wider areas of land that are difficult to pin to a single “point source” — from agricultural activities in various watersheds around the state.

The Middle Hudson Watershed, which SWCD has identified as its number one priority, is the largest of three watersheds affecting Albany County and encompasses all of Bethlehem and New Scotland, the vast majority of Guilderland and a little less than half of Colonie. It is composed of 19 sub-watersheds, each of which is analyzed for usage, water quality and sources of pollution. Priorities are identified through the county’s Agricultural Environmental Management program (AEM), a state-incentivized program intended to help farmers “make common-sense, cost-effective and science-based decisions to help meet business objectives while protecting and conserving the state’s natural resources.”

According to the Albany County AEM 2015-2020

Strategic Plan, some of the pollutants impacting the Bozenkill, Black Creek, Indian House Creek, Vly Creek and Watervliet Reservoir sub-watersheds, as well as all other sub-watersheds within Middle Hudson Watershed, are likely to stem from agricultural practices. The Watervliet Reservoir, it notes, is the primary source of drinking water for Guilderland. Suburban development and a lack of water quality protection measures on agricultural lands to mitigate things like streambank erosion, overgrazed pasture, fertilizer usage and storage, and cropland erosion, are cited as threats to the long-term viability of the reservoir as a source of drinking water.

“The AgNPS grants are important to enhancing water quality efforts on farms across the state,” New York Farm Bureau President David Fisher said in a statement. “The money has proven to be effective in preserving our natural resources, and New York Farm Bureau encourages farmers to work with their county Soil

and Water Districts to take advantage of the state funding for environmental projects.”

SWCD can apply for Round 23 of the grant program on behalf of farmers through the state Department of Agriculture and Markets. Grants will be awarded to help farms with environmental planning, including the implementation of management systems, planting vegetation along streams to intercept runoff and planting cover crops after the annual harvest to protect the soil.

Managed by the Department of Agriculture and Markets and the state Soil and Water Conservation Committee, the program is a part of the AEM framework. “Through the Agricultural Environmental Management framework, Conservation Districts work with farmers to help protect the state’s natural resources,” said Lewis, noting that AgNPS funds enabled a farm in New Scotland to install a barnyard runoff management system to prevent manure from livestock from entering a nearby

waterway. “Farmers voluntarily work through a tiered process to document their environmental stewardship. Through this, environmental concerns are identified and the District works to develop farm specific conservation plans. Farmers then choose their own level of participation.”

“Our farmers do all they can to be good stewards of their land and remain committed to the environment,” said state Agriculture Commissioner Richard A. Ball. “This funding will help prevent water pollution, reduce erosion and limit harmful sediments and other nutrients in New York’s waterways, while supporting the growth of the agricultural community.”

The AgNPS program is funded in the 2016-17 budget through the New York state Environmental Protection Fund (EPF), which the Governor proposes to continue in this year’s

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■ EDUCATION

Parental priorities

Guilderland schools asking residents to help with 2017-18 budget

GUILDERLAND — Guilderland Central School District (GCSD) residents have been invited to take part in an online survey identifying budget priorities for the 2017-18 school year.

“Even though we are only at the half-year mark of this school year, your leadership team at GCSD has already spent quite a bit of time thinking about how we will best serve your children next year,” said Superintendent Mary Wiles in a message to district residents. “Over the last two months, the district office team, building principals, instructional administrators and program directors have been reviewing information about current programs to assess the extent to which we are meeting student needs this year. They have also been studying data to project next year’s enrollment,

anticipate student needs and to consider potential changes to our programs to maximize the number and quality of learning opportunities available to your children.”

On Thursday, Feb. 2, the district released an online survey asking residents to weigh in on budget priorities. The short survey, which takes approximately 10 minutes to complete, is accompanied by a list of all the significant changes within each area, which contains a brief description of those changes, the costs or savings associated with them, the impact those changes will have on staffing, and the impact those changes are likely to have on students. The survey will remain open through Feb. 13.

“There are certainly more proposals to consider

than we are likely able to afford,” said Wiles. “That is why we need your input.”

Anyone interested in participating in a face-to-face dialogue about the budget, the district will host the first of several public budget meetings from 6 to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 15 in the Large Group Instruction (LGI) room at Guilderland High School, during which the survey results will be released. This session will be held immediately preceding the regular board of education meeting.

District residents will vote on the proposed budget on Tuesday, May 16.

— Ali Hibbs

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faculty, our staff and students in helping us to reach these heights.”

The superintendent gave a brief overview of the district’s Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) initiatives, which were broadened this year to include the arts (STEAM). She cited the after-school robotics program, the new “makerspace” package won by a Hamagrael teacher, K-12 computer coding initiatives, the push to obtain Chromebooks for every student in grades 3-12 and the high school teacher who earned an opportunity to work on a research project with NASA and share what she learns with faculty and students.

In other accolades: every Bethlehem sports team competing in the fall was named a Scholar-Athlete team by the New York State Public High School Athletic Association; the 2016 National History Bowl team placed third in the nation; and Bethlehem

won the 2016 NYS Masterminds competition, placed first in a state stock market challenge and produced six National Merit Semifinalists. Of the 402 current seniors, 348 have cumulative grade point averages of a B or higher and Advanced Placement exams have netted Bethlehem students more than 4,000 applicable accredited college hours — to the tune of nearly \$1.4 million in college tuition savings.

Turning to talk of district finance, Monroe pointed out that per pupil costs in Bethlehem are almost \$6,900 less than in similar districts and approximately \$3,200 less than the state average. According to data provided by the New York State United Teachers union (NYSUT), the cost to educate students in Bethlehem has grown at a slower rate than other districts around the state.

“The next several meetings we have will focus on the budget,”

said Monroe. BCSD Chief Financial Officer Judy Kehoe will give the initial budget presentation during the Feb. 15 Board of Education meeting with subsequent meetings focusing on the various areas that the budget covers. The final budget hearing will take place on May 3 and residents will vote on Tuesday, May 16.

On the same night, residents will also vote to fill three open seats on the Board of Education. While two sitting board members—President Matt Downing and Albany County Legislator Joanne Cunningham—have indicated that they will not run for re-election, Christine Beck will campaign to retain her seat.

Anyone interested in running can find more information on the district website, at <http://www.bethlehemschools.org/boe/election/>.

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■ COUNTY GOVERNMENT

Land Bank acquires 48 new properties throughout County

By **ALI HIBBS**
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ALBANY — The Albany County Land Bank Corporation recently acquired 48 properties located in nine towns throughout the county. The acquisition, the largest procurement of town properties to date, brings the total amount of properties acquired outside of the city of Albany to 115.

“Since the establishment of our organization by the Albany County Legislature in 2014, the intent was for the Land Bank to return vacant and abandoned properties to productive use in every part of Albany County,” said Adam Zaranko, Executive Director of the

Albany County Land Bank Corporation (Land Bank).

The majority of property acquisitions are made available from Albany County through the “in R.E.M.” tax lien foreclosure process, through which properties can be legally foreclosed upon after three years of unpaid taxes.

Rather than being sold at a traditional auction, the Land Bank requires buyers to demonstrate that they can rehabilitate the property and return it to productive use. Where appropriate, the Land Bank will make improvements to its properties to ensure safety and encourage rehabilitation. It may also retain properties that have strategic value or can help facilitate broader

redevelopment efforts. All of this is accomplished with funds provided by state Attorney General Eric Schneiderman, Albany County and the City of Albany

“Some said it couldn’t be done,” said Albany County Legislature Majority Leader Frank Commisso. “But just more than three years later, I am happy to report that our Land Bank is not only successful, but is expanding its reach to the suburbs and hill towns of Albany County.”

To help stabilize neighborhoods and strengthen communities throughout the County, the Land Bank seeks to dispose of properties in a manner that is consistent with municipal plans or

community goals. The corporation has been engaging leaders in municipalities throughout Albany County in an effort to understand the needs of each community and coordinate ongoing and future work in each municipality.

“With properties from Bethlehem to Berne, from Coeymans to Guilderland and from Rensselaerville to Green Island, this will provide opportunities for people seeking to buy property,” said Albany County Executive Dan McCoy, noting it will also help those local governments to fight blight.

The 48 properties — of which there are seven in Bethlehem, seven in

New Scotland, 14 in Colonie and three in Guilderland — present a variety of characteristics, with lots ranging from less than an acre to more than 17 acres in size and structures ranging from small barns and sheds to single family homes in excess of 1,800 square feet. The corporation has the ability to responsibly return properties to productive use in less than a year, oftentimes as short as several months, depending on property conditions and market factors.

To date, Albany County has committed \$1.75 million to the Land Bank. It has acquired more than 370 vacant and abandoned properties, made more than

120 property improvements and returned more than 70 properties to productive use. Thus far, the Land Bank has invested more than \$2 million into its properties, incentivized an additional \$2 million in private investment and enabled the return of more than \$1 million of assessed value back to the tax rolls.

“Today we remain committed to that vision,” said Zaranko. “And with our most recent acquisitions, look forward to revitalizing these long-vacant properties to help strengthen our towns.”

All properties owned by the Land Bank can be viewed online at www.albanycountylandbank.org.

■ OBITUARY

Casper, Reginald (Reg)

Reginald (Reg) Casper, 90, passed away on Jan. 27 at the Loving Home at the Bluff, Rexford. He was born Nov. 12, 1926 in Central Bridge to Ralph and Lila (Warner) Casper, and married Aug. 19, 1951 to Frances (Betty) Hitchcock in Schoharie.

A member of our nation’s “Greatest Generation,” Reg honorably served in the US Navy during World War II. In 1949, he joined the NYS Freedom Train as the communications officer. Residing in Delmar for over 40 years, he was a devoted husband and beloved father of five children. He worked for over 35 years for New York Telephone in various capacities, eventually as an instructor for their training center in Menands. Other places of residence were Cooperstown, NY and Vero Beach, Fla. Reg enjoyed spending his



Reginald (Reg) Casper

summers with his wife at their camp on Otsego Lake in Cooperstown for many years. Hobbies and interests included golf, bowling and boating on Otsego Lake. He volunteered with the Tri-Village Little League and the Telephone Company Pioneer’s Talking Books program. He enjoyed music and had a wonderful singing voice. He was an active member of the First United Methodist Church in Delmar and a long-time member of the Bethlehem

Masonic Lodge No. 85, Delmar.

He is survived by his five children, Robert (Patricia – deceased) Casper (Oswego), Gary (Debra) Casper (Clifton Park/Brooklyn), Lynne (James Gross) Casper (Albany), Martha (Richard) Eriksen (Latham) and Janet Wolfe (Delmar); 9 grandchildren, Rob Casper, Ted Casper, Ben Casper, Shelly Casper, Jaime Casper, Jennifer Casper, Casey Wolfe, Steffen Wolfe, Graham Wolfe; and one great grandchild, Ramona Casper. His wife and a daughter, Sally, predeceased him.

Relatives and friends are invited to call on Saturday, Feb. 11, from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Applebee Funeral Home, 403 Kenwood Ave., Delmar. A memorial service will follow at 5 p.m. at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Crohn’s & Colitis Foundation of America at www.cffa.org.

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A trivia night for film fanatics

Is the upcoming Oscars ceremony your idea of must-see TV? Do movie premieres make you giddy? Do you know not only the Best Actor and Best Actress Academy Award winners from past years, but also who took home the statues for Best Cinematography and Foreign Language Film? Yes? Then we have a special movie-themed trivia night coming up that's just for you!

On Thursday, Feb. 16, the library is hosting "Trivia Night Goes to the Movies" where you can put your film familiarity to the test. The fun starts at 7 p.m., and winners get bragging rights, as well as some cool prizes donated by the Friends of the Library. Call us at 439-9314 or go to www.bethlehempublib.org to sign up alone or as part of a team. We'll be



using the written answer format that has been popular with past trivia participants.

Harry Potter trivia for kids

Grown-ups don't get to have all the trivia fun. On Monday, Feb. 20, at 10 a.m. we'll be holding a special trivia event featuring questions for whiz kids all about everyone's favorite kid wizard. "How Well Do You Know Harry Potter?" will have questions from all seven books, so if you have finished the series, there may be some spoilers.

There's no need to sign up, and the program is open to kids and families.

Listening parties

Our next Listening Party focuses on the Rolling Stones' early years with Brian Jones. Drop by on Thursday, Feb. 16, at 7 p.m. and discuss this ground-breaking group. Listening Parties at the library are a great way to meet up with fellow music lovers and share your personal impressions and memories in music history, and talk about the artists that have shaped the musical landscape. Bethlehem librarian Michael Farley facilitates the discussions. Everyone is welcome. For more information, visit www.bethlehempublib.org or call 439-9314.

Lend a hand

There are many opportunities for adults to volunteer in the

Bethlehem area. Pick up a copy of our brochure that lists local not-for-profit organizations to see what each offers and how to get in contact with them. The brochure can be found on the library's website www.bethlehempublib.org/volunteers.asp and also in print at the library.

Learn a new language

Now available to Bethlehem patrons is Mango Languages, a fun and easy-to-use, self-paced language learning program with more than 70 language courses. It's easy to get started, just head to our website at www.bethlehempublib.org and click on the Mango Languages icon on the home page. You'll be asked to create an account using your email address.

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 bethlehempublib.org.

Friday, Feb. 10

Music & Movement

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

Sunday, Feb. 12

Sunday Cinema

Watch "The Queen of Katwe" (Walt Disney, PG, 124 min.), a movie based on a true story about an Ugandan girl whose life changes forever when she

discovers she has a talent for chess, 2 p.m.

Monday, Feb. 13

DayBooks

Discuss "The Magic Strings of Frankie Presto" by Mitch Albom, 1:30 p.m. Copies are available at the information desk. Large-print audio and downloadable copies may be available.

Sewing Machine Basics

Learn the basics of sewing on a machine, and try out the library's sewing machines and serger, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 14

AfterDinner Too

Discuss "A Man Called Ove" by Fredrik Backman, 7 p.m. Copies are available at the information desk. Audio and downloadable copies may be available.

— Kristen Roberts

Spring training

It might not look like it out the window, but baseball and softball season are just around the corner, and it's time to warm up your arms and get ready for the season ahead. The Bethlehem YMCA will hold co-ed instructional training sessions for youths and teens age 5-15. The sessions will be held from Feb. 12 to March 16 with long-time local baseball coach and instructor Mike Coluccio. Weather permitting, class will be held outdoors; otherwise, it will be held in the gym.

I wanna be a lifeguard

The Bethlehem YMCA will be holding a waterfront lifeguard course Saturday, Feb. 18,



to Monday, Feb. 20, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Becoming an American Red Cross-certified lifeguard opens up many fun summer job opportunities at pools, beaches, country clubs, etc.

The Y will also have a lifeguard re-certification course on Saturday, Feb. 25, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Skating with Anna and Elsa

It is absolutely "Frozen" outside ... and inside the Bethlehem YMCA ice rink. On Saturday, Feb. 18, Anna and Elsa return to skate with kids from 4:45

to 5:45 p.m. Their first appearance was a huge hit; don't miss their fun return to the Y.

Exercise your mind

In addition to our excellent wellness facilities and programs, the YMCA also has offerings to exercise your mind, including the Bethlehem Y Book Club. It meets the last Wednesday of each month from 1 to 2:30 p.m. February's book of the month is "The Moonstone" by Wilkie Collins, and the March book will be "Underground Railroad" by Colson Whitehead. A flyer with more information is available in the YMCA lobby.

— Mark Hansen

Egg concert trip

Join us for Regina Carter's "Simply Ella" at The Egg on Saturday, Feb. 11, at 8 p.m. Carter, an accomplished violinist, will celebrate the 100th birthday of the "First Lady of Song," Ella Fitzgerald. Call 439-4955, ext. 1176.

Have breakfast at Tool's on Wednesday, Feb. 15, at 10 a.m. Join other seniors to socialize and share a meal.

Enjoy a Post-Valentine's Day dinner out at Normanside Country Club on Wednesday, Feb. 15, at 5:30 p.m. Cost on your own. Call 439-4955, ext. 1176.

