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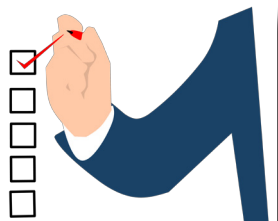
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## TOP STORY

# Back to the drawing board ... again

An application to build multi-family housing in Delmar won't be considered until developer downsizes

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**BETHLEHEM**—An application to rezone more than 20 acres on Rockefeller Road, next to Good Samaritan Lutheran Home in Delmar, has once again met with resistance from Town Board members.

The application, submitted by Tri Capital Realty, has requested the zoning change in order to build more than 60 multi-family residential units in an area zoned for freestanding single-family homes only.

The project was in front of the Town Board last summer, with a plan that called for 78 total units—50 apartments and 24 townhomes. After a number of requested changes were made, it was referred to the Planning Board in September. While the applicant was responding to concerns and requested changes from the Planning Board and town Planning Department staff, the



Town Supervisor David VanLuven said the proposed plan off Rockefeller Road in Delmar is too dense and uncharacteristic of the surrounding neighborhood.

Ali Hibbs / Spotlight News

application exceeded the 120-day review period to be sent the application back to the Town Board (per §128-40 C. (6) of the Town Zoning Law Planned Development District).

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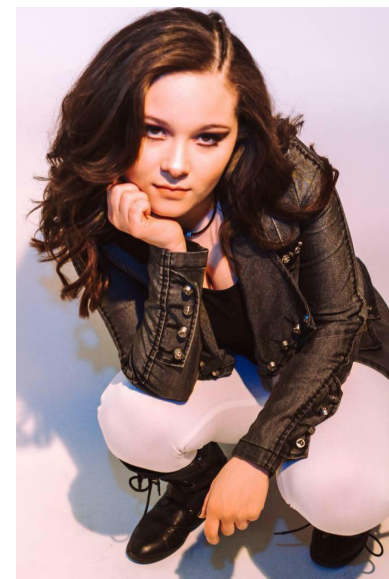


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Bethlehem tennis team puts an exclamation point on amazing season.

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■ STATE GOVERNMENT

# 911 bill working its way into law

Assembly ready to vote on measure; bill under review by Senate Finance Committee

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**ALBANY**—A bill that would make the first calls of any mandated reporter aware of abuse or neglect to include 911 has made it out of the Senate Mental Health Committee and is currently being reviewed by the Finance Committee, the last step before making it to the floor for a vote.

A similar bill made it out of the Assembly Mental Health Committee and is awaiting a floor vote. Bills in both houses must exactly match before it can be sent to the governor for consideration.

“Mandated reporters shall report allegations of reportable incidents, all suspicious and unexplained injuries to include broken bones, hematomas, open wounds beyond minor first aid, black eyes, swollen noses, extreme and questionable bruising, choke marks, burns, all individuals served found unresponsive and all deaths to a 9-1-1 operator, the county district attorney’s office and the vulnerable persons’ central register except for taunts, derogatory comments or ridicule which is required to be reported solely to the vulnerable persons’ central register,” according to the bill.

The current section of the state Social Services Law only requires mandated reporters to notify the vulnerable persons registry. But, there is nothing in the current law that “shall be construed to prohibit a mandated reporter from contacting or reporting to law enforcement or emergency services before or after reporting to the vulnerable persons’ central registry.”

A mandated reporter is a long list of medical/clinical professionals, educators and law enforcement personnel as well as consultants, volunteers or anyone who has regular contact with the disabled being cared for in a state run or state funded facility.

At issue is whether or not incidents of abuse and/or neglect are being reported to local law enforcement to investigate and prosecute or to the Justice Center for the Protection of Persons with Special Needs, a state agency created in 2013. Part of its charge is the creation of a Vulnerable Persons Central Registry.

After the report is made, the Justice Center determines whether or not the allegation is founded and then investigates and, if warranted, prosecutes. Local law enforcement is, often times, left out of the loop.

This is a different hotline than the one a similar list of mandated reporters must call if they witness the abuse or neglect of a child.

“The historic 911 Civil Rights Bill which has massive bi-partisan support just moved out of committee and must be brought to the Senate floor for a vote swiftly,” said Michael Carey, an advocate for the disabled. “This vital 911 bill will

save many lives and finally end decades of discrimination against one million New Yorker’s with disabilities.”

Carey’s severely autistic son Jonathan was killed in 2007 when two attendants at the Oswald D. Heck Developmental Center in Niskayuna tried to restrain the then 13-year-old boy.

A number of legislators on both sides of the aisle have signed on in support of the bill. It is sponsored by Staten Island Republican Sen. Andrew Lanza and Queens Democrat David Weprin in the Assembly.

The Justice Center has come under fire on a number of fronts, with some saying it is too aggressive in prosecuting cases of abuse and neglect in state run or state funded facilities and others, like Michael Carey, saying it is not doing enough to protect our society’s most vulnerable.

It also saw three different judges throw out three sex abuse cases based on the constitutional question of whether or not it has the authority to prosecute cases or if that power is exclusive to elected district attorneys or the elected attorney general.

Then Attorney General Eric Schneiderman’s office sided with the defense attorneys against the state agency. The Justice Center has said it is deciding whether or not to appeal but as of last week no paperwork had been filed.



The exterior of the state’s Justice Center on Delaware Avenue in Delmar.

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■ COMMUNITY

# Black bear sighted in Delmar

Officials recommend keeping human, pet food out of sight

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**BETHLEHEM**—When Michelle Lennartz of Delmar called the Bethlehem Police Department to report that a bird feeder system had been vandalized, she and her husband were informed that a black bear was the culprit. They were also told there had been multiple other sightings in the area.

The Lennartz, who reside in a home near Hamagrael Elementary School, have three bird feeding systems in their backyard, each with eight feeders containing a variety of mixes suitable to different types of birds. The system destroyed by the bear contained a fruit mix (for woodpeckers) that attracted the foraging animal.

The only sign there was a bear in the yard on the evening of Tuesday, May 1, said Lennartz, was the behavior of her dogs, who seemed more attentive than usual while on a walk around the neighborhood as well as from inside the home.

Even though she has never seen a bear in the area in the 25 years she's lived in that home, Lennartz said the damage seemed consistent with what she and her

husband had been told by officers. The feeder system, on a wrought iron pole standing more than six feet tall, had been bent more than 90 degrees toward the ground. While most of the mesh feeders had been crushed, the two containing fruit had been separated "from the wreckage" and worked over to extract the contents.

"We will never buy anything with fruit in it again to put out there," she said, noting that the other two feeders were unmolested, including one, less than 20 feet away from the one destroyed, that contained suet but no fruit. She lamented that the bear attack may have caused them to miss a three-day window during which the rose-breasted grosbeak might have been sighted locally. "It's such a beautiful bird," she said.

Bear sightings are not unusual this time of year, according to BPD Deputy Chief Thomas Heffernan, Jr.

"Unfortunately," he said, "many of these encounters are due to homeowners not being diligent in keeping human provided food out of the bear's reach. This includes unsecured trash, feeding birds from early March to late November, feeding pets outside and failing to clean barbecue grills."

BPD has pamphlets from the state

Department of Environmental Conservation titled "Living With Bears" that are available to pick up. More information can be found on the DEC website.

"When bears associate humans with food, they become more comfortable, increasing the likelihood of encounters," said Heffernan. "Black bear attacks on humans are extremely rare, but do happen."

■ BUSINESS

## Hospital honors nurses

**ALBANY** — Albany Med honored six Pillars of Nursing Excellence Award winners recently as part of Nurses Week and made a special Pillars Award presentation to KeyBank for its generous support of its Grow Your Own nurse training program.

Abby Carkner, Emergency Department; Teresa Caringi, Neurosurgery; Tess Carstensen, Emergency Department; Deborah Guptill, Vascular Surgery; Maria Lacson, NICU; and Cecilia Woodka, Orthopaedics/Spine Unit were each honored with Pillars of Nursing Excellence Awards.



## Firefighter honored for 50 years of service

The Elsmere Fire District and Elsmere Fire Company A, Inc., honored Jerome "Jerry" C. Smith on Saturday, May 5, for 50 years of active service as an Elsmere firefighter. Jerry was elected to active membership on July 25, 1968. He served as fire lieutenant from 1975 through 1977, and as fire captain from 1978 through 1981. He received the Kenneth E. McNary Achievement Award on April 24, 1993, and became a Life Member of the Elsmere Fire Company A, Inc. that same month. Smith was awarded Life Membership in the Hudson Mohawk Volunteer Firemen's Association in July 2006. In May 2001, he was cited for most drills attended the previous year. Jerry and his wife, Lois, reside in Glenmont.



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### Feura Bush Road closure soon

**SELKIRK** — Feura Bush Road will be closed from Flint Road to Elm Avenue and Murray Road on Saturday, May 19, from 5:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.

The road will be limited to local traffic as the state Department of Transportation replaces a culvert. Detours will lead to Elm Avenue, Elm Avenue Extension, NY Route 32 and Murray Road.

### Bethlehem Walk and Roll Fest

**ELSMERE** — The annual Walk and Roll Fest kicks off on Saturday, May 19, on the Albany County Rail Trail at 250 Delaware Ave, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Celebrate the parks, trails, open spaces, and bicycle and pedestrian friendly neighborhoods that make Bethlehem a great place to live. The festival will feature pedestrian safety awareness activities; bicycle, pedestrian and open space organizations; bike skills stations; kids activities; bike auction; bike giveaways; local vendors and more. Bring your bike and helmet.

The event is sponsored by the Bethlehem Parks and Recreation Department, Bethlehem Police Family Services Unit, and the Bethlehem Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee.

For more information, visit <http://www.townofbethlehem.org/814/Walk-and-Roll-Fest>.

### Hometown Hero Banners in town

**GUILDERLAND** — Hometown Hero Banners are on display at Tawasentha Park and the Guilderland Public Library through November of 2018.

There are 25 banners in place at Tawasentha Park and three at the Guilderland Library. Each veteran's biography can be read on the town website at [townofguilderland.org](http://townofguilderland.org). Those looking for a specific heroes can find their banners through a map, also on the town website.

### Memorial Day Celebration

**VOORHEESVILLE** — The Village's annual Memorial Day celebrations kick off with a parade on Saturday, May 26, at 10 a.m.

The parade starts what is to be a day long celebration throughout the village, and it is capped off with a party behind the Voorheesville Fire House on Altamont Road, at 6 p.m. There will be live music featuring Joey Pucci and the American Longboards, food by the volunteer firemen, and a fireworks display behind the elementary school provided by the Jim Nichols Memorial Fund.

For more information, visit [villageofvoorheesville.org](http://villageofvoorheesville.org).

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### Back to the drawing board

On Wednesday, May 9, town planning staff recommended that the Town Board reaffirm consideration of the application in order to effectively restart the review period on the proposal, which now consists of 68 total units—46 apartments (in 14 or 18 buildings) and 22 townhomes.

“Proposed plans were not submitted until February 2018, and no time extension was requested by either the Planning Board or applicant,” reads the recommendation. “Staff is aware the applicant was working on responding to Staff and Planning Board comments during the period between October 2017 and the February 2018 submittal.”

According to the Planning Department, Tri Capital and the landowner it represents, TJ Development of West Sand Lake, LLC, have made a series of “significant” modifications to the original proposal at the request of town officials. Those changes, however, were clearly not enough to convince Town Board members to reaffirm the application without seeing even more substantial changes to the project, which has proven unpopular with neighboring residents from the beginning.

Seven residents spoke during the May 9 Town Board meeting, opposing the project for a number of reasons: its size; a proposed access point on Pine Tree Drive in a neighboring single-family residential neighborhood; potential traffic impacts; and for its lack of “public benefit,” which is one of the criteria for PDD approval. Former board member Doris Davis was among the project's opponents, criticizing the proposal for providing an inadequate community benefit. Another was concerned about property values being negatively impacted.

Two residents spoke in favor of more multi-family dwellings in Bethlehem, one of whom was in favor of the project generally. Both cited aging residents and family members who have experienced difficulty finding affordable and accessible living solutions in Bethlehem when the time comes to move out of their single-family homes.

Town Supervisor David VanLuven repeatedly referred to preservation of neighborhood character and said that he thought the size of the buildings, as well as their proximity to each other, was unquestionably uncharacteristic of the surrounding neighborhoods. He criticized the designated open space included in the plan, arguing that it couldn't provide much public benefit as it wraps around the proposed structures and isn't in a larger contiguous block. He also wondered whether it wouldn't make more sense to connect through Good Samaritan to the northeast, as that property already accommodates multi-residential units, than to utilize Pine Tree Drive as an access to the proposed development.

Other board members were also critical of the density and allotment of open space, as well as the type of land being preserved. There were a couple of questions about an alternate plan that would not require rezoning and

would place approximately 46 single-family homes on a larger portion of the 21.12 acres.

“We spent a lot of time reviewing the Comprehensive Plan and the PDD guidelines,” said Jared George, a principal at Tri Capital, who became visibly frustrated at points. He enumerated ways he felt the proposal was compatible with the plan and provided public benefits: fewer units per acre than recommended by the plan; more than a third of the property committed to open space; new sidewalks; a dog park; the location of the development; diversity of housing; and length of construction time. He agreed that the connection to Pine Tree Drive is unnecessary and said repeatedly that all access points could be on Rockefeller.

