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TOP STORY

Short on trees

How does a national shortage on Christmas trees translate locally?

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CAPITAL DISTRICT — There is a shortage of Christmas trees this year thanks to, among other reasons, a number of domestic growers leaving the industry, a lack of quality seedlings, wildfires and even the last recession.

But, sellers and growers in upstate New York say they expect the direct impact to their businesses will be minimal because Canadian growers have been gearing up to fill the gap over the years.

According to a survey undertaken by United State Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service tree sales in Oregon, the nation's largest grower of Christmas trees, have plummeted 26 percent, from 6.4 million trees to 4.7 million. Also, farmers across the nation have been planting fewer Christmas trees than ever, with about 3.7 million trees planted in 2015 – down from 5.6 million in 2010.

Given that it takes an average of seven years to grow a Christmas tree to a desirable size, there are those who think the shortage will last until at least 2025.

What is bad news for some retailers is good news for members of the Christmas Tree Farmers of Association of New York, who grow trees for retail and offer a chance for the public to come to their respective farms and cut their own tree.

A gentleman looks over the stock of trees being sold along the side of Route 9W in Glenmont, from where the Bethlehem Lions Club sells each year.

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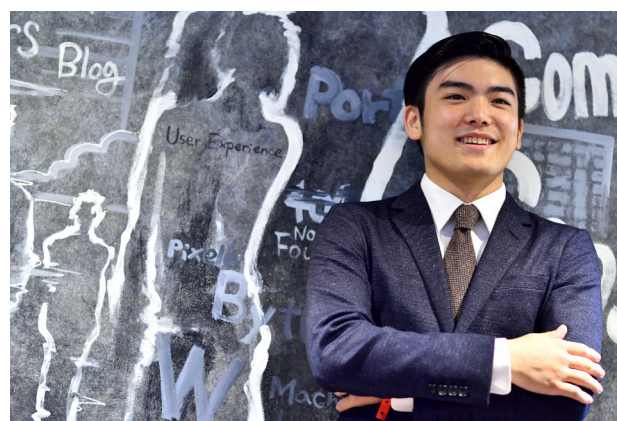


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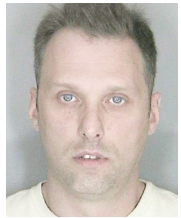
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■ POLICE, COURTS AND EMERGENCY CALLS

Defendant pleads guilty to fraudulent transactions

BETHLEHEM — Bobbi A. Constantine, formerly known as Robert Bove, age 48, of Albany, pled guilty on Wednesday, Nov. 22, to wire fraud in connection with a scheme to obtain mortgages and car loans under the false pretense of being a beneficiary of a \$12 million trust.



BOVE



CONSTANTINE

The case originated with the Bethlehem Police Department, according to BPD Commander Adam Hornick, after a local real estate agency alerted their community police officer about a suspicious encounter with a potential homebuyer. The buyer, who had professed to be deaf, had apparently reacted to a small noise during the showing of a home.

Bethlehem detectives opened an investigation and determined that the individual was Bove, who was on parole for multiple felony fraud-related convictions in Albany County. Working with State Police, U.S. postal inspectors and the state Division of Parole, BPD unraveled a complex

web of fraudulent documents. “As the investigation continued and the quantity of fraudulent documents and claims by Bove became larger,” said Hornick, “he underwent a medical procedure and a legal name change.”

Bove, now Constantine, was arrested in September 2016 for submitting a false application for employment with the U.S. Postal Service, in which she claimed to have never been convicted of a crime and provided a false employment history. Once Constantine was in custody, federal authorities executed search warrants, obtaining a considerable amount of evidence related to the

case.

As part of her guilty plea, Constantine admitted that, between October 2014 and July 2016, when she was known as Bove, she obtained mortgages and automobile lease financing from lenders under the false pretense that she was the beneficiary of a trust containing more than \$12 million of the assets of a fictitious, deceased aunt.

Constantine used the fictitious trust documents, which bore a forged notary seal, to dupe an attorney into generating a letter stating that she was the beneficiary of a trust generating annual income of more than \$50,000. She also impersonated a fictitious administrative trustee for the trust. On the basis of the fraudulent trust documents and the attorney’s letter, Constantine obtained lease financing for a new Toyota RAV4 and a new Jeep Renegade, and obtained mortgages for her purchases of a \$200,000 home in Albany and a

\$131,000 condominium in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina.

The plea follows Constantine’s August federal sentencing for making false statements in connection with her 2016 arrest. She received a sentence of time served as she has been in custody since that arrest.

United States District Judge Mae A. D’Agostino is scheduled to sentence Constantine on Friday, Dec. 22, on the fraud conviction. Constantine faces up to 30 years in prison, a maximum \$1 million fine, and a term of post-imprisonment supervised release of up to five years.

The plea agreement requires that Constantine forfeit \$43,640.72, and pay restitution in the amount of \$18,739 to the Social Security Administration and \$24,901.72 to the seller of the Myrtle Beach condominium.

“Every aspect of the defendant’s life was fraudulent,” said Hornick. “From the defendant’s vehicle applications,

mortgage, educational background, educational degrees, welfare claims, certifications, social security paperwork, trust documents, and references. Disentangling the web of fraud was time consuming, as every lead and document eventually led to a person who actually didn’t exist, or if they did exist, didn’t know that they were involved in the scheme.”

This case, which is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Jeffrey C. Coffman, was investigated by the USPS, the New York State Police, the Social Security Administration Office of the Inspector General, and the Town of Bethlehem Police Department.

“U.S. Postal Inspectors and the U.S. Attorney’s Office did an excellent job uncovering many elements of the fraud,” said Hornick. “And the defendant’s admission of guilt is a testament to the amount of evidence she was facing.”

Selkirk woman faces multiple charges



HARDY

BETHLEHEM — State Police investigators from the Latham unit arrested 22-year-old Sabrina L. Hardy, of Selkirk, on Monday, Nov. 20. She is charged with third-degree criminal possession of a weapon, a class D felony, as well as second-degree criminal impersonation, seventh-degree criminal possession of a controlled substance, and possession of a hypodermic instrument, all class A misdemeanors.

Hardy was arrested during a routine traffic stop in the town of Bethlehem, after officers established probable cause to search the vehicle. That search found Hardy was allegedly in possession of a dagger, approximately two grams of heroin, and four hypodermic needles. Hardy reportedly lied to the troopers about her identity because she has an active warrant with the Rensselaer County Office of Probation on an absconding charge.

Hardy was processed without incident at the State Police station in New Scotland and arraigned in the Town of Bethlehem Court, where she was remanded to the Albany County jail in lieu of \$10,000 bail. She was scheduled to reappear in Town of Bethlehem Court the following day.



Berne man killed in accident

NEW SCOTLAND — Albany County Sheriff’s Deputies continue to investigate a fatal accident which occurred around 4:45 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 22, on Route 443 near Golf Hill Road. According to people at the scene, a man had hit a deer, got out of his vehicle to assess the situation and was struck by another vehicle. Authorities have identified the victim as William Kelsey, 74, of Berne. While the cause of the accident remains under investigation, neither speed nor alcohol appear to be factors.

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TOWN GOVERNMENT

Nearly 14 tons of materials collected

Town of Bethlehem, partners hold fourth annual 'America Recycles day' event

BETHLEHEM – More than 500 households participated in Bethlehem's fourth annual "America Recycles Day" collection event on Saturday, Nov. 18, saving an estimated total 27,440 pounds (nearly 14 tons) of clothing/textiles, books, paper and cardboard from going into a landfill.

The collected weight of materials averaged out to roughly 2 3/4 pounds for every household in town. In addition, about \$500 was donated in support of Bethlehem Central School District Environmental Programs and the Bethlehem Food Pantry.

The annual collection event celebrates "America Recycles Day," which officially falls on Wednesday, Nov. 15, and is a collaboration between the Town of Bethlehem, Bethlehem Central School District Green Team, the Delmar Farmer's Market, Grassroot Givers, The American Clothing Recycling Company, Cascade Recovery, and 3N Document Destruction.

"I'd like to thank all the residents who participated, our student and community volunteers who braved the cold and wind on Saturday to work outside, and the representatives from each of the event partners who helped make the event happen," said Town of Bethlehem Recycling Coordinator Dan Lilkas-Rain.



Grassroot Givers and volunteers sort thousands of books during the Town of Bethlehem's fourth annual America Recycles Day event.

Photo provided

"This allowed us to once again save an amazing amount of valuable materials from the landfill with very minimal Town costs."

Proceeds from the clothing/textile collection will also help fund BCSD Green Team initiatives. The Green Team, a district organization comprised of administrators, teachers, parents and students, was just honored with a New York State Environmental Excellence Award on Tuesday, Nov. 14, for leadership in protecting the environment, promoting energy efficiency and educating students about environmental sustainability and social responsibility. Only seven organizations statewide received awards, which are presented annually by the New York state

Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC).

The Green Team's annual partnership with the Town of Bethlehem and other community groups to host the town-wide spring and fall recycling events played a part in the prestigious Environmental Excellence Award. In evaluating the district's application, DEC officials noted that the Green Team provides "an impressive and wide-reaching educational model that has resulted in annual accomplishments that include recycling more than 96,000 pounds of paper, composting more than 20,000 pounds of food waste, donating more than 1,000 pounds of fresh, organic produce to the Bethlehem Food Pantry, and partnering with a local

restaurant to offer a special menu featuring produce grown in the school's gardens."

Local charity Grassroot Givers and event volunteers sorted out and collected thousands of books, an estimated 3,200 pounds' worth, with reuse value, and another 6,120 lbs of books and cardboard boxes were collected and recycled by Cascade Recovery.

In other town recycling news, following a successful pilot for a townwide food scraps composting program, Town Board members have unanimously adopted a resolution that will allow the town to apply for state grant funding to make the program permanent. Copies of the resolution will now be sent to the New York state Department of Environmental Conservation along with the complete grant application.

For more details about recycling in the Town of Bethlehem, visit townofbethlehem.org/recycling or contact Dan Rain, Recycling Coordinator: email recycle@townofbethlehem.org or call (518) 439-4955 ext. 1510. For BCSD Green Team details visit bethlehemschools.org/green-team/.

— Ali Hibbs

Year-round recycling resources

Books, flattened cardboard and mixed paper:

Residents may place the above items in the Cascade Recovery dumpsters at the following locations:

- Elm Avenue CDTA Park and Ride
- Kenwood Avenue Municipal Parking Lot (between Hughes Opticians and Applebee Funeral Home)

Clothing and textiles:

American Clothing Recycling Company manages a number of blue collection bins throughout the town. Proceeds from the following bins directly benefit the town:

- Elm Avenue CDTA Park and Ride
- Kenwood Avenue Municipal Parking Lot
- Town of Bethlehem Rupert Road Transfer Station

Bins are also located at:

- Parking lot, Bethlehem Middle School
- A number of churches in town

For information about bin, shed and thrift store locations maintained by other nonprofit organizations and private sector businesses, visit:

- townofbethlehem.org/recycling
- nytextiles.org

The textile collection portion of the event is part of "Re-Clothe NY," a statewide campaign to promote clothing and textile recycling. Visit www.nytextiles.org for details.

Town's Board of Ethics among region's best

By ALI HIBBS
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BETHLEHEM — During the Town Board's second-to-last meeting of the year, Michael Fallon, interim chair for the town's Board of Ethics, provided an annual update about the board's activities.

Prior to Fallon's presentation, Supervisor John Clarkson pointed out a recent *Times Union* article investigated the practices of more than 20 Capital District ethics boards and found many meet rarely, if ever, provide little documentation as to their activities and make it difficult to even file complaints. In light of that, said Clarkson, Bethlehem, which the investigation found no complaint with, "should be proud" — and residents should feel they can bring any issues of concern to the Ethics Board, which he characterized as "good and independent."

Fallon explained that the previous chair, Loretta Simon, resigned her position

"due to personal reasons" and that, as the position is for one year and he had served as chair the previous year, it was decided that he would step back into the position until a new chair is formally elected in January.

"It's been a pretty quiet year," said Fallon. "We held three meetings this year, in January, April and September. And, as of this date, no complaints or requests for advisory opinions have been submitted." The board has no plans to meet again until January, he said, unless a complaint or request is brought to its attention.

The board has already begun its search to replace Simon, and members Theresa Schillaci and Michael Hutter, whose terms are set to expire at the end of the year. "My hope is that we will not be in a situation in which there are only two of us left," said Fallon.

Since its inception in 2012, Fallon gave a recap on the work done by the Ethics Board, including: working with

Director of Bethlehem's Human Resources Department Mary Tremblay-Glassman and her staff to provide training to new town employees; providing information on the town website regarding board meeting times and agendas, as well as directions on how to file complaints or requests; and informing town employees about its existence and function. He did acknowledge the board could have done more to reach out to the public and said that steps had already been taken to do so. (Brochures are currently available at Town Hall and Bethlehem Public Library.)

Without a lot of work in front of the Ethics Board, said Fallon, the mission becomes finding ways to ensure that the community knows it's there as an important resource.

(Anyone interested in applying for one of the opening positions on the board should contact Robin Nagengast in the Town Supervisor's Office at rnagengast@townofbethlehem.org. Members of this

Board are not compensated for their service, must be town residents and should have general knowledge of ethics in the workplace. Community involvement and other information, which applicants believe is relevant for consideration, should also be submitted.

Further information about ethics in Bethlehem is available on the town's website, www.townofbethlehem.org)



Michael Fallon addresses the Town Board during its November 21 meeting.

Photo by Ali Hibbs / Spotlight News



A shortage of trees from the West Coast serves as a reminder on how shopping locally benefits the community as a whole.

Jim Franco / Spotlight News

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“Some growers may have a shortage but we don’t have a problem here,” said Mary Jean Packer, the executive director of the 400-member association. “You can tell a tree from Oregon ... they are the ones out in front of Home Depot shedding needles. It really breaks your heart to see all those needles but that’s what you get when you load them on a hot truck and ship them across the country.”

According to the National Christmas Tree Association, there are between 25 and 30 million Christmas trees sold in the U.S. every year.

Oregon leads the nation with nearly seven million grown per year followed by New York is the eighth largest grower of Christmas trees with about 300,000 harvested, a significant drop, though, from the 618,000 in 2002.

According to the American Christmas Tree Association, more than 94 million U.S. households, or about 80 percent will display a Christmas tree. Of those, 80 percent will have an artificial tree.

There is something to going to find a real Christmas tree – either at a farm or a stand – compared to going to the mall and picking a fake one off a shelf.

“We walked the entire place and we found one with a perfect height and width and it’s just so pretty,” said Clifton Park resident Stephanie Bitter, who with her family just cut down a tree at the Weathered Willow Tree Farm on Old State Road in Altamont. “We’ve been coming here for seven years and we always get such a good quality trees and it’s fun too.”

Earl McIntosh, the Weathered Willow proprietor, said his business isn’t impacted by any shortage of trees in Pacific Northwest. He admittedly doesn’t concern himself with it too much at all and started his farm as a means of relieving stress from his high pressure job as an administrator at Albany Medical Center Hospital.

“I can go out in the field and really be angry and I would get a knife, just like you see in the movies, and trim them up to release some stress,” he said near the entrance to his farm on Saturday, Nov. 25. “That’s why they are all the same shape and the same look. There is a standard I’ve always had but everyone likes what they like. So long as it helps people celebrate Christmas.”

He said he would probably sell 900 trees on that one day alone and may sell out by the following Sunday. Each year, though, it gets a little harder for him to keep it up and while the family does come out to help out selling the trees they don’t want to put in the hours McIntosh puts in on a daily basis.

“It takes so much work to replace all the trees that are cut every year and he is a

one-man show,” said his daughter, Laurie Burleigh. “Planting and sheering the trees ... it’s a lot of work.”

There are a few tree farms around the Capital District but there are a number of stands.

Peg Barkman, of Barkman Farms on 9W in Glenmont, said she is aware of the shortage of trees coming out of the Pacific Northwest.

“We’ve ordered extra trees this year so I know we will be OK, but we are not moving the prices up just because there is a shortage,” she said.

Ryan Kleinke Kitchen, who is selling trees for the first time said the lean harvest numbers from out west are not impacting his efforts because he got his from Canada.

“This is our first weekend and we didn’t have any problems that I know of,” he said while standing in a new retail space at his family farm on Kenwood Avenue of getting a shipment of trees. “This is our first weekend, and we are trying new things and implementing different ideas and expanding slowly.”

The Bethlehem Lions have been selling Christmas trees for 31 years, said Dan Ryan, co-chair of the Tree Sale Committee, and they have always gotten their trees from Canada.

“We just sold a tree to a guy who has a grandson who got one of our scholarships and we just arranged for a lady to get hearing aids and we are working with Voorheesville to get a student a pair of glasses,” said Ryan. “Whatever we make goes back into the community and people are happy to support us.”

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Taxation v. Preservation

Local officials speak out about the possible elimination of national historic preservation incentive

By **ALI HIBBS**
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NEW YORK — Since 1986, the federal government has leveraged more than \$84 billion to preserve 42,293 historic properties nationwide, through a Federal Historic Preservation Tax Incentive program administered by the National Parks Service (NPS) in partnership with the Internal Revenue Service and State Historic Preservation Offices.

On Sunday, Nov. 19, U.S. Rep. Paul Tonko spoke in Troy — alongside state Assemblyman John McDonald (D-108), Troy Mayor Patrick Madden and Tech Valley Center of Gravity Executive Director Holly Cargill-Cramer — against a GOP-authored tax reform bill that passed the U.S. House of Representatives on Thursday, Nov. 16,

which would eliminate the Federal Historic Tax Credit (HTC) program altogether.

The program gives a 20 percent tax credit for the rehabilitation of historic, income-producing buildings and a 10 percent credit for non-historic buildings built before 1936. According to data from NPS, the U.S. government invested almost \$680 million to rehabilitate 491 properties in New York state between 2002 and 2016, generating more than \$4 billion in new state taxes. During the same time, the HTC has created more than 52,000 jobs statewide, 28,671 of which are permanent positions.

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Waterford:	\$269,921
Watervliet:	\$3,619,000

the credit as an urban recovery and tax base extension program that has incentivized tens of millions of dollars of investment in local property revitalization, Tonko said, “If we don’t do it, it means people will pay more in property taxes here at home.”

According to Tonko, the federal government has invested around \$140 million in his district,

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Judge rules Justice Center has right to press criminal charges

By **JIM FRANCO**
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ALBANY— After seeing three cases thrown out based on the legal opinion the Justice Center for the Protection of Special Needs does not have the constitutional authority to unilaterally prosecute cases, a judge in Bronx County ruled the Delmar-based agency does have the right to bring criminal charges.

Judge Ralph Fabrizio said, in a nine-page ruling dated Tuesday, Nov. 21, the Justice Center did include the local District Attorney in prosecuting Sikiru Akande, a 53-year-old charged with breaking a 10-year-old’s arm while the child was in his care at the Henry Ittelson Center in June, 2016.

Akande’s attorney made a motion to dismiss based on the same argument

“It is understood that the District Attorneys, of course, retain the ultimate, nondelegable responsibility for prosecuting all crimes and offense.”

— Hon. Ralph Fabrizio

successfully used by defense attorneys in Albany County Court — the state Constitution does not give the Justice Center the authority to prosecute cases unless it is done with the oversight of an elected county District Attorney or the state Attorney General.

In this case, Fabrizio wrote, the Justice Center and the DA did sufficiently cooperate and the DA does have oversight based on nothing more than the logistics of the legal system.

“It is understood that the District Attorneys, of course, retain the ultimate, nondelegable responsibility for prosecuting all crimes and offense,” the judge wrote. “This case was not heard behind closed doors; it is being heard in a calendar part specifically designated to preside over all cases involving allegations of child abuse brought in Bronx County. Thus a Bronx ADA is present in the same courtroom at each time this case is on the calendar.”

He wrote the 2012 state law creating the Justice Center does not take any power away from the DA, but noted any special prosecutor must “prosecute offenses involving abuse or neglect only after consultation with the district attorney ... having appropriate jurisdiction.”

“Executive Law contains no language that can be read to deprive any local District Attorney of such authority to bring any prosecution, let alone one involving only misdemeanor charges,” Fabrizio wrote. “It also does not transfer any essential prosecutorial function from the District Attorney to the special prosecutor.”

The judge determined the Justice Center did consult with the Bronx DA’s office at a level to satisfy what is written in state law. He then outlined

how ADAs set up grand jury time and assisted with the prosecution.