On Friday, February 17, the Friday Health and Wellness Program will present "Chair Yoga" by the YMCA. You will



experience a yoga practice especially for seniors and those with health challenges. Chairs and props will be used to assist in the variations of postures appropriate to promote comfort. The programs are free and are held at Town Hall at 1 p.m. Call 439-4955, ext., 1176.

The following support services are available:

- Alzheimer's Disease Caregiver Support Group,

Wednesday, Feb. 22

- Current Events Discussion Group, Wednesday, March 8, at 10:30 a.m.

- AARP Income Tax Assistance, Wednesdays, by appointment.

- Home Energy Assistance Program, HEAP, by appointment.

- Senior Legal Services Program, by appointment.

- Community Loan Closet: wheelchairs, canes, shower seats, etc.

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

— Wilma DeLucco

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■ PLAYER OF THE WEEK



ANDREW KOPPLIN

Bethlehem's Andrew Kopplin is the Crossroads Ford Spotlight Player of the Week for the period ending Sunday, Feb. 5. Kopplin led the Bethlehem hockey team to wins over LaSalle, Saratoga and Tri-Falls last week by scoring four goals and adding an assist.

■ ON THE WEB



Tough loss

Two late free throws helped Mohonasen edge Guilderland 54-52 in a Suburban Council boys basketball game Friday, Feb. 3. For a photo gallery from the game, visit spotlightnews.com/spotted.

■ CHEERLEADING

Rockin' the gym

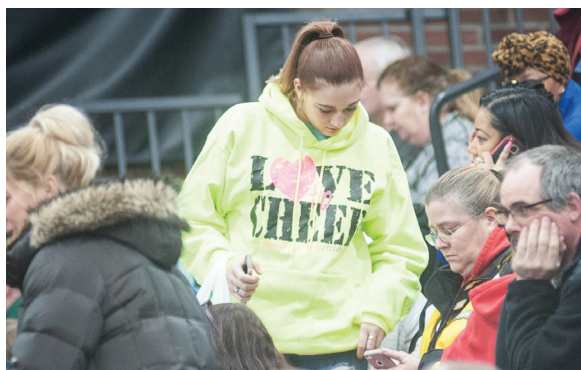
BETHLEHEM — Approximately 40 cheerleading teams from around Section 2 competed in the Suburban Council Championships Saturday, Feb. 4, at Bethlehem Central High School.

Guilderland took home the Grand Champion trophy after winning the varsity division title over runner-up Colonie.

There are two more weekends of cheerleading competitions before the Section 2 Championships Feb. 25.

For a photo gallery from the Suburban Council Championships, visit spotlightnews.com/spotted.

— Photos by Jim Franco



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STATE OF NEW YORK SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF ALBANY SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS Index No. 901592/2015

M&T BANK, Plaintiff, -vs- ANY UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, DISTRIBUTEES OR SUCCESSORS IN INTEREST OF THE LATE WILLIAM J. CLARK, III A/K/A WILLIAM J. CLARK, IF LIVING, AND IF ANY BE DEAD, ANY AND ALL PERSONS WHO ARE SPOUSES, WIDOWS, GRANTEES, MORTGAGEES, LIENORS, HEIRS, DEVISEES, DISTRIBUTEES, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, OR SUCCESSORS IN INTEREST OF SUCH OF THEM AS MAY BE DEAD, AND THEIR SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, DISTRIBUTEES AND SUCCESSORS IN INTEREST, ALL OF WHOM AND WHOSE NAMES AND PLACES OF RESIDENCE ARE UNKNOWN TO PLAINTIFF, STATE OF NEW YORK MORTGAGE AGENCY, PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, ANN FELDMAN, PETER FELDMAN, NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE, BOARD OF MANAGERS OF THE COUNTRY VILLAGE TOWNHOUSE ASSOCIATION, INC., UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BY THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, and JOHN DOE, Defendants.

To the above named Defendants:

You are hereby summoned to answer the complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer, or if the complaint is not served with this summons, to serve a notice of appearance on the Plaintiff's attorneys within thirty days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service, and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the complaint.

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 your mortgage company will not stop this 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.

This is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

The foregoing summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an Order of Honorable David A. Weinstein, Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, signed the 22nd day of December, 2016, at Albany, New York.

The object of this action is to foreclose a mortgage on the following property:

Tax I.D. No. 40.05-1-13.2

ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND SITUATE, lying and being in the Town of Guilderland, County of Albany, and State of New York lying along the West side of a street known as "Antoinette Court", and being Lot No. 7517 in an area marked and designated as containing 14,947± square feet and reserved for proposed townhouse lots and buildings 7511, 7515, 7517 and 7519 Antoinette Court, Country Village Section 3, as shown on a map entitled, "Country Village, Section 3, Amended, Town of Guilderland, Albany County, N.Y." made by the Environmental Design Partnership, dated August 2, 1988 and filed in the Albany County Clerk's Office on August 29, 1988, as Map No. 6909, in Drawer No. 172. Said Lot is more particularly shown and designated as Lot No. 7517, on a map entitled "Survey Location of Lots and Townhouses Building No. 7511, 7515, 7517, 7519 Antoinette Court, Country Village "Section 3", made by Environmental Design Partnership, dated May 6, 1988, and filed in the Albany County Clerk's Office on May 16, 1990 as map No. 9124 in drawer No. 172. The southerly line of Lot 7517 runs in part through the centerline of a party wall between Lots 7517 and 7515.

The northerly line of Lot 7517 runs in part through the centerline of a party wall between lots 7517 and 7519. Subject to easements, covenants, and restriction of record.

These premises are also known as 7517 Antoinette Court, Guilderland, NY 12084. Ad#142076

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE TO BIDDERS NEW SALEM WATER TREATMENT PLANT STEAM PIPE AND INSULATION REPLACEMENT; MOLD & ASBESTOS ABATEMENT - CONTRACT 1 TOWN OF BETHLEHEM ALBANY COUNTY, NEW YORK

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Town of Bethlehem (Town) hereby invites sealed bids for the Steam Pipe and Insulation Replacement; Mold & Asbestos Abatement Project, with work located at the Town's existing water treatment plant (WTP), off New Salem South Road, in Voorheesville, New York.

Sealed bids will be received by the Town at the Bethlehem Town Clerks Office, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, NY 12054 until 2:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 7, 2017, at which time they will be publicly opened and read. Bids shall be addressed to Ms. Nanci Moquin, Town Clerk, Town of Bethlehem, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, NY 12054

Bids shall be in sealed envelopes which shall bear on the face thereof, the name and address of the bidder and subject of the bid. All bids must be made on the official bid form or an exact copy by reproduction thereof and enclosed in a sealed envelope. Original and One Copy shall be Submitted. This is a lump sum bid as described in the Instructions to Bidders. No Bidder may withdraw his bid within forty five calendar days after the actual date of the opening thereof. Each bid must be accompanied by a bid security in the amount of five percent of the base bid in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders.

The work includes providing all labor, materials, machinery, tools, equipment and other means of construction necessary and incidental to the completion the work shown on the plans and described in these specifications including, but not necessarily limited to the following:

- 1. Removal of mold and asbestos-containing pipe and fitting insulation associated with the steam and condensate pipes running throughout the WTP. 2. Replacement of the steam and condensate piping, as well as associated insulation, as indicated on the drawings.

Drawings and Specifications may be examined at the office of CHA, III Winners Circle, Albany, New York 12205 and at the Town of Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York 12054.

Complete sets of the drawings, specifications and bid forms may be obtained from CHA at III Winners Circle, Albany, New York 12205, in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders. Contract Documents will be provided electronically on a compact disc (CD) in PDF format and may be obtained at no cost. Contractors that obtain Contract Documents from a source other than the Issuing Office must notify the Issuing Office in order to be placed on the official Plan Holders List, receive Addenda and other Bid correspondence. Bids received from Contractors other than those on the official Plan Holders list will not be accepted.

The successful Bidder will be required to furnish construction performance and payment bonds in the full amount of the contract price. The successful Bidder will be required to comply with all provisions of the Federal Government Equal Employment Opportunity clauses issued by the Secretary of Labor on May 21, 1968 and published in the Federal Register (41CFR Part 60-1, 33 F.2 7804).

Owner reserves the right to reject any and all Bids, to waive any and all informalities and the right to disregard all nonconforming, non-responsive or Conditional Bids.

ENGINEER:

CHA III Winners Circle Albany, NY 12205 Phone: (518) 453-2866

OWNER:

TOWN OF BETHLEHEM Town Hall 445 Delaware Avenue Delmar, NY 12054 Phone: 439-4955 TOWN OF BETHLEHEM Nanci Moquin, Town Clerk Dated: December 30, 2016 Ad#143066

LEGAL NOTICE

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF ALBANY Index No. 901429/2015 SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS WITH NOTICE FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION (FANNIE MAE), A CORPORATION ORGANIZED AND EXISTING UNDER THE LAW OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Plaintiff, -against-

THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW OF THE ESTATE OF BRIAN F. JEFFERS, AKA BRIAN F. JEFFERS, JR., AKA BRIAN JEFFERS, IF they be living and if they be dead, their respective heirs-at-law, next-of-kin, distributees, executors, administrators, trustees, devisees, legatees, assignees, lienors, creditors and successors in interest and generally all persons having or claiming under, by or through said defendants who may be deceased, by purchase, inheritance, lien or inheritance, lien or otherwise any right, title or interest in or to the real property described in the complaint, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA-INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE

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and NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE, CHRISTOPHER JEFFERS AS THE HEIR AT LAW TO THE ESTATE OF BRIAN F. JEFFERS A/K/A BRIAN F. JEFFERS, JR A/K/A BRIAN JEFFERS, BRIAN F. JEFFERS III AS THE HEIR AT LAW TO THE ESTATE OF BRIAN F. JEFFERS A/K/A BRIAN F. JEFFERS, JR A/K/A BRIAN F. JEFFERS, ERIN JEFFERS AS THE HEIR AT LAW TO THE ESTATE OF BRIAN F. JEFFERS A/K/A BRIAN F. JEFFERS, JR A/K/A BRIAN JEFFERS, Defendants,

To the above named defendants: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the amended complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the amended complaint is not served with this supplemental summons, to serve a notice of appearance, on the plaintiff's attorneys within 20 days after the service of this supplemental summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after the service is complete if this summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York); and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the complaint. 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 your mortgage company will not stop this 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. The foregoing supplemental summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an Order of the Honorable Denise A. Hartman, Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, ALBANY County, dated the 5th day of December, 2016 and duly entered in the office of the Clerk of the County of ALBANY, State of New York. NOTICE OF NATURE OF ACTION AND RELIEF SOUGHT The object of the above captioned action is to foreclose a Mortgage to secure \$130,000.00 and interest, recorded in the Office of the County Clerk of Albany County on November 8, 2007 in Liber 5581, Page 677, which mortgage was assigned to Federal National Mortgage Association by assignment of mortgage dated October 20, 2014, which was recorded in the Office of the County Clerk of Albany County on October 28, 2014, in Liber 6878, Page 590, covering premises known as 106 GROVE AVE, ALBANY, COUNTY OF ALBANY, STATE OF NEW YORK (Section 75.44, Block 2, Lot 6) The relief sought in the within action is a final judgment directing the sale of the premises described above. Premises situate in the in the City and County of Albany. COMMENCING at a point in the easterly side of Grove Avenue, 156 feet southerly from the point of intersection of the said easterly line of Grove Avenue with the southerly line of Helderberg Avenue; being a plot 113 feet by 30 feet by 113 feet by 30 feet. Section 110, Block 1, Lot 70

Dated: Rego Park, New York January 24, 2017 DAVID A. GALLO & ASSOCIATES LLP.

By: Rosemarie A. Klie, Esq. Attorneys for Plaintiff 95-25 Queens Boulevard, 11th Floor Rego Park, New York 11374 (718) 459-9000 Ad#142704

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LEGAL NOTICE OF SALE BY PUBLIC AUCTION

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF ALBANY

TD BANK, N.A. successor by merger to COMMERCE BANK, N.A., Plaintiff, against LAXMI LLC d/b/a GOVERNOR'S INN & SUITES, MAYUR PATEL, NILKANTH PATEL, BHARAT PATEL, Defendants Index No. 2364/2011

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale dated March 19, 2013 and entered in the office of the Albany County Clerk on March 26, 2013, and Order amending said Judgement of Foreclosure and Sale dated October 3, 2016 and entered in the office of Albany County Clerk on October 12, 2016, I, Yorden Huban, Esq., the Referee named in said Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale, will sell in one parcel at public auction to the highest bidder at the steps of the Court-house of the Supreme Court of Albany County located at 16 Eagle Street, Albany, New York, on the 7th day of March, 2017, at 10:30 a.m., ALL that tract or parcel of land situate, lying and being located in the Town of Guilderland, County of Albany, State of New York, and being bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at a point lying in the Northeastly bounds of Western Avenue, said point being located South 25°38'33" East a distance of 199.52 feet from the intersection between the Northeastly bounds of Western Avenue and the Southeastly bounds of Okara Drive; THENCE North 45°24'15" East along the division line between the herein described parcel to the East and the lands now or formerly of James A Scacia as described in Book 2490 of Deeds at Page 913 to the West a distance of 338.01 feet to a point; THENCE along the division line between the lands now or formerly of John H. Gade III and James O as described in Book 2995 of Deeds at Page 523 to the North and the herein de-

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scribed parcel to the South the following four (4) courses and distances: 1. South 26°34'45" East a distance of 150.21 feet to a point; 2. North 45°24'15" East a distance of 60.17 feet to a point; 3. South 26°16'23" East a distance of 71.50 feet to a point; 4. South 44°35'45" East a distance of 15.00 feet to a point; THENCE along the division line between the lands now or formerly of Abdul Matin, MD, as described in Book 3131 of Deeds at Page 646 to the East and the herein described parcel to the West the following seven (7) courses and distances: 1. South 45°24'15" West a distance of 149.00 feet to a point; 2. South 44°35'45" East a distance of 12.50 feet to a point; 3. South 45°24'15" West a distance of 72.00 feet to a point; 4. North 44°35'45" West a distance of 12.50 feet to a point; 5. South 45°24'15" West a distance of 114.00 feet to a point; 6. North 44°35'45" West a distance of 15.00 feet to a point; 7. South 45°24'15" West a distance of 78.03 feet to a point on the Northeastly bounds of Western Avenue; THENCE along the Northeastly bounds of Western Avenue the following five (5) courses and distances: 1. North 26°46'52" West a distance of 2.31 feet to a point; 2. North 31°36'09" West a distance of 49.38 feet to a point; 3. North 26°16'12" West a distance of 135.06 feet to a point; 4. North 37°00'41" East a distance of 10.49 feet to a point; 5. North 12°37'45" West a distance of 36.14 feet to the point of beginning. Containing 84,750 square feet or 1.94 acres more or less. Subject to any and all easements, restrictions and right-of-way records. Said premises being known and designated as Section: 39.12 Block: 2 Lot: 18, County of Albany; said premises more commonly known as 2505 Western Avenue, Guilderland, New York. Approximate amount of judgment \$573,148.20, said amount so reported due as aforesaid together with interest thereon from October 19, 2012, in the amount of \$69.67, to the date of entry of the Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale, plus advances made for real estate taxes, costs, attorneys' fees, allowance and expenses of sale as awarded by the Court in said Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale. Premises will be sold subject to the provisions of the filed Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale and Order amending said Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale, and terms of sale. Dated: February 2, 2017 Yorden Huban, Referee Platzer, Swergold, Levine, Goldberg, Katz & Jaslow, LLP Attorneys for Plaintiff 475 Park Avenue South, 18th Floor New York, NY 10016 (212) 593-3000 Attn: Robert J. Mastrogiacomo, Esq. Ad#142448

LEGAL NOTICE STATE OF NEW YORK SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF ALBANY SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS Index No. 904867-16

M&T BANK, Plaintiff, v. BRUCE EDWARDS, LILLIAN A. EDWARDS A/K/A LILLIAN EDWARDS, CITIZENS STATE BANK, ALBANY COUNTY DSS, Defendants.