“I respect your opinion,” he said to the board. “I'm just trying to understand why, in June, we had a collective referral to the Planning Board when the project didn't look like this at all. And I truly believe that we listened and that we really dug in and we improved the plan greatly. So I'm just trying to understand.”

“I was not on the board in June, so I did not vote for the PDD,” said board member Maureen Cunningham. “So I guess that's just the nature of politics. The longer things go on, you're not going to have the same group of people.”

Jim Foster, who was also not on the board in June, said he was also concerned about community character and asked whether the developer would be willing to forego the apartment rental units in favor of building all individually-owned townhomes.

“We looked at that,” said George. “But we looked at the comprehensive plan and this is what it calls for.” While he said they would consider increasing the number of townhomes, he seemed reluctant to remove the apartments altogether. “We could maybe look at changing the ratio of owner-occupied versus luxury rentals,” he said, before criticizing the “stigma” against apartments and rental units.

Saying he was unconcerned about rental versus owner-occupied, VanLuven said he would like to see different connection points, more contiguous green space and smaller or fewer buildings. “It's just too much the way it is right now,” he said.

Ultimately, the Town Board chose not to reaffirm the application—and thus refer it back to the Planning Board—until the developer returns with a plan that reflects the concerns that were raised during the 90-minute conversation.

“Given where we are,” said VanLuven, “I think it will save you a lot of time and it will save everyone a lot of time if you go back and digest what we've said and take a look and see if you think you can do a PDD that will meet the concerns and expectations of the board.”

George agreed to revisit the plan. “We'd really appreciate it if we could come before you again in a timely fashion,” he said.



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### Student arrested after displaying electronic stun gun at school

**BETHLEHEM**—Bethlehem Central High School administrators contacted the Bethlehem Police Department on Friday, May 11, at 11:40 a.m. regarding a student found to be in possession of an electronic stun gun.

Police say they were contacted after school administrators observed a student in the high school's parking lot displaying the stun gun to other students.

Bethlehem police arrested the student for one misdemeanor count of criminal possession of a weapon in the fourth degree. The student was released on an appearance ticket and is due in Bethlehem Court on Tuesday, June 5. Police are withholding the identity of the student, as they qualify for youthful offender status pursuant to the Criminal Procedure Law of New York State.

At this time, there is no indication that the student threatened anyone with the device, or that it was brought into the building at any time. According to Commander Adam Hornick, the stun gun that was

confiscated is a small rectangular box with an electric current that arches when activated. There were no probes that could be shot from the device, which must come into direct contact with the skin to be effective.

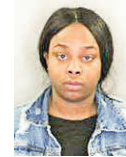
Superintendent Jody Monroe said the school district is not only cooperating with the police department in its investigation, but is also conducting its own investigation according to the district's Code of Conduct.

"We can't stress enough that when you see something, say something," said Monroe. "While there is no indication of any alleged threat to students in this matter, it was the quick thinking of alert staff that helped ensure our school grounds are safe."

"The Bethlehem Police Department and the Bethlehem Central School District continue to work together to ensure the utmost level of safety and security for the students, and community," said BPD in a statement, "as well as to ensure the highest and safest quality learning environment possible."

### Arrest made in OTB stabbing

**DELMAR**—On Sunday, May 6, at 2:55 p.m., the Bethlehem Police Department responded to the parking lot of the Delmar OTB in Delaware Plaza for a report of a stabbing. Upon arrival, police officers found a male subject with stab wounds to his arm, ear and hand. While the injuries required treatment from Delmar-Bethlehem EMS at the scene, they were not considered life threatening.



DAISE

Nahjannah Daise, 21, of Albany, was arrested at the scene and charged with one felony count of assault in the second degree and one misdemeanor count of criminal possession of a weapon in the

fourth degree. She was arraigned in the Town of Bethlehem Court by the Honorable Judge Ryan Donovan and remanded to the Albany County jail in lieu of \$4,000 cash bail or bond. A return court date was set for Tuesday, June 5.

The weapon used in this crime was reportedly recovered at the scene and police say there are no further suspects at large in regards to the case. The suspect did know the victim prior to the offense and this was not a random act.

The stabbing remains under investigation. Bethlehem Police request that anyone who witnessed the incident contact them at (518) 439-9973.

### Investigation continues into multiple thefts

**BETHLEHEM**—The Bethlehem Police Department is continuing its investigation into multiple thefts of personal property from the Elm Avenue Town Park and the Line Drive athletic fields. As a result of the investigation, police have determined that suspects involved in this course of criminal conduct have donned wigs and altered their appearance to appear similar to the victim's photographs in the documents that they stole. The suspects then attempted to cash checks in the victim's names at various drive thru windows of financial institutions in Glenmont, North Greenbush and Clifton Park.

The suspect vehicle is a newer model (most likely a 2016-2018), Dodge Grand Caravan, dark in color. In the photographs and transactions the vehicle had a switched New York license plate.

The investigation has determined that the vehicle should have an out of state plate, and is most likely a rental vehicle.

Police are requesting that people be observant for anyone putting on wigs or other similar disguises to their face and head, anyone switching license plates on vehicles or in possession of large amounts of checks and driver's licenses.

Anyone with information about the suspect or vehicle, or who may have observed this type of suspicious behavior is asked to contact Bethlehem Police at (518) 439-9973, or your local police department. The joint investigation into this case involved Bethlehem Police, Saratoga County Sheriffs, New York State Police and the Capital Region Crime Analysis Center.

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## EDUCATION

# BCSD participates in National Bike to School Day

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**DELMAR** — Local schools joined thousands across the country to partake in National Bike to School Day on Wednesday, May 9.

“We literally had hundreds of participants riding, biking — I even saw somebody on roller skates,” said Bethlehem Town Board member Maureen Cunningham. Cunningham helped spearhead the effort in the town, calling it “one of my favorite days in Bethlehem.”

The Capital District Transportation Committee supplied participating schools with posters, keychains, safety vests and more, as a means of coaxing area children to get out and ride.

Hundreds of children and parents were witnessed biking to Hamagrael Elementary School on Wednesday morning. The Delmar primary school had earned the Wheel of Knowledge trophy last year for having 325 participants, the

most for any Albany County school. This year, school buses usually full with students, were observed having only a few passengers as they rolled to the front of the school.

More students from Slingerlands Elementary and Bethlehem Middle School participated.

Cunningham expressed praise towards community leaders at the town board meeting that evening. She thanked the Bethlehem Police Department for creating a safe environment at participating schools, both in the morning and afternoon. She also shared her gratitude for the town’s Bike and Pedestrian Committee for organizing the event.

National Bike to School Day is intended to empower families to encourage children to bike or walk to school. It is also intended to stimulate local agencies to create safe environments to allow for such activities. According to [walkbiketoschool.org](http://walkbiketoschool.org), more than 3,000 schools participated in the event in 2017.



Students and parents line up outside of Hamagrael Elementary School in Bethlehem for National Bike to School Day 2018 the morning of Wednesday, May 9. View a photo gallery from this event on our website, [spotlightnews.com](http://spotlightnews.com).

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# 'All animals need love'

Mini Miss Spirit USA 2018 raises money for Mohawk Hudson Humane Society

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**BETHLEHEM** — Evelyn Rituno, a third-grader at Slingerlands Elementary School and the 2018 Mini Miss Spirit USA, has been using her success on the pageant circuit to benefit animals and local wildlife.

Rituno, who began entering pageants two years ago, has now been in 16 altogether. She has won 13 local pageants, placed second in two and won her national title last summer. She first became interested in 2015, when she was with her family at the Altamont Fair and saw the Miss Altamont Fair pageant. Her mother Ashleigh looked into it the following year and Evelyn entered. She placed second and said she had so much fun, she decided she wanted to do more.

According to Ashleigh

Rituno, pageantry isn't all just "glitz and glamour." The contestants do a lot of volunteer charity work outside of the pageants themselves. Rituno has done fundraising, appeared at numerous events and even sang Christmas carols at a nursing home. She is currently working with a girl from another pageant circuit to make dinner for the Ronald McDonald House, where she recently walked in a fundraising pageant.

While her mother explained that at Rituno's age, contestants aren't typically required to have a platform issue, they have been talking about it and, last summer, they found it.

"Last summer, me and my mom were walking and we found a baby squirrel just lying in the road," said Rituno. "So we wrapped it up in my mom's sweatshirt and put it under the wagon seat and brought it home.

And we called all these people until we found one that took injured wildlife and she took me through all the steps until she could pick up the squirrel. After that I decided that I wanted my platform to be based around animals. Not just the cute and snuggly animals like cats and dogs, but like deer, squirrels, rabbits and so my platform is 'all animals need love.'"

This year, Rituno decided that she wanted to raise money for the Mohawk Hudson Humane Society. So, she organized her own pageant at Sprinkles Spa in Clifton Park.

"She thought of the idea and did it completely herself," said her mother. Rituno chose Sprinkles because she had had a birthday party there and liked the venue. "So I set up a meeting and she went there and pitched her idea all by herself."



Wearing her National Mini Miss Spirit crown and sash, Evelyn Rituno stands in front of the more than 200 items she collected to donate to the Mohawk Hudson Humane Society.

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"And then just yesterday, we brought all this stuff to the humane society," Evelyn Rituno piped in with a grin.

She chose the venue, planned the event, and chose the prizes and crowns and color of the sashes. Sixteen girls competed in three age groups and a winner and runner-up were chosen, but every girl

received a crown. There was a Charity Queen award for the child that donated the most pet supplies as well as other optional awards.

Rituno ended up raising \$548 and collecting more than 200 donations. And she doesn't plan on stopping there.

This summer, she said she's going to look into

doing a dog-walking service to raise money for the Mohawk Hudson Humane Society, but said she's definitely also interested in directing more pageants, "because that was really fun!"

Rituno plans to continue entering pageants for the foreseeable future. While she will have to give up her national title this summer, she intends to run for the state title and return to the nationals next year. And, in between the national competitions, there are countless local and fair pageants she can enter.

"She does all natural pageants," said Rituno's mother. "She doesn't do the fake spray tans or the fake teeth. It's not Toddlers in Tiaras. It's all based on poise and how you present yourself. The national one is based on volunteer work and stuff like that and what you do in your community."

Rituno does have a lot of tiaras, though. "A lot," she said. "I can't even count. I have a lot of crowns and sashes."

While Evelyn says her favorite part of it all is making friends, she also likes being on stage. Next year, she's excited to begin acting classes.

"I think that's what she's really hoping to get out of pageants," said her mother, explaining that it's a good stepping stone to other performance-based careers.

"Because you have to talk a lot," explained the eight-year-old.

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## SPOTLIGHT ON FINANCE

## Start a successful woman-owned business

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In recognition of Small Business Month and in celebration of the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Key4Women Forum, I wanted to share some eye-opening statistics about women in business.

Today, 56 percent of the workforce is comprised of women—who hold 50 percent of management roles.

Women are opening 1,072 net new businesses every day, and women-owned businesses employ 9 million people and generate \$1.6 trillion in revenue. In fact, if you combined all women-owned businesses in the U.S. and made them their own country, that country would have the fifth largest GDP...in the world!

Clearly, women in business have come far. However, women are still prone to making the same mistakes when starting and running a business that business owners have been making for centuries. And the number one mistake I see among women-owned startups is overestimating initial sales.

The problem with overestimating initial sales is it often leads to a shortfall in working and permanent capital.

For example, let's consider a retail start-up. In order to fulfill sales, the retailer needs to have a stock of supplies. In most cases, this stock needs to be paid for prior to sale to a customer.



April Ulrich

What happens when retail start-ups overestimate initial sales is they overstock, and capital needed to pay employees, rent, utilities and other expenses, including advertising to grow the business, is tied up in product that isn't selling. It's no wonder, then, that nearly 50 percent of businesses attribute their failure to a shortage of working capital.

Here are four tips to help you avoid this financial mistake.

- **Understand your reason.** Why are you starting your business? To fill a void in the market, change your lifestyle, make a difference? Six in 10 Key Private Bank advisors say that when business owners first become clients, few know whether the goal of their business is to support their lifestyle or to reinvest back into the company for long-term growth. Knowing the type of business

you're operating is not only the first step to determining how you define success, but it is also critical to understanding how business decisions can impact your wealth in retirement.

- **Know your pitch.** What is your value proposition? Being able to articulate why your product and service will matter to customers, and sharing it with as many people as possible before you open for business, will give you a sense of how well it resonates with people and if they are willing to spend money for it.

- **Create a business plan.** Business plans are important because they allow for educated projections of future performance. Also, understanding the market and your competitors is a great way to forecast your first three years of sales and expenses. The Small Business Development Center (SBDC) and your local office of SCORE can provide guidance with research founded industry statistics to help with your business plan, especially with revenue projections.

- **Build an advisory board.** This one comes complements of Leah Busque, TaskRabbit founder and keynote speaker at the 2018 Key4Women Forum. Leah says tapping into your network to form a reliable group of advisors who can offer objective analysis and bring new skill sets where yours may be weak (technology, legal and financial

are common areas) is critical. Start with who you know and trust as well as those with experience in your industry—make sure you have them sign confidentiality agreements. Organizations such as Chamber Women's Business Council, Entrepreneurs Organization (EO) and Women's Presidents' Organization (WPO) can provide guidance and support.

Another thing to consider when starting your business is that good business doesn't always mean a strong bottom line. Sometimes the most successful businesses go beyond the balance sheet and make having a broader impact on the community it serves a top priority.