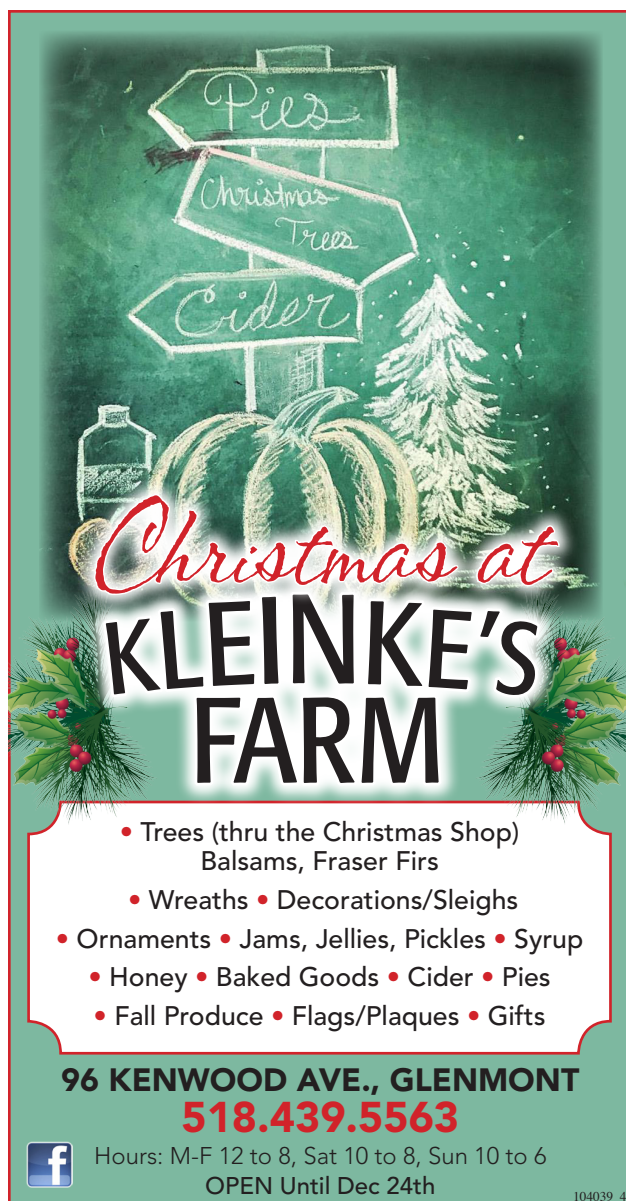
“Based on the information and documentation provided in the special prosecutor’s response to the defendant’s motion, the court finds there was more than enough consultation with the Bronx District Attorney prior to the District Attorney’s Office providing valid written consent for the special prosecutor to present this case to a grand jury and appear in court to prosecute the crimes,” Fabrizio wrote. “If this information is insufficient, it is hard to imagine what information would be considered sufficient to satisfy the statutory criteria.”

It is unclear whether or not the Justice Center followed different procedures in this case than the three that got bounced in Albany County earlier this year.

In the first, Albany County Judge Tom Breslin ruled the Justice Center did not act within its Constitutional authority because the office of DA David Soares did not retain any sort of oversight or control of the prosecution of Marina Viviani, a woman accused of having sex with a student at the LaSalle School while she was a teacher.

The other two cases, against Hope House employees accused of having sex with clients, were thrown out based on a similar argument. Attorney General Eric Schneiderman agrees with the opinion that only an elected DA and/or AG can bring criminal charges and his office, in court papers and appearances, has sided with the defense attorneys.

As of last week, the Justice center has not filed a formal appeal. It is unclear who represents Akande or if that attorney will appeal the latest decision.



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COMMUNITY SPORTS

Repeat performances at Turkey Trot

BETHLEHEM — It was déjà vu all over again at the annual Turkey Trot on Thursday, Nov. 23.

Hundreds of competitive and recreational running enthusiasts, many of whom returned from last year, gathered at the steps of Bethlehem Central Middle School to partake in a casual race through Old Delmar.

Delmar's Simon Powhida, a track star for the University of Maine, crossed the finish line with a time of 15:52. Cornell track star Leah Triller, a resident of Glenmont, finished first among women racers. Each finished first in last year's competition, too.

— Photos by Michael Hallisey/Spotlight News



HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

The Storm falls to CBA

COLONIE — CBA starts out this year's hockey season 2-0, beating Mohonasen-Guilderland 5-1 on Saturday, Nov. 25.

CBA scored all five goals during the second period with Hunter Pemrick and Ryan Dollar scoring two each and Mike Cochran one. Dollar had three assists, Pemrick and Mile Desmarais had two each and Cochran, Andrew Mesick, Dale Hammond Joshua Edwards each had one.

Brandon Mohrhoff had 12 saves in goal for The Brothers.

Collin Lagois had a goal for The Storm on an assist by Cameron Gagnon and standout goalie Dan Cooper had 41 saves.

— Jim Franco/SpotlightNews



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Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on October 17, 2017. Office location: The Mailing Address of the limited liability company's office is 1561 Indian Fields Road, Feura Bush, New York, 12067, County of Albany. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC at 22 Clinton Avenue, Albany, New York 12207. For any lawful purpose. D-166609

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION
SKIP FITNESS, LLC Art. Of Org filed with SSNY on 5/10/17. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, One Commerce Plaza, 99 WASHINGTON Ave., STE 805-A ALBANY, NY 12210. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-169623

Notice of Formation of STREAMBURG INTERNATIONAL LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 11.08.17. Office location, County

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of Albany. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o SATEC, Inc., 10 Milltown Court, Union, NJ 07083. Purpose: any lawful act. D-168747

Notice of qualification of Summit Technical Solutions, LLC.
Application for Authority, filed with the NY Secretary of State (NS) on 9/1/2011, Formed in NV. 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. D-168313

SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS
Index No. 900119/2016 STATE OF NEW YORK SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF ALBANY NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE, LLC, Plaintiff,

-vs- THE HEIRS AT LARGE OF PATRICIA ZIMMERMAN, deceased, and all persons who are husbands, widows, grantees, mortgagees, lienors, heirs, devisees, distributees, successors in interest of such of them as may be dead, and their husbands and wives, heirs, devisees, distributees and successors of interest of all of whom and whose names and places are unknown to Plaintiff; JOHN R. ZIMMERMAN, III; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA; NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE; "JOHN DOE" AND "JANE DOE" said names being fictitious, it being the intention of Plaintiff to designate any and all occupants of premises being foreclosed herein, Defendants.

Mortgaged Premises: 79 GLENDALE AVENUE, ALBANY NY 12208
TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANT(S):

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in the above entitled action and to serve a copy of your Answer on the plaintiff's attorney within twenty (20) days of the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service, or within thirty (30) days after service of the same is complete where service is made in any manner other than by personal delivery within the State. The United States of America, if designated as a defendant in this action, may answer or appear within sixty (60) days of service hereof. Your failure to appear or answer will result in a judgment against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. In the event that a deficiency balance remains from the sale proceeds, a judgment may be entered against you, unless the Defendant obtained a bankruptcy discharge and such other or further relief as may be just and equitable.

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NOTICE
YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer to 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 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.

These pleadings are being amended to include the Heirs at Large of Patricia Zimmerman, deceased and John R. Zimmerman, III, as possible heir to the estate of Patricia Zimmerman, deceased. These pleadings are also being amended to include the new Plaintiff Nationstar Mortgage, LLC as assigned by the Assignment of Mortgage recorded in the Albany County Clerk's office on February 2, 2017 under Instrument Number 2017-3010. These pleadings are being further amended to include the United States of America and New York State Department of Taxation and Finance. ALBANY County is designated as the place of trial. The basis of venue is the location of the mortgaged premises. Dated: October 12, 2017 Mark K. Broyles, Esq. FEIN SUCH & CRANE, LLP

Attorneys for Plaintiff Office and P.O. Address 28 East Main Street, Suite 1800 Rochester, New York 14614 Telephone No. (585) 232-7400 Section: 75.43 Block: 2 Lot: 80 NATURE AND OBJECT OF ACTION
The object of the above action is to foreclose a mortgage held by the Plaintiff recorded in the County of ALBANY, State of New York as more particularly described in the Complaint herein.

TO THE DEFENDANT, the plaintiff makes no personal claim against you in this action. To the above named defendants: The foregoing summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an order of HON. DENISE A. HARTMAN, Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, dated OCTOBER 26, 2017 and filed along with the sup-

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porting papers in the MONROE County Clerk's Office. This is an action to foreclose a Mortgage. All that lot or parcel of land forming on Glendale Avenue, in the City and County of Albany and State of New York, designated as Lot No. 79 on a map of subdivision No. 2 of Woodlawn Park owner by the Albany Driving Association made by Howard Batchelder, licensed E. & S., in the year 1922, and filed in the Albany County Clerk's Office November 13, 1923, and bounded and described as follows: Commencing at a point in the westerly line of Glendale Avenue distant one hundred forty and forty-seven hundredths (140.47) feet northerly from the point of intersection of the said westerly line of Glendale Avenue with the northerly line of Bethlehem Avenue, and RUNNING THENCE westerly and parallel with the northerly line of Bethlehem Avenue one hundred thirteen (113) feet;

THENCE northerly and parallel with the westerly line of Glendale Avenue thirty-five (35) feet; THENCE easterly and parallel with said northerly line of Bethlehem Avenue one hundred thirteen (113) feet to the westerly line of Glendale Avenue; and THENCE southerly along the westerly line of Glendale Avenue thirty-five (35) feet to the point or place of BEGINNING.

The above described property is also known as all the tract or parcel of land situate in the City of Albany, New York, described as follows: Lot No. 79, Beginning at a point in westerly line of Glendale Avenue 533 feet southerly from the point of intersection of the westerly line of Glendale Avenue and the southerly line of Helderberg Avenue and RUNNING THENCE westerly at right angles to Glendale Avenue 113 feet;

THENCE southerly and parallel with Glendale Avenue 35 feet; THENCE easterly at right angles to Glendale Avenue 113 feet to the westerly line of Glendale Avenue; THENCE northerly along the westerly line of Glendale Avenue 35 feet to the point of beginning
Mortgaged Premises: 79 GLENDALE AVENUE, ALBANY NY 12208 Tax Map/Parcel ID No.: Section: 75.43 Block: 2 Lot: 80 of the CITY OF ALBANY, NY 12208 C-168688

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK
COUNTY OF ALBANY
INDEX #1840/14 FILED: 11/8/2017 SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS AND NOTICE. Plaintiff designates Albany County as the place of trial. Venue is based upon the County in which the mortgage premise is situated. DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPA-

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NY AS TRUSTEE FOR SOUNDVIEW HOME LOAN TRUST 2006-OPT1 ASSET BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-OPT1 Plaintiff(s), against, LUCY MAZONE, ROSE BINK, DIANE EVERHART, STEVEN PRESTI, and any possible unknown heirs at law of SAMUEL R. GRISMALDI, and if they be dead, any and all persons unknown to plaintiff, claiming, or who may claim to have an interest in, or generally or specific lien upon the real property described in this action; such unknown persons being herein generally described and intended to be included in the following designation, namely: the wife, widow, husband, widower, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors, and assignees of such deceased, any and all persons deriving interest in or lien upon, or title to said real property by, through or under them, or either of them, and their respective wives, widows, husbands, widowers, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors and assignees, all of who and whose names, except as stated, are unknown to plaintiff; NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE; "JOHN DOE #1" through "JOHN DOE #12", the last twelve names being fictitious and unknown to plaintiff, the persons or parties intended being the tenants, occupants, persons or corporations, if any, having or claiming an interest in or lien upon the premises, described in the complaint. Defendant(s). TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS: 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 ATTORNEYS 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 DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY AS TRUSTEE FOR SOUNDVIEW HOME LOAN TRUST 2006-

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OPT1 ASSET BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-OPT1 AND FILING THE ANSWER WITHIN THE COURT. 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 serviced with this summons, to serve a notice of appearance on the Plaintiff's attorney within 20 days after the service of this 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; The United States of America, if designated as a Defendant in this action, may appear within (60) days of service thereof 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 OF NATURE OF ACTION AND RELIEF SOUGHT: THE OBJECT of the above captioned action is to foreclose on a mortgage which was recorded on the office of the Clerk of the County of Albany where the property is located on January 27, 2006 recorded in Liber 5159 of Mortgages at page, in the office of the Clerk of the County of Albany. Said mortgage was then assigned to DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY AS TRUSTEE FOR SOUNDVIEW HOME LOAN TRUST 2006-OPT1 ASSET BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-OPT1, by assignment of mortgage which was dated on July 3, 2013 and the assignment of which was recorded on December 2, 2013, at the Clerk's office where the property is located covering premises known as 699 3rd St, Albany, NY 12206 (Section: 65.21 Block: 1 Lot: 72). The relief sought in the within action is a final judgment directing the sale of the premises described above to satisfy the debt described above to the above named Defendants: The foregoing summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an order of the Hon. Denise A. Hartman, an Acting Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of New York dated October 17, 2017 and filed along with the supporting papers in the office of the Clerk of the County of Albany. This is an action to foreclose on a mortgage. ALL that certain plot, piece or parcel of land with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the County of Albany and State of New York. SECTION: 65.21 BLOCK: 1 LOT: 72 said premises known as 699 3rd St, Albany, NY 12206. YOU ARE HEREBY PUT ON NOTICE THAT WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

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By reason of the default in the payment of the monthly installment of principal and interest, among other things, as hereinafter set forth, Plaintiff, the holder and owner of the aforementioned note and mortgage, or their agents have elected and hereby accelerate the mortgage and declare the entire mortgage indebtedness immediately due and payable. The following amounts are now due and owing on said mortgage, no part of any of which has been paid although duly demanded. Entire principal Balance in the amount of \$31,658.36 plus interest from January 1, 2013. UNLESS YOU DISPUTE THE VALIDITY OF THE DEBT, OR ANY PORTION THEREOF, WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER YOUR RECEIPT HEREOF THAT THE DEBT, OR ANY PORTION THEREOF, IS DISPUTED, THE DEBT OR JUDGMENT AGAINST YOU AND A COPY OF SUCH VERIFICATION OR JUDGMENT WILL BE MAILED TO YOU BY THE HEREIN DEBT COLLECTOR. IF APPLICABLE, UPON YOUR WRITTEN REQUEST, WITHIN SAID THIRTY (30) DAY PERIOD, THE HEREIN DEBT COLLECTOR WILL PROVIDE YOU WITH THE NAME, ADDRESS OF THE ORIGINAL CREDITOR. IF YOU HAVE RECEIVED A DISCHARGE FROM THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT, YOU ARE NOT PERSONALLY LIABLE FOR THE UNDERLYING INDEBTEDNESS OWED TO PLAINTIFF/CREDITOR AND THIS NOTICE/DISCLOSURE IS FOR COMPLIANCE AND INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY. HELP FOR HOMEOWNERS IN FORECLOSURE New York State requires that we send you this notice about the foreclosure process. Please read it carefully. SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT You are in danger of losing your home. If you fail to respond to the summons and complaint in this foreclosure action, you may lose your home. Please read the summons and complaint carefully. You should immediately contact an attorney or your local legal aid office to obtain advice on how to protect yourself. SOURCES OF INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE. The State encourages you to become informed about your options in foreclosure. In addition to seeking assistance from an attorney or legal aid, there are government agencies, and non-profit organizations that you may contact for information about possible options, including trying to work with our lender during this process. To locate an entity near you, you may call the toll-free helpline maintained by New York State Banking Department at 1-877-Bank-NYS or visit the Department's website at www.banking.state.ny.us FORECLOSURE

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RESCUE SCAMS Be careful of people who approach you with offers to "save" your home. There are individuals who watch for notices of foreclosure actions in order to unfairly profit from a homeowner's distress. You should be extremely careful about any such promises and any suggestions that you pay them a fee or sign over your deed. State law requires anyone offering such services for profit to enter into a contract which fully describes the services they will perform and fees they will charge, and which prohibits them from taking any money from you until they have completed all such promised services. Section 1303 NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving the 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 may 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 AN ANSWER WITH THE COURT. Leopold & Associates, PLLC, 80 Business Park Drive, Suite 110, Armonk, NY 10504. Our file #Grimaldi D-168766

Notice of Formation of Teas n' Tapas, LLC, a Domestic Limited Liability Company (LLC). Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on October 2, 2017. Office location: County of Albany. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: 8 Marian Lane, Loudonville, NY 12211. Purpose: any lawful purpose. D-166530

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
Name: The Piscitelli Law Firm, PLLC. Articles of Organization filed with the NY Department of State: October 31, 2017. Office Location: Albany County. NY Secretary of State (SOS) is designated as agent of PLLC for service of process. SOS shall mail copy of process to: 595 New Loudon Road, Suite 207, Latham, NY 12110. Purpose: The practice of law and any lawful act or activity. D-168204

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which includes all of Albany and Schenectady counties, and portions of Montgomery, Rensselaer, and Saratoga counties, through the HTC since 2002. The total economic impact of those projects, he said, is \$702,612,047 district-wide.

Since 2002, more than 150 properties have been rehabilitated around the Capital District. The Tech Valley Center of Gravity on Third Street in Troy, where the press conference was held, utilized nearly half a million dollars in federal tax credits for the \$3 million rehabilitation of the boarded-up former Quackenbush building into a tech business incubator three years ago. The program helped to redevelop St. John's Academy into the Albany Barn artist loft in Arbor Hill, as well as the Arcade Building downtown on Broadway, where Albany Center Gallery and Stacks Coffee Shop now reside.

McDonald mentioned Tilley Lofts in Watervliet and Harmony Mills in Cohoes, a 400-unit apartment development that he said generated more than \$250,000 in tax revenues, among other projects that have used the HTC to spur redevelopment and create local tax revenue. Noting that \$3 billion in investment has been made in commercial properties in New York since the state enhanced the credit in 2013, McDonald said he believes these activities are spurred by tools such as the federal credit.

According to the National Trust for Historic Preservation, the HTC is by far the federal government's most significant financial investment in historic preservation, leveraging \$131 billion in private investment and creating more than 2.4 million jobs since it was permanently written into the tax code.

According to a study commissioned by NPS, \$25.2 billion in tax credits have generated more than \$29.8 billion in federal tax revenue associated with historic rehabilitation projects over the life of the program — meaning the program earns the federal government more than it costs. Even so, approximately 75 percent of the economic benefits associated with HTC-supported projects tend to remain in state and local economies.

Currently, developers restoring buildings listed on the National Register of Historic Places or certified by NPS can apply for the 20 percent income tax credits to help pay for rehabilitation expenses. To ensure the program's usefulness as an economic development tool, only "income-producing" projects are eligible, defined by NPS as spaces that serve "commercial, industrial, agricultural or rental residential purposes." (A sister tax break exists for rehabilitating

Allocation of Changes in Net Federal Revenues and Spending Under the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act

Millions of Dollars

Income Category	2019	2021	2023	2025	2027
Less than \$10,000	1,540	5,870	7,440	8,680	10,070
\$10,000 to \$20,000	960	9,050	11,400	12,180	16,060
\$20,000 to \$30,000	80	9,000	10,200	12,210	16,720
\$30,000 to \$40,000	-3,920	770	2,440	2,560	7,610
\$40,000 to \$50,000	-6,040	-2,660	-1,800	-1,530	5,270
\$50,000 to \$75,000	-22,270	-19,470	-16,940	-17,380	3,980
\$75,000 to \$100,000	-21,520	-21,260	-18,470	-19,540	-1,390
\$100,000 to \$200,000	-64,240	-63,990	-52,900	-55,470	-5,340
\$200,000 to \$500,000	-59,570	-60,110	-50,010	-54,530	-5,190
\$500,000 to \$1,000,000	-24,880	-24,080	-18,690	-20,000	-1,940
\$1,000,000 and over	-34,100	-28,690	-13,100	-15,810	-5,780
Total, All Taxpayers	-233,950	-195,570	-140,400	-148,620	40,110

Source: Staff of the Joint Committee on Taxation and the Congressional Budget Office.



The exterior of the Quackenbush Building at 30 Third St., in downtown Troy, home to the Tech Valley Center of Gravity. The building's renovations were paid for in part through the Historic Tax Credit.

Photo by Tom Tounge

buildings without certification for 10 percent of the cost, as long as the structures were built before 1936.)

Noting that there more owner-occupied historical structures in Bethlehem than those that might be repurposed as income-producing properties, Bethlehem Supervisor John Clarkson suggested that the direct impact of eliminating the credit would be felt most in larger cities "as a practical matter." But, he said, "I agree that the elimination of this credit is a horrible idea that would have a devastating impact on the region, which will ripple through the economy and ultimately affect Bethlehem."

There is bipartisan support for several reforms included in a Historic Tax Credit Improvement Act that would direct more

investment to older "Main Street" corridors in smaller rural and inner-city communities (H.R. 1158 and S. 425). The bill, sponsored by 39 Democrats and 42 Republicans in the House, creates a 30 percent credit, up to \$750,000, for smaller projects to make sure rural and non-urban areas have the same ability to take advantage of the HTC. The bill also allows the credits in these small transactions to be transferred with lower transaction costs, as a tax certificate, making it easier for small project owners to bring outside investment into smaller transactions.

"Tax reform aimed at growing the economy should enhance, not diminish, the HTC," stated the National Trust for Historic Preservation. "A tax reform package that focuses primarily on lowering

income tax rates will be insufficient to encourage investment in historic buildings. Historic rehabilitation projects frequently have higher costs, greater design challenges, and weaker market locations — all of which results in lender and investor bias against investments in rehabilitation."

In addition to opposing the elimination of the HTC, Tonko has taken issue with a number of provisions in the GOP tax reform bill that passed the House, including: the elimination of education deductions; the elimination of the state and local tax deduction (which will disproportionately affect high-tax states like New York); elimination of a deduction for preventative or chronic medical costs; and elimination of a Work Opportunity Tax Credit for U.S. veterans.

"The House and Senate bills take different approaches to cutting away middle class benefits," noted Tonko's Communications Director Matt Sonneborn, referencing a Nov. 26 report by the Congressional Budget Office. "The Senate bill includes a partial healthcare repeal — CBO estimates current Senate plan would drive healthcare premiums 10 percent higher "in most years" of the next decade and lead to 13 million fewer Americans with health insurance by 2027 — and sunsets nearly all middle class tax breaks after 5-10 years. The House bill eliminates nearly every middle class and business-friendly deduction."

According to that report, he said, Americans earning less than \$75,000 a year will be worse off by 2027 under the proposed Senate tax reform legislation.