To the above named Defendants:

You are hereby summoned to answer the Complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer, or if the Complaint is not served with this Summons, to serve a notice of appearance on the Plaintiff's attorneys within thirty days after the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service, and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

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To place your Legal Notice: Call 439-4949

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Tax I.D. No. 29.20-4-52

ALL THAT CERTAIN LOT, PIECE OR PARCEL OF LAND with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Village and Town of Colonie, County of Albany, State of New York bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a point in the northerly line of Locust Street, distant 1157 feet easterly from the intersection of said northerly line of Locust Street with the easterly line of the Albany and Schenectady State Highway; Thence running northerly on a line parallel with the said Albany and Schenectady State Highway 150 feet to a point; Thence easterly on a line parallel with the said northerly line of Locust Street 50 feet; Thence southerly on a line parallel with said Albany and Schenectady State Highway 150 feet to the said northerly line of the said Locust Street; Thence westerly and along the said northerly line of the said Locust Street 50 feet to the place of beginning. Subject to easements, covenants, and restriction of record.

These premises are also known as 40 Locust Park, Albany, NY 12205 a/k/a Town of Colonie, NY 12205.

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LEGAL NOTICE

1116 METCALF AVENUE LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 2/2/17. Office in Albany Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to c/o 466 Ave P, 2nd Fl, Brooklyn, NY 11223, which is also the principal business location. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. Ad#143385

LEGAL NOTICE

12 Ocean Partners LLC Filed 7/12/16 Office: Albany Co SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 54 State St #103, Albany, NY 12207 Reg. Agent: USA Corporate Services Inc @ same address Purpose: all lawful Ad#142556

LEGAL NOTICE

22 Richmond St., LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/20/16. Off. loc.: Albany Co. SSNY des. as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC, 30 Whitney Avenue, Syosset, NY 11791. Purpose: General. Ad#140646

LEGAL NOTICE

297 GRAND LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 12/28/2016. Office in Albany Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to 297 Grand St., Brooklyn, NY 11211, which is also the principal business location. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. Ad#140367

LEGAL NOTICE

458 HUDSON AVE, LLC NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LLC 458 Hudson Ave, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with NYS Dept. of State 4/15/2016. Office Location: Albany Co. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against LLC may be

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(LLC). Name: BE AT HOME LLC. Articles of Organization filed with NY Secretary of State, December 30, 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 22 Century Hill Drive, Ste 201, Latham, NY 12110. Ad#142207

These premises are also known as 40 Locust Park, Albany, NY 12205 a/k/a Town of Colonie, NY 12205.

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served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: The LLC, P.O. Box 6632, Albany, NY, 12206. Any lawful purpose. Ad#143076

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of [domestic LLC] formation of ACTIVE LANGUAGE LLC. Articles of Org. filed with NY Secretary of State (NS) on JANUARY 17, 2017, office location: Albany County, NS is designated as agent upon whom process may be served. NS shall mail service of process (SOP) to NW Registered Agent LLC @ 90 State Street Suite 700 Office 40, Albany, NY 12207, NW Registered Agent LLC is designated as agent for SOP at 90 State Street Suite 700 Office 40, Albany, NY 12207, purpose is any lawful purpose. Ad#142097

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NOTICE OF FORMATION DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

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LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE OF FORMATION DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). Name: D&L INVESTOR GROUP LLC. Articles of Organization filed with NY Secretary of State, December 16, 2016. Purpose: to engage in any lawful act or activity. Office: in Albany County. Secretary of State is agent for process against LLC and shall mail copy to 16 Hemlock Street, Latham, NY 12110. Ad#141037

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NOTICE OF FORMATION DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

LEGALS

LEGAL NOTICE to: SSJ Law Group, 200 Centennial Ave., Suite 200, Piscataway, NJ 08854, purpose is any lawful purpose. Ad#141034

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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

It's up to all of us

The feverish pace in which President Donald Trump is issuing executive orders, and perceived to be dialing back federal obligations back to state control, has state agencies acting just as quickly.

Trump has been in office for less than a month and already has signed away orders that align with campaign promises. However, the rate in which he has gone to his pen is no quicker or more frequent than past presidents. Nor has it been uncommon for an incoming president to place temporary gag orders on federal agencies, as he did with the Environmental Protection Agency last month. But, coupling that act along with his orders to proceed with the hotly contested Dakota Pipeline process, has environmentalists worried about what's to follow.

What's known is the president has an

agenda that is to significantly affect the EPA, either through a drastic reduction in the agency's budget or eliminating it altogether, as some have speculated. The intended purpose of it all is to reduce regulations placed on American industries, and increase business within the country's own boundaries.

New York state has pushed for liberal initiatives to help preserve the integrity of the environment in the Empire State. This week we report on the Agricultural Nonpoint Source Abatement and Control Program, a multi-million dollar grant program aimed to assist state farmers protect our local watershed.

The Agricultural Nonpoint Source Abatement and Control Program is not new. But, its recent announcement falls on the footsteps of advocates who are now pushing for legislators to pass a state constitutional amendment that ensures

clean air and water.

We're more than 40 years removed from the passing of the Clean Water Act on the federal level, yet we continue to read of communities battling with man made pollutants. Hoosick Falls, Newburgh and our own local water lines have been scrutinized over the past year. Our ability, as citizens, to hold our legislators accountable for maintaining municipal services and keeping local industries in check is aided by the Rachel Carsons of the world.

Carson's "Silent Spring" was the catalyst behind the movement that created the EPA. Her harsh criticism on the use of pesticides, to which she called "biocides," concluded that synthetic chemicals rarely killed just their intended target. She also took legislators to task for blindly accepting pesticide manufacturers who falsely claimed the chemicals were safe,

while people wrote letters reporting the deaths of wild birds scattered across their lawns. Should speculation prove to be true, that the president intends to strip down environmental regulations in an effort to promote American businesses, each state is obligated to pick up the flag. In the end, it's everyone's responsibility to be stewards of our land and drinking water, and keeping those in power in check.

TALK BACK

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WHAT HAPPENED in 2012 ...

Five years ago: BCSD looked at tax hike

BETHLEHEM - Five years ago, as Bethlehem Central School District was getting ready to prepare its 2012-13 school year budget, the district was facing a \$4.4 million budget gap — even after factoring in the use of \$1.75 million in reserve funds and a tax hike.

It was the only time that the district has been compelled to raise the tax levy beyond the state-proscribed tax cap implemented by the state Legislature in 2011 — a move that required the approval of 60 percent of district voters.

At the time, school officials blamed unreliable state aid funding, contract and pension obligations and the newly implemented tax cap for the wide budget

gap.

"We have to face that the federal and state cavalry is not coming," said BCSD Chief Business and Financial Officer Judith Kehoe in 2012. To keep the same level of services without reductions, the district would have needed to make a nearly 11 percent increase in the tax levy, which officials said would be an untenable request to residents in these hard economic times.

Ultimately, voters approved a tax levy increase beyond the 2.72 percent set by the state for that school year and the district increased the levy by almost 4 percent.

Superintendent Thomas Douglas called

the term "tax cap" a misnomer that can be misleading to residents since the levy can extend past a 2 percent increase.

"There is no such thing as a cap on taxes," he said, adding the district is now referring to the law as a "levy limit."

According to Kehoe at the time, the district worked to make up the funds in non-mandated areas like staffing and program reductions.

"About 75 percent of our budget is from salary and fringe benefits," she said, adding that additional cuts to staff would be exceptionally hard with the loss of nearly 60 positions.

With the full restoration last year of Gap Elimination Adjustment funding

— money designated for public schools withheld by the state to address budgetary shortfalls since 2010-11 — and an improving economy, districts across the state are feeling some relief in recent years. They would, however, like to see the state meet "Foundation Aid" funding levels proscribed by a 2006 Court of Appeals ruling that found the state was violating students' constitutional right to a "sound and basic education" by leaving schools without the necessary funding.

To learn more about the upcoming 2017-18 BCSD budget process, residents can attend the district's Board of Education meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 15.

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■ OPINION

Stop whining and take the picture

Friends have asked me how I came up with the name "Keep it Simple."

It was complicated of course. There were three of us on Facebook Messenger trading ideas and names back and forth. This went on for a while, and even my co-worker chimed in with a name. It was way too long. I just rolled my eyes. As my fingers headed toward the keyboard to type out "keep it simple you guys" – ding...ding...ding – the universe spoke to me. How about "Keep It Simple."

I don't know about you, but I complicate even the simplest of things. I can complicate putting ice in a glass. Should it be crushed? Or just cubes? Big cubes or those little ones? Or maybe I should use the ones shaped like flowers? Or how about the plastic, colorful ones that don't water down whatever

Commentary:

Keep it Simple



you may be drinking.

Being an alcoholic in recovery can be difficult to say the least. I find myself complicating everything. I don't know how to act half the time. I question every thought, every action, every response. From what I have been told, that thing I use to think with is broken. It's as simple as that.

Many things in my life had to change and one of the major things was my attitude and the way I look at things – at life. A friend once said, if you whine, cry and complain about your life, you will live a negative life. It made sense to me. It was simple and uncomplicated.

So, I made a serious effort to stop whining

and complaining. At least out loud. I still thought negatively, but I figured if I didn't say it out loud, it was ok. Enter the reminder that my brain is broken. I was so busy trying not to say negative things out loud that I was giving myself a headache. Through another friend, the phrase "negative thinking" came into my life. If I wasn't thinking whiny, negative thoughts to begin with, I wouldn't say them out loud. How simple is that?

I was flipping through a magazine this morning while I drank my coffee and I came across some contests being held. If you go to the magazine's online site and enter you could win a spa treatment. I looked at the page, thought "oh I never win those things anyway" and turned the page. Ding...ding...ding. The universe was about to speak again. My next thought

was "that's probably because you never enter them Debbie." It's not complicated. There's a simple reason I don't win. It's the same reason I wish I could win the Lottery but never do.

In the picture, next to "Keep It Simple," you see a camera in my hand. I love taking pictures. I took two photography classes and bought a beginner's book on photography and struggled to figure out the language: "F-stops, white balance, aperture, ratio" and the list goes on. I'd never remember some of those things no matter how hard I tried. My life as a photographer was doomed. I don't even think you can imagine the negative thinking going on over that fiasco.

Enter the universe once again. "You enjoy taking pictures Debbie. Simply aim the camera and click. No need to put a label on it. Just enjoy the

experience."

Now I just enjoy clicking away with my camera and not only have I become the family "memory keeper" but everyone knows if you want a picture taken at an event – Debbie has her camera. Or, as some say – "watch out, Debbie has her camera."

And although not all the pictures are great, sometimes I come up with some juicy little nuggets like this one. My grandson does love bubbles.

Yes – I sometimes still complicate keeping it simple. But the universe is relentless. It pings me all the time.

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From page 3 ... Subsidizing stewards

Executive Budget at \$300 million, and complements the his proposed \$2 billion Clean Water Infrastructure Act of 2017, which would provide additional funding for source water quality protection initiatives, including projects to ensure proper management and storage of manure on farms across the state.

“Farming remains a key part of New York’s economy, and one that is inescapably tied to the continued stewardship and preservation of our environment and natural resources,” said Cuomo. “This funding will ensure that the high quality of water and soil on farms

and in communities across the state is preserved and protected for current and future generations of New Yorkers.”

To apply, all appropriate materials must be submitted through the state Soil and Water Conservation Committee SharePoint website by March 31.

More details about this program and other natural resource protection programs are available on the Albany County SWCD website at <http://www.albanycounty.com/Government/Departments/SoilandWaterConservationDistrict.aspx>

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TOWN NEWS

Delaware Ave. study to begin Feb. 16

Kick-off meeting begins at 6 p.m. in Town Hall

BETHLEHEM — The town will kick-off its Delaware Avenue Complete Streets Feasibility Study with an interactive public meeting on Thursday, Feb. 16 at Town Hall from 6 to 8 p.m.

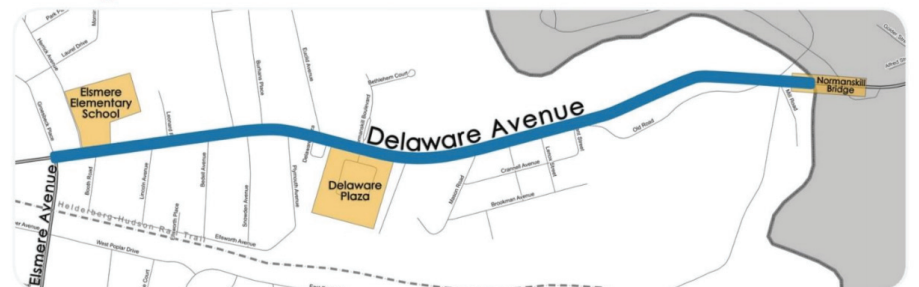
The Town and the Capital District Transportation Committee (CDTC) are jointly sponsoring this transportation planning study to examine a full range of complete streets elements for Delaware Avenue, between Elsmere Avenue and the Normanskill Bridge, in a manner that enhances community quality of life, the local economy, mobility and safety for all users. A “complete street” is a roadway planned and designed to consider the safe, convenient access and mobility of roadway users of all ages and abilities, including pedestrians, bicyclists, public transportation

riders and motorists.

The town’s continued focus on fostering a walkable, bikeable and transit-friendly community along with the current and evolving land use along the corridor provides the opportunity to rethink the physical layout of the roadway in a manner that strives to result in a better balance in serving all users needs.

Meeting participants will hear an overview of this transportation planning study, complete streets principles and a summary of existing conditions. They will have the opportunity to provide input on issues and ideas for improvements that will shape the future of this very important town corridor. All interested residents and business owners are encouraged to attend.

Study Area:



For additional information please visit the study website at www.delawareavecompletestreets.com.

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Possible sale of Clarksville Elementary to be discussed March 8

By **ALI HIBBS**
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BETHLEHEM — The Bethlehem Central Board of Education will host a community meeting on Wednesday, March 8, to discuss the future of Clarksville Elementary School after the building’s current tenant, the Albany County Sheriff’s Office, expressed interest in purchasing the property.

While the school was closed in 2011 due to declining enrollment, the building is still owned by the school district. At the time, students were reassigned to either Eagle Elementary School or Slingerlands Elementary School.

The Sheriff’s Office has rented the building since July 2012.

Superintendent Jody Monroe announced the district would consider the possible sale of Clarksville to the Sheriff’s Office as part of her 2017 State of the Schools report delivered

IF YOU GO...

What: Community Conversation –
The Future of Clarksville Elementary School

When: Wednesday, March 8, 2017, 7 p.m.

Where: Bethlehem Central High School, 700 Delaware Ave., Delmar

during the Feb. 1 Board of Education meeting.

“I would encourage all district residents to join us for this important discussion on March 8,” said Monroe.

Monroe said an invitation to the meeting will be mailed to all residents of Clarksville.

At the meeting, Monroe said the district plans to discuss:

- enrollment projections;
- residential housing development;
- long-term costs of maintaining Clarksville;
- legal requirements in selling district property; and
- the operational impact of its potential sale

The superintendent also said that Sheriff

Craig Apple will attend the meeting to discuss his department’s presence in Clarksville and plans for the property should a sale be approved by the district.

All district residents are asked to submit their questions or concerns online in advance at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/85WYD9M>. Those who are unable to attend are also encouraged to submit questions and concerns about any future plans for Clarksville Elementary School.

Questions will be answered as part of the March 8 meeting, as time permits. Frequently asked questions will be posted to the district website following the meeting.



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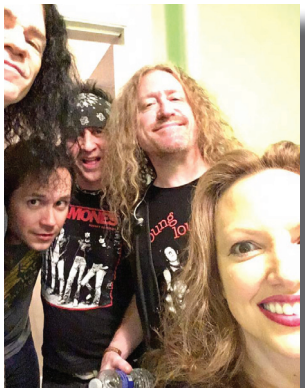
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CULTURE

Road scholar

Shaka Senghor is a student of the classroom, and of the street, and pushes for prison reform

By **ALI HIBBS**
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From seven years spent in solitary confinement to a fellowship at MIT, Shaka Senghor's story is one of forgiveness, redemption and hope. A crusader for criminal justice reform, it is a story he has shared many times, using his unique voice to advocate for alternatives to the mass incarceration of our nation's most underserved populations.