In today's world, consumers want to know that businesses

as a whole are taking a stand. In fact, according to a global sustainability report by Nielsen, customers are 43 percent more likely to purchase a product from a company they know is committed to social value.

Being a socially responsible business will also add to your community's vitality, improve customer loyalty and help drive employee recruitment and retention. According to Double the Donation, 79 percent of millennials said they consider corporate responsibility when deciding where to work, and 74 percent say their job is more fulfilling when they are provided opportunities to make a positive impact at work.

At the end of the day, there are many factors that contribute to a business's success

or failure. Due diligence and thoughtful consideration can go a long way toward establishing a strong foundation for growth.

Also, remember this: while much is made of the number of startups that fail, many succeed. For women, who have doubled the number of businesses they have founded over the past three years, this is good news. And it's good news for the economy, because according to First Round Capital, women business founders outperform men by 63 percent in terms of creating value for investors.

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## How to prepare for a successful loan application

For many business owners, the prospect of applying for a loan can be a daunting process. This is particularly true for businesses with an eye on increasing working capital and/or taking advantage of growth opportunities.

However, if you consider the preparation from the bank's point of view, things become a little simpler. The following are three key components to successfully securing a loan: financial statements, a business plan and leveraging relationships.

**Financial statements**

Proper documentation is a critical. In addition to the bank's loan application, you'll also typically need at least one or two years of tax returns, a current profit and loss statement, financial projections and personal financial documentation. If your business is established enough to give the financial institution three years of financials, do that. If not, give them as much as you can.

**Business plan**

The business plan is a written version of how your business will operate. The plan doesn't have to be complicated. It's meant to put your best business foot forward and show the lender you've thought through the business and the various opportunities and challenges it will encounter. It should address five key areas: company overview, personnel, market, money

and growth. Your plan should get readers excited about the company's prospects.

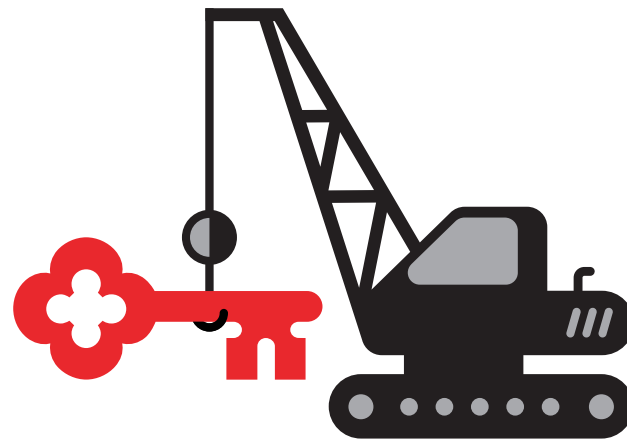
If you are applying for an SBA loan, you should also be prepared to answer variations of the following questions:

- Why are you applying for this loan?
- How will the loan proceeds be used?
- What assets need to be purchased, and who are your suppliers?
- What other business debt do you have, and who are your creditors?
- Who are the members of your management team?

**Relationships**

The first and most important thing to establish is a good relationship with the bank. Ideally, you will have been building this relationship since very early in the development of your business. This means being open with your bank about your business and keeping your banker informed of changes in your business. Did you launch a new product? Great. Let the bank know. Are you moving to a bigger location? Do you need working capital? Your banker can sit down with you and help you better understand your needs and options. Your banker can also work with you to develop concise, targeted responses that address any concerns a lender may have when reviewing your application.

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## OBITUARY

### Gonyea, William H. Sr.

**SELKIRK**—William (Bill) Gonyea Sr., 79, from Selkirk, N.Y., passed away suddenly on April 28, 2018, at home with his loving wife and two sons at his side. He was born in Albany, N.Y., on Feb. 6, 1939, the son of Leo and Elizabeth Gonyea/Kenneth and Elizabeth Gallup. He is survived by his wife, Loretta (Lockskin) Gonyea; two sons, Daniel J. Gonyea and Kenneth Gonyea; grandchildren, Jonathan Gonyea, Jordan D. Gonyea, Mariah Joy Gonyea; and sister, Nancy Gallup-Byerwalters; as well as many nieces, nephews and children cared for in his home. Bill was predeceased by his son, William Gonyea Jr.; his sister, Virginia Gonyea Porter; and his grandparents, Harold and Edith (Phelps) Van Oostenbrugge.

Bill married the love of his life, Loretta, on July 24, 1960. He loved her like she was the only person on earth until the day he died. He was an amazing father, always sharing and teaching. Bill retired from the New York State Thruway Authority, where he was a mechanic for many years. He was a loving man that was like a father figure to many in our community, sharing his wisdom and helping everyone he could, even if it required him to go without. He was



WILLIAM GONYEA

the kind of man that would give you the shirt off his back. Bill spent most of his life living his passion, building and racing multiple cars at Lebanon Valley Speedway, Fonda Speedway and many other East Coast dirt tracks. His family attended his races nearly every weekend until he retired in the late 1970s. He was loved by hundreds and respected by all.

Bill's wishes were to only have a remembrance celebration of his life

with friends and family on Saturday, June 16. The celebration will be held at The Blackthorne Resort, 348 Sunside Rd., East Durham, NY 12423, around 5 p.m. With a live band at 9 p.m., there may be rooms available if you call ahead (518) 634-2541. Please share in this celebration by bringing your favorite dish to pass, along with any photos of him and stories about the way he touched your life. All are welcome to attend.

## COMMUNITY

### Learn how cheese is made

**ALBANY**—The American Italian Heritage Museum will host a free discussion about how cheese is made after its monthly business meeting on Thursday, May 17, at 7 p.m.

Luisa Scivola and Jody Somers, the owners of the Dancing Ewe Farm, will lead the discussion. The event will be followed by a dessert reception.

For more details, call (518) 435-1979 or visit [www.americanitalianmuseum.org](http://www.americanitalianmuseum.org)

The American Italian Heritage Museum is located at 1227 Central Ave., in Albany.

### Online Business Simplified with Joseph Muench

**ALBANY**—The Honest Weight Food Co-op will host an online business seminar on Saturday, May 19 from 3 to 4 p.m.

Learn the critical elements that form the foundation of a profitable online business from Capital District online business owner Joseph Muench.

While this event is free and open to the public, registration is required.

For more information or to register, visit [www.honestweight.coop/page](http://www.honestweight.coop/page)

The Honest Weight Food Co-op is located at 100 Watervliet Ave., in Albany.

### With Pen in Hand

**ALBANY**—Paul Lamar, a retired College of Saint Rose professor, will lead a free writing workshop at the Howe Branch

of the Albany Public Library on Monday, May 21, from 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Attendees will not only become better at expressing themselves through writing but also learn how to engage in dialogue about their writing.

The Howe Branch is located at 105 Schuyler St., in Albany.

For more details, call (518) 472-9485 or visit [www.albanypubliclibrary.org/locations/howe/](http://www.albanypubliclibrary.org/locations/howe/)

### Tax Techniques Seminar

**ALBANY**—Tully Rinckey PLLC and The Bonadio Group will host a free, two session seminar titled "Tax Techniques: Preparing Your Family for the Effects of the New Tax Law" on Tuesday, May 22. The first session will run from 8 to 9 a.m., while the second session will run from 5 to 6 p.m. Both sessions will be held at The Bonadio Group's offices.

Barbara King, Esq., a family and matrimonial law partner with Tully Rinckey, and Cynthia Turoski, CPA/PFS, CFP, a managing member at Bonadio Wealth Advisors, will breakdown the facts and myths of the new tax law and discuss the legal and financial impacts they may have on your family.

For more information, contact Cassidy Herman at Tully Rinckey PLLC at (518) 218-7100 or [cherman@tullylegal.com](mailto:cherman@tullylegal.com), or Angela LaTerra of The Bonadio Group at (518) 250-7709 or [alattera@bonadio.com](mailto:alattera@bonadio.com).

The Bonadio Group's offices are located at 6 Wembley Court, off of State Route 155 in Colonie.

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## ■ HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

# Eagles finish a perfect 16-0

**BETHLEHEM** — The Eagles boys tennis team finished the season a perfect 16-0 by beating Albany Academy 5-4 on Thursday, May 10.

Conor Brandon won third singles and Lleyton Emery won fourth singles for the home squad, while Matt Bievenue and Kevin Lin won first doubles and Ryan Davis and Will Bievenue won second doubles. Justus Demarest and Matt Ramundo won third doubles to round out the day for Bethlehem.

The team will now compete in sectionals, where it will be the No. 1 seed.

Check out our website for more photos of the match against Albany Academy.

— Jim Franco



# Voorheesville falls to Greenwich

**VOORHEESVILLE** — Greenwich beat the Blackbirds in a Colonial Council matchup by a score of 7-3 on Tuesday, May 8.

Aiden Crouse had two goals and an assist for Voorheesville while Tim Burnham had a goal and Ian Owens had two assists.

Luke Pemrick had three goals and two assists to lead Greenwich while Luke Jordan had two goals. Chris Albrecht and Ellis Pemrick chipped in a goal each.

In goal, Evan O'Connor had 21 saves for the Blackbirds while Gage Boddery had 15 for the Witches.

Check out our website for more photos of the game.

— Jim Franco



■ EDUCATION

**2018-19 BCSD school calendar now available**

**DELMAR** — The Bethlehem Central Board of Education has approved the school year calendar for 2018-19. Important dates are as follows:

**First day of school for all students K-12:**  
Thursday, Sept. 6, 2018

**Winter recess:**  
Monday, Dec. 24, 2018 to Tuesday, Jan. 1, 2019

**Mid-term recess:**  
Monday, Feb. 18 to Friday, Feb. 22, 2019

**Spring Recess:**  
Friday, April 19 to Friday, April 26, 2019

**Last day of school for students K-5:**  
Tuesday, June 25, 2019

**Last day of school for students 6-12:**  
Wednesday, June 26, 2019

\*\* Please note: Spring recess was changed due to a late regional realignment of the spring 2019 academic calendar.

**New scholarship honors memory of late teacher**

BCSD establishes scholarship in the name of Chris Porter

By **ALI HIBBS**  
halhibbsa@spotlightnews.com

**DELMAR** — In a statement to announce a new scholarship to honor the memory of one of its teachers, the Bethlehem Central School District stated:

“Teachers touch the lives of so many students and those young people reach out and touch others. One can never truly know the boundaries of their reach, the lives impacted and the differences made.

As a teacher, colleague, mentor and valued friend, Chris Porter, fifth-grade teacher, left her mark on all of us. We hold her lessons dear in our hearts and we honor the teacher

she will always be.”

The Bethlehem Central Community Foundation (BCCF) announced a new scholarship fund honoring the late Chris Porter, a longtime Bethlehem fifth grade teacher who passed away last fall after a battle with brain cancer.

The Porter family and the Bethlehem Central Community Foundation have partnered with the Community Foundation for the Greater Capital Region to manage the Chris Porter Fund, which will provide an annual scholarship to Bethlehem High School Students.

Established in 1968, the Community Foundation for the Greater Capital Region is focused on strengthening the community through philanthropy. This is achieved through collaboration with donors and community partners through stewardship of

*“The joy of teaching and learning with Chris is one that all who knew her will carry through their lives,”*

— Barb Riegel, BCSD teacher



Chris Porter, once a teacher at Eagle Elementary, died last fall after a battle with brain cancer.

Submitted photo

charitable endowments, donor services, grant making and leadership to address community needs.

As a geographic fund of the Community Foundation, BCCF enjoys all the advantages of a traditional community foundation, with few of the major administrative burdens. While it has its own Board of Directors and endowment, scholarship, and operating funds, it is able to tap the resources and administrative and investment expertise of the Community Foundation.

In addition to offering scholarships, BCCF provides “classroom innovation” grants to educators and hosts community events. Its overall goal “is to enrich the overall educational process of the Bethlehem Central School District by funding programs and capital projects that are not traditionally funded

through local tax dollars or other public resources reflected in the annual school budget.”

More information about BCCF can be found at [bccommunityfoundation.org](http://bccommunityfoundation.org).

“The joy of teaching and learning with Chris is one that all who knew her will carry through their lives,” said Barb Riegel, a fifth grade teacher who was close to Porter at Eagle Elementary. “She was always a teacher who students came back to see. Chris went to recitals, plays, gatherings for her students. They found joy in reconnecting with her, and Chris found the utmost joy in following them wherever life lead them.”

To donate to the Chris Porter Scholarship:

**Cash/Check:**  
Make checks payable to The Community Foundation for the

Greater Capital Region or CFGCR, with the “Chris Porter Fund” written on the memo line, and send to The Community Foundation for the Greater Capital Region Two Tower Place Albany, NY 12203.

**Online with a credit card:**

MasterCard or Visa at [cfgcr.org/chrisporter-fund/](http://cfgcr.org/chrisporter-fund/)

**Gifts of Stock:**

Contact Mindy Derosia, The Community Foundation for the Greater Capital Region for transfer details at (518) 446-9638 or [mderosia@cfgcr.org](mailto:mderosia@cfgcr.org).

All gifts to the Chris Porter Fund of the Community Foundation for the Greater Capital Region are tax-deductible and a gift receipt will be forwarded to you upon receipt of your donation.

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# Trip Around the World

**T**rip Around the World Quilt with Patsy Quimby

Join us for a weekend program to make a Trip Around the World quilt. Local quilter, Patsy Quimby, will be here from 10 a.m. Saturday, May 19, and from 1 p.m. Sunday, May 20, to teach the pattern. The materials list will be emailed electronically or available for pickup at the library upon signup. Bring your lunch for Saturday; beverages will be offered. Please sign up for this two-day program at the May 19 calendar registration.