GOP supporters of the legislation argue that reports by CBO and the Joint Committee on Taxation, another nonpartisan tax policy group, which show that the tax reform bills would ultimately hurt lower- and middle-income families, are misleading. They continue to maintain that the reforms are meant to benefit middle-class earners.

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Trivia flashback to the '80s

For those who came of age in the '80s, the movies of the era played a defining role. There were the earnest portrayals of teen angst in films like "The Breakfast Club" and "Sixteen Candles." Action movies like "The Terminator" and "Die Hard" thrilled audiences, kicked off a couple of money-making franchises and introduced some memorable catchphrases, too! The '80s gave us Bill and Ted, "The Karate Kid," "Beetlejuice" and so much more.

Relive those memorable movie moments at our '80s Movie Trivia Night

Got views? Write our editor

The Spotlight welcomes letters of local and regional interest. Letters are subject to editing and are limited to 500 words.

All letters must include the writer's name, address and phone number. The Spotlight reserves the right to limit the number of letters published from a single author.

Submissions can be emailed to news@spotlightnews.com. The deadline for all letters is noon Friday prior to publication.

The Spotlight also welcomes longer opinion pieces for the Point of View section.

For information on submitting a Point of View, email news@spotlightnews.com or call (518) 439-4949.

Our full letter policy can be viewed online at www.spotlightnews.com.



Wednesday, Dec. 6, at 7 p.m. Come alone or as part of a team and match wits with others to find out who really knows their "Ghostbusters" from "Goonies." Winners get bragging rights and prizes donated by Friends of Bethlehem Public Library.

Paper trees

Adults, learn how to create elegant and easy origami evergreen trees of all sizes Wednesday, Dec. 6, at 1:15 p.m. The results make lovely home decorations that can be color-coded to match any décor.

When it isn't laundry, folding can be a lot of fun!

Closing reminder

The library will be closed Friday, Dec. 1, to accommodate a staff development training session. Our bookdrops will be open, but there will be no telephone service. We're always open online at www.bethlehempubliclibrary.org.

BCN-TV informational

forum scheduled

The library's Board of Trustees will hold an informational forum Tuesday, Dec. 5, from 6-8 p.m. to discuss additional details about a BCN-TV studio proposal that would change some aspects of the current service.

The proposal under consideration would keep the channel available to public access programming and relocate the studio office to free up more space for public use. It would also replace the professional-grade audio/visual equipment with user-friendly cameras, recording devices and software so that content creators could be trained to self-produce their own programming to be shared on the channel or other online outlets. This change to a Makerspace A/V Lab would mean that library staff would move away from full-service editing and production in favor of user training.

There will be time set aside for the public to speak at the forum, and written letters may be submitted at the meeting or anytime before to library director Geoff Kirkpatrick.

Other upcoming events

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

Monday, Dec. 4

After-school STEM: Sugar Cube Arch

Make a Roman arch using only sugar cubes — no glue, pins or tape, 4 p.m. Sign up online or call. For grades 2 and up.

Fun and Games for Grownups

An adults-only gathering where you can play games, including chess, color and socialize, 6-8:30 p.m. Snacks served!

Tuesday, Dec. 5

Sew It Yourself: Reusable Coffee Cup Sleeve

Bring a fat quarter or 1/4 yard of fabric to make a reusable coffee cup sleeve. Basic sewing machine knowledge recommended, 10 a.m.-noon. Sign up for one session.

— Kristen Roberts

Town Hall show

The Bethlehem Senior Chorus will present "If Music Be the Food of Life" on Friday, Dec. 8, at 1 p.m. at the Bethlehem Town Hall.

Join us for lunch before the concert at the Windowbox Café, cost on or own.

Holiday concert

The Friendship Singers will present a holiday concert on Wednesday, Dec. 13, at the Delmar Reformed Church at 7:30 p.m.

Join us for dinner before the concert at Panera Bread, cost on your own.

Community Orchestra

The Delmar Community Orchestra will perform on Monday, Dec. 11, at 7:30 pm at the Town Hall Auditorium.

Medicare enrollment ends

Medicare Open Enrollment ends on Thursday, Dec. 7. Schedule an appointment with a Senior Outreach Worker



Town of Bethlehem

for health insurance counseling.

Get your flu shot

Flu shots are now available at your local pharmacy, from your physician or at the Albany County Health Dept., (518) 447-4589.

Club meetings

The Bethlehem Senior Citizens Club meets weekly on Thursdays for an enjoyable afternoon of games and socializing at the Bethlehem Town Hall auditorium, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Bring a lunch and play pinochle, bingo, or mah jongg. Instructions can be arranged. Or just come for a chat with friends. Call Yvonne Mendleson at (518) 472-0202 for more information.

— Wilma DeLucco, President, Bethlehem Senior Projects,

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NOTICE OF FORMATION of Limited Liability Company ("LLC")
Name: The Sap Bucket Properties, LLC Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York ("SSNY") on 9/22/2017 Office Location: Albany County. The "SSNY" is designated as agent of the "LLC" upon

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whom process against it may be served. "SSNY" shall mail a copy of any process to the LLC at: 191 Maple ave. Selkirk, NY 12158 Purpose: To engage in any lawful act or activity. D-168944

To place your Legal Notice: Call 439-4949

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Notice of Formation of TREPS JOURNEY, LLC, a Foreign Limited Liability Company (LLC) formed in DE. Application for Authority filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 10/26/2017. Office location: County of Albany. SSNY is designated as agent of

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LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: 4 Cushing Street, Hingham, MA 02043. Purpose: any lawful purpose. D-168295

RECYCLE

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Notice of Formation of WEST ELMIRA LLC, Arts of Org. filed with NY Secy of State (SSNY) on November 10, 2017. Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to c/o Dawn Homes

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to present an afternoon of beautiful chamber music – from classical and contemporary composers. Come early, as this will be a full house.

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Michelle Viola-Straight, President of the Guilderland Chamber of Commerce and owner of the Route 20 Café, was sworn in as a Trustee of the Guilderland Public Library during the Library Board's meeting of Thursday, Nov. 16. Voila-Straight will serve out the term that resulted from a recent Trustee resignation; the term ends June 30, 2018.

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* You will be dropped off near Grand Central Terminal, on 42nd St, between Madison Avenue and Lexington Avenue.

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PICK OF THE WEEK



Finding Neverland

The Broadway musical comes to Proctors, spinning a more adult, behind the scenes tale of the beloved Peter Pan children's story. It opens Tuesday, Dec. 5.

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CULTURE

Start me up

Commercial competition shows creative minds at work in business world

By **MICHAEL HALLISEY**
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ALBANY — The business world can be foreign to the vast majority of creative minds, probably because the root concept of making money is so elusive to those slaving over a passionate endeavor.

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— Billy Tighe, actor who plays J.M. Barrie in 'Finding Neverland'



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Empire Broadcasting sells 101.3 WJKE, likely changing format to Christian contemporary

By **MICHAEL HALLISEY**
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BALLSTON SPA — Empire Broadcasting Corporation closed on a deal to sell 101.3 WJKE to Educational Media Foundation.

The deal between the two was brokered earlier this month for a price of \$550,000 and will enable Educational Media to pair WJKE with its existing broadcast on 94.5 WYKV, a Christian contemporary radio station, out of Selkirk. The Federal Communications Commission must now approve the deal before it is finalized.

“[The offer] came out of the blue,” said Empire Broadcasting partner Joe Reilly, who said Educational Media approached the Ballston Spa-based media group with the intent to purchase 101.3 WJKE.

Educational Media’s new acquisition will extend the reach of its broadcast north of Albany into Saratoga and west to Schenectady. WYKV’s signal strength ends where WJKE’s begins. The nonprofit media group specializes in adult contemporary Christian music, managing more than 240 radio stations from its headquarters in Sacramento, Calif.

Empire Broadcasting first acquired The Jockey in 2012 for \$1.2 million in a package deal including “Moon Radio 900” WABY Watervliet, “106.1 The X” (and its AM radio component 1160 WAIX) Mechanicsville and “Empire News Network” 1240 WPTR Schenectady.

Despite several ownership changes through the years, The Jockey’s programming stayed relatively consistent since it first aired in 1988 under the call sign WSSV. Known as “The Jockey” since 2013, WJKE served adult contemporary programming to its primary audience in Saratoga County, whose name paid homage to the Saratoga Race Course.

The ownership change helps bolster the stable of on-air personnel for “106.1 The X.” Though Empire Broadcasting eliminated two on-air personalities from WJKE, a third moves over to the new local radio program.



Since “106.1 The X” changed its programming focus from Bloomberg News to adult album alternative in June, public reception has been favorable, said Reilly. Within a few months of its launch, Reilly said listenership ratings were comparable to long established WKJE. The X specializes in broadcasting “deep cut” alternative tracks along with an extensive catalog of songs from local artists.

“I’m a firm believer in total-local radio,” said Reilly, who said traditional media has suffered to capture the “eyes and ears” of larger audiences because of the internet. “The only way, frankly, radio will succeed in the long run will be through local programming.”

WHAT’S HAPPENING NOW

Josh Turner
Troy Music Hall – Thursday, Nov. 30

TROY — Josh Turner will perform at the Troy Music Hall on Thursday, Nov. 30, at 7 p.m.

Turner is known for the country hits that he records. He’s sold over 12.5 million units, and is a multi-platinum artist. He’s been nominated multiple times for the Grammys, CMAs, and ACMs. His song, “Time is Love,” was the most played country song in 2012. His other hits include “Your Man,” “Why Don’t We Just Dance,” “Firecracker,” and “Would You Go with Me.”

Tickets start at \$19. Troy Music Hall is located at 30 Second St., Troy. For more information, call (518) 273-0038, or visit www.troymusichall.org.

Northern Faces
The Hollow – Friday, Dec. 1

ALBANY — Northern Faces will perform at The Hollow on Friday, Dec. 1, at 9 p.m.

Northern Faces is a New York based band that is composed of Bryan Shortell, Marco Testa, and Matt Ippolito. Their first full length record is out now. The performance will also feature Lucy and Dark Honey.

Tickets are \$15 at the door. Doors open at 8 p.m. The Hollow is located at 79 North Pearl St., Albany. For more information, call (518) 426-8550, or visit www.thehollowalbany.com.

Donna the Buffalo
The Cohoes Music Hall – Friday, Dec. 1

COHOES — Donna the Buffalo will perform at the Cohoes Music Hall on Friday, Dec. 1, at 8 p.m.

Donna the Buffalo plays fun, danceable music with roots in old time fiddle music. It incorporates elements of cajun, rock, folk, and country music, and it has messages about social and moral responsibility. The band has been touring the nation since 1989, and has never lost its fun spirit.

Tickets start at \$27. The Cohoes Music Hall is located at 58 Remsen St., Cohoes. For more information, visit www.thecohoesmusicall.org.

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 \$5 per adult, \$1 for children under 12.

Lecture, "Inventing Santa Claus" and Wine Tasting: Thursday, December 7th, 7:00 pm
 Carlo DeVito will give a talk on his new book, "Inventing Santa Claus," followed by a wine tasting from Hudson Chatham Winery. \$5/Free for ACHA Members

Holiday Tea: Saturday, December 9th, 1:00 pm
 Enjoy a festive Holiday Tea served in the formal dining room. Sit with friends in one of the lovely parlors and then stroll through the beautifully decorated rooms and hallways. Enjoy a visit from Sinterklaas! \$25/\$20 for ACHA members, pre-paid reservations required.

Musicians of Ma'alwyck: Sunday, December 10th, 2:00 pm
 Please enjoy a special Ten Broeck Mansion Holiday Concert by the Musicians of Ma'alwyck, the acclaimed Capital Region's chamber music ensemble lead by violinist and director Ann-Marie Barker Schwartz. Then join guests for light refreshments and a stroll through the decorated Mansion. \$25/\$20 for ACHA Members, reservations encouraged.



Lecture, "The Santa Claus Mysteries: What We Still Don't Know About Saint Nicholas, Sinterklaas and Santa Claus," Tuesday, December 12th, 7:00 pm
 Join Karl Felsen in an exploration of the historical and cultural character surrounding that most famous jolly old elf. \$5/Free for ACHA Members.

Candlelight Tour: Thursday and Friday, December 14th, 7:00 pm and December 15th, 6:30 pm & 7:30 pm
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FEATURE

Family, friends and 'Alice's Restaurant'

Arlo Guthrie carries on Thanksgiving traditions and fulfills family legacy

By **PAULA CUMMINGS**
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GREAT BARRINGTON, Mass. — Tucked away in the Housatonic River Valley stands an old church. The site would be unremarkable had it not been for the events that unfolded there on Thanksgiving 1965. At the time, the church belonged to Alice and Ray Brock, who invited some friends over for the holiday. Amongst the guests was their former student, Arlo Guthrie.

What started as a benevolent offer to take out the trash led to an incredulous turn of events, which ultimately resulted in Guthrie being deemed ineligible for the Vietnam War draft. Guthrie captured the story in the 20-minute long satirical folk song "Alice's Restaurant Massacre." The saga struck a chord with the anti-war counterculture, propelling Guthrie into the spotlight and solidifying his path as a career musician.

Within two years, Guthrie had recorded the song as Side A of his debut album, closed out the Newport Folk Festival, and played Carnegie Hall.

"My life went from being your average small club circuit performer to someone playing theaters and stadiums almost overnight," Guthrie told NYS Music. "At least it seemed that way to me, although it probably took a couple of years."

The song also inspired a feature-length movie, back in a day when few musicians were afforded such an opportunity. "Alice's Restaurant" starred Guthrie, Pete Seeger, Officer Obie, and the judge playing themselves, with Alice Brock in a cameo role. Even though the story was partially fictionalized, it was filmed in and around the places where the actual events took place.

"Arthur Penn (who had just finished filming "Bonnie & Clyde") heard the record when it came out in 1967," recalled Guthrie. "He also happened to live in Stockbridge, where the events took place. He thought it would be a great idea to make it into a movie. And he did."

Fifty years later, the church still stands. Guthrie purchased the property in 1991 and turned it into a community center. There's been plenty of work to do on the historic building, which has been standing nearly two hundred years.

"Not only have we been steadily restoring it, but we actually re-consecrated it as a church (ours is an inter-faith church

and an educational organization). So we continue to have services as one would expect."

In addition to spiritual services, visitors of the The Guthrie Center at Old Trinity Church can also partake in cultural events and contribute to humanitarian efforts.

About these events, Guthrie said, "Some are seasonal, and others run all year long. Our Troubadour music series runs throughout the summer. There are a number of special yearly events – an annual walk-a-thon that helps people and families dealing with Huntington's Disease, an annual Thanksgiving Dinner That Can't Be Beat (we have free lunches once a week all year long, but Thanksgiving is special)."

In addition to restoring and contributing to the operations at the church, Guthrie continues to perform. His father, Woody Guthrie, always dreamed of having a family band to take on tour. Arlo Guthrie was able to bring this dream to fruition. His children, Abe and Sarah Lee Guthrie, and several other family members have become professional musicians. The Guthrie family is halfway through their Re: Generation Tour. Guthrie and several members of the family shared the stage at Carnegie Hall on Saturday, Nov. 25 for the annual Thanksgiving concert. This year commemorates fifty years since Guthrie's Carnegie debut.

Another holiday tradition is for radio stations across the nation to play "Alice's Restaurant" on Thanksgiving Day. Although Guthrie has stated in interviews that he doesn't listen to the song on Thanksgiving, he does gather with friends and family to give thanks.

"I am especially grateful for the friends I've walked this earth with," said Guthrie. "Many are now gone, and some remain. I'm grateful to have met them all especially my wife, Jackie who left us in 2012. There's new friends to make and places yet to visit. If I'm around long enough I'll do that too."

The Guthrie Center at The Old Trinity Church in Great Barrington, Mass. is open to visitors during special events and Tuesdays through Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Spiritual services are held on Sundays at 11 a.m.

This interview appears special to TheSpot518 from NYS Music.com. NYS Music.com is an online publication dedicated to covering music in and around the Empire State. For more information, visit www.nysmusic.com.



PICK OF THE WEEK

Never gets old

'Finding Neverland' offers grown-up spin to beloved children's story

By **MICHAEL HALLISEY**
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SCHENECTADY — Proctors' latest production, featuring the work of author James Graham, pulls back the curtain to reveal the magic behind the timeless tale of Peter Pan.

Based on the Academy Award-winning Miramax motion picture and the play "The Man Who Was Peter Pan," "Finding Neverland" follows the relationship between playwright J.M. Barrie and the family who inspired the story about a boy who wouldn't grow up.

"I think there's something interesting about an artist who has found himself successful in what he's aspired to do," said Billy Harrigan Tighe, the Broadway actor who portrays the playwright who pens Peter Pan. "He's already written many plays, he's become successful, he's in the London social scene and, yet, he's still not happy."

The plot line begins as Barrie struggles through a dry spell of lackluster plays. With his professional career in question and his personal life marred by a loveless marriage, he begins to question his life's purpose. When he meets the widowed Sylvia and her four young sons in Kensington Gardens, friendships are forged and characters develop. "What's so wonderful about this play... he discovers why he got into this business, this passion, in the first place."

Since "Peter Pan, or The Boy Who Wouldn't Grow Up," first ran at Duke of York's Theatre in London in 1904, the story of swashbuckling pirates and flying

children has captured the hearts of generations. The play has since inspired movies, cartoon and toys galore.

"Each generation since the original incarnation has one that they can call their own," said Tighe. "Reapproaching this material, and being a part of this play, I was reintroduced back into the Peter Pan cannon and started to reevaluate what it meant to me... If you're 8-years-old and you're approaching it, it's all about flying and creativity and imagination and swords and pirates. But, for the adult that's watching the show, it comes to understanding what's going on behind Peter Pan. It's a metaphor about life and relationships, and rediscovering other things from your youth. These broad, universal truths that everybody gets through, whether you're 8 or 80. ... For me, I've learned more about the importance of this show now in my life than I ever realized it could have been when I was a child."

Directed by Tony Award-winner Diane Paulus, "Finding Neverland" serves as a more adult prequel of sorts to the beloved story we've all grown up with. Nonetheless, Tighe said there is still plenty of magic to be enjoyed by all.

"It's magical to know that the character in a play is based on a person, and the elements of that person are so beautiful and so strong, they are able to inspire an entire character in this play," said Tighe. "But, also in terms of the actual practical magic, we do a lot of things in the show that people will recognize from Peter Pan, and some things they haven't seen before."

"Finding Neverland" is at Proctors from Sunday Dec. 5 to Friday, Dec. 10. For tickets and information, visit www.proctors.org.

WE CAN FLY

Billy Tighe as J.M. Barrie in 'Finding Neverland'

Jeremy Daniel

WHAT'S HAPPENING NOW

Richard Thompson

The Egg — Friday, Dec. 1

ALBANY — Richard Thompson will perform at The Egg on Friday, Dec. 1, at 8 p.m.

Thompson is one of the most critically acclaimed songwriters in the world, and ranks in the Top 20 Guitarists of all time, according to Rolling Stone magazine.

Tickets are \$45. The Egg is located at Empire State Plaza in downtown Albany. For information, call (518) 473-1845, or visit www.theegg.org.

The Refrigerators

The Cohoes Music Hall — Saturday, Dec. 2

COHOES — The Refrigerators will perform at a benefit for the Waterford Museum at The Cohoes Music Hall on Saturday, Dec. 2, at 7 p.m.

The Refrigerators play a mix of funk, rock, and R&B to create a sound like no other.

Tickets are \$25. The Cohoes Music Hall is located at 58 Remsen St., Cohoes. For more information, call (518) 953-0630, or visit www.waterfordmuseum.com.

David Rawlings

The Egg — Saturday, Dec. 2

ALBANY — David Rawlings will perform at The Egg on Saturday, Dec. 2, at 8 p.m.

Rawlings will perform with his band members Gillian Welch, Willie Watson, Paul Kowert, and Brittany Haas. The performance is to showcase Rawlings' new album, "Poor David's Almanack."

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J.E.D.I.

The Hollow — Saturday, Dec. 2

ALBANY — J.E.D.I. will perform at The Hollow on Saturday, Dec. 2, at 8 p.m.

J.E.D.I. (Jazz Electronic Dance Improvisation) is a collaborative project put together by Aaron Johnston, the drummer for Brazilian Girls. There will be many different musicians performing their own styles. The musicians are Borahm Lee, a keyboardist and programmer; Ryan Zoidis, a saxophonist; and Nate Edgar, a bassist.

Tickets are \$16. The Hollow is located at 79 North Pearl St. in Albany. For more information, call (518) 426-8550, or visit www.thehollowalbany.com.

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NIGHT: Pigeons Playing Ping Pong with Flamingosis

Putnam Den — Saturday, Dec. 2

SARATOGA SPRINGS — Pigeons Playing Ping Pong and Flamingosis will perform at Putnam Den on Saturday, Dec. 2, at 9:30 p.m.

Pigeons Playing Ping Pong brings end-of-the-world enthusiasm to its high-energy psychedelic funk. Its infectious electro-funk grooves, undeniable live energy and contagious smiles have their rabid fanbase "the flock" growing exponentially.

Flamingosis is Aaron Velasquez, an electronic music producer, beatboxer and entertainer. Gathering influences from other beat makers, such as Flying Lotus, J Dilla and Madlib, Velasquez is able to take these sources of inspiration in order to come up with his own unique style.

For more information, call (518) 886-9585 or visit www.putnamden.com.