Senghor spoke on the UAlbany campus on Wednesday, Feb. 3, as the keynote speaker at the university's 37th annual MLK celebration kicking off Black History Month.

Raised in Detroit, Shaka Senghor's early life is an all too common story in disadvantaged urban neighborhoods. A bright child on the honor roll, he ran away at the age of 13 to escape an abusive mother.

"I was this naive child," he said, "with all the potential in the world. When I decided to run away, I just knew that somebody's parent would see this handsome little kid and that they would take me in and wrap me up in the warm and love and nurturing that all children deserve."

Instead, Senghor found himself "seduced" by the Detroit crack-cocaine scene, quickly becoming a dealer as well as a user.

"Because what happens to kids who are naive and vulnerable and homeless, and broken and battered and beaten," he said, "is that they get manipulated and taken advantage of because people prey on their need for love and acceptance."

Within six months, Senghor experienced a series of devastating events: a childhood friend was killed; two of his older brothers were shot; he became addicted to crack-cocaine; he was robbed at gunpoint; and he was beaten nearly to death and left on the bathroom floor in the back of a crack house.

"I remember laying there bleeding," he said. "with my face on this cold tile floor and asking myself what kind of world we live in where this can happen to children. What kind of world do we live in where children aren't safe in their own homes? And there was no one there to answer."

"And so I found myself grappling with these complex questions," he said, "while I was trying to navigate the chaos of the environments that I existed in."

Despite the chaos, Senghor became increasingly more entangled in that culture. On March 8, 1990, he was the victim of a drive-by shooting perpetrated by an acquaintance with whom he had a previous conflict. "Within days, I was back on the same block," he said.

"Not one doctor, not one nurse, not one psychologist or psychiatrist or sociologist or social worker thought to ask me how I felt," he said. "Not one adult thought to offer me

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— Shaka Senghor

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■ WHAT'S HAPPENING

Merchant to play Tanglewood

The Avett Brothers make Tanglewood debut in Sept.

STOCKBRIDGE, Mass. — Singer-songwriter Natalie Merchant will make her Tanglewood debut this summer Sunday, July 2, in the Koussevitzky Music Shed, and American folk-rock group The Avett Brothers join the summer lineup in their Tanglewood debut Friday, Sept. 1.

This announcement comes before the Tanglewood 2017 tickets go on

sale to the public, Sunday, Jan. 29 at 10 a.m.

Singer-songwriter Natalie Merchant makes her Tanglewood debut Sunday, July 2, at 7 p.m., bringing her distinctive voice and style to the Koussevitzky Music Shed.

Merchant began her career with alt rock band 10,000 Maniacs in 1981 and has released seven albums since her striking out on a solo career in 1995.

On Friday, Sept. 1, American folk-rock band The Avett Brothers—

named for brothers Scott and Seth Avett—make their Tanglewood debut.

The Avett Brothers' ninth studio album, "True Sadness," topped the Billboard charts and scored two Grammy nominations after its release last summer.

Tickets for Natalie Merchant on July 2 range from \$16.50 to \$109. Tickets for The Avett Brothers on September 1 range from \$16-89.

For information on the upcoming 2017 Tanglewood season, visit their www.bso.org.

■ WHAT ELSE

Saratoga Sings a Winter's Journey Saturday, Feb. 11, Saratoga Spa State Park

SARATOGA SPRINGS — Opera Saratoga presents the next installment of its Saratoga Sings series at the Geyser Picnic Area on Saturday, Feb. 11, at 2 p.m. In the case of inclement weather, the performance will be postponed until Sunday, Feb. 12, at 2 p.m.

Join Grammy-nominated baritone Christopher Dylan Herbert for "Winterize," an outdoor adaptation of Franz Schubert's "Winterreise," re-imagined for baritone and transistor radios.

While admission is free, advance registration and tickets are required to access to the performance area.

For more details or to register, visit www.operasaratoga.org/saratoga-sings. To view a park map, visit <https://parks.ny.gov/inside-our-agency/documents/MasterPlans/SaratogaSpaStatePark/SaratogaSpaFigure12RecreationalResources.pdf>

ASO presents Brahms' Fourth Saturday, Feb. 18, Palace Theatre

ALBANY — Rising conductor Karina Canellakis will make her Albany Symphony debut at the Orchestra's next concert at the Palace Theatre, located at 19 Clinton Ave. in Albany on Saturday, Feb. 18, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

The program, which features a performance of Brahms' Fourth (and final) Symphony, also includes Pulitzer Prize winner Jennifer Higdon's rousing "Dance Cards," and Beethoven's rarely heard "Triple Concerto," featuring the Brown-Urioste-Canellakis Trio. Individual ticket prices range from \$33 to \$57 each, depending on seat location.

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Rivers Casino & Resort features more than 1,000 slot machines, 66 table games, restaurants, lounges and banquet facilities, within an 84,000 square-foot facility.

The casino employs more than 1,000 people, said Danny Brockdorf, Rivers Casino vice president of marketing.

— Michael Hallisey

PICK OF THE WEEK

A piece of Valhalla

By **MICHAEL HALLISEY**
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ALBANY — Get the Led Out's Paul Sinclair was not born to look like Robert Plant.

"Every show, I tell the crowd, 'You came here to see a Zeppelin show tonight,'" said Sinclair. "Not sure how the band's going to present the material, 'All of the sudden the lights come on, the curtains open, and the question they're all asking, 'Why is Howard Stern singing lead vocals?'"

Sinclair is tall, slim and blessed with long locks of curly dark hair. From a distance, perhaps fans of his band's live shows could mistake him for the famous shock radio and television personality. As lead vocalist to a band that plays exclusively from Led Zeppelin's catalog, Sinclair may be cursed with the looks of a radio DJ, but he's blessed with a singing voice that fits the part.

Get the Led Out is a unique, six-piece band that not only specializes in playing perhaps the most iconic of hard rock bands, it takes on the task of reproducing each song as we have all heard them on the album. Every nuance. Every studio effect. Hence,

Sinclair's troupe has six players, to Zeppelin's four.

"People always love to make comments online who don't know about the studio work," said Sinclair, who often see critics mock the band on the perception it takes more, less talented players to match Jones, Bonham, Plant and Page. "They seem to think that somehow Jimmy Page got on stage, he had 17 arms come out and played 50 instruments, at once."

Page, considered by many as one of the greatest guitarist of all time, had a little help from studio producers. Mimicking each reverb, echo and special effect Zeppelin albums are known for is a task that requires more than the original four-man set up. Paul Hammond (guitar, mandolin), Jimmy Marchiano (guitars, vocals), Adam Ferraioli (drums), Andrew Lipke (keyboards, guitars, vocals), Phil D'Agostino (bass, vocals) and — sometimes — Diana DeSantis (special guest vocalist on "The Battle Of Evermore") are employed to do just that. So, when show-goers close their eyes to listen to "Whole Lotta Love," it's the closest thing the band can do to make it sound like "Led Zeppelin

II" is playing on a record player in someone's basement like it's 1969.

"If we have three guitar players playing three guitars, it's because Jimmy Page played three guitars in the studio, and that's what we want to make happen," said Sinclair.

The instrumentation is one aspect to the show. The other part involves Sinclair's voice. Each night, he goes toe-to-toe with one of the most dynamic vocal ranges in rock history, singing his "lungs out."

The rock lifestyle has a destructive personal behavior associated with it, one Sinclair doesn't prescribe to. He gives thanks to a family lineage of opera singers that has blessed him with the right makeup for his job, but the 51-year old also credits his healthy lifestyle for maintaining his voice. Nevertheless, after nearly fifteen years, he still speaks with the same excitement and passion he had when he first started out.

"We really take this seriously," said Sinclair. "Our goal is to never disappoint anyone. ... It's to the point, I'm living the dream."

Get the Led Out plays the Palace Theatre, Saturday, Feb. 11 at 8 p.m.

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Night & Day

Night: 'Suite of Love' at the Cohoes Music Hall

COHOES — Celebrate love's joy, passion and heartbreak with "Suite of Love," a captivating program of music, dance and words, at Cohoes Music Hall, Saturday, Feb. 11, at 7:30 p.m.

The Musicians of Ma'alwyck will perform selections by Bach, Schumann, Mozart and others with a combination of newly choreographed pieces by the Nacre Dance Company and words by Byron Nilsson, the latter of which will be brought to life by actors from Creative License.

The Musicians of Ma'alwyck is a flexible-size chamber ensemble in residence at both the Schuyler Mansion Historical Site in Albany and Schenectady County Community College. Founded in 1999 by

violinist and director Ann-Marie Barker—Schwartz, the group specializes in performing compositions from the 18th and 19th centuries. The ensemble also features Sten Yngvar Isachsen on guitar, Petia Kassarova on cello, and Norman Thibodeau on flute.

General admission tickets for the show are \$22.85 each (includes service fee and facility charge) and are available for purchase online at ticketmaster.com or by phone at (800) 745-3000, or in person at either the Palace Theatre box office.

For more information, including driving directions and where to park, visit www.facebook.com/pg/cohoesmusichall/about/?ref=page_internal.

The Cohoes Music Hall is located at 58 Remsen Street in Cohoes.



The Musicians of Ma'alwyck

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Day: Celebrate Clifford's birthday at the State Museum

ALBANY — Help Clifford the Big Red Dog celebrate his birthday this Sunday, Feb. 12!

Join local PBS-affiliate WMHT on the Fourth Floor Terrace of the New York State Museum for this free, family-

friendly event from noon to 4:30 p.m.

Stop by the Student Center to meet Clifford and remember to bring your camera to take some photos with him.

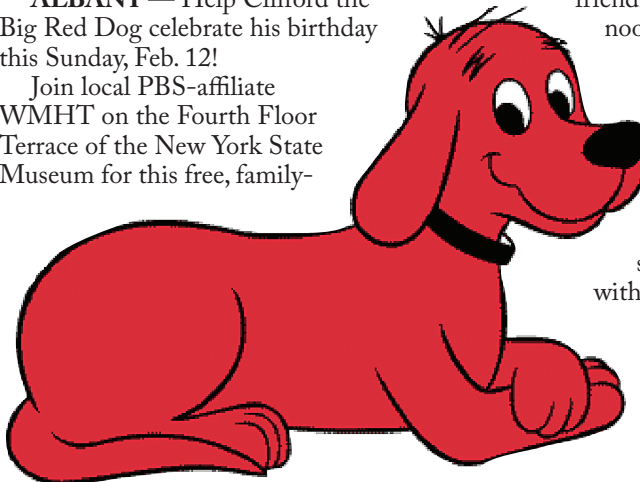
Clifford, the Big Red Dog
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Then, head over to Bird Hall to make a Clifford-themed craft or go to the Museum Lab to watch some Clifford television specials!

Admission to the museum is free, however a \$10 donation per family is suggested.

For more information, including driving directions and parking options, visit www.nysm.nysed.gov/visit.

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Every Wed: **Salsa Night** | 8:30 p.m.
Sat: **Wylder** | 8 p.m.

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

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

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1814 Western Ave., Albany. 608-6400
Fri: **Out of the Box** | 7 p.m.

Black Cat Ale House
25 White St., Cohoes. 238-3445
Sat: **Beg to Differ** | 8 p.m.

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47 Phila St., Saratoga Springs. 225-0882
Wed: **Robinson and Rohe** | 7 p.m.
Thur: **Gibson Brothers Trio** | 6:30 & 8:30 p.m.
Fri: **Golfstrom** | 8 p.m.
Sat: **Pesky J. Nixon** | 8 p.m.
Sun: **Girl Blue** | 7 p.m.
Every Mon: **Open Mic** | 7 p.m.

Carney's Tavern
17 Main St., Ballston Lake. 280-7959
Every Thur: **Matty Finn** | 6 p.m.
Fri: **Steve Candlen** | 7 p.m.
Sat: **Dave Porter** | 7:30 p.m.

Castle Street Café
10 Castle St., Great Barrington, Mass.
(413) 528-5244
Fri: **Paul Arslanian Trio** | 7:30 p.m.
Sat: **Rob Putnam** | 7:30 p.m.

Centre Street Pub
308 Union St., Schenectady. 393-2337
Thur: **Josh & Justin** | 6 p.m.
Fri: **Funk Soul Brother Live** | 9 p.m.
Sat: **Expo** | 9 p.m.
Mon: **Open Mic w/ Joel Fisher** | 7 p.m.

City Beer Hall
42 Howard St., Albany. 449-2337
Every Sat: **90s Dance Party** | 11 p.m.

Club Helsinki
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Fri: **Noam Pikelnny** | 9 p.m.
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Tue: **Derrick Horton & The Jay Street Band** | 7 p.m.

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ARTS CALENDAR



Flying in from the Windy City

Married couple Allison Russell and JT Nero make up the folk/Americana duo Birds of Chicago, who will be playing a show at Hudson's Club Helsinki Sunday, Feb. 12.

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Dolce Vita
1727 State St., Schenectady. 357-3324
Fri & Sat: **Music and Dancing with Randy Loren** | 5 p.m.

Dukes Chophouse
Rivers Casino, 1 Rush St., Schenectady.
Wed: **David Gleason** | 5:30 p.m.
Thur: **Peg Delaney** | 5:30 p.m.
Fri: **Wayne Hawkins Trio** | 5:30 p.m.
Sat: **Brian Patneude & Rob Lindquist** | 5:30 p.m.
Sun: **Chris Dollard** | 5:30 p.m.

Eden Cafe
269 Osborne Road, Loudonville.
977-3771
Fri: **Ed and Randall's Mangersville** | 7:30 p.m.
Sat: **2Late** | 7:30 p.m.

Emack & Bolio's
366 Delaware Ave., Albany. 512-5100
Fri: **Deb Cavanaugh** | 7 p.m.
Sat: **Gross & Hart** | 7 p.m.
Sun: **Deb Cavanaugh** | 3 p.m.
Every Tue: **Open Mic** | 7 p.m.

The Fountain Restaurant
283 New Scotland Ave., Albany. 482-9898

Fri & Sat: **Skip Parsons' Riverboat Jazz Band** | 9:30 p.m.
Fuze Box
12 Central Ave., Albany. 703-8937
Thur: **Snow Day** | 10 p.m.

Fri: **Downswing & Degraded, Ascensions, Somewhere To Call Home, Toxic Crew, Breathe the Skyline** | 6 p.m.
Sat: **80s Night: Pretty in Pink Edition** | 9 p.m.

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

Grappa '72
818 Central Ave., Albany. 482-7200
Wed & Thur: **Hamilton Street Jazz Company** | 6:30 p.m.
Fri: **Peg & Bill Delaney with Earl Davis** | 6:30 p.m.

The Half Moon
48 S. Front St., Hudson.
thehalfmoonhudson.com
Sat: **Delicate Steve** | 8 p.m.

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

The Hollow Bar + Kitchen
79 N. Pearl St., Albany. 426-8550
Fri: **Big Mean Sound Machine, Hartley's Encore** | 9:30 p.m.
Sat: **Gratefully Yours** | 9:30 p.m.

Hudson River Music Hall
10 Maple St., Hudson Falls. 832-3484
Every Wed: **Open Mic** | 7 p.m.
Fri: **Sheen, The Jonathan Newell Prog Trio** | 8 p.m.
Sat: **Eric Archard: Tribute to Roy Orbison** | 3 p.m.
Sun: **Professor Louie & The Crowmatix** | 3 p.m.

J.J. Rafferty's
847 New Loudon Road, Latham. 783-6800
Every Fri & Sat: **DJ Billy** | 9 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.

Lucky Strike Social
1 Crossgates Mall Road, Albany. 556-3350

Fri: **Stuff Your Face With Bass** | 10 p.m.
Sat: **The Refrigerators, DJ Tony Platinum** | 7 p.m.
Tue: **Heart Break Holiday** | 8 p.m.