You must be able to attend both days to register for this class.

## Password Workshop

Don't settle for passwords like "123456." In this class, we will discuss the basics of computer security and generate strong, unique passwords using different methods. Then we will look at tools for storing and accessing them on

demand across multiple devices. Participants can bring their own devices, or use one of the Library's laptops. Please register for either the 11 a.m. or the 6 p.m. session on Monday, May 21.

## Browse, Buy and Sell with eBay

Get started buying and selling on eBay. Learn how to list items for sale, and place your own bids on all kinds of items. Join instructor Sarah McFadden at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, May 30, as she walks you through

how to create and manage an account. This program is supported by funds from the New York State Library's Adult Literacy Library Services Program, in partnership with the Capital Region Workforce Development Board and ACCES-VR.

Registering for programs helps us to determine supply needs. Unless otherwise indicated, registration is requested for all programs. You can register in person, by phone (518) 765-2791, or by using our online calendar at <http://voorheesvillelibrary.org/calendar.asp>.



Join Sarah McFadden as she instructs library patrons on how to traverse through the online marketing world of eBay on Wednesday, May 30, at the Voorheesville Library.

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against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 10 Swatling Road, Latham, NY 12110. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-183649

**Notice of Formation of an LLC: TCJ Realty Partners, LLC**  
Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on March 28, 2018. Office location is in Albany County. The 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, c/o Donald Zee, P.C. 1 Winners Circle, Suite 140, Albany, NY 12205. Purpose: for any lawful purpose. D-182104

**LEGAL NOTICE TERMINAL BREWING CO., LLC**  
**Notice of Formation of Limited Liability Company**  
Arts. of Org. of Terminal Brewing Co., LLC ("LLC") filed with Dept. of State of NY on 5/2/18. Office location: Albany County. Sec. of State designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: 29 British American Bl., Latham, NY 12110, principal business address. LLC does not have a specific date of dissolution. Purpose: All legal purposes. Filer: Lavelle & Finn, LLP, 29 British American Bl., Latham, NY 12110. D-185060

**The Colorful Violin LLC.**  
Art. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 04/27/2018. 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: New York Registered Agent, 90 State

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St., STE 700, Office 40, Ablany, NY 12207. Purpose: any lawful purpose. D-184106

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**  
THE GETTY LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 09/05/17. 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, c/o Morici & Morici, LLP, 600 Third Avenue, 15th Floor, New York, NY 10016. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-184579

**NOTICE OF PLLC FORMATION**  
THE LAW OFFICES OF BARRY M. DINERMAN, P.L.L.C. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 03/20/18. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the PLLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the PLLC, 160 Broadway, 14th Floor, New York, NY 10038. Purpose: For the practice of the profession of Law. D-182463

**NOTICE OF FILING OF ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION IN NEW YORK BY A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY**  
Name: The Music Studio of Albany, New York, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with sec. of state of NY(SOS) on 4/20/18. Office location: Albany County. SOS is designated as agent of LLC for service of process. SOS shall mail copy of process to 1237 Central Avenue, Albany, NY 12205. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity. D-183239

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THE TOLI CENTER EAST LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 04/20/18. 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, 262 Half Hollow Road, Dix Hills, NY 11746. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-183437

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**  
THREE PETALS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 03/27/18. 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, c/o Graubard & Blumenfeld, P.C., 370 Lexington Avenue, 27th Floor, New York, NY 10017. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-183430

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**  
TOOL HOUSE, L.L.C. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 04/10/18. 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, c/o Van Leer & Greenberg, Esqs., 132 Nassau Street, New York, NY 10038. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-182709

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**  
TRICITY SYSTEMS, LLC. Art. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 04/02/18. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of pro-

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cess to the LLC, 65 Rifle Range Rd, Albany, NY 12205. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-183069

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**  
UNITY STEEL HOLDINGS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 04/24/18. 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, c/o Tesser, Ryan & Rochman, LLP, 509 Madison Avenue, Suite 1004, New York, NY 10022. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-183938

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**  
VAMNY, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 04/26/18. 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, c/o Lustrin Tetelman Adler, LLP, 450 7th Avenue, 40th Floor, New York, NY 10123. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-183990

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**  
VECTOR MECHANICAL & HVAC LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 05/01/18. 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, 36-44 13th Street, Long Island City, NY 11106. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-184407

**Notice of Formation**  
of Vision Planning Consultants LLC. Articles of Org. filed with NY Sec. of State (SSNY) on 4/18/18. SSNY is designated agent of LLC for service of process. SSNY shall mail process

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to P.O. Box 442, New-tonville, NY 12128. Office location: Albany County. Purpose: Any lawful activity. D-183683

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**  
WEB RACK LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 03/20/2018. Office loc: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Brian Plouffe, 30 Myers Ct, Albany, NY 12205. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose. D-181987

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**  
WEBLEN GROUP, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/02/18. 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, c/o Edward B. Safran, Esq., 88 Pine Street, 7th Floor, Wall Street Plaza, New York, NY 10005. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-182140

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**  
WHEEL HOUSE DESIGNS, LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 04/06/2018. Office loc: Albany County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Susann Wheeler, 111 Eileen St, Albany, NY 12203. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose. D-182652

**Notice of Formation**  
of WHITEHALL ML LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with NY Secy of State (SSNY) on March 22, 2018. Office location: Albany County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall

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shall mail process to The LLC, c/o Dawn Homes Management, LLC, 20 Corporate Woods Blvd, Albany, NY 12211. Purpose: any lawful activity. D-181530

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**  
WIZARD MATCH, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 03/09/18. 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, 3725 Henry Hudson Parkway, Suite 1D, Riverdale, NY 10463. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-182283

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**  
WOLFPAQ LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 04/24/18. 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, 233 Broadway, Ninth Floor, New York, NY 10279. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-183735

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**  
WOODMONT HORN, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 05/02/18. 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, 56 Woodmont Road, Melville, NY 11747. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. EB-184542

**Working Order LLC.**  
Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 04/13/2018. Office: Albany County. Northwest Registered Agent, LLC designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall

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mail copy of process to Northwest Registered Agent, LLC at 90 State Street STE 700 Office 40, Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-182756

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**  
YESMIN & RAFIQ LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 04/16/18. 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, 110-16 63rd Road, Forest Hills, NY 11375. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-183487

**Notice of formation**  
of Your Words Perfect LLC. Articles of Org. filed with NY Secretary of State (NS) on 3/30/2018, 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-183442

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**  
YSB HOLDING LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 03/26/18. 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, c/o The Misrok Law Firm, LLP, 30 South Central Avenue, Suite 100, Valley Stream, NY 11580. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-182713



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# Cautious of Sinclair Broadcasting

Dear Editor,

The following is a cautionary tale concerning the prospect of Sinclair Broadcasting purchasing Tribune Media resulting in extending its reach to 72 percent of American households. In a democracy, a free press is at our foundation. This is dedicated to my former students, that they may be reflective, using writing skills to formulate opinions, and that they be courageous enough to use their voices, to stand up and be heard.

## Sins of Sinclair

Sinclair, the sinister puppet master, wrapped the strings around his thorny knuckles with precision, weaving a web of intentional deceit. His puppets dangled awkwardly, weightless without earth's pull and thoughtless without gravity of reflection. The puppet master's shallow eyes revealed no soul as he glared at his timepiece, persistent that the act be done not a second too late and not a second too soon. 'All together now, 1, 2, 3,' he mused as he gave the

tug of ultimate control. The sensation was thrilling and seductive. It was so addictive that barely had the deed been done that he yearned for another pull at the strings. And then as he peered down upon his wooden tools marching in unison, he spotted an errant piece of his masterful puzzle going astray, resisting his control. He was so enraged by this unsynchronized, irreverent protest that he started to shake uncontrollably. The strings on his fingers were no longer a perfect control panel, he had a

glitch ... and then another glitch, until the symmetry of the strings dissolved into a ratted mess. The Eagle freed itself from the lines and ascended into the spacious blue sky. The view was magnificent. The majestic mountains a glorious purple, the grain a lovely amber, the plains bountiful, while patriots and pilgrims paraded together in celebration of a democracy redeemed.

You are your body and mind and you are your own puppet master. Treat yourself with dignity and respect and when

something feels wrong, have the courage to stand up and speak up, no matter the consequences. I only wish that our local WRGB had been willing to do as much. Next time I hope they carry a conscience and a pair of scissors before robotically submitting to power.

Respectfully submitted,  
Felicia Bordick  
Delmar

## LIBRARIES AND SENIORS

# From Spring Training to Screen Test

Join University at Albany Film Professor and WAMC film commentator Rob Edelman as he discusses his new work, "From Spring Training to Screen Test: Baseball Players Turned Actors," at GPL on Monday, May 21, at 7 p.m.

Edelman's fascinating collection of entertaining essays by members of the Society for American Baseball Research unites two separate yet inexorably connected domains: the sport of baseball and

the art and creativity of film, television, and other forms of entertainment. It features articles on baseball folk from the famous (Chuck Connors, Bob Uecker, Mike Donlin, Gene Autry, Ron Shelton) to the forgotten (Al Gettel, Lou Stringer, Wally Hebert, Wally Hood). Along the way, Edelman examines the way in which

baseball has been depicted on the small screen, from Don Drysdale's and Leo Durocher's appearances on "Mister Ed" and "The Beverly Hillbillies" to Jim Bouton's ill-fated "Ball Four" TV series. (About Drysdale: He played "Don Drysdale" on "The Donna Reed Show," "Leave It To Beaver," and "The Brady Bunch.")

This talk, full of fun anecdotes, will prove to be a delight for everyone, not just sports fans.

## Senior Safety: At Home, Online, in Your Community

Officers from the Guilderland Police Department will present Senior Safety: At Home, Online, and In Your Community, at GPL on Tuesday, May 22, at 1 p.m. This 90-minute class gives you tips to help keep you safe regardless

of where you are. They will also discuss internet safety and security, and how to avoid online scams that target senior citizens. Please register for this vital presentation by calling (518) 456-2400, ext 4.

## Memorial Day!

The Library will be closed three days for the Memorial Day Weekend: Saturday, May 26; Sunday, May 27; and Monday, May 28. We will reopen Tuesday, May 29, at 10 a.m.

— Mark Curiale



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LIBRARIES AND SENIORS

# A prom for the young at heart

Seniors and older adults, you are invited to dress up and enjoy an enchanting afternoon at Bethlehem Town Hall this Friday, May 18, at the Seniors Prom: Royal Wedding. Enjoy some refreshments and music from Betsy and the Byegones, or get your portrait taken at Buckingham Palace, courtesy of the library's green screen. The event takes place in the Town Hall Auditorium from 2 to 5 p.m.

While this event is free, reservations are required for attendance or transportation. Please call (518) 439-4955, ext. 1176, to RSVP. The Seniors Prom is co-sponsored by the library and Bethlehem Senior Projects, Inc.

## Storytime

Calling all babies, toddlers and preschoolers! Spring storytimes are



ending, so it's time to show off those literacy skills and dance, sing and play games on the Green at our spring celebration this Friday, May 18, at 10:30 a.m.

You'll still be able to get your storytime fix this summer with Tiny Tots, Family Storytime, On My Own and Storywalk at the Park. Pick up a schedule next time you are at the library or visit [www.bethlehempubliclibrary.org](http://www.bethlehempubliclibrary.org) for more information.

## Pet a Porter

Share your pet-friendly styles at a fashion show on the Green Sunday, May 20, at 2 p.m. for pets and stuffed animals. This is the culmination of the library's Project Runway: Dress Your Pet series, but attendance at previous programs is not necessary

to participate. To share your pet's unique sense of style at the show, please sign up online at [www.bethlehempubliclibrary.org](http://www.bethlehempubliclibrary.org) or call (518) 439-9314. This event is for all ages, and anyone is welcome to watch the show!

## Share your skills

The library is busy planning a pair of events in late summer and fall that will feature the many talents of our community members.

On Saturday, Aug. 4, we will host a How-To Festival, where you can learn about a wide variety of skills, from blacksmithing to crochet. We are looking for local people interested in sharing their expertise.

We will also be presenting our second Local Author Book Fair on Sunday, Sept. 30, and are seeking published authors living in Albany County who are interested in taking part.

If you would like to participate in either event, please contact Natalie McDonough at (518) 439-9314, ext. 3023 or by email at [natalie@bethpl.org](mailto:natalie@bethpl.org).

## Election results

View the results of Tuesday's election on our website at [www.bethlehempubliclibrary.org](http://www.bethlehempubliclibrary.org).

## Holiday hours

Bethlehem Public Library will be closed Memorial Day weekend Saturday-Monday, May 26-28. Access the library catalog and other library services online anytime at [www.bethlehempubliclibrary.org](http://www.bethlehempubliclibrary.org).

## Be a summer volunteer

We're looking for volunteers who will be in grade 6-12 in September to help with our summer reading program. Our teens staff the summer

reading desk, assist with online submissions, read to children, review books, and help with programs and activities. Applications are available online at [www.bplteens.org](http://www.bplteens.org) and in the library. They will be accepted until 9 p.m. June 4 or until all positions are filled. Volunteers must attend an orientation session.

## Upcoming events

All events are free and take place at Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar. For more information, call (518) 439-9314 or visit [bethlehempubliclibrary.org](http://bethlehempubliclibrary.org).