DAY: The Zucchini Brothers

Holiday Show

The Egg — Sunday, Dec. 3

ALBANY — The Zucchini Brothers will perform at The Egg on Sunday, Dec. 3, at 3 p.m.

Referred to by many as "The Beatles of Kids Music," The Zucchini Brothers will hit the stage with its original holiday classics, such as "I Can't Put This Toy Together," "A Homemade Gift" and "Holiday Grouch." After the performance, the Empire State Plaza will have its tree lighting ceremony outside The Egg.

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www.9mapleave.com
Fri: **Tim Olsen Quartet** | 9 p.m.
Sat: **Keith Pray Quartet** | 9 p.m.

Albany Rail Yard
1118 Central Ave., Albany.
(518) 489-2990
Every Wed: **Salsa Night** | 8:30 p.m.
Fri: **It Is What It Is** | 8 p.m.
Sat: **The Doug Villano Band** | 8 p.m.

Arthur's Market
35 N. Ferry St., Schenectady.
(518) 382-1938
Wed: **Jim Connelly** | 7 p.m.
Thur: **Edith's Amazing Music Jam** | 7 p.m.
Fri: **Kitchen Jazz** | 7 p.m.

Athos
1814 Western Ave., Albany.
(518) 608-6400
Fri: **Fresh** | 7 p.m.

Caffè Lena
47 Phila St., Saratoga Springs.
(518) 225-0882
Thur: **Will Dailey** | 7 p.m.
Fri: **Ballroom Thieves, The Novel Ideas** | 8 p.m.
Sat: **The Suitcase Junket** | 8 p.m.
Sun: **Soul Rebel Performance Troupe** | 1:30 p.m.
The Wynotte Sisters | 7 p.m.
Every Mon: **Open Mic** | 7 p.m.
Tue: **Chuck Lamb Trio & Vic Juris** | 7 p.m.

Carney's Tavern
17 Main St., Ballston Lake.
(518) 280-7959
Every Thur: **Matty Finn** | 6 p.m.
Fri: **Joey Blue Reed** | 7:15 p.m.
Sat: **Dos Amigos** | 7:15 p.m.

Carson's Woodside Tavern
57 NY-9P, Malta.
(518) 584-9791
Thur: **Rick Bolton** | 7 p.m.
Fri: **John Stack** | 7 p.m.
Sat: **Chuck Kelsey** | 7 p.m.

Centre Street Pub
308 Union St., Schenectady.
(518) 393-2337
Thur: **Josh & Justin** | 6 p.m.
Fri: **The Deadbeats** | 9 p.m.
Sat: **Rude Boy George** | 9 p.m.
Every Mon: **Open Mic** | 8 p.m.

Chrome Food & Spirits
405 Hudson River Rd., Waterford.
(518) 326-2725
Fri: **Maximum Penalty, Brick by Brick, Great American Ghost, Concrete, Shun, Invoke Thy Wrath** | 7 p.m.
Sat: **British Steel, Signs** | 8 p.m.

Club Helsinki
405 Columbia St., Hudson.
(518) 828-4800 or helsinki@hudson.com
Fri: **Sara Watkins** | 9 p.m.
Sat: **Martin Sexton Trio** | 9 p.m.
Sun: **Everton Sylvester & Searching for Banjo** | 7 p.m.

Diamond Club Grill
Embassy Suites,
88 Congress St., Saratoga Springs.
(518) 886-1111
Fri: **Al Santoro & Friends** | 7 p.m.

Dinosaur Bar-B-Que
377 River St., Troy
(518) 308-0400
Fri: **String Theory** | 9 p.m.
Sat: **Talia Denis** | 9 p.m.

Dukes Chophouse
Rivers Casino,
1 Rush St., Schenectady. (518) 579-8850
Thur: **Ed Clifford** | 6 p.m.

HOT SPOTS EVENTS CALENDAR



Talia Denis returns to Troy Dinosaur

This Albany-based singer/songwriter/pianist, another one of the Capital District's rising musicians, brings her edgy pop tinged with flare of Alt-Rock back to the popular Collar City restaurant for a free performance on Sat., Dec. 2. Kaite Hoffstatter, another young singer/songwriter who hails from Saugerties, will open.

Artist's Facebook page

Eden Cafe
269 Osborne Rd., Loudonville.
(518) 977-3771
Thur: **Joe Carrick** | 4:30 p.m.
Fri: **Rhym'n'Richie** | 8 p.m.
Sat: **Let It Fly** | 7:30 p.m.
Tue: **Open Mic** | 7:30 p.m.

Emack & Bolio's
366 Delaware Ave., Albany.
(518) 512-5100
Fri: **David Rubin & Joe Gorman** | 7 p.m.
Sat: **Emerald Dawn** | 7 p.m.
Every Tue: **Open Mic** | 7 p.m.

Fuze Box
12 Central Ave., Albany.
(518) 703-8937
Thur: **Exhumed, Arkaik, Skeptic, Burial, Tyrannize** | 7 p.m.
Fri: **DJ Conscript, DJ Hunter, K-Spek, Boss Salvage** | 9 p.m.

Gaffney's
16 Caroline St., Saratoga Springs.
(518) 587-7359
Tue: **Open Mic w/ Rick Bolton** | 8 p.m.

Grappa '72
818 Central Ave., Albany.
(518) 482-7200
Every Wed & Thur: **Hamilton Street Jazz Company** | 6:30 p.m.
Fri: **Annette Harris & 'Azzaam Hameed** | 6:30 p.m.

Hamlet and Ghost
24 Caroline St., Saratoga Springs.
(518) 450-7287
Wed: **Hot Club of Saratoga Trio** | 7 p.m.

Hangar on the Hudson
675 River St., Troy.
(518) 272-9740
Fri: **Blue Machine** | 8 p.m.

The Hollow Bar + Kitchen
79 N. Pearl St., Albany. (518) 426-8550
Fri: **Northern Faces, Dark Honey, Lucy** | 9 p.m.
Sat: **J.E.D.I. [Jazz Electronic Dance Improvisation] featuring members of The Brazilian Girls, Lettuce, Break Science/Pretty Lights and the Nth Power** | 8 p.m.

J.J. Rafferty's
847 New Loudon Rd., Latham.
(518) 783-6800
Every Fri & Sat: **DJ Billy** | 9 p.m.

The Low Beat
335 Central Ave., Albany. (518) 432-6572
Wed: **Them Fangs, Good Fiction, Hasty Page** | 6 p.m.
Every Wed: **The Deadbeats** | 10 p.m.
Thur: **Forest Park, Agency, Pioneers** | 8 p.m.
Fri: **Burnt Hills, Sunburned, Hand of the Man** | 8 p.m.
Sat: **The Figgs (Holiday show)** | 8 p.m.
Wed (12/6): **The Regrettes, Mystery Girl** | 6 p.m.

Lucky Strike Social
1 Crossgates Mall Rd., Albany.
(518) 556-3350
Fri: **Shake Rattle N Roll Pianos** | 7 p.m.

McGeary's
4 Clinton Square, Albany. (518) 463-1455
Every Wed: **Best Damn Open Mic Ever with Mother Judge** | 7:30 p.m.
Every Sun: **Blues Jam** | 7:30 p.m.

Moon & River Café
115 S. Ferry St., Schenectady.
(518) 377-5100
Wed: **For Sentimental Reasons** | 7 p.m.
Thur: **Forever Friends in Harmony** | 7 p.m.

Mouzon House
1 York St., Saratoga Springs.
(518) 226-0014
Thur: **Hot Club of Saratoga Trio** | 7 p.m.
Sat: **Joe Gitto & Dan Wancyk**

Nanola
2639 US Rte. 9, Malta. (518) 587-1300
Fri: **Dueling Pianos** | 8 p.m.
Sat: **T Lucan Band** | 8 p.m.

Newberry Music Hall
388 Broadway, Saratoga Springs.
(877) 565-3849
Thur: **Open Mic** | 10 p.m.
Fri: **The Figgs (30th Anniv.)** | 9 p.m.

Oh Bar
304 Lark St., Albany. (518) 463-9004
Thur: **Karaoke** | 10 p.m.

One Caroline Street
1 Caroline St., Saratoga Springs.
(518) 587-2026
Every Wed: **The Masters of Nostalgia** | 8:30 p.m.
Fri: **Fenimore Blues** | 9 p.m.
Sat: **Flying Rob & Friends, Colorway** | 9 p.m.
Sun: **Just 2 Brothers** | 8 p.m.
Mon: **Matt Valentines, Oneirica** | 10 p.m.

O'Slattery's Irish Pub
318 Delaware Ave., Delmar.
(518) 439-5634
Every Wed: **Dan Sherwin** | 6:30 p.m.
Thur: **Erin Harkes** | 7 p.m.
Fri: **EJ Ray Acoustics** | 7 p.m.
Sat: **McBuller** | 7 p.m.

Parish Public House
388 Broadway, Albany. (518) 365-0444
Fri: **Mirk's 8th Annual Toys & Noise** | 8 p.m.
Tue: **Silver Arrow Band** | 8 p.m.

Panza's
510 NY Rte. 9P (on Saratoga Lake), Saratoga Springs.
(518) 584-6882
Fri: **Tyler Giroux** | 6:30 p.m.
Sat: **Michael Panza & Charles Cornell Trio** | 7 p.m.

The Parting Glass
40 Lake Ave., Saratoga Springs.
(518) 583-1916
Wed: **Irish Celtic Session** | 7 p.m.
Sat: **Big Fez Christmas** | 7 p.m.

Pauly's Hotel
337 Central Ave., Albany.
paulyshotel.com
Fri: **Neru & The Hippy Trippy Collective** | 8:30 p.m.
Sat: **Spider Rockets, Forest Park** | 8:30 p.m.
Every Mon: **Blue Monday Blues Jam** | 8 p.m.

Prime at Saratoga National
458 Union Ave., Saratoga Springs.
(518) 583-4653
Every Sun: **Joe Sorrentino Trio (Jazz brunch)** | 10:30 a.m.

Provence
Stuyvesant Plaza,
1475 Western Ave., Albany.
(518) 689-7777
Fri: **A3 Jazz Duo** | 6 p.m.
Sat: **Linda Harrison Trio** | 6 p.m.

Putnam Den
63a Putnam St., Saratoga Springs.
(518) 584-8066
Wed: **DJ Jennifer Haley** | 9:30 p.m.
Fri: **Ghostface Killah & Beat*Shot Music Hip Hop Showcase** | 9 p.m.
Sat: **Pigeons Playing Ping Pong, Flamingosis** | 9:30 p.m.

Rustic Barn Pub
150 Speigletown Rd., Troy. (518) 235-5858
Every Thur: **Open Mic** | 8 p.m.
Fri: **Gratefully Yours** | 9 p.m.
Sat: **Acoustic Trauma** | 8 p.m.
Tue: **Fiddlers Tour Sessions** | 7:30 p.m.

Salt & Char
453 Broadway, Saratoga Springs.
(518) 450-7500
Every Sun: **Hot Club of Saratoga** | Noon

Savoy Taproom
301 Lark St., Albany. (518) 599-5140
Fri: **The Electric Mess, Tex Railer, Jagaloons, Abyssmals** | 9:15 p.m.
Sat: **Two is Company** | 9 p.m.
Wed (12/6): **New Life, Eternal Crimes, Deadbeat Club, MoonWorship** | 9 p.m.

Speakeasy 518
42 Howard St., Albany. (518) 449-2332
Wed: **Tyler Giroux** | 8 p.m.
Thur: **Brian Patneau Duo** | 9 p.m.
Every Mon: **Joe Finn** | 8 p.m.
Tue: **Mike Jenkins and The Fat Ties (swing night)** | 8 p.m.

Stockade Inn
1 North Church St., Schenectady.
(518) 346-3400
Thur: **Eileen Mack & Rob Hunt** | 7 p.m.

Troy Kitchen
77 Congress St., Troy. (518) 268-0068
Thur: **Jeff Nania Group** | 7 p.m.

Upstate Concert Hall
1208 NY 146, Clifton Park.
(518) 371-0012 or upstateconcerthall.com
Tue: **Spoon, White Reaper** | 8 p.m.
Wed (12/6): **Wage War, Oceans Ate Alaska, Gideon, Varials, Loathe** | 6:30 p.m.

The Van Dyck
237 Union St., Schenectady.
(518) 348-7999
Tue: **Keith Pray Big Band** | 8 p.m.

Vapor Night Club
342 Jefferson St., Saratoga Springs.
(518) 581-5775.
Thur: **Kevin Richards, Vinny Saj, MPThree (Holiday Country Dance Party)** | 7 p.m.
Fri: **The Accents** | 8 p.m.
Sat: **Deejay Element** | 9 p.m.

Waterworks Pub
76 Central Ave., Albany.
(518) 465-9079
Thur: **DJ Shawn Gillie** | 11 p.m.
Fri: **Karaoke** | 10 p.m.
Sat: **DJ David Barna** | 10 p.m.
Mon: **Karaoke** | 10 p.m.

Wishing Well Restaurant
745 Saratoga Rd., Wilton.
(518) 584-7640
Fri & Sat: **Rob Aronstein** | 6 p.m.

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Alsarah and the Nubatoness
Baptized "the new star of Nubian pop" by the prestigious Guardian Magazine, this Sudanese singer from Brooklyn gracefully distills atemporal melodies over heady beats at the crossroads of East-African and Arabic influences. Part of The Passport Series: Music Haven at Proctors. Thurs., Nov. 30, 7:30 p.m. GE Theatre, Proctors, 432 State St., Schenectady. \$25. (518) 346-6204 or tickets.proctors.org

Josh Turner and Locash
Multi-platinum and award-winning Nashville recording artist known for his rich, deep voice and distinctive style will perform with the rising country duo. Thurs., Nov. 30, 7 p.m. Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, 30 2nd St., Troy. \$23 to \$34.



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Friendship Singers

Well-known, Delmar-based women's choir directed by Marie Little and accompanied by Peg Dorgan, will present the first in its annual series of holiday concerts, featuring familiar and not-so-familiar songs. Fri., Dec. 1, doors at 6:45 p.m. with concert at 7 p.m. First Reformed Church of Schenectady, 8 North Church St., Schenectady. Free. (518) 462-3654 or www.facebook.com/friendshipsingers

Donna the Buffalo

With roots in old time fiddle music that evolved into a soulful electric American mix infused with elements of cajun/zydeco, rock, folk, reggae, and country, this band's music often contains social and moral responsibility as core beliefs. With special guest The Tom Hamilton Duo, an acoustic guitar duo featuring Hamilton (American Babies and Joe Russon's Almost Dead) and Raina Muller. Fri, Dec. 1, 8 p.m. Cohoes Music Hall, 8 p.m. 58 Remsen St., Cohoes. \$27 and \$32. (518) 465-4663 or www.palacealbany.org/events/detail/donna-the-buffalo

Richard Thompson

(SOLD OUT) Intimate solo concert by this iconic British rock legend. Fri., Dec. 1, 8 p.m. The Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany. (518) 473-1845.

Thursday Music Club Winter Concert

Women's chorus directed by Julie Panke and accompanied by Elinore Farnum, will present its 104th Christmas Concert. Program includes arrangements of traditional carols, an African-American

spiritual medley, and popular holiday favorites. Olivia Cox will provide cello accompaniment. Scholarship recipients will also perform. Sat., Dec. 2, 3 p.m. Eastern Parkway United Methodist Church, 943 Palmer Ave., Schenectady. \$15 and \$12. (518) 894-1597 or www.tmc-singers.org

Dashin' and Dancin' Show

The Refrigerators, one of the Capital District's most popular bands known for its pumping rhythm section, powerhouse horn section and kinetic stage presence will perform a selection of holiday music during a concert to benefit the Waterford Historic Museum & Cultural Center. Sat., Dec. 2, at 7 p.m. Cohoes Music Hall, 58 Remsen St., Cohoes. \$25. (518) 465-4663 or www.palacealbany.org/events/detail/the-refrigerators-benefit-for-the-waterford-museum

Turning of the Year: A Celtic Holiday Celebration

Extravaganza with John Whelan (original Riverdance cast member), Low Lily and Katie McNally. Featuring traditional and original music from Ireland, Scotland and America, it's a diverse and energetic show to usher in the holiday season with a bang. Alongside uptempo jigs and reels will be lesser-known Christmas carols and wintry classics with lush, layered vocals! Presented by The Eighth Step. Sat., Dec. 2, 7:30 p.m. Education Center at Proctors, 432 State St., Schenectady. General admission, \$26 to \$40. (518) 346-6204 or tickets.proctors.org

Christine Pedit

The multi award-winning cabaret artist who hosts SiriusXM Radio's On Broadway Channel performs for One Night Only for The Cabaret Series at Proctors. Sat., Dec. 2, 7:30 p.m. GE Theater, Proctors, 432 State St., Schenectady. Regular seats, \$40 each

or \$50 per person for table seating. (518) 346-6204 or tickets.proctors.org

David Rawlins

Acclaimed songwriter and guitarist performs in support of his third and new album, "Poor David's Almanack." He and his all-star band – Gillian Welch, Willie Watson, Paul Kowert, and Brittany Haas - will play two full sets of music including songs off his new album and favorites from the first two Dave Rawlings Machine records, "A Friend of A Friend" and "Nashville Obsolete." Sat., Dec. 2, 8 p.m. The Egg, Empire State Plaza. \$36. (518) 473-1845 or tickets.theegg.org.

Bill Staines

This folk singer, songwriter and storyteller has been traveling back and forth across North America for more than 40 years, presenting nearly 200 concerts annually. His work has been recorded by Peter, Paul and Mary, The Highwaymen and Makem and Clancy. His ability to see the beauty and excitement in ordinary things is unparalleled as he weaves a magical blend of wit and gentle humor into his performances. Sat., Dec. 2, 8 p.m. Sand Lake Center for the Arts, 2880 NY Rte. 43, Averill Park. Adults, \$19.36, ages 18 and younger, \$11.20 (prices inc. fees.) (518) 674-2007 or slcactp.ticketleap.com (scroll down to corresponding show).

Monday Musical Club of Albany Holiday Concert

Titled "With Glad Tidings," the program features traditional and contemporary works by Overton, Berlin, Carpenter, Turina, Obradors, Pellegin, Reger, Burt, Adam and others. Features members Bienvenida Baez, soprano, Harry George Pellegin, guitar, Michele Boretti, flute, Ken Carnes, baritone and Rosanne Hargrave,

soprano with guest artist Michael Clement on piano. Sun., Dec. 3, 3 p.m., concert followed by dessert reception. All Saints Catholic Church, 16 Homestead St., Albany. \$10. (518) 482-4497.

Albany Symphony: Magic of Christmas

It's the Capital District's favorite Holiday spectacular, featuring sparkling favorites and traditional carols led by David Alan Miller and the Albany Symphony. Sun., Dec. 3, 3 p.m. Palace Theatre, 19 Clinton Ave., Albany. \$28 or \$42; receive tickets for children ages 12 and younger for \$14 or \$21 when ordered by phone. (518) 694-3300 or www.palacealbany.org/events/detail/albany-symphony-the-magic-of-christmas.