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

Merry Monk Saratoga
84 Henry St., Saratoga Springs. 584-6665
Sun: **Hot Club of Saratoga Trio** | noon

Mouzon House
1 York St., Saratoga Springs. 226-0014
Fri: **Hot Club of Saratoga Trio** | 7 p.m.
Sat: **Joe Gitto & Dan Wancyk** | 6:30 p.m.

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Fri: **The North and South Dakotas** | 9 p.m.
Sat: **The Hot Club of Saratoga** | 9 p.m.

O'Slattery's Irish Pub
318 Delaware Ave., Delmar. 439-5634
Wed: **Dan Sherwin** | 6:30 p.m.
Fri: **Little Jack** | 8 p.m.
Tue: **DJ Trivia** | 7 p.m.

Parish Public House
388 Broadway, Albany. 365-0444
Sat: **That 1 Guy** | 8 p.m.

The Parting Glass
40 Lake Ave, Saratoga Springs. 583-1916
Wed & Thur: **Irish Celtic Session** | 7 p.m.
Sat: **Kevin McKrell** | 8 p.m.

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337 Central Ave., Albany. paulyshotel.com
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Sat: **Linda Harrison Trio** | 6 p.m.

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Thur: **Tell Keller, Jet Black Alley Cat, North Winds, The Morning Sound** | 8 p.m.

Fri: **Gang of Thieves, West End Blend** | 9:30 p.m.
Sat: **Tim Reynolds, Tenzin Chopak** | 6 p.m.

Roux
10-01 Vista Blvd., Slingerlands. 487-4358
Fri: **Allen Halstead & 'Azzam Hameed** | 6 p.m.

Rustic Barn Pub
150 Speigletown Road, Troy. 235-5858
Fri: **True Grit Outlaws** | 8 p.m.
Sat: **Erin Harkes Band** | 8 p.m.
Sun: **Maurizio Russomanno** | 4 p.m.

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Savoy Taproom
301 Lark St., Albany. 599-5140
Sat: **Bohm Dialogue** | 9 p.m.
Sun: **Robanic Reggae Band** | 10 a.m.
Tue: **Bryan Brundige Jazz Trio** | 7 & 8:30 p.m.
Speakeasy 518
42 Howard St., Albany. 449-2332
Every Mon: **Joe Finn** | 8 p.m.

Stockade Inn
1 North Church St., Schenectady.
346-3400
Thur: **Erin Harkes** | 7 p.m.
Fri: **Sonny & Perley** | 7 p.m.

Troy Kitchen
77 Congress St., Troy, 268-0068
Every Fri: **DJ Lounge** | 11 p.m.

Upstate Concert Hall
1208 New York 146, Clifton Park.
371-0012 or upstateconcerthall.com
Wed: **Skillet, Sick Puppies, Devour The Day** | 7 p.m.
Sat: **Andy Black, William Control, Palaye Royale** | 7:30 p.m.
Sun: **Less Than Jake, Pepper, The Attack, The Bunny Gang** | 8 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.

Wellington's
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Albany. 992-2432
Fri: **Useless Cans** | 6 p.m.
Wishing Well Restaurant
745 Saratoga Road, Wilton. 584-7640
Sat: **Rob Aronstein** | 6 p.m.
Yono's
25 Chapel St., Albany. 436-7747
Sat: **Hamilton Street Jazz Duo** | 6:30 p.m.

MUSIC

International Guitar Night
Gypsy jazz legend Lulo Reinhardt is the host for this show, which features Luca Stricagnoli, Chrystian Dozza and Debashish Bhattacharya. Feb. 8, 7:30 p.m., Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, 30 Second St., Troy. Tickets: \$29. Information: 273-0038 or troymusichall.org.

SteelDrivers
The Grammy Award-winning bluegrass band. Feb. 9, 7:30 p.m., Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, 30 Second St., Troy. Tickets: \$27. Information: 273-0038 or troymusichall.org.

New Orford String Quartet
Canadian chamber group. Feb. 10, 8 p.m., Zankel Music Center, Skidmore College, North Broadway, Saratoga Springs. Tickets: adults \$8, seniors/Skidmore staff \$5, students/children free. Information: 580-5321 or www.skidmore.edu/zankel.

Winter's Benefit Dinner and Concert
Featuring a Southwestern-inspired dinner menu by chef Fritz Stafford and a performance by singer, actress, writer and musician Anne Hills. Feb. 11, 6 p.m., Old Songs Community Arts Center, 37 South Main St., Voorheesville. Tickets: adults \$30, children 12 and under \$10. Information: 765-2815 or oldsongs.org.

Musicians of Ma'alwyck — "Suite of Love"
Chamber music quartet performs works by Bach, Schumann, Mozart and others, with the help of the Nacre Dance Company. Feb. 11, 7:30 p.m., Cohoes Music Hall, 58 Remsen St., Cohoes. Tickets: \$19. Information: palacealbany.org.

Regina Carter "Simply Ella"
Violinist will perform the jazz standards made famous by Ella Fitzgerald. Feb. 11, 8 p.m., The Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany. Tickets: \$34. Information: 473-1845 or www.theegg.org.

Get the Led Out: The American Led Zeppelin
Philadelphia-based Led Zeppelin tribute band. Feb. 11, 8 p.m., Palace Theatre, 19 Clinton Ave., Albany. Tickets: advance \$29.50, day of show \$32.50. Information: palacealbany.org.

Fireworks Ensemble with the Empire State Youth Orchestra
Hundreds of the region's premier youth musicians join a cross-over music ensemble lauded for its inventive arrangements of American music. Feb. 11, 8 p.m., Proctors, 432 State St., Schenectady. Tickets: \$20-\$30. Information: 346-6204 or www.proctors.org.

Latin America in Song
A performance featuring vocalists Celia Castro, Anna Tonna and Celeste Mann, along with pianist Max Lifchitz. Feb. 13, 7 p.m., University at Albany Performing Arts Center, uptown campus, 1400 Washington Ave., Albany. Tickets: general public \$8, students/seniors/UAlbany staff \$4. Information: 442-3997 or www.albany.edu/pac.

THEATER

Assisted Loving (Dating with my Dad)
World premiere comedy starring Barry Pearl ("Grease"). Presented by Capital Repertory Theatre, 111 North Pearl St., Albany, through Feb. 19. Shows: Tuesday through Thursday 7:30 p.m., Friday 8 p.m., Saturday 3 and 8 p.m., Sunday 7 p.m. Tickets: \$20-\$55. Information: 445-7469 or capitalrep.org.

Dial M for Murder
Classic thriller about a murder plot gone awry. Presented by Curtain Call Theatre,

210 Old Loudon Road, Latham, through Feb. 11. Shows: Thursdays 7:30 p.m., Fridays and Saturdays 8 p.m., Sundays 3 p.m.; special matinee performance Jan. 21 at 3 p.m. Tickets: \$24. Information: 877-7529 or www.curtaincalltheatre.com.

The Game's Afoot
Ken Ludwig's comedy about a Broadway star who tries to investigate a murder at his party by channeling Sherlock Holmes. Presented by Home Made Theater, Feb. 11-26, Spa Little Theater, Saratoga Spa State Park, Saratoga Springs. Shows: Fridays and Saturdays 7:30 p.m., Sundays 2 p.m. Tickets: \$24-\$27. Information: 587-4427 or www.homemadetheater.org.

Grand Concourse
Heidi Schreck's play about a woman running a Bronx soup kitchen and a college dropout who arrives to volunteer. Presented by Albany Civic Theater, 235 Second Ave., Albany, through Feb. 19. Shows: Fridays and Saturdays 7:30 p.m., Sundays 3 p.m. Tickets: adults \$18, students \$10. Information: 462-1297 or www.albanycivictheater.org.

Wittenberg
Staged reading of David Davalos' comedy that reveals the story behind the stories of Hamlet, Doctor Faustus and the Protestant Reformation. Feb. 12, 2:30 p.m., Schenectady Civic Playhouse, 12 South Church St., Schenectady. Free. Information: 382-2081 or www.civicplayers.org.

COMEDY

The Funny Bone
Dale Jones headlines, Feb. 9, 7:30 p.m.; Feb. 10, 7:30 and 10 p.m.; Feb. 11, 7 and 10 p.m.; and Feb. 12, 7 p.m. Crossgates Mall, 1 Crossgates Mall Road, Guilderland. Information: 313-7484 or Albany.funnybone.com.

The Comedy Works Construction 2017 fundraiser featuring Warren B. Hall, Feb. 9, 7:30 p.m. **Warren B. Hall**, Feb. 10 and 11, 7:30 and 9:30 p.m. **Valentine's Day Local Comedy All-Star Show**, Feb. 14, 7:30 p.m. 388 Broadway, Saratoga Springs. Information: 275-6897 or thecomedyworks.com.

MopCo
Storytime Time with Ethan Ullman, Feb. 10, 7 p.m. Chortle Kombat — an all-out rumble between two improv troupes, Feb. 11, 8 p.m. 10 North Jay St., Schenectady. Information: www.mopco.org.

The Gender Defenders
An annual show featuring two male and two female comedians discussing their views about relationships, love and life. Feb. 14, 8 p.m., Proctors, 432 State St., Schenectady. Tickets: advance \$25, day of show \$30. Information: 346-6204 or www.proctors.org.

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ACROSS

1. Chester White's home
4. Computer monitor, for short
7. The Amish, e.g.
11. "Your majesty"
12. Liquid butter used in India
13. Cliffside dwelling
15. Pieces of plate armor
17. _____ the Elder
18. Store convenience, for short
19. Freshen
21. Golf ball support
22. Cooking meas.
23. Leave in a hurry, with "out"
24. Miles per hour, e.g.
27. Big _____ Conference
28. Comes back
30. Dangerous biters
33. Fill
36. Attempts
38. French for a senior surname
39. _____ v. Wade
40. Cram, with "up"
41. Allowances for waste after deduction for tare
43. Gangster's gal
45. A chip, maybe
46. Holdings
48. Barley bristle
50. _____ carotene
51. Diminish
53. Aged
56. Carry on
58. Baggage handler
60. Drone, e.g.
61. 4:1, e.g.
64. Lined school paper out of notebook
66. Ancient Greek theater
67. Fluff
68. "_____ of Eden"
69. Coastal raptor
70. A pint, maybe
71. Not just "a"

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1. Earty soils
2. Bum
3. "Absolutely!"
4. Job
5. Kidney-related
6. Makeup, e.g.
7. Chucklehead
8. Moray, e.g.
9. Standard of judgment
10. Food sticker
11. Clash
12. Mustard or collard
14. Artist's asset
16. Bind
20. "... _____ he drove out of sight"
25. Appear
26. Muslim headdress
27. _____ fly
28. Casting need
29. Cast
30. Appropriate
31. "Buona _____" (Italian greeting)
32. An elder in a Presbyterian church
34. Kind of dealer
35. "_____ bad!"
37. "Comprende?"
42. Undertake, with "out"
44. Most recent
47. Bug
49. "As you _____"
51. Barbecue
52. Agreeing (with)
53. A belief involving sorcery
54. Car dealer's offering
55. Adroit
56. Ace
57. Put on board, as cargo
59. Cantina cooker
62. Carbonium, e.g.
63. "_____ moment"
65. Affranchise

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ARTS CALENDAR

An Evening with Garrison Keillor

Writer, humorist and host of A Prairie Home Companion. Feb. 15, 8 p.m., The Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany. Tickets: \$64.50-\$99. Information: 473-1845 or www.theegg.org.

DANCE

Okwui Okpokwasili

Choreographer, writer and performer presents "Poor People's TV Room." Feb. 10, 8 p.m., EMPAC, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy. Tickets: \$6-\$18. Information: empac.rpi.edu.

FAMILY

Polka Dots:

the Cool Kids Musical

A children's story based on the historical events of the Little Rock Nine. Presented by Park Playhouse, Feb. 12, 2 p.m., Palace Theatre, 19 Clinton Ave., Albany. Tickets: adults \$20, children 12 and under free. Part of the Kinderhook Bank Family Series at the Palace Theatre. Information: palacealbany.org.

Miri Leshem-Pelly

Israeli author and illustrator makes her first visit to the region to read from her book, "Scribble & Author," and lead an interactive lesson for children ages 3-7 and their parents. Feb. 13, 4 p.m., Hebrew Academy of the Capital District, 54 Sand Creek Road, Colonie. Free; registration required. Information: Rachael Woren 482-0464, ext. 100 or email rworen@hacdalbany.com.



Who did it?

When a murder takes place at his residence, a Broadway actor channels his inner Sherlock Holmes to solve the mystery in Home Made Theater's production of Ken Ludwig's comedy, "The Game's Afoot." Performances take place Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 p.m., and Sundays at 2 p.m. at Spa Little Theater.

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FILM

"The Bling Ring"

Sofia Coppola's movie about a group of fame- and fashion-obsessed teens. Feb. 10, 7:30 p.m., Page Hall, University at Albany downtown campus, 135 Western

Ave., Albany. Free; part of the New York State Writers Institute's Classic Film Series. Information: 442-5620 or www.albany.edu/writers-inst.

Skidmore College

See "Despues de Trujillo" with filmmaker Lisa Blackmore. 6 p.m., Davis

Auditorium, North Broadway, Saratoga Springs. Information: 580-5274.

Citizens Bank Movie Series

See "Pretty Woman" starring Richard Gere and Julia Roberts. Feb. 13, 7 p.m., Palace Theatre, 19 Clinton Ave., Albany. Tickets: \$5. Information: palacealbany.org.

Movie Series at the Music Hall

See "My Bloody Valentine" on Valentine's Day. Feb. 14, 7 p.m., Cohoes Music Hall, 58 Remsen St., Cohoes. Tickets: \$5. Information: palacealbany.org.

Food for Thought

See the documentary "Forgotten Farms"

and take part in a post-film panel discussion. Feb. 16, 7 p.m., The Linda: WAMC's Performing Arts Studio, 339 Central Ave., Albany. Tickets: \$8. Information: 465-5233 or thelinda.org.

LECTURES

Helen Czerski

Physicist, oceanographer and BBC broadcaster talks about her work, including her new book, "Storm in a Teacup: The Physics of Everyday Life." Feb. 9, seminar at 4:15 p.m. in Science Library, reading at 8 p.m. in Performing Arts Center, University at Albany uptown campus, 1400 Washington Ave., Albany. Free. Information: 442-5620 or www.albany.edu/writers-inst.

Thomas L. Friedman

New York Times foreign affairs columnist discusses "The Big Trends Shaping the World Today: Economics, Technology and Geopolitics" in a presentation by Union College. Feb. 9, 8 p.m., Proctors, 432 State St., Schenectady. Tickets: \$35-\$55; special \$100 meet and greet tickets also available. Information: 346-6204 or www.proctors.org.

Deconstructing Beatles

Composer/producer Scott Freiman takes a look at the Fab Four's White album (1:30 p.m.) and "Magical Mystery Tour" (7:30 p.m.) Feb. 11, Proctors, 432 State St., Schenectady. Tickets: advance \$25, day of show \$30; students \$10 advance, \$15 day of show. Information: 346-6204 or www.proctors.org.

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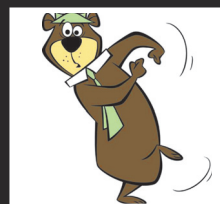
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ARTS CALENDAR



Double bill

Violinist Regina Carter will be busy Saturday, Feb. 11. She will speak at the University at Albany's "The Creative Life" series at 4:30 p.m. and then perform at The Egg in Albany at 8 p.m.

Submitted photo

musical career in advance of her evening performance at The Egg. Feb. 11, 4:30 p.m., University at Albany Performing Arts Center, uptown campus, 1400 Washington Ave., Albany. Free. Information: www.albany.edu/writers-inst.

LITERARY

Selected Shorts

Sonia Manzano (Sesame Street), Michael Cerveris (Fun Home) and Jim True-Frost (The Wire) perform moving and comical stories about lovers and strangers in this stage version of NPR's popular radio show of the same name. Feb. 12, 3 p.m., Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, 30 Second St., Troy. Tickets: \$25. Information: 273-0038 or troymusicall.org.