## Thursday, May 17

### Listening Parties: Miles Davis

Talk about how the many moods of Miles embodied such different stylistic approaches to jazz, 7 p.m.

## Sunday, May 20

### Knit One Purl One

If you're an experienced knitter, bring your current project. If you're a beginner, bring size 8 knitting needles no longer than 10 inches; we'll provide yarn and get you started, 2-3 p.m. For adults, teens and kids age 9 and up.

## Tuesday, May 22

### Origami for Kids

Enjoy some paper-folding fun as you create a project with us or bring something you want to work on together, 3:30-4:45 p.m. For kids and families.

## Wed., May 23

### Three Little Pigs STEM Storytime

Listen to the story of the three pigs, then experiment with different building materials and see the tale from the wolf's perspective, 10:30 a.m. For children up to age 6 with family.

— Kristen Roberts



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■ BUSINESS

### ShopRite Supermarkets Donates \$29,150 to Bernard & Millie Duker Children's Hospital at Albany Med

ALBANY — ShopRite Supermarkets, Inc. recently donated \$29,150 to the Bernard & Millie Duker Children's Hospital at Albany Med in support of the hospital's mission to provide the very best in advanced pediatric care to the region's most seriously ill and injured children.

To raise funds, ShopRite stores in the Capital District collected donations at checkout and hosted in-store activities and events during separate fundraising campaigns in November 2017 and February 2018. The donation will help provide world-class pediatric specialists with the tools they need to deliver the finest level of care to patients using the latest advances and innovations. ShopRite has raised over \$113,000 for the children's hospital since 2015.

"We are so honored to continue our partnership with the Bernard & Millie Duker Children's Hospital at Albany Med in support of its efforts to provide the very best pediatric care to the most seriously ill and injured children living in the communities our stores serve," said Brett Wing, president and chief operating officer, ShopRite Supermarkets, Inc. "Charitable giving is a core value of our ShopRite team, and this contribution would not be successful without the support and generosity of our terrific customers and staff."

"We are extremely thankful for ShopRite's generous donation," said David A. Clark, M.D., director of the Bernard & Millie Duker Children's Hospital at Albany Med.

ShopRite stores that participated in the fundraising campaign include Albany, Colonie, Fairview Plaza in Hudson, Niskayuna and Slingerlands.

# The benefits of local newspapers

Local newspapers play vital roles in communities across the globe. The Information Age has changed the way many people get their news, but local newspapers continue to serve as valuable resources for readers interested in learning more about and becoming more involved in their communities.

While local publishers continue to adapt to the changes brought about by technology, the following are a handful of benefits unique to local newspapers.

- Local newspapers keep readers up-to-date on their own communities. Globalization may be here to stay, but that does not mean local communities are no longer home to newsworthy events. National and international

newspapers and 24-hour cable news channels can keep men and women up-to-date on national and world news, but in many instances, local newspapers are the only means people have to learn about what's going on in their own communities. Local politics impact residents' lives every day, and local newspapers cover local politics extensively.

- Local newspapers benefit nearby businesses. Small business owners often connect with community members via local newspapers. A strong, locally based small business community can improve economies in myriad ways, creating jobs in the community and contributing tax dollars that can be used to strengthen local schools and infrastructure. And

local newspapers do their part by providing affordable and effective advertising space to local business owners looking to connect with their communities.

- Local newspapers can strengthen communities. Local newspapers are great resources for residents who want to become more active in their communities and learn more about community events. Local newspapers often showcase community events like carnivals, local theater productions and projects like park cleanups. These are great ways for readers to become more active in their communities and build stronger communities as a result.

- Local newspapers can benefit children. National newspapers may have little age-appropriate content

to offer young children, but local newspapers tend to include more soft news items than national periodicals, and such stories typically are appropriate for young readers. According to Newspapers in Education, students who participated in an NIE group in Florida performed significantly better in spelling and vocabulary than nonreaders. Additional studies have indicated that students who use newspapers in the classroom perform better on standardized reading tests than those who do not use newspapers in class.

Many local newspapers have played vital roles in their communities for decades, providing a go-to resource for local readers and business owners.

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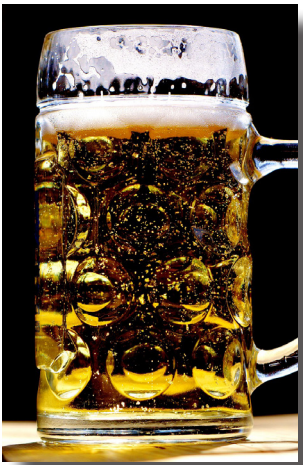
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A celebration at The Ruck in Troy and St. Sophia's annual Greek Festival highlights some of the many events happening this week around the Capital District.

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# #518 Songfest

One day music fest highlights some of brightest in local music

**By KAITLIN LEMBO & MICHAEL HALLISEY**

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**ALBANY** — Call it serendipitous, or an act of marketing genius, but the one-day music festival that will showcase some of the best musical acts to come out of this area code falls on Friday, May 18.

Or, if you still use a checkbook to pay your bills, that's 5/18.

This year's 518 Songfest features Moriah Formica, Sydney Worthley, Super 400, Sandy McKnight's Pop-Clique, and Julie Gold, performing at The Egg on Friday, starting at 7 p.m. Tickets range from \$9.77 to \$20 and can be purchased at [tickets.theegg.org](http://tickets.theegg.org).

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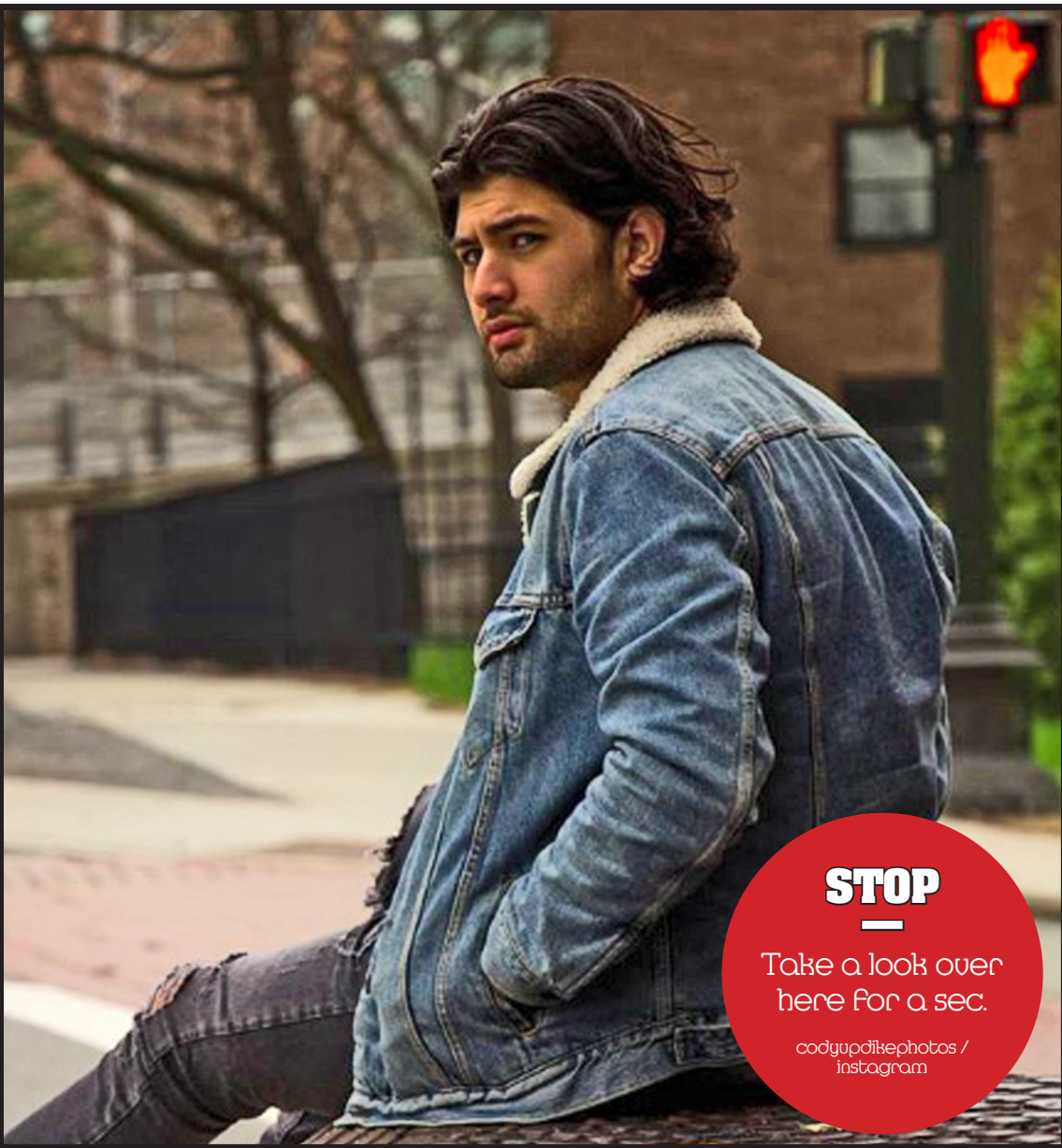
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*"Every show that I perform in the Capital Region is special because it's like I'm performing for my family. I feel so loved every time I hit the stage."*




— Moriah Formica, headlining act for 518 Songfest



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## RECENTLY ANNOUNCED

# Hidden Garden Tour returns

Event invites the public into the private sanctuaries of city dwellers.

By **DUNCAN CRARY**

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**TROY** — “Most people only ever see the facades of our brownstones from the streets,” said Peter Grimm, president of the Friends of Prospect Park. “This is a special kind of event that invites visitors into the hidden, green spaces of our city. It really showcases the humanity and livability of Troy.”

Now in its 19th year, the Hidden Garden Tour is a fundraiser to benefit Troy’s Prospect Park held rain or shine on Thursday, May 24 from 4 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. In previous years, the event attracted more than 700 tour goers. This year attendance is expected to be even higher because of the growing excitement and interest in Troy. But organizers say there’s always plenty of room for more!

The self-guided walking tour features approx. 30 private backyard gardens in the Historic Sage, Washington Park and adjoining neighborhoods of downtown Troy.

While most of the gardens are approximately the same size, about 20 feet by 30 feet, they vary greatly in style. Some of the gardens feature charming pathways, fountains and pools. Some are filled with flowers, while others have more plants and vegetables -- all lovingly tended by gardeners of all skill levels.

“Two people actually bought houses in downtown Troy as a result of this event, because they could see what was possible,” said event organizer Nina Pattison.

## Pets, Strollers, Etc.

The gardens are small and may include stairs and unpaved or cobblestone paths. Dogs are welcome in Troy’s neighborhoods, but not directly in the gardens.

## Parking

Free event parking is provided at the Russell Sage College lot, located at First and Division streets. Additional free parking is available in lots farther south on First Street.

## Benefit For Prospect Park

The Hidden Garden Tour is presented by The Friends of Prospect Park, a 501(c)3 nonprofit. All proceeds from the Hidden Garden Tour benefit ongoing improvement projects in Prospect Park, located on Congress Street in Troy.

Since 1996, The Friends of Prospect Park have worked to enhance enjoyment of the Park through annual brush-ups, playground improvements, updated signage, increased musical programming, bulb and tree plantings, new benches, with further upgrades planned.



## Relief At Carmen’s Cafe

The Hidden Garden Tour map is also a ticket for free light refreshments and a restroom stop, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., at Carmen’s Cafe, located at 198 First St.

Later at Carmen’s, there will be a fundraising Prix Fixe menu dinner benefiting The Friends of Prospect Park, from 6 to 8:30 p.m. For dinner reservations at Carmen’s call (518) 326-2064.

Admission to the Hidden Garden Tour is \$10. Tickets are available in advance online at [troygarden.brownpapertickets.com/](http://troygarden.brownpapertickets.com/) or for cash only on the day of at the check-in-table at the Russell Sage College Parking lot.

For information regarding the Hidden Garden Tour, call Rhe Potenza at (518) 424-5303 or email Nina at [ninapattison@gmail.com](mailto:ninapattison@gmail.com).

## WHAT’S HAPPENING NOW

### The Front Bottoms

Upstate Concert Hall – Tuesday, May 22

**CLIFTON PARK** — The Front Bottoms will perform at the Upstate Concert Hall on Tuesday, May 22, at 8 p.m.

The Front Bottoms are an indie rock band hailing from New Jersey, and have released six studio albums since 2008. The band has had four albums break onto the Billboard top 200, including *Going Grey* which peaked at No. 32 in 2015. The band will release their 7th album, “Ann,” on Thursday, May 17.

Tickets are \$22 in advance, and \$26 at the door.

For tickets and more information visit [upstateconcerhall.com](http://upstateconcerhall.com).

The Upstate Concert Hall is located at 1208 Rte. 146 in Clifton Park.

### The CrossFit Games

Times Union Center – Friday, May 18 to Sunday, May 20

**ALBANY** — The annual CrossFit Games will be at the Times Union Center from Friday, May 18 through Sunday, May 20, starting at 9 a.m. on each day.

This event is based on finding the most well rounded athlete in the northeast of the United States and Canada. Starting with an online open, the athlete pool has been cut down to 80 men and women, as well as four person teams, to compete to go to Madison, Wisconsin to compete for the grand prize. The athletes will have to try their hands at a variety of different physical exercises including short and long distance running as well as lifting.