Hot Tuna Acoustic

From their days playing together as teenagers in the Washington, DC area, through years of inventive psychedelic rock in San Francisco, to their current acoustic and electric blues sound, no one has more consistently led American music for the last 50 years than Jorma Kaukonen and Jack Casady, the band's founders and continuing core members. Sun., Dec. 3, 8 p.m. Cohoes Music Hall, 58 Remsen St., Cohoes. \$52, \$58 and \$67. (518) 465-4663 or www.palacealbany.org/events/detail/hot-tuna-acoustic

FLY 92.3's Not So Silent Night

Features performances by All Time Low, Dua Lipa and Grace VanderWaal. Tues., Dec. 5, 8 p.m. Palace Theater, 19 Clinton Ave., Albany. \$9.23 to \$39.92; VIP meet and greet tickets available for \$75. (518) 465-4663 or www.palacealbany.org/events/detail/fly-923s-not-so-silent-night-feat-all-time-low-dua-lipa-grace-vanderwaal

Jim Brickman

The Grammy nominated songwriter and piano sensation will celebrates A Joyful Christmas at the acoustically perfect Music Hall. Brickman delivers the sound and spirit of the season with carols, classics and original songs helping you escape from the holiday hustle-bustle. Wed., Dec. 6, 7:30 p.m. Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, 30 2nd St., Troy. \$25 to \$42. (518) 273-0038 or tickets.troymusicall.org

Keller Williams

This singer, songwriter, and guitarist performs one of the most fascinating one-man shows as he performs his unique mix of folk, bluegrass, reggae and rock. He'll be accompanied by Danton Boller on double bass for a "loopless" yet super funky evening of acoustic music. Thurs., Dec. 7, 7:30 p.m. The Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany. \$29.50. (518) 473-1845 or tickets.theegg.org

Mohammad Reza Mortazavi

Considered one of the most innovative and virtuosic hand drummers in the world, the Iranian Tombak player will give a solo performance featuring his lightning-fast technique. Fri., Dec. 8, 7:30 p.m. Concert Hall, EMPAC, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, 44 8th St., Troy. Adults, \$18; seniors/students, \$13. (518) 276-3921 or tickets.empac.rpi.edu

Darlingside

Winners of the Folk Alliance "Artist of the Year Award," this quartet's unique vocal harmonies and blend of folk, bluegrass, and classical performed on an arsenal of classical strings, guitars, mandolin, and percussion delivers a truly moving repertoire of contemporary acoustic music with unmatched subtlety and power. Front Country, a band that blends everything

from high-lonesome mountain music to new-wave power pop, newgrass picking to oldgrass harmonies, will open. Fri., Dec. 8, 8 p.m. The Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany. \$34. (518) 473-1845 or tickets.theegg.org

1786: Mozart's Miraculous Year — Part I

David Alan Miller leads the symphony through performances of Mozart's "Marriage of Figaro, Overture and Selections," along with Piano Concertos No. 23 and 24. With pianists David Fung and Wei Luo. Sat., Dec. 9, 7:30 p.m. Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, 30 2nd St., Troy. \$19 to \$60. (518) 694-3300 or tickets.albanymsymphony.com

In Praise of Christmas

John Roberts, Lisa Preston and John Kirk will perform songs and carols of Christmas and Mid-Winter Celebrations. Sat., Dec. 9, 7:30 p.m. Old Songs Community Arts Center, 37 South Main St., Voorheesville. Online, \$20, or \$22 via phone or at the door. (518) 765-2815 or oldsongs.org

Blind Boys of Alabama Christmas Show

Five-time Grammy Award and Grammy Lifetime Award winner, The Blind Boys of Alabama will be performing songs from the "Talkin' Christmas!" album as well as the band's previous Grammy-winning Christmas recording, "Go Tell It on the Mountain, along with Gospel classics. Sat., Dec. 9, 8 p.m. Cohoes Music Hall, 58 Remsen St., Cohoes. \$37.50 to \$52.50. (518) 465-4663 or palacealbany.org

Garland Jeffreys

Brooklyn native The New Yorker calls "an explorer of the links between rock, race and rebellion," who continues to defy expectations, returns to The Linda for his

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- Sacs where fungi develop
- First letter of the Hebrew alphabet
- Unexplored waters
- Berkeley athletes
- Norse giantess
- Crater on the moon
- Resembles velvet
- Pearl Jam's debut album
- Hair-like structure
- Turfs
- Put in advance
- First son of Lot
- Native American language
- Furry family member
- Vedic God of fire
- Genie
- German city
- Acquire
- Cambodia currency
- A person from a Balkan republic
- More simple
- Bleats
- "The other white meat"
- __ student: learns healing
- 04492, town in Maine
- Paddle
- Airline once owned by Howard Hughes
- Big 10 athlete
- Inflammation of the intestine
- Key's comedic partner
- Chamomile and black are two
- Distress signal
- Assn. for translators

CLUES DOWN

- Measures engine speed (abbr.)
- Wings

- Founded a phone company
- Upon
- Superhigh frequency
- Colorless liquid
- Hostelries
- __ fi (slang)
- One who accompanies
- Where rockers play
- "__ the Man" Musial
- Waxy cover on some birds' beaks
- Software that monitors for malicious activity (abbr.)
- Becomes less intense
- Lyric poems
- Touchdown
- From end to end
- __ Claus
- Jedi Master Kenobi
- Fencing swords
- Famed child psychiatrist
- Gossip
- S-shaped lining
- '__ death do us part
- Bar bill
- Placed over a vowel to indicate sound
- Steve Martin was one
- Low paid educator (abbr.)
- One who rampages
- Backbones
- "Friday Night Lights" director
- Anno Domini
- One-time Yankees sensation Kevin
- Fermented grape juice
- Peruvian province
- Former Braves outfielder Nixon
- Entertainment award
- Feeling good
- Greek god of war
- Famed NYC museum
- Of the ears
- Select
- Friend to the carrot

Answers on Pg. B25

second performance this year. Sat., Dec. 9, 8 p.m. The Linda, 339 Central Ave., Albany. \$18. (518) 465-5233 or www.thelinda.org/event/garland-jeffreys-2/

David Bromberg and Jerry Douglas

Two of most admired acoustic guitarists each performing solo. Bromberg's shows features an eclectic mix of blues, folk and country that explore nearly every genre of American roots music, often mixing them together all at once, while Douglas is undeniably THE unrivaled master of the Dobro guitar, playing everything from bluegrass to jazz to world music. Sat., Dec. 9, 8 p.m. The Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany. \$36. (518) 473-1845 or tickets.theegg.org

1786: Mozart's Miraculous Year — Part II

David Alan Miller and the Symphony continue with their all Mozart program with performance of the composer's The Impresario, Overture and Selections, Piano Concerto No. 25, Horn Concerto No. 4 and Symphony No. 38, "Prague." Featured soloists are Felicia He, piano, and William Hughes, french horn. Sun., Dec. 10, 3 p.m. Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, 30 2nd St., Troy. \$19 to \$60. (518) 694-3300 or tickets.albany-symphony.com

Victor Wooten Trio

The five-time Grammy Award-winning musician is a master innovator of the bass guitar, gifted composer, arranger, producer, vocalist, multi-instrumentalist and founding member of Béla Fleck & The Flecktones. He'll be joined on stage by drummer Dennis Chambers and saxophonist Bob Franceschini for a spirited evening of jazz, funk and improvisational music. Sun., Dec. 10, 7:30 p.m. The Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany. \$36. (518) 473-1845 or tickets.theegg.org

Jennifer Nettles

One of the most admired and animated performers, known for her powerhouse vocals and vivacious energy. She'll perform

a combination of her biggest hits and holiday classics from her "To Celebrate Christmas" album. Tues., Dec. 12, 8 p.m. \$39.75 to \$79.75. (518) 465-4663 or palacealbany.org

The Memorial Concert Band of Colonie

Group composed of some of the Capital District's most accomplished amateur musicians will present its annual Holiday Concert. Program features Giuseppe Verdi's "Nabucco," along with pieces by Khachaturian, Cartr and Grainger. Holiday selections include "A Home Alone Christmas," "Shepherd's Dance," from Amahl and the Night Visitors, "Candlelight Carol," and "Christmas a la Big Band." Wed., Dec. 13, 7:30 p.m. Mark Cornell Auditorium, Colonie Central High School, 1 Raider Blvd., Albany. Free. (518) 764-2712 or www.memorialbandcolonie.org

WRGB Melodies of Christmas

The Capital Region's premiere holiday extravaganza featuring the Empire State Youth Orchestra and Youth Chorale with special guests Grand Central Station, The McKrell's, The Northeast Ballet and Orlando's School of Dance. Net proceeds benefit the Melodies Center for Childhood Cancer and Blood Disorders at Albany Medical Center. Sponsored by Price Chopper and Freihofer's. Daily, Thurs., Dec. 14 through Sat., Dec. 16 at 7 p.m. and Sun. Dec. 17 at 3 p.m. MainStage, Proctors, 432 State St., Schenectady. \$15 and \$25; (limited availability for \$15 tickets on Thursday and Friday; limited availability for all tickets for the Sunday matinee performance). (518) 346-6204 or tickets.proctors.org

turf with their zany twist on the popular fairy tale, "The Little Mermaid." Come see King Triton's youngest daughter Ariel, Sebastian, Flounder and all the gang for a rollicking good time! Come prepared to hiss and boo at Ursula, the evil sea witch — a villain who will not disappoint! Presented by the Pantaloons. Opens Fri., Nov. 24. Runs through Sun., Dec. 10. Shows: Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m.; Sundays at 2 p.m. The Ghent Playhouse, 6 Town Hall Place, Ghent. General admission, \$23.76; member, \$18.59; student (elementary, middle, high school and college students), \$11.34; reservations strongly recommended. (800) 838-3006 or ghpanto.brownpapertickets.com

'She Loves Me'

Fall in love this holiday season alongside Amalia and George, the feuding store clerks who find solace in their secret lonely-hearts pen pals. Little do they know, they are actually writing to each other! A tangle of mistaken identity and hilarious encounters finally bring these soulmates together with a tuneful and witty score celebrated with numerous Tony, Olivier and Drama Desk Awards. Through Sun., Dec. 24. Shows: Fridays at 8 p.m., Saturdays at 3 and 8 p.m., Sundays at 2 p.m., Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays at 7:30 p.m., with a 2 p.m. matinee performance on Wed. Dec. 6. Capital REP, 111 North Pearl St., Albany. \$25 to \$65; limited availability for a number of shows. (518) 445-7469 or tickets.proctors.org

'A Christmas Carol'

A new adaptation of Dicken's holiday classic comes to life as Tiny Tim, Bob Cratchit, and Ebenezer Scrooge take a fantastic journey through Christmas Past, Present and Future. Recommended for audience members ages 8+. Opens Fri., Dec. 1; closes Thurs. Dec. 14. Shows: Fridays at 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m., Saturdays at 7:30 p.m., Sun., Dec. 3, 3 p.m. (sign language interpreted), Wednesdays and

Thursdays at 10 a.m.; Sun., Dec. 10 at 2 p.m. and Tues., Dec. 12 at 10:30 a.m. Schacht Fine Arts Center Theater, The Theater Institute at Sage, 5 Division St., Troy. Adults, \$15; Seniors/students/children, \$12 each. (518) 244-2248 or tickets.sage.edu

'Miracle on 34th Street'

In this holiday classic, an old man going by the name of Kris Kringle fills in for an intoxicated Santa in Macy's annual Thanksgiving Day parade. Kringle proves to be such a hit that he is soon appearing regularly at the chain's main store in midtown Manhattan. When Kringle surprises customers and employees alike by claiming that he really is Santa Claus, it leads to a court case to determine his mental health and, more importantly, his authenticity. Presented by the Classic Theater Guild, Inc. Opens Fri., Dec. 1, and runs through Sun., Dec. 10. Shows: Fridays at 7:30 p.m., Saturdays at 2 and 7:30 p.m., Sundays at 2 p.m. Inaugural performance in The Addy (the state-of-the-art third-floor performance theater), Proctors, 432 State St., Schenectady. General admission tickets: Adults, \$22; Seniors/students, \$18. (518) 346-6204 or tickets.proctors.org

'See How They Run'

A delightful farce set in an English vicarage, populated by an American actor and actress, a cockney maid, and four men in clergy suits. Who are they? That's just part of the fun in this hilarious holiday production. Preview show Thurs., Nov. 30, at 7:30 p.m. Opens Fri., Dec. 1 and runs through Sun., Dec. 31. Shows: Fridays at 8 p.m.; Saturdays at 3 and 8 p.m., Sundays at 3 p.m. and Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. Curtain Call Theatre, 1 Jeanne Jugan Ln., Latham. (518) 877-PLAY (7529) or www.curtaincalltheatre.com

'Finding Neverland'

The incredible story behind one of the world's most beloved characters: Peter Pan. Playwright J.M. Barrie struggles to find inspiration until he meets four young brothers and their beautiful

widowed mother. Spellbound by the boys' enchanting make-believe adventures, he sets out to write a play that will astound London theatergoers. With a little bit of pixie dust and a lot of faith, Barrie takes this monumental leap, leaving his old world behind for Neverland, where nothing is impossible and the wonder of childhood lasts forever. Directed by visionary Tony®-winner Diane Paulus and based on the critically-acclaimed Academy Award® winning film. Opens Tues., Dec. 5, and runs through Sun., Dec. 10. Shows: Tues., Dec. 5, and Wed., Dec. 6, at 7:30 p.m.; Thurs., Dec. 7, at 1:30 and 8 p.m.; Fri., Dec. 8, at 8 p.m.; Sat., Dec. 9 at 2 and 8 p.m.; and Sun., Dec. 10, 2 p.m. MainStage, Proctors, 432 State St., Schenectady. \$20 to \$85. (518) 346-6204 or tickets.proctors.org

'Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol'

Dickens' story comes to life in this classic tale of the penny-pinching Ebenezer Scrooge and the loving family of his hapless employee, Bob Cratchet. One cold Christmas Eve, three ghosts take Scrooge on the journey of his lifetime to show him the error of his ways by visiting his past, present and future. Grumpy, old Scrooge comes to know the meaning of kindness, charity and goodwill. Presented by Home Made Theater. Opens Fri., Dec. 8. Runs through Sun., Dec. 17. Shows: Fridays, 7:30 p.m., Sat., Dec. 9, and Sundays, 1 p.m., and Sat., Dec. 16, at 1 and 4:30 p.m. Spa Little Theatre, Saratoga Spa State Park, 19 Roosevelt Dr., Saratoga Springs. Adults, \$18; children ages 12 and younger, \$12. (518) 587-4427 or homemadetheater.org/box-office/

'The Best Christmas Pageant Ever'

The Herdmans are the worst kids in the history of the world. So when they crash Sunday school and demand parts in the Christmas pageant, the whole town panics. Silent night? Not a chance... But sometimes a little joyful noise is just right for Christmas. The classic, touching and

hysterical children's book comes to life in this heart-warming and funny holiday musical. Park Playhouse's incredible student cast will bring the spirit of the season to life on stage in a musical that is perfect for the entire family! Runs Thurs., Dec. 14 through Sun., Dec. 17. Shows: Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m., with 2 p.m. performances on Saturday and Sunday. Adults \$25; children ages 12 and younger, \$15. (518) 465-4663 or palacealbany.org

COMEDY

The Comedy Works: Saratoga Springs

Kelly McFarland: Stand-up comic who's made appearances on "Stand Up in Stillets" on the TVGuide Channel and "Premium Blend" on Comedy Central and hosts the web series "Fit or Fad" on www.ulive.com. Thurs., Nov. 30, at 7:30 p.m., \$10; also Fri., Dec. 1, and Sat., Dec. 2, at 7:30 and 9:30 p.m. Advance, \$15 (show only) or \$39.95 (dinner + show). **Open Mic:** Every Thursday at 9 p.m.; sign ups begin at 7 p.m. Free to attend or participate. **Eric McMahon:** Comic who has not only recently opened for both Ray Romano and Andrew "Dice" Clay but also hosts the weekly radio show "What's Your Problem?" brings his upbeat, energetic delivery and his versatility to work blue or squeaky clean to the Spa City. Fri., Dec. 8, and Sat., Dec. 9, at 7:30 and 9:30 p.m. Advance, \$15 (show only) or \$39.95 (dinner + show). *Note: Prices for the Friday and Saturday night shows above increase \$5 if purchased on show day.* 388 Broadway, Saratoga Springs. (518) 275-6897 or thecomedyworks.com

The Funny Bone

Chicks are Funny: Erin Harkes hosts an all female lineup. Wed., Nov. 29, 7:30 p.m. **Mike Speirs:** Hilarious NYC based comic whose likeability and quick wit allow him to connect with any audience. Thurs., Nov. 30, 7:30 p.m. and Sun., Dec.

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3, 7 p.m., \$12. **Rob Schneider:** Saturday Night Live alumnus and Emmy-nominated actor performs four shows over two days. Fri., Dec. 1 at 7:30 and 10 p.m. and Sat., Dec. 2, 7 and 9:45 p.m. \$30. **Jim Breuer:** Stand-up comic who spent four years on Saturday Night Live known for his impressions of Joe Pesci and Brian Johnson of AC/DC, brings his Lighten Up Comedy Tour to town for one night and one show only. Thurs., Dec. 7; doors at 5:30 p.m. followed by show at 7 p.m. \$30. **Greg Morton:** Former mobile DJ who has directed and voice more than 20 Saturday Morning Cartoons and sings song parodies on nationally syndicated radio shows, including "The Bob and Tom Show" known for his "Obama Man" song and two-minute Star Wars mashup performs five shows over three days. Fri., Dec. 8, at 7:30 and 10 p.m. and Sat., Dec. 9, at 7 and 9:45 p.m., \$15; and Sun., Dec. 10 at 7 p.m., \$12. All shows 21+ unless indicated otherwise; doors 60 to 90 minutes before early show; 30 to 45 minutes before late shows. Crossgates Mall, 1 Crossgates Mall Rd., Guilderland. (518) 313-7484 or Albany.funnybone.com

Mopco Improv Theatre
Friday Night Improv: What Could Go Wrong? The region's finest improvisers deliver a night of comedy right off the top of their heads! Fri., Dec. 1, doors at 7:30 p.m., with show at 8 p.m. Adults, \$11.53; seniors/students, \$7.32 (prices inc. fees). **Spontaneous Broadway:** After performers audition Broadway-style songs that they create on the spot based on titles generated by the audience, the most popular song is turned into an hour-long improvised musical. Every Saturday through Dec. 30; doors at 7:30 p.m., with show at 8 p.m. Adults, \$16.74; students/seniors, \$7.29 (prices inc. fees). **Storytime Time with Ethan Ullman**
1 Year Anniversary Show: Enjoy a fresh mix of true stories told by comedians, storytellers, performers and beyond, each of which is either funny or has a twist that will leave you laughing. Storytellers.TBA.

Fri., Dec. 8, doors at 7:30 p.m. followed by show at 8 p.m. Adults, \$11.53; seniors/students, \$7.32 (prices inc. fees). 10 N. Jay St., Schenectady. (518) 577-6725 or www.mopco.org

Palace Theatre
Trevor Noah: The most successful comedian in Africa who now hosts the Emmy® and Peabody® Award-winning "The Daily Show" on Comedy Central. Sat., Dec. 9, 7 p.m. Palace Theatre, 19 Clinton Ave., Albany. \$39.50 to \$85. (518) 465-4663 or palacealbany.org

DANCE

Intermediate Line Dancing
Dance and lessons. Weekly, Wednesday, Nov. 29, 7 to 10 p.m. Danceland, 638 Columbia St. Ext., Latham. Walk-ins welcome. \$9. (518) 785-3888 or dancelandboomers.com/Calendar.aspx

Dance Fever Thursdays
Hustle lesson with Erick and Ann at 7:15 p.m. followed by dancing to a ballroom mix by DJ Joe until 10 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 30. Danceland, 638 Columbia St. Ext., Latham. \$10; includes pizza/goodies. (518) 785-3888 or dancelandboomers.com/Calendar.aspx

Beginner Line Dancing
Weekly lessons, Tuesdays, through Nov. 28 from 7:15 to 10 p.m. Walk-ins welcome Danceland, 638 Columbia St., Latham. \$9. (518) 785-3888 or dancelandboomers.com/Calendar.aspx

Brave New Dances
Members of the Maude Baum and Company Dance Theatre will perform their newest works. Fri., Dec. 1, and Sat., Dec. 2, at 7 p.m., and Sun., Dec. 3, at 3 p.m. Foy Hall Studio, Siena College, 515 Loudon Rd., Loudonville. Adults, \$10; seniors/students, \$8; studio space is extremely limited. (518) 465-9916 or www.eba-arts.org

Community Barn Dance
Fun, simple dances for every age and ability. All dances will be taught and

will include circles, contras and squares. Yummy dessert potluck during intermission. This month's dance features caller Jeff Walker with music by the Walker Family Band. Sat., Dec. 2, 7 p.m. Old Songs Community Arts Center, 37 South Main St., Voorheesville. \$8; free for children ages 12 and younger. (518) 765-2815 or oldsongs.org

'The Nutcracker'
Everyone's favorite holiday ballet makes returns to the MainStage. Enter a world of Christmas dreams to the joyous music of Tchaikovsky in this annual year-end favorite. Join the Sugar Plum Fairy, the heroic Nutcracker Prince and the evil Rat King in this whimsical celebration of the season presented by Proctors' resident ballet company, Northeast Ballet, under the artistic direction of Darlene Meyers. Sat., Dec. 2, at 7 p.m. and Sun., Dec. 3, at 2 p.m. Proctors, 432 State St., Schenectady. \$20 to \$45; limited availability for both performances. (518) 346-6204 or tickets.proctors.org

Moscow Ballet's Great Russian Nutcracker
Celebrate this Christmas with the experience taking North America by storm! Marking the 25th Anniversary Tour, Moscow Ballet's Great Russian Nutcracker features over-the-top production and world class Russian artists. Larger than life Puppets, Nesting Dolls and gloriously hand-crafted costumes bring the Christmas spirit to life. Wed., Dec. 6, 7 p.m. Palace Theatre, 19 Clinton Ave., Albany. \$31 to \$71. (518) 465-4663 or www.palacealbany.org

The Nutcracker
The Albany Berkshire Ballet, nationally recognized for its versatility in performing both classical and contemporary dance works, will present the full-length ballet, a delight for all ages. Sat., Dec. 9 at 1:30 and 5:30 p.m. The Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany. \$25 and \$40. (518) 473-1845 or tickets.theegg.org

FAMILY

21st annual Capital Holiday Lights in the Park
Celebrate the holidays with this all-new, drive-through spectacular featuring more than 125 illuminated displays and scenes. Presented by Price Chopper/Market 32. Through Tues., Jan. 2, 2018. Open daily: Sundays through Thursdays from 6 to 9 p.m.; Fridays and Saturdays from 6 to 10 p.m. Washington Park, Albany; enter opposite New Scotland Avenue. Be sure to visit Santa (through Dec. 23) in the Lake House and enjoy crafts and refreshments. Admission based on vehicle size: cars, \$20 each, rates available for larger vehicles online. Proceeds benefit the Albany Police Athletic League. Latest information available at (518) 435-0392 or at www.albanycapitalholidaylights.com

KIDS! Storytime
For children and their parents/caregivers. Fridays at 10:30 a.m. Northshire Bookstore, 424 Broadway, Saratoga Springs. Free. (518) 682-4200 or www.northshire.com

Story Art
Toddlers and preschoolers can enjoy the Museum by listening to a story, exploring objects from the teaching collection and creating a fun art project. Theme TBA. Fri., Dec. 1, 11 a.m. Kids Cove, New York State Museum, Empire State Plaza, 222 Madison Ave., Albany. Free; pick up tickets at the main lobby desk. (518) 474-5877 or www.nysm.nysed.gov

Art Lab: Paint an Ornament
Rethink abstraction with teaching artist Christine Snyder to create a hands-on, interactive art project inspired by Marietta Hoferer, one of the artists featured in the exhibit "When We Were Young." Supplies provided. Sat., Dec. 2, 1 to 3 p.m. University Art Museum University at Albany Uptown Campus, 1400 Washington Ave., Albany. Free. (518) 442-4035 or www.albany.edu/museum

Family Saturday

After touring "Other Side: Art, Object, Self," and looking at Dario Robleto's work "You Make My World a Better Place to Find," participants will make sculptures out of wooden spoons and colorful buttons, gathering inspiration from his technique of taking something old and turning it into something new. Appropriate for children ages 5 and older. Sat., Dec. 2, 2 p.m. Tang Teaching Museum, Skidmore College, 815 North Broadway, Saratoga Springs. Free; registration required. (518) 580-8080.