Nancy Jo Sales

Journalist will discuss and read from her new book, "American Girls: Social Media and the Secret Lives of Teenagers." Feb. 16, 8 p.m., Campus Center, University at Albany uptown campus, 1400 Washington Ave., Albany. Free. Information: 442-5620 or www.albany.edu/writers-inst.

EDUCATION

Gallery Talk

Every Saturday at 1 p.m. from November through May, take a guided walk through the galleries with a member of the Clark's education team. Join fellow art lovers for a personalized look at highlights from the permanent collection, learn about the history of the museum, and gain new insight into some Clark favorites. The Clark Art Institute, 225 South St., Williamstown, Mass. 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.

Gallery Talks

Enjoy a docent-led tour of the museum's exhibitions. Saturdays and Sundays, 1 p.m. (Schedule subject to change, please call to confirm.) Albany Institute of History and Art, 125 Washington Ave., Albany. Info: 463-4478 or membership@albanyinstitute.org.

MISCELLANEOUS

Times Union Home Expo

Featuring dozens of vendors for home improvement needs, plus food demos and sampling, art for sale and a special appearance by the Beekman Boys on Feb. 11. Hours: Feb. 10, 3 to 8 p.m.; Feb. 11, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Feb. 12, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Times Union Center, 51 South Pearl St., Albany. Tickets: adults \$5-\$14, children 14 and under free. Information: www.timesunioncenter-albany.com.

Siena College

men's basketball

See the Saints play MAAC foe Monmouth Feb. 13, 7 p.m., Times Union Center, 51 South Pearl St., Albany. Tickets: adults

\$15-\$35, children 12 and under \$8 in sections priced \$28 and below. Information: www.timesunioncenter-albany.com.

Capital District Women's Club

Hosting its "What's the Weather Going to Be" luncheon with special guest speakers Steve Caparizzo and Mary Elasser, as well as a performance by Joe Kriss. Feb. 15, 11:30 a.m., Guilderland Elks Lodge, 3867 Carman Road (Route 146), Guilderland. Cost: \$15. Information: call Nancy at 869-0642 or Carol at 869-5253.

Basketweaving workshops

Learn how to create Two Berry Baskets (Feb. 25), a Saratoga Tote Basket (March 11) or a Williamsburg Basket (March 25) with instructor Beverly Cornelius. Mabee Farm Historic Site, 1100 Main St. (Route 55), Rotterdam Junction. Cost: \$85 plus materials fees. Information: 887-5073 or www.schenectadyhistorical.org.

Schenectady Greenmarket

Winter Market

Regional vendors selling groceries, take-away meals and artisanal items. Sundays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Proctors Arcade, 432 State St., Schenectady. Information: schenectadygreenmarket.org.

Delaware Community

Farmers Market

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Social Night Potluck at CoG

Every Tuesday night, we gather with food and conversation. This event is free and open to the public. No registration is needed. 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Tech Valley Center of Gravity, 30 3rd St., Troy. Information: 279-7863 or www.tvcog.net.

Geeks Who Drink

A quiz show with eight rounds of eight questions each, including a music round, an audio round and a picture round. Free to play, with prizes for the top two teams and bonus prizes throughout the game. Tuesdays, 8 p.m., Olde English Pub, 683 Broadway, Albany.

EXHIBITS

Albany Center Gallery

Members show, through Feb. 18. Arcade Building, 488 Broadway, Albany. Information: albanycentergallery.org.

Albany Institute of History and Art

"New to the Collection," Feb. 11 through May 21, with a member's preview party Feb. 10, 5 to 7 p.m.; "Captured Moments: 170 Years of Photography from the Albany Institute," through May 21; "Rock & Roll Icons: Photographs by Patrick Harbron," through Feb. 12; 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. Informa-

tion: 463-4478 or www.albanyinstitute.org.

Albany International Airport Gallery

"Cloudlands," featuring works by Naoe Suzuki, Edward Mayer, Julie Evans, Susan Meyer, Dana Filibert, Joshua Field and Gina Ruggeri, through July 31; public reception Feb. 17, 5:30 p.m. Albany International Airport, Watervliet Shaker Road, Colonie. Information: 242-2241 or email arts@albanyairport.com.

Albany Medical Center: Community Endocrine Gallery

"The Art of Photography," featuring photos by Marty Bannan, Don Cooper, John Elliott, Richard Endres, Jean Finley, Harvey Gurien, George Guarino, Dave Higgins, Gary Larsen, Jeff Perkins, Max Tiller and Larry White, through March 3. 1365 Washington Ave., Albany. Information: 489-4704.

Albany Pine Bush Discovery Center

"Pine Bush Perspectives" photo exhibit. 195 New Karner Road, Colonie. Information: 456-0655 or albanypinebush.org.

AMP Galleries

"New Paintings," an exhibit featuring the works of abstract painter Seth Benzel. 454 Broadway, Saratoga Springs. Information: 898-6976.

Arts Center of the Capital Region

"Vantage Point: Ben Schwab + James Thacher," through March 18; "Unearthed: Mandi Coburn + Grace Tatar," through March 18; "Day 2 Day Print Exchange," curated by Danielle Morales, Jan. 27 through Feb. 24. 265 River St., Troy. Information: 273-0552 or artscenteronline.org.

The Clark Institute

"Japanese Impressions: Color Woodblock Prints from the Rodbell Family Collection," through April 2; "Thomas Schutte: Crystal," through Oct. 9. 225 South St., Williamstown, Mass. Information: www.clarkart.edu.

Clement Art Gallery

Rare works by long-time artist Marjorie Semerad, through Feb. 22. 201 Broad-

way, Troy. Information: 272-6811 or clementart.com.

Collar Works

"Informal Language," featuring works by emerging artists Nadine Beauhamois, Danny Ginsburg, Kelsey Renko and Christine Snyder, through March 18. 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.

The Hyde Collection

"Lorna Bieber: Forces of Nature," through May 14. 161 Warren St., Glens Falls. Information: 792-1761 or www.hydecollection.org.

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 Athlete," 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

"Ice Ages in New York State," a new long-term exhibit examining the landscape and animals of that time period; "The People's Art: Selections from the Empire State Plaza Art Collection," on display through Sept. 3; plus "Hudson Valley Ruins," "Art for the People" Decorated Stoneware from the Weitsman Collection, "Beneath the City: An Archeological Perspective of Albany" and more. Empire State Plaza, 222 Madison Ave., Albany. Information: 474-5877 or www.nysm.nysed.gov.

Opalka Gallery

"Gravity & Light: Caroline Ramersdorfer, Sculptures 1985-2016," through March 5. Sage College of Albany campus, 140 New Scotland Ave., Albany. Information: 292-8607 or opalka.sage.edu.

Saratoga Arts

"All Stars: An Exhibition of High School Artists," through Feb. 25. 320 Broadway, Saratoga Springs. Information: 584-4132 or www.saratoga-arts.org.

Saratoga Automobile Museum

"Rolling Bones," an exhibit featuring hot rods built by Ken Schmidt and Keith Cornell's Rolling Bones Hot Rod Shop in Greenfield Center. 110 Avenue of the Pines, Saratoga Spa State Park, Saratoga Springs. Information: saratogaautomuseum.org.

Saratoga Clay Arts Center

"Winter Wares, Quiet Forms," featuring the recent work of Josh Smith. 167 Hayes Road, Schuylerville. Information: saratogaclayarts.org.

Schenectady County Historical Society

"Together Until the End: Schenectady

in World War I." 32 Washington Ave., Schenectady. Information: 374-0263 or www.schenectadyhistorical.org.

Schick Art Gallery

"2017 Juried Skidmore Student Exhibition," through March 5. Saisselin Art Building, Skidmore College, North Broadway, Saratoga Springs. Information: www.skidmore.edu/schick.

Tang Teaching Museum

"Sixfold Symmetry: Patters in Art and Science," an exhibition of contemporary and historical art, artifacts and material culture, featuring collaborations with faculty members from multiple departments, through March 12; "Elevator Music 31: Political Echo Chamber," plus "Liz Collins — Energy Field," a long-running installation created as a lounge and social space for visitors and students. Skidmore College, North Broadway, Saratoga Springs. Information: tang.skidmore.edu.

University Art Museum

"Conor Backman: A Clock and Map Minute" and "Dave McKenzie: An Intermission," through April 1. University at Albany uptown campus, 1400 Washington Ave., Albany. Information: 442-4035.

University Club

Presenting a solo exhibition by Artist in Residence Ed O'Connell, through April 28, 141 Washington Ave., Albany. Information: 463-1151 or www.universityclubalbany.com.

CALL FOR ARTISTS

Albany Center Gallery

Seeking submissions for its annual Photography Regional, which will be on display March 17 through April

21. Drop-off dates for submissions: Feb. 24 and 25, noon to 3 p.m., at the Arcade Building, 488 Broadway, Albany. Entry fee: \$25 ACG members, \$35 non members. Information: www.albanycentergallery.org.

Arts Center of the Capital Region

Seeking artists and curators for upcoming exhibits; entry deadline is Feb. 28. Information: 273-0552 or artscenteronline.org.

Burnt Hills Oratorio Society

Recruiting singers for a performance of Mendelssohn's "Elijah" on May 19 at Skidmore College's Zankel Music Center. Rehearsals are Tuesdays at 7 p.m. at Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake High School, 88 Lakehill Road, Burnt Hills. Information: www.BHOS.us.

NorthCountryARTS

Accepting entries for its juried exhibition, "Visions 2017," through Feb. 19. Artists may submit up to two works. The juror is Skidmore College art professor and sculptor Victoria Palermo. Fee: NorthCountryARTS members \$25, non members \$35. Information: www.northcountryarts.org.

Mabee Farm Historic Site

Seeking artists, crafters and vendors for its CanalFest (July 15), Arts & Crafts Festival (Aug. 26) and Fall Foliage Festival (Oct. 15). Information: 887-5073 or www.schenectadyhistorical.org.

Thursday Musical Club

All women's chorus seeks new members. Rehearsals are Wednesdays 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at First United Methodist Church, 603 State St., Schenectady. Information: email mlekd@verizon.net.

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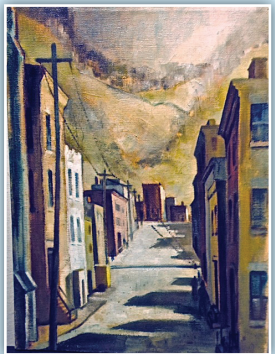
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Marjorie was a life-long career painter and artist. These rare works span six decades and include paintings and sketches of Troy buildings and industrial sites as well as more recent powerful watercolors of such Adirondack natural wonders as Buttermilk, Irishtown and Bog River falls.

After receiving her Masters Degree in 1963 from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Marjorie was invited to join the faculty of Russell Sage College where she taught art history. She was named Teacher of the year in 1972 and an Outstanding Educator of America in 1973. After her retirement in 1983, she painted full-time creating many of her finest works.

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CULINARY ARTS

I often draw inspiration from recipes in cooking magazines. Most I come across aren't suited for the way I prefer to eat, which generally is low-carb, low-sugar, cow-dairy-free, and grain-free whenever possible.

I know this might sound like a culinary wet blanket, but I'm in love with good-tasting food as I've ever been. It's just that now I insist that it do something for my body in return. Tasting good is no longer enough. If that means things aren't quite as dense, gooey, or joltingly sweet, it's a trade I can live with.

Take these coconut bars, for example. They were inspired by a southern coconut pie recipe I saw in a back issue of Food & Wine. Instantly, I knew this intriguing, crustless southern classic could be transformed into a cleaned up gluten-free, paleo, and dairy-free treasure. This is so moist and delicious, it readily stands on its own. But it wouldn't be a crime

to finish it off with a bag of sugar-free chocolate chips, sprinkled on while still warm in the oven.

Spread the chocolate after it's melted and you've got clean magic squares! Plus, these keep in the refrigerator for up to two weeks.

Ingredients

- 1 stick unsalted butter, melted
- 1/2 cup coconut palm sugar
- 4 large eggs, room temperature
- 1/2 cup almond flour or meal
- 1/4 teaspoon xanthan gum
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 2 cups unsweetened shredded coconut
- 1 1/2 cups almond milk, room temperature
- About 1/3 stick unsalted butter (or coconut oil equivalent) for greasing pan

Instructions

Preheat oven to 350°F. Grease two 9-inch pie plates, or two 8x10

brownie pans. In a large mixing bowl, whisk melted butter with sugar. Blitz eggs in a Vitamix or blender (so much easier) and add to the bowl, blending thoroughly. Stir in flour, coconut, and almond milk and blend thoroughly. Divide mixture into the two baking vessels and bake on the oven's bottom rack for an hour. Check in on them after about 40 minutes to ensure they're not burning (everyone's oven is a little different). If they appear to be scorching at all, move to the next higher rack and continue baking. When done, remove pans from oven and let cool completely before serving. This isn't meant to be served warm – it needs to set.

Stacey Morris is a Loudonville-based cookbook author, DDPYOGA instructor, and health coach. Her website is www.staceymorris.com.

Clean Eating

Paleo Coconut Bars

By **STACEY MORRIS**

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CAPRICORN

December 22 – January 19
Take a look around you, Capricorn. What do you see? Nothing, right? All is well with the world. Stop trying to stir up trouble where there isn't any.



ARIES

March 21 – April 19
A loved one is in a pickle for sure, Aries. You have the solution, but it won't go over well. Be prepared for some major resistance. A schedule is set.



CANCER

June 22 – July 22
Feeling frazzled, Cancer? You are not alone, and soon, all of the right people will catch on. A mini vacation could be in store. Go someplace special.



LIBRA

September 23 – October 22
Settle down, Libra. There is more to the situation than meets the eye. A trip down memory lane works wonders for a senior who is feeling blue.



AQUARIUS

January 20 – February 18
Man, oh, man, is a loved one ticked off. You could comfort them, but consider this, Aquarius: Anger can be a great source of motivation. Leave them be.



TAURUS

April 20 – May 20
Temptation abounds. Don't give in, Taurus. Your goal is nearly complete. A train wreck at home turns out to be a blessing in disguise.



LEO

July 23 – August 22
Last but not least, Leo. You finally receive your due. Celebrate with a night on the town. A question is answered, but few like what they hear.



SCORPIO

October 23 – November 21
Believe it or not, Scorpio. A friend is telling the truth. Yes, it's far-fetched, but it is what happened. Make of it what you will. A secret is kept.



PISCES

February 19 – March 20
Reality sets in for a senior, and you are left to pick up the pieces yet again. Relax, Pisces. This will be the last time. A game gets heated at home.



GEMINI

May 21 – June 21
Piles, piles, piles. Everywhere you look you see piles. Your attempt at organization is not working, Gemini. Time to call in the pros. A memo clarifies.



VIRGO

August 23 – September 22
Invitations arrive by the handful, and suddenly, your calendar is full. Enjoy every event and network as much you can, Virgo. The more people you know, the better.



SAGITTARIUS

November 22 – December 21
You can, but you won't, Sagittarius. You won't listen to a thing you're told. You'll do it your way, and you'll pay the price. Thankfully, it will be a small price.



■ VALENTINE'S DAY

Happily Ever After

By TRESA ERICKSON
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We all know the story of star-crossed lovers, couples like Romeo and Juliet whose love for each other ends in tragedy. And, then, there are the fairytale stories of couples that fall in love and live happily ever after. Here is a quiz on some memorable couples in film whose love for each other blossomed in spite of the obstacles, at least until the film ended. Can you match up the pairs and name the film from which they come?