Tickets for this event are \$35 for the day, or \$90 for all three days.

For tickets and more information visit [timesunioncenter-albany.com](http://timesunioncenter-albany.com).

The Times Union Center is located at 51 South Pearl St. in Albany.

### Improv Jam! at MopCo

MopCo Theatre – Thursday, May 17

**SCHENECTADY** — The MopCo Theatre will host Improv Jam!, and improvisational comedy show, on Thursday, May 17 from 7 to 9 p.m.

The show will feature comedy bits made up on the spot, with audience members able to join in and give improv a try, or sit back and enjoy the show.

Tickets are \$5.

For tickets and more information visit [mopco.org](http://mopco.org)

The MopCo Theatre is located at 10 N. Jay Street in Schenectady.

### Pinkalicious: The Musical

The Palace Theatre – Sunday, May 20

**ALBANY** — The Palace Theatre will host the Park Playhouse production of *Pinkalicious: The Musical* on Sunday, May 20 at 2 p.m.

Based off the book, the musical follows the titular character as her love of pink gets her into trouble when she eats too many pink cupcakes and turns pink herself.

Tickets are \$20 for adults, and free for children.

For tickets and information visit [palacealbany.com](http://palacealbany.com).

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The Low Beat – Friday, May 18

ALBANY — The Figgs will perform at the Low Beat on Friday, May 18, at 8 p.m.

The band was created in 1987 and has since turned out several albums of its classic and punk rock inspired music. Though the band members now live in different cities, they occasionally get back together to record and perform.

This event is free and open to the public.

The Low Beat is located at 335 Central Ave. in Albany.

Stephen Clair and The Pushbacks

The Linda – Friday, May 18

ALBANY — Stephen Clair and The Pushbacks will perform at the Linda on Friday, May 18, from 8 to 10 p.m.

Stephen Clair grew up in Albany, leaving the area to perform his blues and rock tunes in various cities throughout the US.

Tickets are \$15 in advance, and \$18 the day of the event.

The Linda is located at 339 Central Ave. in Albany.

FEATURE

See now, buy now

Michael Razzano, Albany's next bright young singer, to headline Albany Fashion Week

By MICHAEL HALLISEY  
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ALBANY— Anna Sui recently shared her most memorable moment involving New York Fashion Week with *Vogue* magazine. It didn't quite amount to Paris Fashion Week in 1991 when Madonna wore the designer's clothing and launched her young career into the stratosphere. Instead, she remembered how Ronald McDonald appeared at her Gotham show a few years later wearing the same bright orange wig as she was.

This weekend, Albany is throwing its own fashion week: A showcase for local designers to flaunt their designs. But, instead of upstaging Anna Sui, this will be Ronald McDonald's show. It starts with a free exhibit of the Albany Fashion Week Expo on Friday, May 18, from 5 to 9 p.m., at the Pearl Street Pub. The runway opens up to models the following evening in front of the Pearl Street Pub on Saturday, May 19, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Attendees can shop from various vendors from 5 to 9 p.m. Tickets range from \$30 to \$100 and are available at eventbrite.com. Proceeds from the event go towards the Ronald McDonald House.

Such fashion expos set the stage for creative minds to showcase new ideas, and like Sui's rise in Paris more than 25 years ago, a star can be born. In Albany, there is such a

*"We were impressed with his voice, but we were also impressed with his stage presence. His charisma on stage is incredible. It's so natural. It's really good."*

— Andrew Gabriel,  
Ambassador Music Group

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creative mind making his debut, and the stage will be his this weekend.

Michael Razzano is no stranger to the stage. Since he was a kid in middle school, he aspired for a life on Broadway. Making a connection with an audience, singing before thousands while in character. That's how Andrew Gabriel remembers his first encounter with Razzano.

Gabriel, the artist manager and producer at Ambassador Music Group, had just moved to the area with his wife Rose from Los Angeles when they both attended a production of "Rent" at Skidmore College in Saratoga Springs.

"We actually met Michael before we met Sydney [Worthley]," said Gabriel. Worthley is another of his clients who has quickly climbed the ranks within our local scene since dropping

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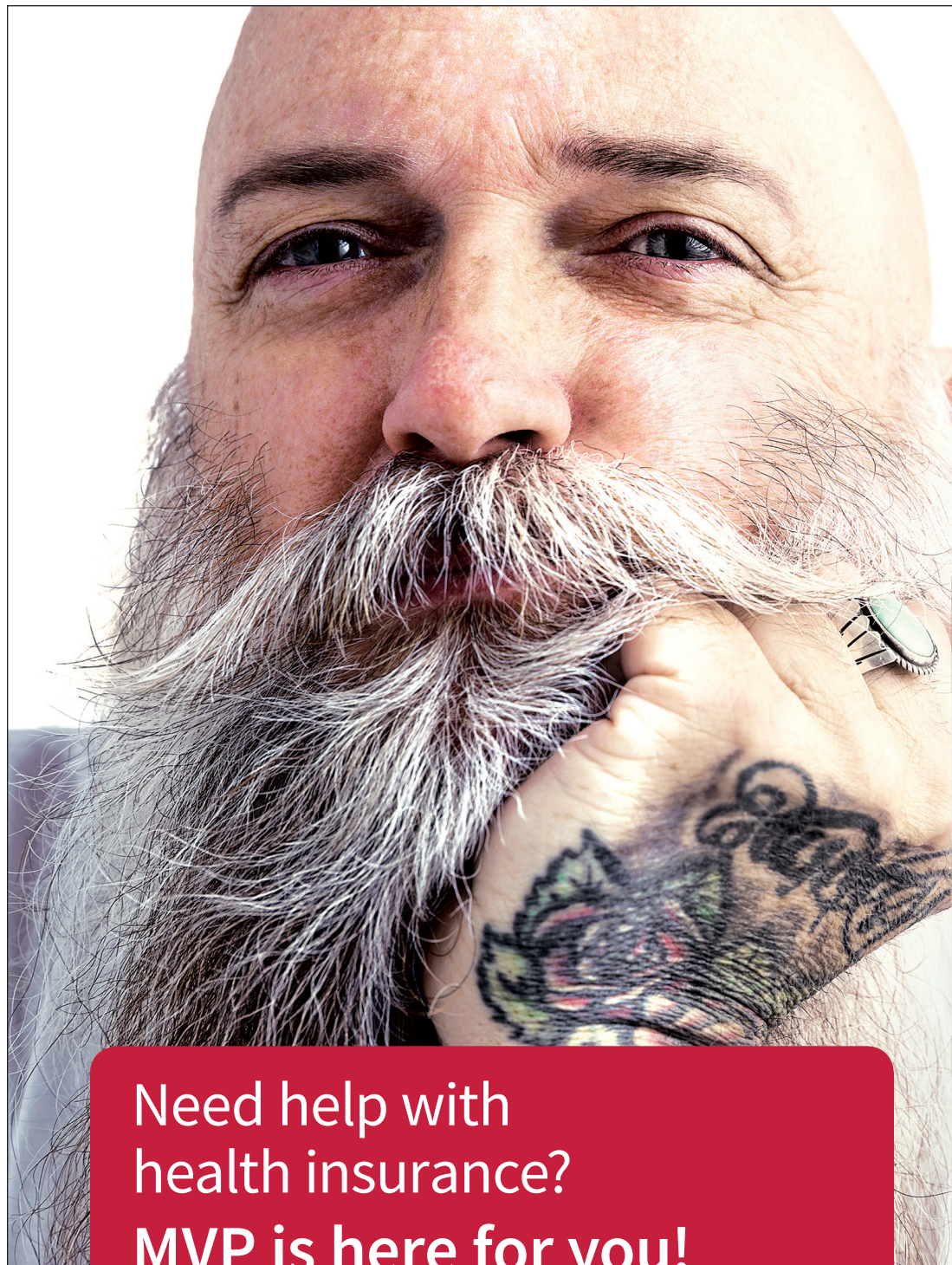
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**The Ruck — Wednesday, May 16**

**TROY** — Celebrate 20 years of The Ruck with 20 special, unique beers on Wednesday, May 16, from 6 to 11 p.m.

The Ruck is collaborating with 20 different breweries throughout New York, each brewing unique beers for a special anniversary that happens to fall on American Craft Beer Week.

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For more information, call (518) 273-1872.

The Ruck is located at 104 3rd Street, in Troy.

**DAY: St. Sophia 2018 Greek Festival**

**St. Sophia Greek Orthodox Church – Friday, May 18 through Sunday, May 20**

**ALBANY** — The St. Sophia Greek Orthodox Church will host its annual Greek Festival on Friday, May 18, from 6 to 10 p.m., Saturday, May 19, from 12 p.m. to 10 p.m., and Sunday, May 20, from 12 p.m. to 7 p.m.

The event feature Greek food and dancing, as well as souvenirs and jewelry. There will also be amusement rides for children and a tour of the church.

Tickets are \$3 for adults and free for children.

The St. Sophia Greek Orthodox Church is located at 440 Whitehall Road in Albany.

For more information visit [www.stsophia.net](http://www.stsophia.net).

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■ **WHAT'S HAPPENING NOW**

**Keep Flying, El Modernist and Lame Concert**

**Pauly's Hotel – Thursday, May 17**

**ALBANY** — Keep Flying, El Modernist and Lame will perform at Pauly's Hotel on Thursday, May 17, from 7:30 to 11:30 p.m.

Keep Flying is a pop punk artist and has released two albums since 2016, "Follow Your Nightmares," and "Walkabout." El Modernist hails from Albany, and produces a indie rock garage band inspired music. Lame comes from Latham, and has kept true to its punk rock roots in music and revolving door band membership.

Tickets are \$7 at the door.

Pauly's Hotel is located at 337 Central Ave. in Albany.

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

**Hudson Valley Hops**

**New York Institute of Art and History – Saturday, May 19**

**ALBANY** — The New York Institute of Art and History will host a craft beer tasting fundraiser on Saturday, May 19, from 4 to 7 p.m.

The event will hold craft beer tasting, a lecture on craft beer, and old brewing items from the Institute. Attendees will also receive a commemorative glass.

Tickets are \$35 for the general public in advance, and \$40 on the day of the event.

The New York Institute of Art and History is located at 125 Washington Ave. in Albany.

**Sip, Shop and Connect**

**Polish Community Center – Sunday, May 20**

**ALBANY** — The Polish Community Center will host a wine tasting and shopping event on Sunday, May 20, from 12 to 4 p.m.

The event will have gift baskets, and local vendors. There will also be employers showcasing their openings.

This event is free and open to the public.

The Polish Community Center is located at Washington Ave. Ext. in Albany.

**Jaws**

**The Palace Theatre – Monday, May 21**

**ALBANY** — The Palace Theatre will hold a showing of "Jaws" on Monday, May 21, at 8 p.m.

Filled with shark attacks, wit, and the need for a bigger boat, the Spielberg classic is reaching its 38th year since its release and remains a horror classic.

Tickets are \$5.

For tickets and more information visit [www.albanypalace.org](http://www.albanypalace.org).











exhibit for all ages provides a hands on and up close look at the human body's most essential and fascinating organ by exploring its development, geography and function. In the process, the exhibition makes brain-related disorders easier to understand. Opens Sat., May 19. 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**  
**New: "Art in the Foyer: Tom Caravaglia in Celebration of Alwin Nikolais."** Features images by the renowned dance photographer Caravaglia of the work of the groundbreaking choreographer and multimedia artist, Nikolais, in the 25th anniversary year of his passing. **Upcoming: "Alicia Alonso's Giselle" Photo Exhibition and Octavio Roca Welcome Reception.** Special photography exhibit in advance of the National Ballet of Cuba's acclaimed production of the work, is paired with a reception with Roca, an author and former music and dance critic with several major newspapers, for his first of three visits to Saratoga this season. 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: "a small fort, which our people call Fort Orange."** This exhibition examines the momentous discovery of Fort Orange and the lasting impact of events occurring there 400 years ago that shaped the character of the region, state, and the nation. Select artifacts, film footage from the excavation preceding the

construction of I-787, and four decades of historical and archaeological research are highlighted—including renderings of the fort by Historical Artist Len Tantillo. Dutch ceramics on loan from the Albany Institute of History & Art help bring life to the story. In Adirondack Hall through May 5, 2020. Also, **"Art of the Erie Canal."** The Erie Canal, the foremost engineering marvel of the 19th century, sparked the imagination of artists in America and abroad. This exhibition looks at the art inspired by the canal, and the opportunities it afforded artists, both trained and untrained, working in a variety of media. A selection of 60 works comes from the collections of the New York State Museum, the Arkell Museum at Canajoharie, and other cultural institutions and private lenders from across the state. Photography Gallery, through Sun., Sept. 23. 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, 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. 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: The 14th Annual BFA Exhibition.** Annual showcase features works by seniors in the college's art and design Bachelor of Fine Arts programs, including Fine Art, Photography, Interior Design and Graphic + Media Design. Through Mon., June 11. Gallery hours: Tues.-Fri., 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Sat., noon to 4 p.m.; Mondays by appointment only.