Sweets and Treats

Enjoy an afternoon filled with cookie decorating, holiday themed crafts, make-your-own hot cocoa station, and more! Sun., Dec. 3, at noon (prior to The Nutcracker 2 p.m. matinee performance). Key Hall, Proctors, 432 State St., Schenectady. Children, \$20 each; adults, \$10 each. For tickets, call (518) 346-6204 or visit tickets.proctors.org.

The Zucchini Brothers

This band of brothers: Jack on Guitar, Steve on Keyboards, Sam on Drums (each his own character, all of whom sing) offers up a musical stir-fry of styles, aimed at bridging the musical gap between kids and adults. The family rock band will perform a mix of its original holiday songs and other favorites. Sun., Dec. 3, at 3 p.m. Free. (518) 473-1845 or tickets.theegg.org

2017 Holiday Tree Lighting

Annual family-fun event has something indoors and outdoors for everyone, including a holiday arts and crafts show, ice skating demonstrations, train rides on the Concourse, horse and carriage rides on The Plaza, caricatures by Rich Conley, and live music by Moriah Formica, Tuba Christmas and The Rusty Pipes. Sun., Dec. 3, 1 to 8 p.m.; tree lighting ceremony begins at 5:15 p.m. and is followed by a fireworks display. Empire State Plaza and Concourse, downtown Albany. Free admission; nominal charge for some activities. (518) 474-4759 or www.winter.empirestateplaza.org

FILM

'Suspiria'

Often cited as one of the greatest horror films ever made - and certainly one of the most beautiful to both watch and listen to - Dario Argento's masterpiece has finally been given a restoration to die for. Jessica Harper plays Suzy Bannan, a newcomer to a prestigious ballet academy who rather quickly comes to realize that the school is a front for something horribly sinister. Not rated. 98 mins. Presented by It Came from Schenectady. As with all ICFS movie parties, expect prizes, surprises, themed drinks, and comfy sofa seating. Wed., Nov. 29, 7 p.m. GE Theatre, Proctors, 432 State St., Schenectady. Adults, \$9; students (w/ID) \$6. (518) 346-6204 or tickets.proctors.org

'Other Uses 04'

Framed by Beatriz Santiago Muñoz's "Otros usos", the work from which the Other Uses film series takes its name, this screening presents moving-image works by the artist that pay characteristic attention to the geometry, composition, and cinematic potential of everyday, neglected landscapes. By training the lens on abandoned architectures, these films find counter histories and other uses for the troubled landscapes of military and political upheaval. Thurs., Nov. 30, 7 p.m. Theater, EMPAC, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, 44 8th St. Troy. \$6. (518) 276-3921 or www.empac.rpi.edu

Alice's Adventures in Wonderland'

Christopher Wheeldon's adaptation of this classic story burst onto the stage in 2011 in an explosion of colour, stage magic and inventive, sophisticated choreography. At a garden party on a sunny afternoon, Alice is surprised to see her parents' friend Lewis Carroll transform into a white rabbit. When she follows him down a rabbit hole events become curiouser and curiouser... As Alice journeys through Wonderland, she encounters countless strange creatures. She's swept off her feet by the charming

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'Follies'
New York, 1971. There's a party on the stage of the Weismann Theatre. Tomorrow the iconic building will be demolished. Thirty years after their final performance, the Follies girls gather to have a few drinks, sing a few songs and lie about themselves. Tracie Bennett, Janie Dee and Imelda Staunton play the magnificent Follies in this dazzling new production of Stephen Sondheim's legendary musical by London's National Theatre. Tues., Dec. 5, at 2 and 6:30 p.m. GE Theatre, Proctors, 432 State St., Schenectady. \$15. (518) 346-6204 or tickets.proctors.org

'bwoy'
After the death of his son, Schenectady resident Brad O'Connor (Anthony Rapp of Star Trek: Discovery) becomes entangled in a long-distance online affair with a young Jamaican man. When both Brad and his wife Marcia (De'Adre Aziza; The Breaks) seek solace in destructive ways, their lives and relationships are pushed to the brink. Released nationally by Breaking Glass Pictures, director John G. Young (a native of Rexford) will introduce the film and stick around for a brief Q&A afterwards. Not rated, but treat as R. 85 minutes. GE Theatre, Proctors, 432 State St., Schenectady. Thurs., Dec. 7, 7 p.m. \$5. (518) 346-6204 or tickets.proctors.org

'Creepshow' and 'Paperbacks from Hell'
Grady Hendrix, author of "Horrorstör" and "My Best Friend's Exorcism," will appear in person with "Paperbacks from Hell," his hilarious mind-melting, multi-media history of how three books in the 1970s ("Rosemary's Baby," "The Exorcist" and "The Other"), the first horror novels to hit bestseller lists since the 1940s, not only opened the floodgates for an avalanche of horror paperbacks, but also the genre as a whole. Followed by a screening of Stephen King's "Creepshow" an anthology of five terrifying tales based on the E. C. Harrow comic books from 1950s, featuring Adrienne Barbeau, Leslie Nielsen and Ed Harris, among countless others. Not rated. Combined run time nearly four hours. Presented by It Came From Schenectady. Fri., Dec., 8, 7 p.m. GE Theatre, Proctors, 432 State St., Schenectady. Adults, \$9; \$6 tickets available at the door for students with ID card. (518) 346-6204 or tickets.proctors.org

'Die Hard'
Action/thriller from 1988 starring Bruce Willis, Alan Rickman and Bonnie Bedelia. John McClane, officer of the NYPD, tries to save his wife and several others who were taken hostage by German terrorist during a Christmas party at the Nakatomi Plaza in Los Angeles (imdb.com). Mon., Dec. 11, 7 p.m. Palace Theatre, 19 Clinton Ave., Albany. \$5. (518) 465-4663 or palacetheatre.org

Led Zeppelin: The Song Remains the Same
Filmed in 1973 over the course of a three-night stand at New York City's Madison Square Garden, this concert film shows the band at the peak of its hard-rocking glory. In addition to featuring such indelible hits as "Dazed and Confused," "Whole Lotta Love" and "Stairway to Heaven," the live footage is interspersed with backstage playfulness, unusual fantasy sequences and a peak into the business of being the Hammer of the Gods. Rated PG. 137 minutes. Tues., Dec. 12, 7 p.m. GE Theatre, Proctors, 432 State St., Schenectady. Adults, \$9; \$6 tickets available at the door for students with ID card. (518) 346-6204 or tickets.proctors.org

The Three Tenors Christmas Concert
Joined by the Vienna Children's Choir, Pavarotti, Carreras and Domingo captured the joy and spirit of the season with their first ever Christmas concert. Digitally-restored, this concert features all of your holiday favorites including Ave Maria, Silent Night, Little Drummer Boy and Happy Christmas/War is Over. Not rated. 81 minutes. Wed., Dec. 13, at 3, 5 and 7 p.m. GE Theatre, Proctors, 432 State St., Schenectady. Adults, \$9; \$6 tickets available at the door for students with ID card. (518) 346-6204 or tickets.proctors.org

Italian Christmas Cooking Class
Learn how to make Italian Christmas stew and almond paste cookies with Dolores Scalise. Tasting will be held after class. Tues., Dec. 5, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. American Italian Heritage Museum, 1227 Central Ave., Albany. \$10 for ingredients; RSVP and payment required by Fri., Dec. 1. (518) 435-1979 or www.americanitalianmuseum.org

LITERARY

Hisham Mater
Lybian-American novelist who received the 2017 Pulitzer Prize for Autobiography for his memoir, "The Return: Fathers Sons and the Land In Between," an account of his return to the Lybia of his family's origin and search for his missing father, will present a seminar and reading on Thurs., Nov. 30. His seminar will take place in the Standish Room in the Science Library, located on the uptown campus of the University at Albany, 1400 Washington Ave., Albany, at 4:15 p.m., while his reading will take place at 8 p.m. in Assembly Hall in Campus Center, also located on the University At Albany Uptown Campus. Presented by the New York State Writers Institute. Free. (518) 442-5620 or www.albany.edu/writers-inst

Writers workshop
Bi-weekly writers' get together. Eat, drink, schmooze and share, but, mostly write. Thurs., Nov. 30, at 6 p.m., Tech Valley Center of Gravity, Quackenbush Building, 30 Third St., Troy. Free. www.tvcog.org

Multi Author Signing
Teri Dunn Chance, Karen Delduce, John Gray, Connie Johnson Hambley, Shaundra Lerman, Eric Luper, April March, Laurel Ostiguy, Gail Sokol, Alexandra Stafford, Greg Veitch and Thomas Willemain will be available to sign copies of their books, just in time for holiday gift giving. Thurs., Nov. 30, 6 to 8 p.m. Northshire Bookstore, 424 Broadway, Saratoga Springs. Free. (518) 682-4200 or www.northshire.com

Philip Caruso
One of the most sought-after still photographers in the motion picture industry will discuss his career during a presentation titled "The Art of Still Photography on the Movie Set." Fri., Dec. 1, 7:30 p.m. Page Hall, University at Albany downtown campus, 135 Western Ave., Albany. Presented by the New York State Writers Institute. Free. (518) 442-5620 or www.ualbany.edu/writers-inst

LECTURES/ WORKSHOPS

NATURE Lab Gallery Open Hours
View art, engage in conversation and/or participate in an assortment of art, science and urban ecology activities. Weekly, Tuesdays, 4 to 6 p.m., through Dec. 12. North Troy Art, Technology and Urban Research in Ecology Lab Gallery, 3334 6th Ave., Troy. (518) 272-2390 or www.mediasanctuary.org/initiatives/nature-lab

Women in the Creative Economy
Multiple female leaders in the Capital District's local arts community will participate in a panel discussion about their careers, triumphs and business challenges. Wed., Nov. 29, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Overit Media, 435 New Scotland Ave., Albany. Free; registration required at www.facebook.com/overitmedia. (518) 465-8829.

Azmat Khan
Award-winning investigative reporter who has been covering the ongoing conflicts in the Middle East, including Afghanistan and Pakistan, with her unique storytelling approach to journalism. Fri., Dec. 1, 7 to 10 p.m. Sanctuary for Independent Media, 3361 6th Ave., Troy. Adults, \$10; students/low income \$5. (518) 272-2390 or www.mediasanctuary.org

Currant Affair
Learn to propagate fruiting shrubs from cuttings as we plant an edible property line of currants for community consumption at Collard City Growers. Sun., Dec. 3, from 1 to 4 p.m. North Troy Art, Technology and Urban Research in Ecology Lab Gallery, 3334 6th Ave., Troy. \$10 (suggested); registration required at www.mediasanctuary.org/workshopregistration

Poetic Vibe
Weekly reading with featured poet hosted by D. Colin on Mondays. Open mic sign ups begin at 7 p.m. Troy Kitchen, 77 Congress St., Troy. Free. (518) 268-0068 or www.facebook.com/TroyKitchenNY

Nic Stone
Author of the debut young adult novel "Dear Martin," loosely inspired by a series of true events involving the shooting deaths of unarmed African-American teenagers, will read from her work. Presented in part by the New York State Writers Institute. Thurs., Dec. 7, 7 p.m. Huxley Theater, New York State Museum, Empire State Plaza, 222 Madison Ave., Albany. Free. (518) 442-5620 or www.albany.edu/writers-inst

MISCELLANEOUS

Shaker Christmas Craft Fair
Find unique handmade gifts, including pottery, jewelry, foods, treats and much more produced by more than 50 regional artisans. Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., through Dec. 16. Shaker Heritage Society Museum and Gift Shop, 1848 Meeting House, 25 Meeting House Rd., Albany. (518) 456-7890 or www.ShakerHeritage.org

The Shop at The Arts Center
Seasonal marketplace featuring some of the region's finest arts and crafts. Open through Sat., Dec. 23. Hours: Tuesday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Closed Sundays and Mondays (boutique will be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. during the Victorian Stroll). www.facebook.com/events/185115838719049

The Mirade on 15th Street
Third annual Christmas tree lighting featuring live music, holiday cookies, a special, house-made hot chocolate red wine, and a special flying holiday mirade! Nov. 29, at 7 p.m. (Rain date is Fri., Dec. 1). The Hill at Muza, 379 Congress St., Troy.

Free admission, cash bar. (518) 526-4122 or www.thehillatmuza.com

GIFTED Artisan Holiday Fair
Shop for unique art, fashions, accessories and more made by local artists and artisans. Fri., Dec. 1, 6 to 9 p.m. Albany Barn, 56 Second St., Albany. Free admission. (518) 935-4858 or www.albanybarn.org/event/gifted-2/instance_id=19512

Troy Waterfront Farmers Market
More than 80 food growers, bakers, chefs and artisans gather to offer the Capital District's freshest and finest! Plus, gather with other community members for live music, great food, family activities and learning opportunities. Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., through March 31, 2018. Troy Atrium, 49 4th St., Troy. Free Admission. (518) 708-4216 or www.troymarket.org

State Capitol Building Tour
Take a guided tour through this historic, 19th-century architectural masterpiece which serves as the seat of New York State government. The one-hour tour will be led by a New York State Museum staff member. Weekly, on Saturdays through Dec. 16. Tours depart at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. from the Plaza Visitor Center and Gift Shop, located in the Empire State Plaza's North Concourse. Free, registration required; 25 participant limit. To register, call (518) 474-2418 or visit ogs.ny.gov/ESP/CT/Tours/Capitol.asp

State Education Building Tour
Take a guided tour through the historic Education Building in downtown Albany. The 45-minute tour, led by a New York State Museum staff member, includes opportunities to explore Chancellors Hall, the Regents Room and the rotunda, adorned with murals by Albany native Will H. Low. Weekly, on Saturdays through Dec. 16. Tours depart at 12:30 and 2:30 p.m. from the front steps of the Education Building, 89 Washington Ave., Albany. Free, registration required; 25 participant limit. To register, call (518) 474-2418 or

visit ogs.ny.gov/ESP/CT/Tours/Capitol.asp

Drinks & DIY
Create something new with provided craft supplies or bring your own materials from home. Enjoy light refreshments, holiday movies, local shopping opportunities and more. Sat., Dec. 2, 7 p.m. Albany Barn, 56 Second St., Albany. Free, \$5 donation requested. (518) 935-4858 or www.albanybarn.org

Schenectady GreenMarket
Festive, indoor marketplace featuring more than 60 vendors who produce everything they sell. Enjoy live music, prepared food and the region's freshest produce. Weekly on Sundays, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., through April 29, 2018. Proctors, 432 State St., Schenectady. Free admission. (518) 986-0318 or schenectadygreenmarket.org/

Veteran Meet-Up
All veterans welcome to free coffee every Tuesday from 6 to 8 p.m. Saratoga Coffee Traders, 447 Broadway, Saratoga Springs. (518) 884-4999 or www.VeteransPeerConnection.org

Social Night/Potluck/ Open House tours
It's the perfect night to come by and get a feel for this amazing creative community. Free. Tuesdays, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Tech Valley Center of Gravity, 30 Third St., Troy. (518) 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.

Victorian Streetwalk
Celebrate the magic of an old-fashioned Victorian Streetwalk and Christmas on Broadway in downtown Saratoga Springs, following the Saratoga Tree Lighting Ceremony outside of the Putnam Den.

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Enjoy live entertainment, including Christmas carolers, the Saratoga Festival of Trees, and be sure to visit Santa at his special Saratoga Cottage during the 31st annual event. Presented by the Saratoga Springs Downtown Business Association. Thurs., Nov. 30, 6 to 10 p.m. Free admission. Entertainment schedule and map available at www.saratoga.com

Italian Christmas Market
Share and celebrate this old, Italian tradition. Marvel at the exquisite, room-sized Italian Nativity featuring live mosses and life-like figurines. The Museum's exhibit rooms are transformed into mini-market places filled with something for almost everyone on your Christmas shopping list — including yourself! Some of the unique Italian merchandise offered includes: Italian language greeting cards, "Made-in-Italy" items, wooden Ceppo, Befana figures, themed ornaments, plaques, novelties, and delicious, homemade Italian baked along with hand-crafted items by talented vendors. Food and beverages will be available. Fri., Dec. 1 and Sat., Dec. 2, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sun., Dec. 3, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. American Italian Heritage Museum, 1227 Central Ave., Albany. Free admission. (518) 435-1979 or www.americanitalianmuseum.org

First Friday Art Show and Wine Tasting
Enjoy a free wine tasting along with happy hour drink and appetizer specials while viewing works by a local artist. This month's featured artist is David Decker, who will present his first exhibit in three decades, a photographic essay titled "The Sky's the Limit." Through photography, Decker attempts to shine a light on the confident hopefulness and buoyant exuberance, too often hidden in the world around us. These assorted landscapes and skylines; essays of shadow and light are intended to encourage viewers to embrace the excitement of change. "The Sky's the Limit" is a reminder that, "if every once in

a while, you take a moment to stop — and simply look around... you may be amazed at what you see!" Fri., Dec. 1, 5 to 7 p.m. Il Faro Restaurant & Bar, 698 North Pearl St., Menands. Free admission. (518) 463-2208 or www.ilfaroitalian.com

Night of Lights
Celebrate the opening of the annual Festival of Trees exhibit with this exclusive evening featuring live music, great food, a raffle, cash bar and, of course, radiant fir trees. Fri., Dec. 1, 7 p.m. Schenectady County Historical Society, 32 Washington Ave., Schenectady. \$15. Tickets available online at schenectadyhistorical.org/trees/ and scroll down to Night of Lights.

Troy Victorian Stroll
Celebrate the holidays with family and friends during 35th Annual Troy Victorian Stroll, featuring more than 100 live performances throughout the day. Plus, wrap up your holiday shopping list at more than 35 clothing, jewelry and gift boutiques. Sun., Dec. 3, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Various venues throughout downtown Troy. Free admission. For a schedule of events and details about window decorating and photography contests, visit www.victorianstroll.com

Taste NY Holiday Market
Celebrate the start of the holiday season during the fourth annual market featuring "made in New York" foods and beverages from dozens of vendors, including hand-crafted beer, wine and spirits, cheese, chocolate, apple and maple products and other goodies. Food related presentations and live music through the day. Sun., Dec. 3, 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. New York State Museum, Empire State Plaza, 222 Madison Ave., Albany. Free admission; suggested donation of \$5/person or \$10/family. (518) 474-5877 or www.nysm.nysed.gov

Social Media
Meet new people and make art in a new medium. Each event will feature a signature cocktail or seasonal beverage pair with the art form that participants

will be experimenting with (descriptions online). First and third Tuesdays of the month, Dec. 5 (**SOLD OUT**) and Dec. 19, 5:30 p.m. Arts Center of the Capital Region, 265 River St., Troy. \$35; includes materials and nibbles; other beverages available for purchase. Registration required. (518) 273-0552 or www.artscenonline.org/social-media/

Immaculate Conception, San Nicola & Santa Lucia feasts
Partake in three traditional Italian feasts which usher in the Christmas season. Program consists of Italian traditions followed by a dessert social. Please bring a dessert to share. Wed., Dec. 6, 11 a.m. American Italian Heritage Museum, 1227 Central Ave., Albany. Free; RSVP by Mon., Dec. 4. (518) 435-1979 or www.americanitalianmuseum.org

"Babes in Troyland" Holiday Market
Troy Flea presents its third annual, two-day indoor winter "clubhouse" holiday market featuring more than 20 antique, vintage and crafts vendors selling candles, clothing, jewelry, original art prints, essential oils, dog apparel, children's items, vinyl records, housewares, instruments, furniture, books, tools and more. Live entertainment, including a very badly behaved Santa Claus and Elizabethan minstrels from Will Kempe's Players. Food and beverages available for purchase. Sat., Dec. 9, from 1 to 7 p.m. and Sun., Dec. 10, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Takk House, 55 Third St., downtown Troy. Admission: \$5 per person for both days. www.TroyFlea.com

Albany Center Gallery
Continuing: "Masters of War." Regional artists explore, comment on and question a multitude of perspectives on war, human conflict, and our attraction to war as a cultural phenomenon. Runs through Fri., Dec. 1. Gallery hours: Daily, Tues.-Sat.,

noon to 5 p.m. or by appointment. 488 Broadway, Albany. Free admission. (518) 462-4775 or albanycentergallery.org