The Ladies

- 1) Jane Adler
- 2) Sally Albright
- 3) Andie Anderson
- 4) Danielle de Barbarac
- 5) Erica Barry
- 6) Maggie Carpenter
- 7) Loretta Castorini
- 8) Carol Connelly
- 9) Diane Court
- 10) Kate Foster
- 11) Frances "Baby" Houseman
- 12) Kathleen Kelly
- 13) Lucy Moderatz
- 14) Sandy Olsen
- 15) Jenny Perotti
- 16) Paula Pokrifki
- 17) Annie Reed
- 18) Kate Reynolds
- 19) Annie Savoy
- 20) Anna Scott
- 21) Kat Stratford
- 22) Margaret Tate
- 23) Sara Thomas
- 24) Sydney Ellen Wade
- 25) Andie Walsh
- 26) Vivian Ward

The Men

- A) Sam Baldwin
- B) Benjamin Barry
- C) Harry Burns
- D) Jack Callaghan
- E) Ronny Cammareri
- F) Jack Campbell
- G) Johnny Castle
- H) Crash Davis
- I) Lloyd Dobler
- J) Joe Fox
- K) Ike Graham
- L) Prince Henry
- M) Edward Lewis
- N) Zack Mayo
- O) Blane McDonough
- P) Connor Mead
- Q) Andrew Paxton
- R) Harry Sanborn
- S) Adam Schaffer
- T) Andrew Shepherd
- U) William Thacker
- V) Jonathan Trager
- W) Melvin Udall
- X) Patrick Verona
- Y) Alex Wyler
- Z) Danny Zuko

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Answers on B24

■ IN BRIEF

Moonlit Walk at Schodack Island State Park

SCHODACK'S LANDING — There will be a guided Moonlight walk on Friday, Feb. 10 from 6 to 8 p.m. at Schodack Island State Park at 1 Schodack Island Way in Schodack Landing.

The walk will cover about two miles of fairly easy terrain under the light of the nearly-full Snow Moon. Refreshments will follow with a campfire. Participants should dress appropriately for the weather with sturdy shoes and arrive 10-15 minutes early to check-in.

Call the park at (518) 732-1087 to register. For more information visit parks.ny.gov/events.

Hamilton Street Jazz Duo at Yono's

ALBANY — The Hamilton Street Jazz Duo will perform on Friday, Feb. 10 and Saturday, Feb. 11 at 6:30 p.m. at Yono's at 25 Chapel Street in Albany.

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International Guitar Night at Troy Music Hall

TROY — Gypsy jazz legend Lulo Reinhardt will host International Guitar Night on Wednesday, Feb. 8 at 7:30 p.m. at Troy Savings Bank Music Hall at 30 2nd Street in Troy.

Tickets are \$29. For information or to buy tickets call (518) 273-0038 or visit www.troymusichall.org.

Dan Sherwin at O'Slattery's

DELMAR — Dan Sherwin will

perform at O'Slattery's on Wednesday, Feb. 8 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. at 318 Delaware Ave. in Delmar.

Sherwin plays his interpretations of rock classics as well as his own original tunes.

For information call (518) 439-5634 or email oslatterys@gmail.com.

Open Mic Night at Hudson River Music Hall

HUDSON FALLS — Musician Phil Bacon of the bands Across the Pond, The Jonathan Newell Band and Out on the Tiles will host Wednesday Open Mic Night on Wednesday, Feb. 1 from 7:30 to

9:30 p.m. at Hudson River Music Hall at 10 Maple Street in Hudson Falls.

Sound, lights and a listening space will be provided for participants and listeners. Sign up is at 7:00 pm. Admission is \$3. For more information, call (518) 832-3484.

Skillet - Unleashed Tour at Upstate Concert Hall

CLIFTON PARK — The Skillet-Unleashed Tour is coming to Upstate Concert Hall on Wednesday, Feb. 8 at 7 p.m. at 1208 New York 146 in Clifton Park.

Doors open at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$25 in

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For more information or to buy tickets call (518) 371-0012 or visit upstateconcerthall.com.

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Participants will learn authentic drumming from West African countries, emphasizing traditional rhythms and drumming techniques on djembes, dunduns and other hand drums. All levels are welcomed. Some drums may be available to borrow on a first come, first served basis. There is a class fee of \$15.

For more information email oldsongs@oldsongs.org or call (518) 765-2815.

Open Mic Night at McGeary's

ALBANY — Mother Judge hosts Open Mic Night on Wednesday, Feb. 8 at 8:30 p.m. at McGeary's Irish Pub at 4 Clinton Square in Albany. Sign-ups start at 7:30 p.m.

For information, call (518) 463-1455.

The Masters of Nostalgia at One Caroline Street

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Masters of Nostalgia will perform at One Caroline Street in Saratoga Springs on Wednesday, Feb. 8 at 8:30 p.m.

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For information visit onecaroline.com.

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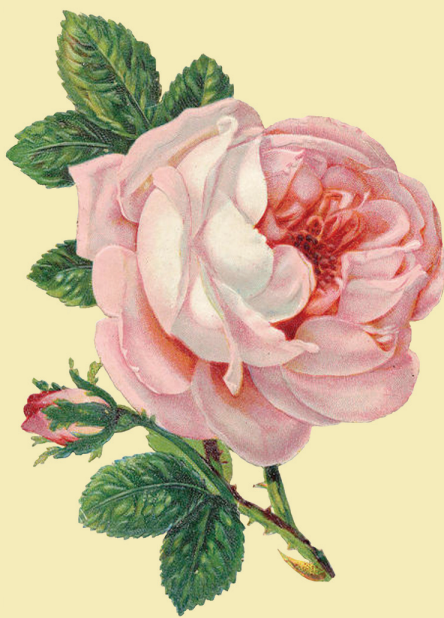
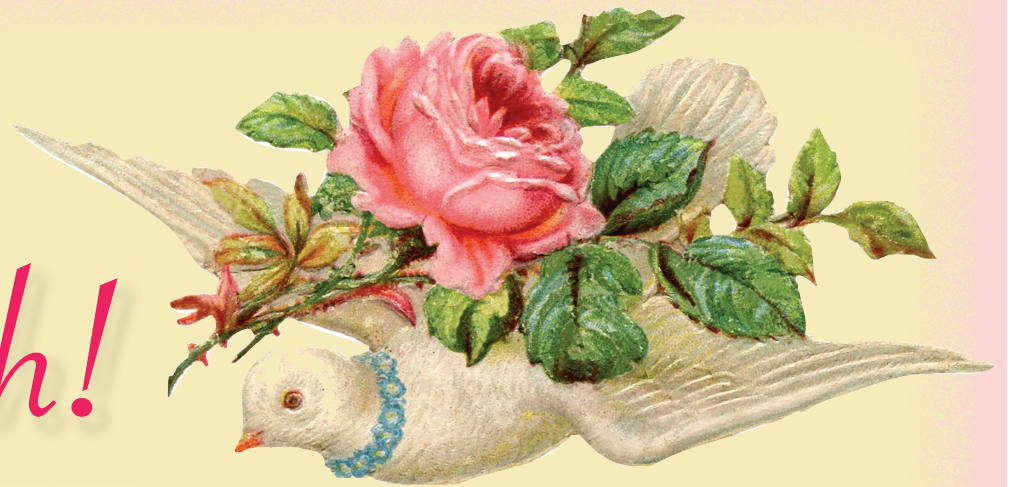
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KIDS! Storytime at Northshire Bookstore

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CONCERT REVIEW

Los Lobos lift The Egg

By PETE MASON & RAMON DARIO SANCHEZ
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ALBANY — A uniting sound in a time of discord was found with Los Lobos at The Egg Performing Arts Center in Albany, on Sunday, Jan. 29.

The legendary cross-cultural rock 'n roll group brought out a rising tempo over the course of two sets in the Hart Theater this evening.

The first set was highlighted by "Burn It Down," while the second set took off with the rockabilly "Train Don't Stop Here," highlighted by Conrad Lozano on bass with Cesar Rojas' vocals. The iconic "Kiko and the Lavender Moon" was soulful and smooth as always, with that haunting accordion from David

Hidalgo. "Mas Y Mas," found the band joined by a guest trombonist and Steve Berlin on trumpet.

"Last Night" brought the crowd to their feet, and featured lyrics from "Turn on Your Lovelight" and a brief horn duel, then segued seamlessly into the Buddy Holly classic "Not Fade Away." The set ended with a rousing rendition of the Grateful Dead's "Bertha," and an encore of Traffic's "Light Up or Leave Me Alone." Once again, the timeless Los Lobos sound rocked The Egg, bringing rock n roll and Tejano together to the delight of the audience.

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MUSIC REVIEW

Having an '8-Track Mind'

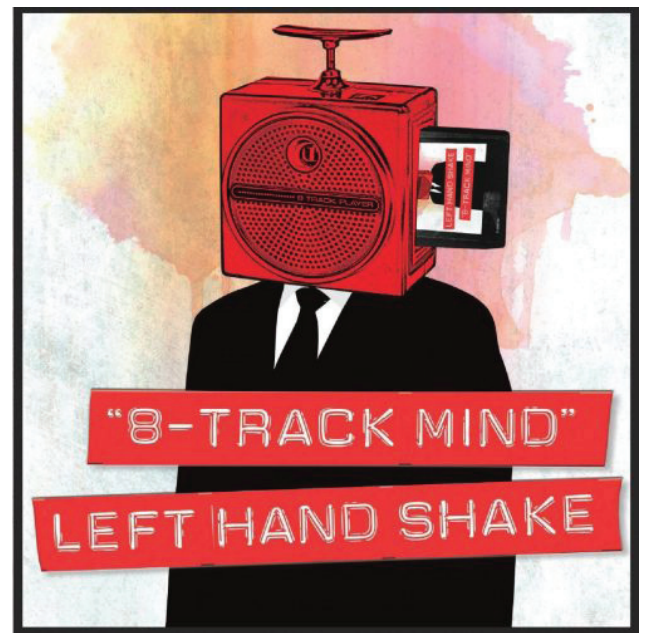
By ROB CREENAN
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One day, I was given the task of reviewing this album, a debut, no less, from a band I had no idea what to expect from. All I got was a set of audio files from the album "8-Track Mind," and a brief description of Left Hand Shake's members, David Decker and Blaze Sepowski, and the previous projects they've been involved with, featuring names like Bang Zoom!, Picture This, and Bottle of the Dog. Initially, I thought this would just be something I could sit through and move on.

Even the album cover itself led me to think anything could be inside. It's of a suit with an old speaker where the head should be with an 8-track

of the album loaded inside. Upon further research, I saw it was named album of the year by WVCR, the radio station for Siena College. Okay, I thought. College-age people like this. I finally got around to listening to the album, which started off with the various synth noises of "F.S.B." until 45 seconds in when the slow drumbeat and guitars finally kicked in. And from there, I was hooked.

The album comes across as a breath of fresh air because it delves into a particular genre I don't think gets enough credit: dream pop. There are definitely artists nowadays influenced by this particular underground scene (M83 comes to mind), but it's rare to see an act fully embrace the mindset. The mid-tempo that put listeners



in a state of bliss. The sweeping, soaring guitar lines. The echo-y vocals less concerned with singing clear lyrics and more with being another texture of the song.

In terms of extent of what Left Hand Shake is willing to do, it's on the second song, "Being There (Django)." Along with the ethereal 80's dream pop guitar work happening, there are also hints of violin and a mandolin underneath. Of its eight and a half minute runtime, the last five are purely

instrumental. And it's not only more guitar work that gets to shine, there are harmonica, saxophone, and trumpet solos dispersed in that time. And oddly enough, though it sometimes feels it goes on for too long, it all works in making the dreamy atmosphere stick.

There are also songs that tone down the dream atmosphere considerably. "Right Hand Shake" reminds me of "She Bangs the Drums," by the Stone Roses, with the similar guitar tones and echo-y vocal work. "Fly" is pretty much a condensed version of the longer songs, but notably more down to earth.

In terms of shortcomings, I'd say Decker and Sepowski get a bit too experimental with their instrumentation. The songs that are seven to eight minutes long have a good chunk made up of solos that serve only to continue the state of euphoria. "People Like," starts off sounding like a dated 90's industrial act before it really gets going.

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MUSIC REVIEW

The Wood Brothers 'Live At The Barn'

By SARAH BOURQUE

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Over the years, The Wood Brothers repeatedly visited Levon Helm at his barn in Woodstock, for the popular Midnight Ramble. These visits eventually led to a cherished friendship between the trio and Helm. The group made a trek back to the barn on August 19, 2016, for their first Ramble since the passing of Helm, where they recorded their latest album, "Live At The Barn." Helms' influence reached well beyond the notes of a song. Guitarist Oliver Wood named his son after the late Levon, adding that "since we actually got to know him, his influence was more than musical—it was personal. He was one of those unique and powerful personalities, and I'll always remember how gracious he was."

"Live At The Barn" revisits nine songs that run the gamut of The Wood Brothers' musical catalog. The trio also consists of bassist Chris Wood, and drummer Jano Rix. The opening track, "Mary Anna," gracefully eases listeners into the album. The deep, rich tones fill the barn with warmth and purity, as whoops and hollers are chimed in from the audience. Right away the song brings you into the barn among the crowd sitting alongside the band. With eyes closed, the faintly familiar smell of barn wood and slight chimney smoke in the air also teases at the senses.

A spirited "I Got Loaded" captures the electrified audience as lyrics are playfully sung back and forth with enthusiasm. Mystifying tones gently tiptoe into "Tried & Tempted" before the melody curves into a head swaying blues jam. The vibe in the room can only be envisioned with a dancing crowd to this melody.

A crisp guitar cools off the barn with a gentle "Trouble In Mind." Resonating with heavy, psychedelic undertones, this delicate melody keeps the ears filled with colorful imagery. Picking up the pace, "Who The Devil" is tightly stacked with thick bass, vigorous drums, and guitar that

rocks the hell out of this soaker of a tune.

In your face bass bombs stealthily glide into "Wastin' My Mind," before picking up hitchhiking guitar and drums. The song builds with increasing intensity and mischievous rhythm, creating a musical ambiance filled with empty whiskey bottles and lingering cigar smoke. A massive fan favorite, "Postcards From Hell," is fittingly dedicated to the memory of Levon Helm. This track takes its time building. Midway through it explodes with massive energy, pumping the live audience, as well as the listener, with shake your bones vibes. It's impossible not to react to the intensity of this song, as swinging arms, bobbing heads, and dancing legs instinctively react to the beat. Expect to hit the repeat button over and over.

"Honey Jar" twists around funky rhythms to bluesy tones and back again. Crunchy guitar and full bodied bass envelop the melody, as drums keep the pace, creating a lush and smooth ride for the eardrums. Wrapping up the album, "Ophelia" takes the live experience at the barn to a close. This dynamic track strides along, with the notes practically high-fiving each audience member before closing out the music for the evening.

If you've never seen The Wood Brothers perform, this is the perfect album to capture their energy in a live setting. It's highly suggested to throw on the headphones, crank the volume, and soak in the songs with eyes closed. Within the first few minutes, don't be surprised to be tapping and shaking along to the beats. This is one album that will fit perfectly in any musical collection.

The Wood Brothers will be kicking off a U.S. tour in Philadelphia shortly following the release of their new album. Full tour dates and information can be found at www.thewoodbros.com.

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IN BRIEF

Vinyl Nite at Pauly's Hotel

ALBANY — Pauly's Hotel hosts its weekly Vinyl Night on Thursday, Feb. 9 from 8 to 10 p.m. at 337 Central Ave. in Albany.

Participants can bring their own records and enjoy classics from all eras while taking advantage of exuberant drink specials.

The event is 21+. There is no cover charge. For information, call (518) 426-0828.

Regina Carter 'Simply Ella' at The Egg

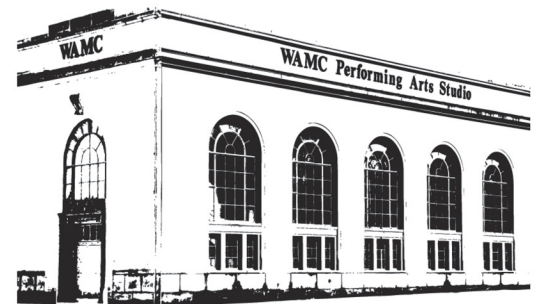
ALBANY — Regina Carter will perform "Simply Ella" at The Egg on Saturday, Feb. 11 at 8 p.m. at 1 Empire State Plaza in Albany.