Sage College of Albany, 140 New Scotland Ave., Albany. Free admission. (518) 292-7742 or opalka.sage.edu

**Photographic Expressions Studio & Gallery**  
**Continuing: "The Third annual Juried Exhibition PHOTO21:PIXEL,"** featuring works by Jill Baucom, Allison DeBritz, Allen Morris, Alex Nye, Jennifer Wilkerson and Thom Williams that envisages tangible objects and places as well as more visually inexplicable phenomena, like time, cultural experience and perception. Through Fri., May 25. 455 Broadway, Troy. Free admission. Gallery hours: Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from noon to 5 p.m.; hours subject to change; call ahead to schedule an appointment. (518) 621-5360 or www.photographicexp.com

**Saratoga Arts**  
**Continuing: "Captured Light,"** featuring photography by Ronda Anderson, Janene Bouck, Daniel DeRusso, Brian Hoffman and Phil Scalia. Opens Sat., May 12, in the Main Gallery. Opening reception from 6 to 8 p.m. Through Sat., June 16. **Continuing: Printmaking by Amanda Kralovic,** in the Members' Hall Gallery, and **"Howth," photography by Jennifer Brownell** in the Reception Area Gallery through Thurs., May 31. 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**  
**Continuing: "Mapping Schenectady."** Some of SCHS' most prominent and interesting maps are now on permanent display in the Map Gallery. Also, **"Beyond the Pines: Early Schenectady,"** an exhibit focused entirely on early Schenectady: its founding, its people, and what life was like for the city's earliest residents. Includes the recently restored painting "Painting of A Boy," one of the most significant portraits in the society's collection. Also, **"Changing**

**Downtown: The Rise, the Raze and the Revitalization of Schenectady."** By exploring the forces that shaped the Electric City, we can better understand ourselves and our vision for the future. Through Fri., Nov. 30. Plus 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

**Schick Art Gallery**  
**Continuing: "The Juniors Show."** Through Sat., June 2. Gallery Hours: Wednesday through Saturday from noon to 4 p.m. or by appointment. Skidmore College, 815 North Broadway, Saratoga Springs. Free. (518) 580-5049 or www.skidmore.edu/schick

**Dan Sekellic Visual Arts Gallery**  
**Continuing: Ron Greenberg, photographer.** Greenberg purchased his first SLR camera in 1974 and has loved taking landscape and cityscape photographs ever since. Upon retirement 2 years ago, he decided to turn this hobby of love into a profession. Now armed with a Digital SLR, he is creating fine art on a commercial basis. Some of the more recent locales he has photographed include Costa Rica, Ireland, Italy and the California coast. Artist's reception scheduled for Sun., May 20, at 1 p.m. On display through Sat., June 30. 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, or during performances. Free admission. (518) 674-2007 or slca-ctp.org

**Tang Teaching Museum**  
**Opening Friday: "Dona Nelson: Stand Alone Paintings,"** which features more than 30 works from the last 40 years to demonstrate the breadth and continuity of her influential painting career. In the Wachenheim Gallery through Sun., Aug. 12. Also, **"2018 Senior Thesis Exhibition,"** which features works

created by 37 senior studio arts majors as a capstone to their studies. On view through Sat., May 19. Special hours: Fri., May 11, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Sat., May 12 & Sun., May 13: noon to 5 p.m.; Mon., May 14, through Wed., May 16, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Thurs., May 17, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Fri., May 18, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sat., May 19, noon to 6 p.m. Opening receptions for the above exhibits will be held Fri., May 11 from 6 to 8 p.m. **Continuing: "Rose Ocean: Living with Duchamp,"** revisits a 2003 Tang Museum exhibition also called "Living with Duchamp," and will feature works by more than 30 contemporary artists whose conceptual and irreverent works engage with Duchamp's oeuvre. On view in the Malloy Wing through Sun., May 20. Also, **"to be with art is all we ask: Radical Print Culture from the Steven Lieber Archive (1976-1987),"** features more than 200 works on paper from the archive of the pioneering collector and dealer who specialized in artists' books, editions and ephemera. On view in the Bernhard Atrium through Sun., June 3. Also, **"Elevator Music 35: Ephraim Asili: Jazz Salt."** Asili, a filmmaker, multimedia artist, DJ, radio host and educator, challenges definitions of originality and art. A 30-minute cassette, recorded on a four-track cassette recorder, includes samples and newly created music and vocalizations, which together ask us to examine sampling as an art form unto itself and to question at what point a sound can—or should—be defined as original. On view through Sun., May 20. Also, **"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. 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

**Union College Galleries**  
**Continuing: LGBTQ @ Union: We Are ALL Union,'** features drawings, paintings, illustrations, photographs, digital art, poetry and film by current students, alumni and professors. On view in the Wikoff Student Gallery, Nott Memorial, through Mon., June 18. **"Concinnitas Portfolio,"** ten fine art aquatint prints featuring equations, expressions or formulas transcribed by ten notable mathematicians and physicists in response to the prompt to record their "most beautiful mathematic expression." In the Castrucci Gallery, inside the Nott Memorial through Summer 2018. Also **"Branding the AfroFuture"** by Stacey Robinson. Multimedia work discusses "Black Utopias" as spaces of peace away from colonial influence by considering Black protest movements and the art movements that document them. Part of the Art Installation Series. Extended through Sat., June 30, in the Schaffer Library Learning Commons. Also, **"Probability & Uncertainty,"** which features more than 30 historic, scientific instruments from the permanent collection juxtaposed with six contemporary female artists working with scientific themes. Through Sun., June 17 in the Mandeville Gallery. Hours (all galleries): Daily, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. 807 Union St., Schenectady. Free. (518) 388-6004 or muse.union.edu/mandeville/home

**University Art Museum**  
**Continuing: Master of Fine Arts Thesis Exhibition,** featuring works by the 11 candidates for MFA. Through Sun., May 20. Uptown Campus, University at Albany, 1400 Washington Ave., Albany. Regular hours Wed., May 16, through Fri., May 18 (10 a.m. to 5 p.m.) Expanded hours for Commencement Weekend: Sat., May 19, and Sun., May 20: 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free admission. (518) 442-4035 or www.albany.edu/museum

# HOROSCOPES

## May 2018 Week 3

**ARIES – MAR 21/APR 20**  
Aries, soon you will be able to clarify your thinking and articulate your needs to others. Until then, you need to wait for an opportunity to share your point of view.

**TAURUS – APR 21/MAY 21**  
Taurus, if you have been struggling with a challenging situation, you'll get some much-needed support this week. Use the break to treat yourself to something special.

**GEMINI – MAY 22/JUN 21**  
Some epic action may be on tap for you this week, Gemini. You may have to slow things down if everything is moving too quickly. A lively group of people will join you.

**CANCER – JUN 22/JUL 22**  
Cancer, a surge of energy may have you working overtime to complete a task. Just come up for a breather once in a while. Such respites can prove rejuvenating.

**LEO – JUL 23/AUG 23**  
Distant lands may be calling you, Leo. So be sure your passport is in order and set up those discount fare alerts to your email. It's time to get away for some R&R.

**VIRGO – AUG 24/SEPT 22**  
Virgo, be careful what you wish for, as you may just get everything you desire. It's uncertain how things may turn out, so be ready to make changes as needed.

**LIBRA – SEPT 23/OCT 23**  
Is love in the air, Libra? If you are feeling more amorous than usual, you may be ready for a new relationship or ready to add some spice to your current one.

**SCORPIO – OCT 24/NOV 22**  
Health, wisdom and wealth could be in your sights, Scorpio. Why not throw in being well-liked as well? This is your time to soar. Enjoy the ride while it lasts.

**SAGITTARIUS – NOV 23/DEC 21**  
Devote more time to self-care right now, Sagittarius. You may need some time to yourself to recharge. When you are done, you can once again be a person of action.

**CAPRICORN – DEC 22/JAN 20**  
Capricorn, you may be feeling a little wild this week or ready to just hang around in your pajamas and relax. Either way works as long as you're happy doing it.

**AQUARIUS – JAN 21/FEB 18**  
Your powers of persuasion are dialed up, Aquarius. You can convince others of just about anything you want them to do right now. Use this skill wisely.

**PISCES – FEB 19/MAR 20**  
Pisces, a love of fine things could find you in financial peril if you are not careful with spending. Set limits on how much you treat yourself.



## CULINARY ARTS



# Food & Vino

## Grilled Flank Steak With Chimichurri

Grilling season is upon us, and grillmasters everywhere are gearing up for backyard barbecues. Those who want to add a taste of Argentina to their steaks this summer can use the following recipe for “Grilled Flank Steak With Chimichurri” from Kevin Gillespie’s “Fire in My Belly” (Andrews McMeel Publishing).

Rotate the steak 90 degrees and grill for 3 minutes. Flip the steak so the grain is again at a 45-degree angle to the grates; grill for 5 minutes more. Rotate 90 degrees and cook to rare (120 to 125 F internal temperature), about 2 minutes longer. Transfer the steak to a plate and let the meat rest for 5 minutes. Slice the steak very thinly across the grain. Serve with the chimichurri sauce.

### Ingredients — Serves four

- 1/4 cup dried porcini mushrooms
- 1 carrot, peeled and thinly sliced into rounds, about 1/2 cup
- 1 stalk celery, thinly sliced into half-moons, about 1/2 cup
- 1 Vidalia onion, cut into thinly sliced strips
- 1 clove garlic, thinly sliced
- 1 tablespoon ground black pepper
- 1 cup red wine
- 2 pounds flank steak, trimmed
- 1 cup Chimichurri (see box)
- Grapeseed oil
- Salt

### Directions

1. Combine the mushrooms, carrots, celery, onion, garlic, black pepper, and red wine in a large zip-top plastic bag. Add the steak, press out all the air and seal the bag. Refrigerate for 8 hours or overnight.
2. Heat a grill for direct high heat. Pull the meat out of the marinade and brush off any vegetables or herbs. Pat the meat completely dry with paper towels and brush all over with grapeseed oil. Aggressively season both sides of the steak with salt.
3. Scrape the grill clean and coat it with oil. Set the steak over direct heat on the grill with the grain at a 45-degree angle to the grates; grill for 5 minutes.

### Chimichurri

#### Ingredients — Makes one cup

- 1/4 cup fresh flat-leaf parsley leaves, chopped
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh oregano leaves
- 1/4 cup olive oil
- 2 tablespoons red wine vinegar
- 1 tablespoon dried oregano
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon Espelette pepper
- 1 tablespoon finely chopped red onion
- 1 tablespoon finely chopped roasted red pepper
- 2 teaspoons garlic, minced
- 1/2 teaspoon dried red pepper flakes

### Directions

Mix the parsley, fresh oregano and olive oil and set aside. The oil prevents the herbs from oxidizing (turning brown). In a separate bowl, whisk the vinegar, dried oregano, salt, and Espelette pepper until the salt dissolves. Stir in the onion, roasted red pepper, garlic, and red pepper flakes and set aside. Just before serving, mix the oil mixture with the vinegar mixture.

Prep ahead: You can make the

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# HANNA

## COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE

### FOR SALE



#### 1090 Troy Schenectady Road, Latham, NY

The Route 7 Diner and Restaurant located in a prime location on Troy Schenectady Road in Latham is for sale. The Sale includes real estate, business and FF&E. All showings must be coordinated with the listing broker, please do not approach the employees.

**Asking Price is \$1,425,000**



#### 687 New Loudon Road, Latham, NY

For sale is real estate located on Route 9 with established meat market business. Owner is willing to train buyer and make introductions to book of business. Asking price includes all FF&E. There are 4 walk in coolers in the building. All showings must be coordinated with the listing broker, please do not approach the employees.

**Asking Price is \$695,000**



#### 3794 Route 145, East Durham, NY

Retail and warehouse buildings on 2.69 acres. Building on left has retail and office, 2 loading docks and two 14 Ft over head doors providing drive-thru capacity. Additional office space on 2nd floor. Building on right is approximately 1,728 SF with two 14 foot over head doors providing drive-in capacity. Parcel offers plenty of land to drive around the buildings and for outside parking of vehicles. Both buildings are spray foam insulated.

**Asking Price is \$240,000**



#### 57 Church Street, Saratoga Springs, NY

Excellent location, established laundromat in Saratoga Springs. Services include self serve wash/dry, full service wash/fold, tailor services and dry clean drop off. Parking behind building. Owner looking forward to retiring after 32 years in business. Huge upside to business for face lift and added drop off/pickup services for new operator. Sale contingent on landlord/purchaser negotiating new lease. Do not approach business or employees.

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There is more to selecting clubs than pulling any old iron out of your golf bag and whacking away. Wind, hazards and obstructions in landing areas should influence your decision of which club to use. Novice golfers may want to rely on their caddies to make club recommendations, and as they become more confident in their abilities they can start to make their own choices.

**Anchor your feet**

Anchor your foot behind the ball to drive the ball further. Right-handed players will keep the right foot anchored, and lefties will do the opposite. Do not lift your foot prematurely; otherwise, you can lose power and distance.

**Identify your weaknesses**

As with any hobby, identifying those areas that need the most work can help you become a better golfer. Keep track of each shot you take, and then look at the results to see which areas of your game need the most work.

**Fix your alignment**

Align your shots by assessing the target from behind the ball. Then set the clubface behind the golf ball and align it with the target before you enter your stance.

**Use your torso for power**

The torso is essential to a solid swing. Practice rotating from your core to control your backswing and then maintain the same spine angle and posture on the downswing.

**Use the wind**

Not every golf game will be played in perfect weather. A good player knows how to make adjustments for the wind depending on the shot. Use the wind to your advantage when you can, and adjust your swing when hitting into the wind.

**Become a better chipper**

Many players put so much emphasis on their backswings and putt shots that they fail to devote

any practice to chips. All shots are important for golfers trying to shed strokes off of their scores.