Albany Institute of History and Art
Continuing: "Well-Dressed in Victorian Albany: 19th Century Fashion from the Albany Institute Collection," features 50 mannequins dressed in clothing made of luxurious, vibrantly colored fabrics once worn by residents of the Capital District. Through Mon., Feb. 19, 2018. Also, **"Paintings of Addy: Dahl Taylor's Original Illustrations for American Girl."** Features more than 40 paintings by the Albany-based artist commissioned to re-illustrate American Girl's six books about nine-year-old Addy Walker along with artifacts from the museum's collection to illustrate daily life during the mid 19th-century. Through Sun., June 3, 2018. Also, **"Spotlight: Albany and Anti-Suffrage,"** tells the story of the women who first met in 1894 before the New York Constitutional Convention convened, organized the Albany branch of the New York State Association Opposed to Woman Suffrage, lobbied to make their views heard in 1915, and lost their fight in 1917; and **"The Fashionable Portrait,"** brings together 14 paintings and four miniature portraits from the Institute's collection highlight 19th century fashion as depicted in the work of portrait painters. Both through Sat., March 31, 2018. Plus ongoing exhibits. Museum hours: Wed.: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Thurs.: 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Fri. and Sat.: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sun.: noon to 5 p.m. Admission: Adults, \$10; seniors/students (w/ID), \$8; children 6-12, \$6; children 0-5, free. 125 Washington Ave., Albany. (518) 463-4478 or albanyinstitute.org

Albany International Airport
Continuing: "Chasing the Tale," Group exhibit featuring work by seven artists, each of whom is engaged in a pictorial expression of storytelling cross personal

mythology with collected narratives from historical, folk and popular culture. 488 Broadway, Albany. Free admission. (518) 242-2241 or arts@albanyairport.com

Albany Pine Bush Discovery Center
New: "Pine Bush Perspectives," annual juried photo exhibit which celebrates the uniqueness and diversity of the Albany Pine Bush Preserve. Opens with reception on Fri., Dec. 1, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. On display indefinitely. Center hours: Weekdays, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; weekends and most holidays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free admission. 195 New Karner Rd., Albany. (518) 456-0665 or www.albanypinebush.org

Arts Center of the Capital Region
New: "Elements of Nature," features artworks highlighting the creatures among us (some fantastical), the stages of life, the Earth and our Universe — bringing to mind the creativity it sparks as well as its importance to us each and every day. The works, which are done by individuals of varying ages and abilities, from preschool to senior citizen, were selected from the Center for Disability Services' annual exhibition on S. Manning Blvd. by the Arts Center gallery and education staff. Through Fri., Dec. 22, in the Foyer Gallery. **Continuing: "So It Would Seem,"** features works by four photographers that encourage viewers to look beyond the images to discover the moods, memories, even the very souls of their subjects, encompassed by the surrounding past and future. Through Wed., Dec. 27, in the Main Gallery. 265 River St., Troy. Gallery hours: Daily, Mon.-Thurs., 9 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., Fri., 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sat., 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sun., noon to 4 p.m. Free admission. (518) 273-0552 or artscenonline.org

The Clark Art Institute
Continuing: "The Impressionist Line: From Degas to Toulouse-Lautrec," showcases the hallmarks of the "Impressionist line," including drawings by Claude Monet, color woodcuts by Paul Gauguin, etchings by Édouard Manet, pastels by Edgar Degas, and color lithographs by Henri de Toulouse-Lautrec. Through Sun., Jan. 7, 2018. Plus permanent collection. Museum hours: Daily, Tues.-Sun., 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission: Adults, \$20; children 18 and younger, free. 225 South St., Williamstown, Mass. www.clarkart.edu

Clement Art Gallery
New: "Holiday Small Works Art Show," featuring a large selection of original artwork by local artists. Through Sun., Dec. 31. Also, **antique print and map room** exhibits. Gallery hours: Weekdays, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free admission. 201 Broadway, Troy. (518) 272-6811 or www.clementart.com

Collar Works
Continuing: "What is that leaping in your chest?" Group exhibition guest curated by Alexandra Foradas, assistant curator of visual arts at MASS MoCA, in which the artists question the uncertainty of access to the American Dream. Through Sat., Dec. 30. 621 River St., Troy. Gallery hours: Thurs. & Fri., noon to 6 p.m. Sat., noon to 4 p.m. or by appointment. Free admission. (518) 285-0765 or collarworks.org

The Hyde Collection
Continuing: "A Shared Legacy: Folk Art in America," a celebration of the vibrant traditions in the era before the rise of professionally trained artists. Through Sun., Dec. 31. Plus permanent collection. Museum hours: Daily, Tues.-Sat., 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sun., noon to 5 p.m. Admission: adults, \$12; seniors (60+), \$10; children/students (w/ID)/active military and their families, free. 161 Warren St., Glens Falls. (518) 792-1761 or www.hydecollection.org

HOROSCOPES

November 2017 Week 5

ARIES – MAR 21/APR 20
Aries, you might feel like you do not measure up to others this week. How others see you is completely different from your perception. Don't be too hard on yourself.

TAURUS – APR 21/MAY 21
Taurus, letting go is a hard lesson to learn this week. You may have to retire a plan that just can't come to fruition. But don't worry, new ideas are in the works.

GEMINI – MAY 22/JUN 21
Gemini, try not to hold onto negative emotions. Focus on all of the happy memories you have made with others and your mood will instantly brighten.

CANCER – JUN 22/JUL 22
Honesty is the best policy, Cancer. So have that frank conversation with someone even if full disclosure can be a bit uncomfortable. Afterward, you'll be glad you did.

LEO – JUL 23/AUG 23
Don't underestimate your abilities, Leo. You are imaginative and creative when the mood suits you, as it will this week. Look for your muse and get started.

VIRGO – AUG 24/SEPT 22
Virgo, stay open to external influences and you may be able to infer some things about the future that can guide you in the days ahead. It's good to stay ahead of the curve.

LIBRA – SEPT 23/OCT 23
Libra, this is a good week to take stock of the people who mean the most to you. Express your feelings to these people and spend some time with them.

SCORPIO – OCT 24/NOV 22
A little dose of being naughty might do you some good this week, Scorpio. Call in sick from work and enjoy a day shopping or simply indulging in a little entertainment.

SAGITTARIUS – NOV 23/DEC 21
You have basic needs that have to be met, and a strong network of friends and coworkers can get you through any rough patch, Sagittarius.

CAPRICORN – DEC 22/JAN 20
Capricorn, although you can't narrow it down just yet, something doesn't feel right in your world. Keep investigating and trust your instincts.

AQUARIUS – JAN 21/FEB 18
Aquarius, you have reached a crossroads where everything you have dreamed and worked for has finally converged. This is the time to enjoy the fruits of all your labor.

PISCES – FEB 19/MAR 20
Pisces, rather than looking at the differences between you and someone else, look at the similarities. This is a great way to begin a friendship.

Mabee Farm Historic Site
Continuing: "In Harm's Way: Community Responses to Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Lee."
 An exploration of the devastating impact natural disasters have on local communities and the resiliency of our neighbors. Through Mon., Oct. 1, 2018. Also, "Life on the Canal Then by Artists Now." Show features artwork by 17 contemporary artists curated by Virginia Creighton. Through Thurs., May 31, 2018. Museum hours: Tues.-Sat., from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. 1100 Main St. (NY Route 55), Rotterdam Junction. Admission: \$5 per adult for self-guided access; or \$8 for a combined tour and access to exhibits; children and students (w/ID) free. (518) 887-5073 or schenectadyhistorical.org

miSci
Continuing: "Inside Edison's House of Magic: 125 Years of Innovation at GE." Learn more about GE's founding, its inventions, its scientific pioneers who led the field and the employees who made the company run. Through Sun., May 6, 2018. Plus ongoing/permanent exhibits. Museum hours: Mon.-Sat., 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sun., noon to 5 p.m. 15 Nott Terrace Heights, Schenectady. Admission: Adults (13+), \$10.50; seniors (65+), \$9; children (3-12) \$7.50. Additional \$5/person for planetarium show. (518) 382-7890 or www.miSci.org

National Museum of Dance
Continuing: "Art in the Foyer: Design for Dance," highlighting the costume sketches of design and dance historian Malcolm McCormack. Plus ongoing exhibits. Museum hours: Sat., 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sun., noon to 4 p.m. 99 South Broadway, Saratoga Springs. Admission: Adults, \$6.50; seniors/students (w/valid ID) \$5; children ages 4 to 12, \$3; children ages 3 and younger, free; (518) 584-2225 or www.dancemuseum.org

New York State Museum
Continuing: "Votes for Women: Celebrating New York's Suffrage Centennial." Large-scale exhibition will raise public awareness about the struggle for women's suffrage and equal rights in New York State from the 1848 Seneca Falls convention, through 1917, when women were finally allowed to vote. Through Sun., May 13, 2018. Also, "Enterprising Waters: New York's Erie Canal (Phase One)." In honor of the Bicentennial of the Erie Canal's construction, the state's Office of Cultural Education in collaboration with other organizations on the canal corridor, will present this rich story with unique objects, documents, and images. Through Oct. 20, 2019. Also, "A Spirit of Sacrifice: New York State in the First World War," featuring artifacts, images, posters and documents from collections at the Museum, State Archives, State Library and other cultural institutions. Through June 3, 2018. Also, "Hudson Valley Ruins," through Dec. 31. Plus ongoing/permanent exhibits. Museum hours: Tues.-Sun, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Empire State Plaza, 222 Madison Ave., Albany. Free admission; suggested donation of \$5/person or \$10/family. (518) 474-5877 or www.nysm.nysed.gov

Opalka Gallery
Continuing: "Paper is Part of the Picture." Exhibition focuses on the evolution of paper promotion over the last 125 years as seen through the Strathmore Archives (now at Mohawk paper), and how those promotions reflect the changing trends in American graphic design. Through Fri., Dec. 15. Gallery hours: Tues.-Fri., 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Sat., noon to 4 p.m. Sage College of Albany, 140 New Scotland Ave., Albany. Free admission. (518) 292-7742 or opalka.sage.edu

Saratoga Arts
Continuing "The Annual Members' Show." This ever-popular, year-end exhibition includes over 200 artists displaying artworks, ranging from painting, drawing and printmaking to sculpture, ceramics, and photography, showcasing the many talents of our

established and emerging member artists from the region and beyond. Through Sun., Dec. 31. Also: **Printmaking by Amanda Kralovic** (Reception Gallery) and **Paintings by Paul Chapman** (Members' Hall Gallery). 320 Broadway, Saratoga Springs. Free admission. Gallery hours: weekdays, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sat., 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. (518) 584-4132 or saratoga-arts.org

Schenectady County Historical Society
New: "Festival of Trees." Celebrate the season with lit and decorated fir trees, ranging from classic to kooky Christmas styles. Runs Sat., Dec. 2 through Sun., Dec. 17, at SCHS and the YWCA NorthEastern NY. Open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Adults, \$6; children 11 and younger admitted free. **Continuing: "Together Until the End: Schenectady in World War I,"** through Thurs., Nov. 30. Plus ongoing/permanent exhibits. Museum hours: weekdays, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sat., 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; 32 Washington Ave., Schenectady. Admission: \$5. (518) 374-0263 or schenectadyhistorical.org

Scarlet Seven Fine Art Gallery
Continuing: "2017 Winter Salon." Group exhibit featuring over 250 works created by more than two dozen artists that cost \$500 or less. Through Sun., Dec. 24. Gallery hours: Mon. & Tues. by appointment, Wed., noon to 5 p.m., Thurs. & Fri., noon to 6 p.m. (closed Thanksgiving Day); Sat. & Sun., noon to 4 p.m. Extended hours for the Troy Victorian Stroll, Sun., Dec. 3, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. 137 4th St., Troy. Free admission. (518) 378-6583, (518) 312-1564 or www.scarletsevengallery.com

Schick Art Gallery
Upcoming: "Cubed! (working title)." Features student work from the Fall '17 Art Department theme, cubism. Expected to open Fri., Dec. 1, and remain on display through Fri., Dec. 8. Saisselin Art Building, Skidmore College, 815 North Broadway, Saratoga Springs. Gallery hours: Mon.-Thurs., 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Fri., 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Sat. & Sun., noon to 4 p.m. Free admission. (518) 580-5049 or www.skidmore.edu/schick

Dan Sekellic
Visual Arts Gallery
Continuing: Laura Moriarty. Taking poetic license with geology, Moriarty compares processes of the studio with processes of the earth. The forms, colors, textures and patterns of her sculptural paintings result from forces similar to those that shape and reshape the earth: heating and cooling, erosion, subduction, friction, enfolding, weathering and slippage. Through Sun., Dec. 31. Sand Lake Center for the Arts, 2880 NY Rte. 43, Averill Park. Gallery hours: Wed. & Fri., 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., by appointment, and any time the building is open. Free admission. (518) 674-2007 or slca-ctp.org

Tang Teaching Museum
Continuing: "Tel .:" Artist Kamau Amu Patton's continually evolving interpretation of what a museum community space can be. Long-term installation on the mezzanine. Through Sept. 1, 2019. Also "Opener 30 Njideka Akunyili Crosby: Predecessors," known for her large-scale paintings, this exhibition unites works from the artist's "Predecessors" series, which celebrates her family and Nigerian background. Through Sun., Dec. 31. "Birthing Bodies," an exploration of childbirth through a feminist lens, representing the pregnant/birthing body as a site of strength and power. "Other Side—Art, Object, Self," selected pieces from the Tang Collection that showcase the use of paint, glass, marble, fabric, found objects and even artists' bodies to force a critical examination of national, cultural and self identity. Through Dec. 30. Also, "Elevator Music 34: Tony Oursler: Talking Light." A single incandescent light bulb hangs from the ceiling of the Tang Museum's elevator; its intermittent flickering correlates to the sounds of the artist's

voice emanating from a hidden speaker. The work is one of several "talking lights" he made in the 1990s, which explore his fascination with imitation, repetition, magic, mystery, and that which is beyond ordinary human understanding. Through Dec. 30. Skidmore College, 815 North Broadway, Saratoga Springs. Museum hours: Tues.-Sun., noon to 5 p.m.; Thurs. until 9 p.m. Free admission; suggested donations of \$5/adult; \$3/child 13+; seniors, \$2. (518) 580-8080 or tang.skidmore.edu

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Union College Galleries
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■ DROME SOUND MUSICIAN SPOTLIGHT

Cosby Gibson & Tom Staudle

TheSpot518: For those not familiar with your music, how would you describe your sound?

Cosby Gibson: A quote from *Folk Times* about the duo "Cosby Gibson and Tom Staudle: "With guitar, violin, banjo, harmonica, ukulele and dulcimer, these high-spirited independent artists present heartfelt original acoustic folk and blues."

For Cosby Gibson solo: Unique, acoustic original songs, folk-style with rock infusion with voice and guitar.

TheSpot518: Who has influenced your music over the years?

Cosby Gibson: Melodies run through my head in sleep and physical activity, and I write them into songs. Tom is inspired by stories and musical ideas that bring people together.

TheSpot518: Not many people have the same opportunity you have to play in front of a live audience, can you describe that experience?

Cosby Gibson: This is a very interesting question. During my first performance my knees were actually knocking. Today, my quest is to bring the audience together into a joyful and festive atmosphere through song. Because an artist continues learning, performance can be a life-long fascination.

TheSpot518: The local music scene has been compared to some of the best in the country, iconic locations like Austin and Red Rocks. What can you share about our musical landscape?

Cosby Gibson: Musicians in the Capital District are very fortunate because we are among a truly generous and supportive arts community. The opportunities here are wonderful, and the people involved are caring and love the arts.

TheSpot518: Is there anything fans can expect down the road?

Cosby Gibson: Goals include broadening touring to include the west coast and southern states, and inviting more people to become patrons on my Patreon webpage. A larger dream is to establish an artist community, possibly in a factory building near the Capital District, to allow artists to interact, learn, teach and even offer housing.

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CULINARY ARTS



Clean Eating

Gluten-Free Seafood Stuffing

By **STACEY MORRIS**

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Stuffing season is upon us. It may not be a low-calorie or spa-friendly food, but the days are shortening and mercury continues to drop... perfect conditions for my mind wanting something with a soft, yielding texture. As for my body, it wants warmth and only warmth. Chef Bill and I have

a habit of stocking bags of seafood in our freezer when they're on sale, and an exceptionally cold night last week got us thinking. Why leave it for just Thanksgiving? And furthermore, why confine ourselves to poultry-based stuffing? Seems to me stuffing has all the earmarkings of versatility, so off we went on another cooking adventure.

I won't pretend this one's not time-consuming, but chances are you're spending inordinate amounts of time indoors = now's the perfect time for a few kitchen projects!

A word of caution: seafood such as shrimp and scallops can overcook in an instant and be thereby cursed with a rubbery texture. Be gentle with your use of heat. Once baked, seafood stuffing should be used within a few days. But it also freezes well. The dense texture of gluten-free bread makes this extra-substantial. I think you'll agree, it's pretty rockin! Enjoy....

Ingredients:

- 1 loaf of high-quality, dense gluten-free bread
- 1 medium onion, coarsely chopped
- 1/2 head celery, finely diced in a food processor
- 2 sticks unsalted butter
- 4 eggs
- 2 tablespoons fresh chopped sage or thyme (may use dried; may use both if you like a lot of flavor)
- 1/2 teaspoon black pepper
- 2 pints of seafood stock
- 3/4 pound shrimp
- 1/2 pound scallops
- 1/2 pound crab meat

Preliminary preparation:

Remove bread from bag, cut into small squares and lay on cookie sheets. Let sit in open air overnight or until stale. Or: place bread on cookie sheets in a 250-degree

oven and bake for 20 minutes or until fairly crisp. Place in large mixing bowl when crisp or stale.

Instructions:

While bread is baking, lightly sauté onions and celery in a large skillet in a stick of butter over medium heat until glassine – do not brown. Turn heat off and set aside.

In a separate pan, sauté all seafood in a stick of butter over medium heat, until just cooked, approximately four minutes. Do not overcook, or consistency will be tough. Remove from heat and set aside. Warm seafood stock over medium heat in a saucepan on the stove.

Beat the eggs vigorously or blend in food processor or blender. Add egg mixture to the gluten-free bread cubes, reserving two tablespoons of beaten egg mixture. Add herbs and pepper and gently fold together with spatula. Prior to adding stock, be sure it is warm and not hot, to avoid cooking eggs. Stir stock into bread mixture, one ladle at a time, until bread becomes soft, but not mushy.

Chop seafood (which should be cooled off by now) into bite-sized pieces. Add seafood and vegetable to bread cubes and fold thoroughly. Add more stock if needed. Once mixed thoroughly, spray olive oil into a 3-quart casserole dish and spread. Brush top of stuffing with remaining egg mixture. Bake covered at 325°F for 20 minutes. Uncover and bake another 10 minutes, or until top is lightly golden.

Optional: for extra flavor, you can also add 1 gluten-free corn muffin, crumbled, to the mixture.

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

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WHAT'S HAPPENING NOW

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Tickets start at \$28, and children and are half price when you order by phone. Palace Theatre is located at 19 Clinton Ave. in Albany. For more information, or to order tickets, visit www.albanysymphony.com.

Repeal Day Prohibition Party

ALBANY — Savoy Taproom will host a Repeal Day Prohibition Party on Monday, Dec. 4 from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.

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■ HEALTH & FITNESS

Refine your focus

Developing good habits will lead to your ultimate success

By **DAN ROMAND**
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Just last week, we completed our Fall Back Into Fitness Challenge, and I have to say it was the best challenge we've ever done.

Why? Well, setting aside the fact we had an awesome, enthusiastic group of people participating, it was largely due to the fact we didn't focus on weight loss.

Wait. What? You DIDN'T focus on weight loss?

No. We didn't.

Instead, we focused on developing good habits, habits that we can do, not just during the six weeks of a challenge, but for life. And, that my friends, is a key point.

You see, anyone can gear up for a six-week challenge and lose a bunch of weight. But, keeping it off, well, that's a whole other ballgame.

Having run dozens of challenges over the years, I know all too well that when the focus is on the short-term quick weight loss goal, people will lose weight only to gain most of it back — often times

more, just a few weeks later.

So, for this challenge we focused on the long-term goal. The participants were given a series of habits to start practicing and earned points for doing them. Habits included making sure to drink enough water, getting at least seven hours of sleep each night, practicing mindful eating practices, eating healthier meals and exercising.

The bonus was that over the course of the challenge they learned these habits, when put into place, not only help to lose weight but help achieve something FAR more important: keeping it off.

As we anticipated, they each managed to lose weight; an average of six to 12 pounds per person, with a couple losing more than 20. But, interestingly enough, they all learned other things along the way; something none of them ever expected. Things such as the world won't end if you make YOU a priority. And, when you make healthier choices you feel better, not just once in a while, but every day. Add to it, each overcame the excuse that a healthier lifestyle is too expensive and too time consuming. One told me, "I found out that NOT focusing on the scale and instead focusing on eating healthy, exercising and having the support of friends I had success. Far more success



than I've ever had before."

Bingo.

You see, we ALL can easily rattle off a series of excuses as to why we can't do things. We struggle to find the reason why we CAN do things to the point we'll even invent reasons we know aren't true to avoid the situation altogether.

As the challengers found out, it's not about taking some magic pill or using some super-douper "proprietary formula" to achieve weight loss success. Nor is it doing some new exercise craze or buying the latest "As Seen on TV" piece of equipment. No, it came down to learning how to eat real foods, in the right amounts and practicing healthy habits each and every day. That friends IS the magic formula.

Sounds simple, doesn't it? So simple, in fact, people can't bring themselves to believe it. The reasoning behind being overweight and out of shape is not from lacking some magic pill or piece of equipment. It's because you eat too much and don't exercise. Our challenge

participants found out when they came to terms with that and accepted their responsibility, they were able to overcome it.