Carter is a violinist who has explored a broad diversity of styles ranging from classical and soul to African and traditional music of the South. Carter will also participate in a discussion about her creative process on Saturday, Feb. 11, at 4:30 p.m. at the University at Albany, which is free and open to the public.

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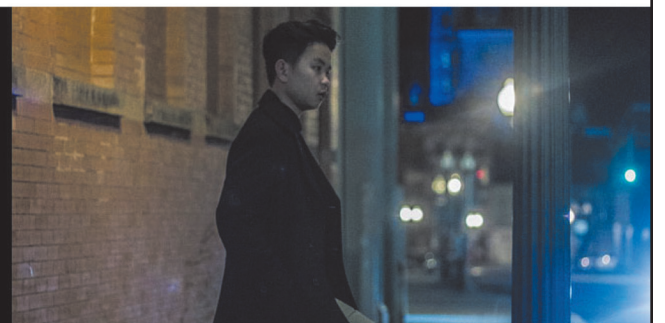
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BAND PROFILE

Smittix benefits greater causes

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TROY — Since 2006, Smittix has been steamrolling, stomping and grinding its way into the 518 music scene. Members Rob “Smittix” O’Donnell (vocals), Whiskey Will Seyfferth (bass), James London Tougher (guitar) and Jay O’Donnell (drums) have not only made their mark and claimed their territory with their unique combination of punk, ska, funk and rock ‘n roll, but have also given back to the local community.

Frontman Rob Smittix is grateful for everything.

“As much as we would love to take a leap of faith, we are not 20 years old anymore. We all have families, jobs, mortgages etc.; we can’t just jump in a van and hit the highway.”

The band as a whole embraces the do-it-yourself ethic instilled in the true members of the punk generation.

“We also are not trying to become rock-stars either, we simply have a need to make music.” explained Smittix.

“It is our release. It is for us and if people like what we are doing and they can relate to our songs, then we are glad we shared it.”

While the band has hit a few

roadblocks of late, it keeps moving forward.

“We have been working with Lucas Rathke (new guitarist) for the past year or so, focusing on new material. Lucas has brought a lot to the table and we’re sure you will notice that style has been tweaked a bit, a little darker at times, a little more punk but still elements of ska in there,” said Smittix.

It’s a lot to juggle. Rob Smittix not only has a family, a day job, the band and a night job, but he also runs his own punk rock motivated/locally supportive website: forusnotthem.com.

Little did he know that two of the

toughest challenges of all were about to affect the whole band.

Smittix recently released a single titled “Battle of Today,” inspired by the news that Rob and Jay’s mother had been diagnosed with lung cancer, while Will’s mother was found to have a severe heart condition. According to Rob Smittix, the band found out about both of these illnesses during the same week if not on the same day.

Illness strikes, we all know how that part feels. Yet, somehow, in some way, music soothes and sometimes heals.

Seyfferth’s mother, Debbie, went into the hospital first, suffering from heart failure, while Smittix and O’Donnell’s mother, Marlene, underwent surgery to remove the lung cancer shortly thereafter. Although she also received radiation and chemotherapy treatments simultaneously, Marlene had an unexpected yet necessary second surgery to remove another mass on her brain.

Smittix says that while both of the band members’ mothers are currently out of the hospital, they still encourage their fans’ thoughts and prayers.

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Road scholar**

what I believe is the most simple gesture of human compassion and empathy — a simple hug, a word to say 'you'll be all right.'

"I was angry; I was bitter; I was sad; I was afraid; I was paranoid."

To feel safe, Senghor began to carry a gun.

In July of 1991, at the age of 19, he used that gun to kill another human being.

He was arrested and sentenced to a maximum of 40 years for second degree murder for the crime, committed during heated argument about a drug deal. "In that moment," he said, "I knew that my life was over."

In prison, a bad attitude and host of misconduct violations quickly got him labeled "the worst of the worst" in the eyes of the system, said Senghor. He was one of the youngest inmates in maximum security and spent seven years — four and a half of which were consecutive — in solitary confinement, a practice Senghor calls, "by far, one of the most inhumane and barbaric things that we do to people in society to this day."

During the 19 years Senghor ultimately spent in the Michigan state penitentiary system, he said that three "miracles" occurred that eventually enabled him to understand and accept forgiveness and to take responsibility for his actions — and for his life.

"I call them miracles," he said, "because my life was supposed to have a different outcome."

At the time, Senghor didn't recognize those moments for what they would mean to him. The first came early in his incarceration, when he encountered other prisoners who would serve as mentors to the young inmate.

"These are men," he said, "who are currently serving life sentences, most have been in prison since they were juveniles, and most of them will die in prison. But these are men who gave me life in an environment in which I knew I was destined to die. And they gave me life in this very peculiar way."

Senghor's mentors told him that he would be given a second chance, and that with that second chance would come responsibility to be a voice for those who would never have that same opportunity. He didn't want to hear it. Senghor was convinced he was going to die in jail.

"And then they tricked me," he said. "They found their way in."

These imprisoned mentors reached Senghor through books. Realizing that he liked to read, they began to introduce him to books by authors like Malcolm X and Martin Luther King Jr.

"I didn't know who Malcolm X was," he said. "I just knew his name sounded gangster. And I read Malcolm and it blew my mind. Because here was a man that had been cast away by society and decided that he wanted a different life outcome and decided that he wanted to put the work in and turn his life around."

He read the letter penned by Martin Luther King Jr. from a jail cell in Birmingham, Alabama, "that talks about

the real things that challenge us, and push us, and force us to grow in ways that are uncomfortable."

"Malcolm and Martin," he said, became like angels on his shoulders. While he continued to get in trouble, they served as a reminder of the potential he had and the things he might accomplish. "They may not have always won out," he said of those angels, "but they never quit. They never quit teaching."

The second miracle came about five years into Senghor's sentence. He received a letter from the woman who raised the man he killed. The letter began by describing the pain he had caused her family and Senghor, still unwilling to take responsibility for his actions, was tempted to throw it away. But, he said, something compelled him to keep reading.

"And she said, 'Despite the devastation that you've caused my family, I forgive you.' I forgive you," he said, repeating those three words with emotion. "I hadn't forgiven myself because I didn't even feel worthy of forgiveness. See, I had bought into that narrative that had been handed down to me by broken people that told me that I would never amount to anything, that I was worthless, that my life didn't matter." He said the idea that someone he had hurt so deeply could forgive him was a foreign concept.

"She said, 'Not only do I forgive you, I love you. I love you because Jesus would want me to love you,'" he recalled. "And I thought, 'Wow. How can she love someone who doesn't even love himself?'"

Things didn't immediately sink in for the young convict. He continued to get in trouble. Eight years into his incarceration, he found himself in solitary confinement — where he stayed for four and a half years. "It is essentially torture," he said of the punishment. "It is designed to destroy. There is nothing in it that is rehabilitative."

While in solitary, Senghor's third miracle reached him in the form of another letter, this time from his 10-year old son. The boy's mother had told him the reason for his father's incarceration. "He said, 'Dad, don't kill again. Jesus watches what you do,'" said Senghor. "As a father and as a man, those words from my child were devastating."

On the streets where he grew up, serving time for murder was considered "a badge of honor" and earned Senghor credibility. "But seen through the eyes of a child," he said, "it was called what it was — and I knew in that moment that I had the responsibility to turn this thing around. Because I owed my son a father; I owed him a father he could be proud of."

Senghor said that he knew that, if he was serious about turning his life around, he would have to make a commitment and put in the work it required. Citing Plato's quote about the unexamined life, he said he realized that he had not been living his life but merely existing, buffeted by all the negative influences that had surrounded him. So he decided to set goals for himself.

And he began to write. "I began to write down and analyze all the things that had happened to me," he said. "From child abuse, to sexual exploitation, to the drug abuse . . . I wrote my way through the pain."

Senghor wrote his first book in that solitary confinement cell. A sense that

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Happy 25 years!

Conservationists from across the Capital District met at the Corning Tower in downtown Albany to celebrate 25 years of land conservation with the Mohawk Hudson Land Conservancy (MHLC). The sold-out crowd filled the observation deck, enjoying drinks and a light buffet as a cloudy sky opened and rays of light from the setting sun spread across the breathtaking landscape below. Executive Director of MHLC Mark King and Board of Directors Chairman Cathie Love spoke to the crowd of the organization's growth over the past 25 years.

Photos submitted

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it wasn't real until it had been read by someone prompted him to slide it under his door to a nearby inmate, a decision he regretted moments later when he realized it was his only copy.

Several hours passed before Senghor received his first literary review: "He said, 'Man, that was the best book I ever read.'"

Senghor was released in 2010 at the age of 38. To date, he has written six books, including *Writing My Wrongs*, a new memoir about his life in prison. In 2012, he published a book of his writings, entitled *Live in Peace: A Youth Guide to Turning Hurt into Hope* as part of an outreach program aimed at Detroit youth. He is even the author of a detective series called *Crack: Volume 1* and *Crack: Volume 2*.

"I think narrative is the greatest way to connect as human beings," Senghor told a small group of reporters immediately before his keynote address. "You know, everything we watch, everything we love, everything we engage is all about the story, right?"

Following his release, the burgeoning author also became a vocal advocate for criminal justice reform, eventually becoming a prominent representative of #cut50, a national bipartisan effort to reduce America's incarcerated population 50 percent by 2025.

"We had a pretty robust bipartisan

effort going and we created some amazing partnerships that had never occurred in the country's history," said Senghor. "In fact, we hosted the largest bipartisan summit in the country in 2015."

In 2014, Senghor delivered a TED Talk at TED's 30th Anniversary Conference, entitled "Why Your Worst Deeds Don't Define You," where he received a standing ovation. The video has been viewed several million times online. He was a 2014 TED Prize finalist for The Atonement Project, which is designed to help victims and violent offenders heal through the power of the arts.

Since 2010, the former inmate has lectured at prominent universities, taught at the University of Michigan, was an MIT Media Lab Director's Fellow, and holds a current fellowship in the inaugural class of the W.K. Kellogg Foundation's Community Leadership Network. He was awarded the 2015 Manchester University Innovator of the Year Award and the 2012 Black Male Engagement Leadership Award. After an interview that aired in March 2016, Oprah Winfrey declared that her conversation with Senghor was one of the best she'd ever had. Later the same month, he was a guest on *The Daily Show* with Trevor Noah.

"I think my life experience definitely allows me to utilize my voice in a very different way than I would be able to had I not had these experiences," said Senghor. "One of the things that lived experience does for you is that it really gives you a broader perspective of who we are as human beings."

"At the core," he said, "I believe that we as humans tend to figure out what's the right thing to do and, in the midst of adversity, I think we tend to bond together as opposed to pull apart."

At the center of criminal justice reform initiatives advocated by Senghor is the idea that long sentences and tough-on-crime policies are morally questionable and economically unjustifiable. According to a report released by the Brennan Center for Justice at New York University School of Law School last December, researchers found 25 percent of the country's prisoners — nearly all non-violent, lower-level offenders — would be better served by alternatives to incarceration such as treatment, community service, or probation. Another 14 percent who have served sufficiently long sentences could be released with little to no risk to public safety. Releasing these 576,000 inmates would save \$20 billion annually.

Led by nationally renowned criminologist Dr. James Austin, the report was the culmination of three years of research and includes a blueprint for how the country can significantly cut its prison population while still keeping crime rates near historic lows.

In the report's foreword, NAACP CEO and President Cornell Brooks wrote: "While national support for this effort provides hope the tide may be turning, it also belies a sad truth: Many of the grave inequalities we fought decades ago still persist, more than 50 years after the Civil Rights Act. The single greatest injustice

that threatens our safety and hinders our progress? Mass incarceration. People of color bear the brunt of our criminal justice system in disproportionate and devastating numbers."

"I think the biggest challenge is to maintain the momentum we've created in terms of bipartisan efforts to reform the criminal justice system," said Senghor. "To see some of the things that are going on, like the new Attorney General, it might be kind of scary to think that all of the hard work that we put into building these coalitions and getting people working across the aisle and collaborating together on something that's so important — it's kind of scary to think that some of those things might get rolled back, but the thing that gives me a sense of optimism are these conversations that are happening."

"I tend to look toward, in the midst of the chaos, like, what are those points of entry where we can actually learn something from each other and learn something about each other."

"Mr. Senghor's powerful story of redemption has relevance for all of us," said Teniola Adeyemi, the UAlbany senior and president of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity — to which Martin Luther King Jr. belonged — who introduced the keynote speaker. "It is a story about the power of personal change. It's a story about how all of us can rise above our mistakes. And every one of us makes mistakes."

"I believe," said Senghor. "In dark times, that's when our greatest lights tend to shine through."

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Answers: 1) S, It's Complicated, 2) C, When Harry Met Sally, 3) B, How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days, 4) L, Ever After: A Cinderella Story, 5) R, Something's Gotta Give, 6) K, Runaway Bride, 7) E, Moonstruck, 8) W, As Good as It Gets, 9) I, Say Anything, 10) Y, The Lake House, 11) G, Dirty Dancing, 12) J, You've Got Mail, 13) D, While You Were Sleeping, 14) Z, Grease, 15) P, The Ghosts of Girlfriends Past, 16) N, An Officer and a Gentleman, 17) A, Sleepless in Seattle, 18) F, The Family Man, 19) H, Bull Durham, 20) U, Notting Hill, 21) X, 10 Things I Hate About You, 22) Q, The Proposal, 23) V, Serendipity, 24) T, The American President, 25) O, Pretty In Pink, 26) M, Pretty Woman

◀ Kevin Costner and Susan Sarandon from the 1998 Orion Pictures film, "Bull Durham."

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"Fabreeze" has a muted trumpet solo while "Path Less Taken" essentially ends with a violin solo taking up the last third. The lyrics, when you can make them out, at times come across like they're trying too hard. Lines like "Life is a garden, I'm sowing all the seeds, when something starts to grow, it comes out as weeds" ("Fly"). And "People like you, people like me, we can change the world" ("People Like") Then again, lyrics were never the emphasis of this genre.

So, if you're a fan of the works of The Cocteau Twins, Slowdive, and Lush, give Left Hand Shake a chance. We should look forward to whatever efforts these guys have planned in the future, if they continue this direction or move on to something else.

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Smittix

strength through their music and use it to make a difference. This time around, however, the causes hit closer to home than ever before and Smittix is excited to help.

The band recently began a campaign to donate all of

the proceeds from the sales of its "Battle of Today" promotion to lung cancer research and the heart foundation in honor of the two mothers.

An online shop with clothing and other merchandise has been

set up at smittix.com. Customers will receive a free download of the mom's fight song with any item purchase.

Smittix is one of four bands playing live this Saturday night at The Hangar on the Hudson in Troy, as part of Let Go Daylight's "The Low Down Dirty" release show.

■ IN BRIEF

Matty Finn at Carvey's Tavern

BALLSTON LAKE — Matty Finn will perform on Thursday, Feb. 9 from 6 to 9 p.m. at Carvey's Tavern at 17 Main Street in Ballston Lake.

Finn brings classic rock, country, blues and even Celtic.

For information, visit www.carneystavernny.com.

Improv Night at The Shop

TROY — Matt MacArevey will host Improv Night with the Collar City Players on Thursday, Feb. 9 from 7 to 9 p.m. at The Shop at 135

4th street in Troy.

MacArevey will present a night of improvisational comedy along with four other actors in the style of the show Whose Line is it Anyway. Audience suggestions will be taken and run with.

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CLIFTON PARK — The Magic Male Review is coming to Upstate Concert Hall on Thursday, Feb. 9 at 8:30 p.m. at 1208 New York 146 in Clifton Park.

This live male dance show features past members of the east and west coast Chippendales and is intended for ladies entertainment.

Doors open at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$50. For more information or to buy tickets call (518) 371-0012 or visit upstateconcerthall.com.

Upstate Black & Blue at Trickshot

CLIFTON PARK — Upstate Black and Blue will host a concert at Trickshot Billiards Club and Sports Bar on Thursday, Feb. 9 from 7 to 11 p.m.

For more information or to buy tickets, call (518) 383-8771 or visit trickshotbilliardsny.com.