It didn't mean beating themselves up over it. It meant acknowledging they have let themselves get in a situation, then accepting they had the means and ability to change it. Not only that, but they learned it's not about being perfect, either. In the entire challenge not a single person scored a perfect week. Far from it. But they did find by adopting good habits — and, doing them 90, heck, 80 percent of the time — they'd see success.

It really does come down to that. Accepting and owning that you made choices. Choices that led you to where you are today. You can't change the past, but you can AND MUST acknowledge it and learn from it. You're not acknowledging failure. You're accepting feedback, and you need to view it that way.

The choice is yours, either way. You

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■ LIFESTYLE

Damn, Daniel! There is a Santa Claus



Millennials take a sardonic look at Christmas gifts

By **KAITLIN LEMBO**
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ALBANY — Millennials in the Capital District are not just looking for possessions this Christmas, they're looking

for a void to be filled.

When millennials are asked about what they want for Christmas, your typical answers do not quite come up.

"I want world peace," University at Albany senior Andy Doorty said. When pressed further, Doorty mentioned he wanted a DSLR camera and his cracked computer screen fixed.

Doorty wasn't the only one with this

sarcastic response to the question, "What do you want for Christmas?" James Carney, a recent University at Albany graduate, had a similar "unreasonable" request.

"Can I ask for student loan forgiveness," he asked.

Among the other sarcastic requests included more sleep from a political science major, hot women from an EMS worker and alcohol from a psychology major. One English major mentioned she wanted the hold lifted on her financial aid account. Another recent University at Albany grad? "I want a real job."

"Can I ask for student loan forgiveness?"

— James Carney,
a recent UAlbany graduate

Although millennials have become more outrageous with their requests, material goods have not gone by the wayside. When I asked my 20-year-old brother, a musician for fun, what he wanted, he told me he was asking for an acoustic amplifier, a banjo and a 12-string guitar. He also wanted to get his hands on the newest Call of Duty game, "Call of Duty: World War II." According to him, every guy at his school

is hotly anticipating the newest release of simulated wartime action.

Some women are falling into the newest makeup trends. Cruelty free and vegan is the new go-to, and many list makers are looking to brands like Morphe (which just recently became more available by coming to Ulta nationwide) and Urban Decay.

Of course, clothing is still a hot commodity. Socks seem to be on every wish list, as do sweatpants. One student, 21-year-old psychology student Taylor Sweet, wanted a pair of nice boots. Another, 21-year-old journalism

student Hannah Gauthier, wants some overalls. 2017 has turned into the year of comfortable clothing.

What many respondents were missing were the "hot items" that 2017 retailers promise to boast this shopping season. ThinkGeek is heavily promoting an "Infinity Cube," a portable desktop cube that claims to show you the entire

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■ WHAT'S HAPPENING SOON

The Jon LeRoy Trio

ALBANY — The Jon LeRoy Trio will perform at the Savoy Taproom on Sunday, Dec. 10, at 6 p.m.

This group is fairly eclectic for a jazz organ trio. It not only plays music and arrangements by Jimmy Smith, Charles Earland, Jack McDuff, "Groove" Holmes and (of course) the great Joey DeFrancesco, but also do some tunes by composers not known for organ trio like Jaco Pastorius, Pat Metheny, Wayne Shorter and Sammy Nestico to name a few. Its main body of tunes consists of these and the usual tunes that are part of the jazz standard repertoire.

Reservations are strongly suggested. A \$5 entertainment fee will be added per person for seating in the dining room. There is no charge to eat, drink and

enjoy the music at the bar. Savoy Taproom is located at 301 Lark St. in Albany. For more information, call (518) 599-5140 or visit www.savoyonlark.com.

Albany Rocks: The Works of Amy Modesti

LOUDONVILLE — Eden Cafe will host Albany Rocks, an exhibit of Amy Modesti concert photography, on Friday, Dec. 15 from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Local musicians will make cameo appearances at this cool event. Open house dinner available starting at 4:30 p.m. Beer, wine and cider will be available.

This event is free and open to the public. Eden Cafe is located at 269 Osborne Road, Loudonville. For more information, call (518) 977-3771.

'See How They Run' at the Curtain Call

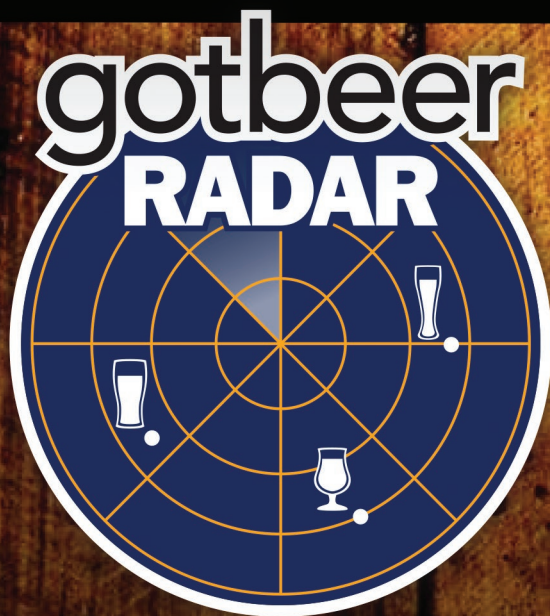
LATHAM — Curtain Call Theatre will be showing performances of "See How They Run" through Sunday, Dec. 31.

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Tickets are \$19.50 and can be purchased at www.brownpapertickets.com. Performances take place on Thursdays at 7:30 p.m., Fridays at 8 p.m., Saturdays at 3 and 8 p.m., and Sundays at 3 p.m. Curtain Call Theatre is located at 1 Jeanne Jugan Lane., Latham. For more information, visit www.curtaincalltheatre.com.



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■ INTERVIEW

Behind 'Does Anybody Honestly Care'



Interview with One For The Braves

By **PAULA CUMMINGS**
nysmusic.com

One For The Braves debuted its first music video for the song "Dirt Nap" off their latest release "Does Anybody Honestly Care." The EP is a mile-a-minute pop-punk revelry, with pop culture

references bringing levity to heart-on-sleeve lyrics. The quintet from Poughkeepsie features Adam "Radam" Rebillard on vocals, Avery Avello and Brian Morgan on guitars, Nick Ferraioli on bass, and Sean Mercado on drums. NYS Music spoke with Rebillard about the band, its latest release, and its first music video.

MODERN DAY PUNKS
—
Band reworked second EP to perfect its desired sound.
Sabrina Leviton

Paula Cummings: When and why did you start writing songs?

Adam Rebillard: I started writing lyrics when I was really young, mostly just to kill time. When I got older, I got bored of doing it. Then I discovered punk and pop punk and all those wonderful styles of genres. It sounded fun to me, so I started singing and putting melodies to some of the lyrics. Then my freshman year in college I met our guitar player Avery, and the two of us started jamming together and it kept going from there. We got a few new members over the years.

PC: How would you describe your band?

AR: We take the nostalgic pop punk style, which would be bands like New Found Glory, and mix it with a newer style like The Wonder Years and Story So Far. We find ways to make it our own, so we're not a clone of another band. That's not what we want.

PC: What was your most memorable show so far?

AR: We did a show back in January. It was our first headline show at our local venue, The Loft. It was fun to finally be

the main event of a local venue that we all grew up going to. We had a good turnout. We were on with some of our best friends' bands. It was laid-back. Everyone was happy, having a good time. We do everything we can to grab an audience and keep their attention. I personally move around a lot. We incorporate solos in our songs. We do our best to get the audience interactive, talking between songs.

PC: You recently released your sophomore EP. Tell me about the team you recorded this one with.

AR: The first EP we did over at New Paltz. But the sophomore EP, "Does Anybody Honestly Care," we did at Nada Studios in Montgomery. It was awesome. We recorded these songs with another studio, and got it back, but it wasn't what we were looking for. We emailed Eric and Nada, told him what we were looking for, and that we wanted to record again from the ground up. We went in and he had ideas to bring to the songs. We made this amazing EP that we're all so proud of.

PC: What was it like to film your first music video?

AR: It was weird, but it was fun. Like I said, I like to move around a lot – jumping, spinning. I'm doing my usual

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CONCERT REVIEW

Still fired up

David Crosby and Friends bring Sky Trails tour to The Egg

By **PETE MASON**
& **JIM GILBERT**

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ALBANY — David Crosby brought his friends to The Egg on Friday, Nov. 17, for a sold-out performance that featured tracks off his new album *Sky Trails*, as well as songs from the '60s and '70s by Crosby, Stills, Nash and Young, CPR and The Byrds. Crosby's Friends this evening included Jeff Pevar on guitar, James Raymond on keys, Mai Agan on bass, Steve DiStanislao on drums and Michelle Willis on keys and vocals.

Shortly after opening with "In My Dreams," a prime sample of Crosby, Stills and Nash's late '70s elevator rock sound, Crosby dove into the first of a few CPR tracks, "Morrison" and later "At the Edge" and the powerful "Breathless," as he spread out his vast catalog throughout the evening.

After a show in Boston that had an audience member taking issue with Crosby's anti-Trump stance, there were four instances this evening where he took jabs at Trump, with no vocal disdain from the audience. There was also the groovy "She's Got to be Somewhere," a song about a spy, influenced by Trump, and the first track off *Sky Trails*.

Crosby shared stories throughout the evening, the first about The Byrds touring in England for the first time in the '60s, and told of how they were scared to meet The Beatles because they had copied their look, clothes, hair, shoes, sound and all. While performing one night, Crosby saw Mick Jagger and John Lennon in the crowd, and while he was nervous to meet either of them, they were as mellow as could be when they got to talking after the show. This led to Crosby offering a Ravi Shankar album to George Harrison, which had a profound influence on the

quiet Beatle and his music in the years that followed. Crosby and Friends then performed "Laughing" which was written for Harrison.

The touching CSN classic "Guinevere" was followed by referencing the Boston audience member, leading Crosby to wonder if "maybe they thought it was a Stephen Stills show," before discussing the impact of Eisenhower's "Military industrial Complex" speech and how it had an early influence on his view of American politics. With cheers and applause from the audience, he briefly spoke against the buying of Congress (and how there may only be five good ones left), which led into the short a capella song from an era of protest against the Vietnam War "What are their names?" Keeping the spirit of the era alive, a pairing of "Long Time Coming" and an extended "Deja Vu" with a soft jazzy interlude closed the first set.

"Delta," a song written on Warren Zevon's piano (thanks to Jackson Browne when he was helping Crosby get clean) and "My Country Tis of Thee" with a CSN spin on the American staple stood out in a shorter second set. An encore of Neil Young's "Ohio" had Crosby encouraging the crowd to sing the chorus "Four dead in Ohio," and left the audience emboldened to take the spirit of the era from which these songs were born.

While the show had plenty of reminiscing, Crosby's show was far from a novelty act or nostalgia show. There were a few songs from his new album that were performed this evening amid plenty of classics from across his Canon. The 76-year-old showed no signs of slowing down or malingering in his performance as he heads into the twilight of his career. Crosby is fired up and ready to go.

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For more information, visit

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A Discussion with Phillip Caruso

ALBANY — Phillip Caruso will speak about his film career at Page Hall on Friday, Dec. 1 at 7:30 p.m.

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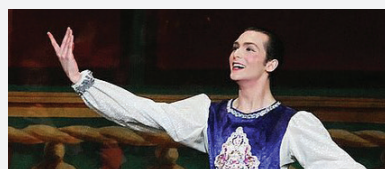
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■ MUSIC REVIEW

lespecial's 'Cheen'

By **RICK DISOTELL**
nysmusic.com

Released on Halloween, lespecial returned with its first full album since 2015's breakthrough, "Omnisquid."

Continuing to forge a unique sound that amalgamates several genres, "Cheen" showcases the power trio's considerable talent and innovation. Originally from Connecticut, lespecial has spent several years cultivating a dedicated fanbase with a sound that cleverly interweaves psychedelia, technical math-rock, metal and electronica with a tribal influence that feels like it comes from deep in the jungle.

The entire album has the coherent flow of a concept album with its various themes seeming to bleed effortlessly from one song to the next. The introductory track, "Donut Ghost House 1" sets the mood with a creepy, moody instrumental that slowly builds up with a hypnotic bassline and ambient keyboards, before the somber opening riff of "Onlookers" leads to some thoughtful verses. lespecial's crafted lyrics and the delivery of its vocals is a noted improvement in this new album.

The third track, "Jackwise" begins with a treading drum beat and an incredibly memorable heavy metal riff, followed by a catchy, funky verse. The band shows a propensity for genre-bending here, as this song has elements of metal, funk, reggae, and rock. It's followed by "Sound That We Do (Featuring Zion I)" which begins with a Middle-Eastern influenced guitar riff that quickly supports rapper Zion I's

angry, prophetic and politically-charged verses.

"Gallows Hill" opens with a spacey keyboard riff before dropping into a mellow, jazzy groove that takes the listener on a spacewalk. The song steadily builds as the verses are sung, then morphs into an infectious rhythm as the bassline climbs and climbs. "Pentachronic" follows, juxtaposing the sad, atmospheric nature of the last song with a whimsical, vibrant instrumental that manages to still deliver a high energy while sounding undeniably peaceful.

In typical lespecial fashion, this levity is short-lived, as the aptly-named "Skull Kid" follows, shedding darkness on the listener with more Middle-Eastern influence in the guitar and a tribal drum sound reminiscent of bands like Tool. The following guitar riff is simultaneously heavy and quirky, and the rest of the song plays like an ominous horror soundtrack, complete with spooky samples.

"American Apocalypse" starts with a fast, funky, slappy, bassline, and continues with a sound that only be described as a cross between horrorpunk, funk, and metal. The lyrics, and their delivery is reminiscent to both Les Claypool and Primus.

lespecial is scheduled to play at the Parish Public House in Albany on Thursday, Dec. 7, at 8 p.m.

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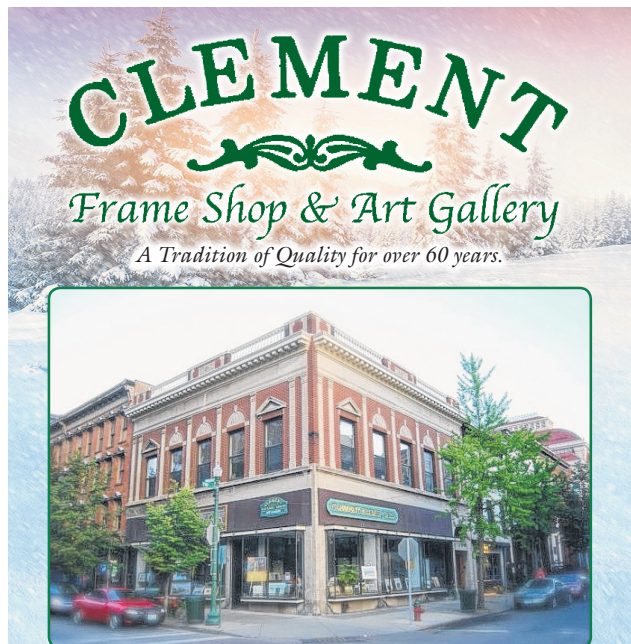


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So what choice are you going to make?

Dan Romand is co-owner and trainer at Full Circle Fitness-NY in Albany and Saratoga Springs. He also appears in TheSpot518 as a regular contributor to its Health & Fitness section.

From page B18 ...

One For the Braves

stuff. We're filming and the guy's like "Hey, man, that's really cool but you need to stay in one spot so I can keep up with you." We did it at a high school track. The song we did it for is called "Dirt Nap." The idea behind the song is regardless of what people think you keep moving forward in life. People are going to like you, people

are going to not like you. You can't let that get to you. So when I feel anxious or whatever, I go run on a track, so one day I got the idea. So we drew up some signs and had people stand around holding these signs. The idea was to keep going regardless of the signs and what people think, and keep moving on and pushing forward.

From page B16 ...

There is a Santa Claus

galaxy just by tapping it. Brookstone, the innovative retailer that everyone knows for comfortable massage chairs, is selling an assortment of air fryers, a device that allows you to fry your food to crispy perfection without all of that grease.

Some respondents did mention they wanted new items for their homes. Kate Seckinger, a newly married millennial, said she is itching for a KitchenAid

juicer attachment. Natasha Vaughn, a University at Albany student, wants a heated blanket and new coffee mugs for her apartment. Perhaps the most versatile gift idea came from 21-year-old Brittany Lupinos, who wants a Keurig.

Miniature things are all the rage too, from cat ear headphones to oddly shaped bluetooth speakers. One respondent mentioned a Fitbit. If it's portable,

it's in demand. This trend shows no inkling of stopping, especially since laptops are getting smaller, phones are getting thinner and earbuds are becoming wireless.

In the end, millennials seem to mirror the bigger picture this Christmas. We were kind of shocked to see how technology-deficient the lists were this year. Is this the beginning of millennials turning the tide and going back to something more old-fashioned? Is the resurgence of the popular Tamagotchi the signal of something more historical? Stay tuned.

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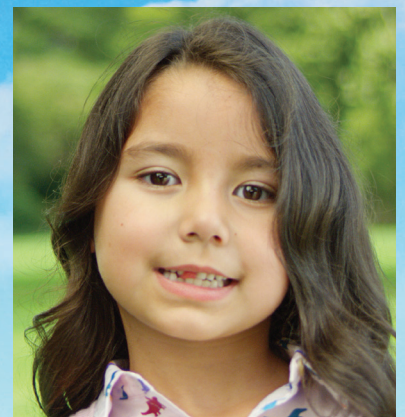
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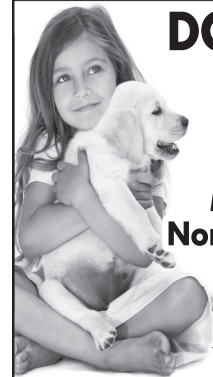


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But, creativity lives within this figurative land where aggressive players show “forward initiative” and passive bystanders “drill down” for more answers. Ironically, there’s something similar to the funk rock band that travels 100 miles to make \$200 to play at a downtown bar, and a non-profit start-up pitching its mission statement to a room full of venture capitalists. Expressed passion inspires financial backing and possible success.

Seventeen entrepreneurs from across New York state gathered at the Hilton Albany, each to share their ideas in front of an audience with the hope of receiving one of five \$50,000 awards. FuzeHub, a not-for-profit organization responsible for assisting small to medium-sized manufacturing companies in New York state, hosted the 2017 Commercialization Competition as part of the Jeff Lawrence Manufacturing Innovation Fund during a two-day competition that culminated Thursday, Nov. 16.

“Every venture capitalist is looking for ‘10x, something x, whatever-x’ [return of investment]. The solar energy industry is huge, and it’s only going to get bigger,” said Nancy Min, CEO and founder of Albany-based ecoLong, LLC. But, unlike a venture capitalist looking to benefit from investing in the “next big thing,” there are no such strings attached to the innovation fund.

“The goal of this investment is to move these early stage companies toward commercialization and we believe that these funds will help advance their products to the next level as well as to address specific challenges that they have identified,” said FuzeHub industry engagement manager Julianne Clouthier.

The two-day event not only promised the chance for additional funding, it also provided networking opportunities and industry specific panels.

On the final day, each company demonstrated the commercialization

potential of its product with the stipulation funds must be used to produce or improve upon a working prototype so that it would allow them to pursue customers and additional investors and customers.

For Min, a technologist and Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute graduate, the money would help towards developing a weather monitoring system specific to aiding solar energy farms. The solar industry has grown exponentially in recent years. EcoLong sees opportunity to grow along with it by helping the burgeoning industry become more efficient.

“I actually read a report that by 2030 it is expected 4,000 gigawatts of solar is going to be installed around the globe,” said Min. “Right now, we’re at 300. This is over the last 20 years of installation.” Min’s team is developing weather prediction technology that literally helps combat against cloudy days, helping solar farms identify sunny days, and store away energy those rainy days. “Big opportunity. Once we get into the high-level penetration one of the biggest issues is, how do we mitigate variability and intermittency? That’s the problem that we’re trying to tackle.”

Out of the 17 companies vying for funds, five called the Capital District home — ecoLong, LLC, LiftPoint Co., Praxis Biotechnology, Inc., Speech Cradle, LLC, and Synstainable Energy Systems, LLC.

Synstainable Energy Systems already has potential customers. The firm is developing technology that uses unprocessed garbage into fuel. Listening to Paul Amodeo explain it, the tech sounds a little like Mr. Fusion from “Back to the Future.”

“The product that we have — we actually developed for the Department of Defense — a waste-energy system that turns unique gasification technology,” said Amodeo, CTO of Systainable Energy Systems. “Unique, in that, it works,” he said with a laugh.

The money at stake

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would neither make nor break the initiative of each firm. It would, however, help to fund crucial steps towards the process of building a prototype, and later, bringing in more investors. In the case of Sustainable Energy, the U.S. Government is already listening to the potential benefit of its technology. But, Amodeo and his firm hoped to earn money that would help market it for public use, too. They didn’t.

On the final day, Praxis Biotechnology, Inc. was the only Capital District-based firm to earn funding. The medication it is developing will help combat against rosacea, a skin condition that afflicts more than 16 million Americans. Alejandro Adam, founder of Praxis Biotechnology, said the \$50,000 will go towards patient testing.

“There’s a wide range of manifestations,” said Adam, the physical symptoms could be anything from a burning sensation of the skin to scarring. Embarrassment, anxiety and depression could follow, and in some of the more serious cases that involve the eyelids, it can affect one’s vision. “Many of those patients don’t know they have rosacea; they are not even looking for a cure. Or, they tried everything and nothing worked, so they are out of the market. There’s a big chunk of that 16 million that is not even seeking relief from the disease.”