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Maintaining or improving your physical strength and overall health can help your golf game. Exercise and eat right, and you will have more endurance on the links.

**Golf facts:**

- To this date, golf is only one of two games to be played on the moon. The other is a javelin throw.
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TOP FIVE

# Fashion trends

Albany Fashion Week has us looking at recent trends

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Throughout the past few years the fashion scene has exploded with tons of shockingly bad trends. Trends that are so bad, they're almost... good? Personally, these trends excite me in their unconventional ways that bring childhood dress up into real life fashion. In honor of these tastefully bad frocks, here are my top 5 fashion trends that are bad in a good way.

**1. Clear plastic clothing**

What is the point of clear clothing? You obviously can't wear it by itself unless you're looking to get arrested for public nudity but I'd argue that the see-through aspect is what makes it so good. There's something dangerously cool about the layering effect you get when you wear it over something. It's edgy, fun, high fashion and most importantly, waterproof!

**2. Birkenstocks**

These Jesus-esque sandals have become a big fashion statement within the last year. Girls, including myself, have been flaunting them barefoot or with socks. I can admit the shoes are a little unsightly, but they're so unsightly they're cute. Ugly footwear adds a bit of originality to a look without trying too hard. Not to mention they're extremely comfortable.

**3. Crocs**

Similar to Birkenstocks, Crocs are also the ugly footwear of choice these days. While the shoes had their peak in the mid 2000s, they are still floating around wardrobes and the runway. Major fashion line Balenciaga has recently released

*I think we can all agree that denim is always in style. But the latest trends in insanely damaged denim threatens to uproot that. I'm not just talking distressed jeans, I'm taking jeans with clear plastic knee panels, lace up jeans, and even jeans that are nothing but the seams. Seriously.*

platform Crocs. Yes. You read that right. Some may argue that the platform sole erases the little practicality that Crocs had, but I'd argue that they elevate them, literally and figuratively. Platform shoes themselves are a statement, but platform Crocs are sure to establish you as a



trendsetter.

**4. Deranged denim**

I think we can all agree that denim is always in style. But the latest trends in insanely damaged denim threatens to uproot that. I'm not just talking distressed jeans, I'm taking jeans with clear plastic knee panels, lace up jeans, and even jeans that are nothing but the seams. Seriously. Though this all seems very out there, there's no denying that they're intriguing. Wacky pants can completely make a look, and paired with a plain white tee and sneakers, distressed denim has a home.

**5. Pleather**

Similar to clear plastic clothing, pleather clothing offers no practicality whatsoever. It's sticky and uncomfortable that chaffs leaving rashes and red

spots. However pleather is not just for Halloween anymore. It's the perfect statement to any outfit. You can dress it up or down and either way you're sure to get a badass biker look that'll turn heads.

Wacky fashion trends have been around for decades and these five prove they are here to stay. This season, I encourage you to try out one of these for yourself. Stepping out of your fashion comfort zone is guaranteed to bring some playfulness back into your closet and remind you of those childhood days playing dress up. And who knows, you may even find that you like one or two of them.

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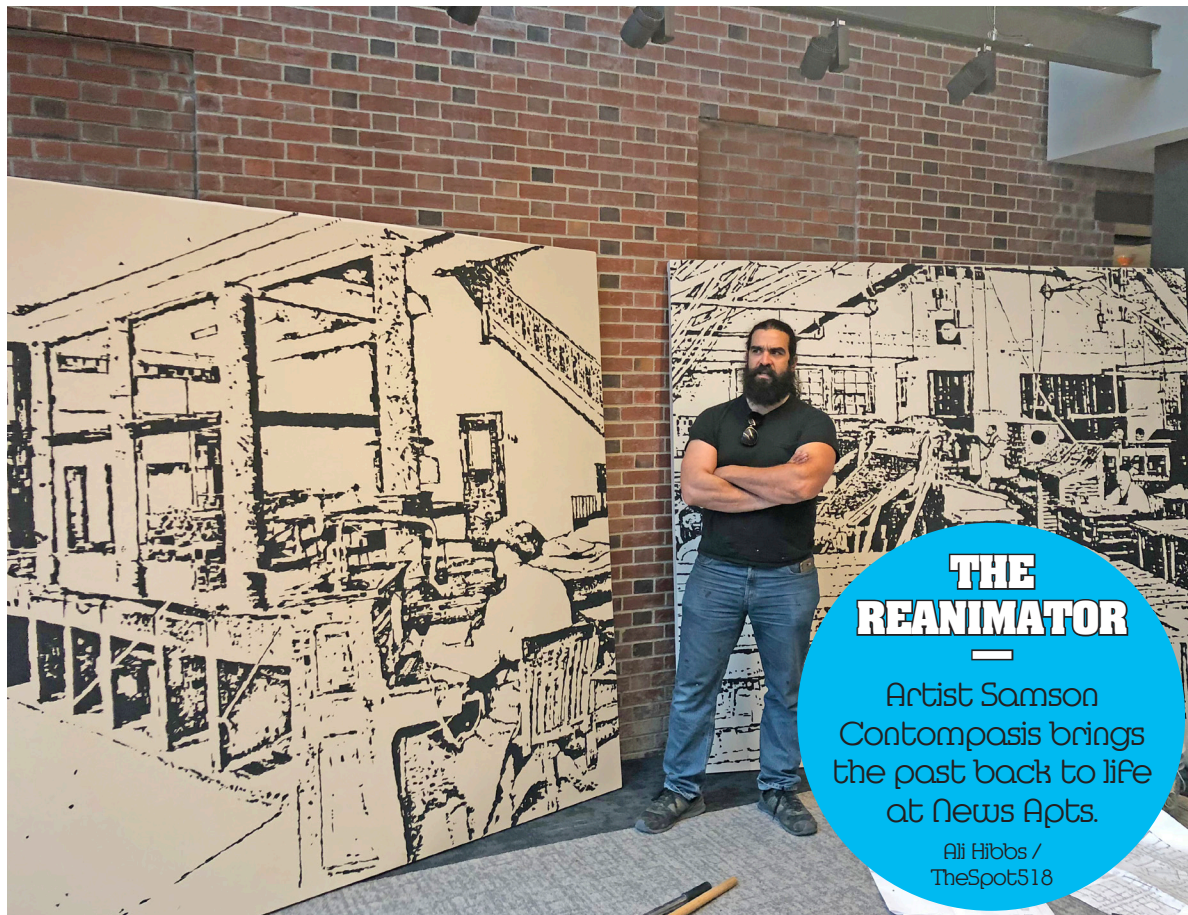
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making use of and bringing to light what used to be for our future purposes via paintings and things like that.”

Contompasis was also the creator of the Living Walls project in Albany and is responsible for the large murals that popped up on the sides of buildings in Albany in 2011. He said that project came with a series of daunting challenges from the city and credited The Rosenblum Companies for seeing the worth of investing in art and local artists.

“It’s very important to us that we don’t just acknowledge, but celebrate the history of the Troy Record

men who were really there doing exactly that at some point in the building’s long history, on canvas in black and white vaguely reminiscent of Rorschach.

Contompasis calls it “abstract impressionistic figurative painting.”

“I design and paint these as if it were a memory,” he said. “You’re never going to remember every detail of a memory, no matter how vivid. So what I do is give your mind enough to put the rest together yourself. When you get up close to it, the image actually disappears and fractures and becomes these abstract shapes and marks. And when you back up, it becomes a complete and beautiful whole.”

The oldest part of the Troy Record building was constructed in the early 1906, with multiple additions added over the years. It was purchased by The Rosenblum Companies in September 2015 for \$1.595 million. After more than a hundred years of occupancy, the newspaper had vacated the building just seven months earlier.

“The incredible oversized pieces [Contompasis] created are at once tribute to the past and, hopefully, inspiration for the next wave of Record Building occupants,” said Mirel.

The first tenants began moving in early this month, but not all the units are complete and not all 101 units are yet taken. Residents can choose from several floor plans, from studios to three-bedroom units, from \$1,050 monthly. There will also be commercial space available on the building’s first floor, listed at \$16 per square foot on The Rosenblum Companies website.

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New luxury mixed-use apartment complex in the old Troy Record building hires local artist to highlight the building’s past

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TROY — When putting finishing touches on the new \$23 million News Apartments at Fifth Avenue and Broadway in Troy, developer The

Rosenblum Companies wanted to honor the history of the building that was home to the Troy Record for more than a century.

The Albany artist they selected for the task has been memorializing local history for more than a decade, through his ‘Ghost City’ project, which he began in 2008 in response to a feeling that much is being lost to later generations.

“Rather than mourning, this project is more about celebration,” said Samson Contompasis, who has completed “well over” 200 paintings in the series. “It’s

and its staffers - editors, reporters, artists, photographers, pressman, composers, carriers and more who labored to catalogue life in this vibrant city,” said Rosenblum Executive Vice President Jeff Mirel. “To achieve this, we sought the help of local artists and artisans like Samson, whose ‘Ghost City’ project in particular made him the perfect choice to extrapolate historical photographs spanning a century that we had collected into something more immediate.”

A painting in the downstairs fitness room depicts two men loading the rolls on paper onto the press for printing—two

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## CONCERT REVIEW

# Life Father, Like Son

Dweezil Zappa brings  
'Choice Cuts' tour  
to The Egg

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**ALBANY** — The Zappa family has always loved upstate New York.

Frank opened his 1988 U.S. tour at the Palace Theater and his son, Dweezil, has continued that love for the area on his runs.

Coming to The Egg for the first time since 2016, he played everyone's favorite tunes during this Choice Cuts tour. With his usual band of eccentric members, they set expectations high and delivered all night.

As the band members came on stage, the show started into "The Purple Lagoon (Intro)" before Dweezil came out to a thunderous applause. Wasting no time, they started the 1975 favorite, "Andy" and then began the originally unreleased "Lonely Little Girl." "Flakes" included its usual Bob Dylan homage and a new Eric Cartman section which was hilariously performed by Scheila Gonzalez. Cian Coey took the mic for "Fifty Fifty" and did not let her foot cast stop her from rockin'. Dweezil took it on himself to deliver a blistering solo to end the song and then took them band into "Po-jama People."

Before the next song, he paused to tell the crowd that it was "great that Albany loves Zappa so much" and then surprised everyone with the "James Bond Theme" which segued perfectly into "Studebaker Hoch." A lovely "Rollo" medley was

followed by an explanation that the next song couldn't originally be played live because certain feedback techniques were not possible to recreate outside of the studio. Using modern technology, they all brought "Absolutely Free" to life and followed it with "Call Any Vegetable" and "Tell Me You Love Me," which features some great keyboard work from Chris Norton.

Pausing again to chat with the audience, Mr. Zappa proclaimed that the theme of the show was "It's so f--king great to be alive". He went on to say that of all the songs his father composed, his favorite was this next song, "Dog Meat". The beautiful clamor had people on their feet cheering for more, so the band declared, "And now for something completely different" before launching into AC/DC's "Back in Black". Bassist Kurt Morgan was dressed to impress as Angus Young and really shined during this track.

Next up were two "songs from the 80's" called as "Cocaine Decisions" and "Drowning Witch" before jumping back decades to play "Sleeping In A Jar" and "Florentine Pogen". Dweezil was happy to announce that it was now 'Unreleased Time' and played a song called "Sleep Napkins", which is a combination of "Black Napkins" and "Sleep Dirt." Drummer Ryan Brown tore the roof down with his exceptional drumming during both "The Black Page # 1" and "The Black Page # 2" and led the band into everyone's favorite, "Peaches en Regalia."

Zappa was more than just a musician and in 1971, Frank directed the movie 200 Motels. Unsurprisingly, he also wrote the

soundtrack too and Dweezil brought the classic "This Town is a Sealed Tuna Sandwich" to life for the enthusiastic audience. Jumping to the other end of the decade, the band started into everyone's favorite, "Keep It Greasy" and when it finished, Dweezil started talking to the crowd about his all-time favorite Zappa songs and said this next one was high on the list. "Cheepnis" became everyone's favorite by the time it was over and they followed that with "Son of Orange County" before ending the two-and-a-half hour set with "Trouble Every Day."

After a few minutes offstage, everyone came back to a roaring crowd as Dweezil told a story about a failed jingle that his father wrote back in the day. It was for Remington Electric Razor's and it was to be performed with Linda Ronstadt. They were paid for their work, but the company was not a fan of the song. "Remington Electric Razor Jingle" was followed by a lovely version of "Oh, In The Sky" performed by Adam Minkoff. Dweezil let loose with another jaw-dropping solo during "Muffin Man" before they ended the night with "The Purple Lagoon (Reprise)."

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## MUSIC REVIEW

# Hartley's Encore's 'Hartley's Encore'

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Joining the ranks of Albany's tasteful and expansive live music scene over the last two years, Hartley's Encore has become a recognizable name, plastered on fliers at favored venues and taking on hosting duties for local funk nights. Rounding up a collection of distinguished tracks, the spunky Capital District locals finally put forth their first, self-titled EP.

The six-track effort was recorded and mixed by Soulivies' Alan Evans at Iron Wax Recording Studio in Millers Falls, Mass. and comes stacked with talent, including Luke Malamood (vocals, keyboards, Hammond B3, percussion), Chris Oliver (guitars, vocals), Jeff Nania (saxophone), Josh Gordon (bass), Mike Gilet (drums) and the help of Erik Pravel (drums), Phil Chow (trumpet) and Brad Monkell (bass).

From the album's opening notes, it's apparent the assortment has one goal in mind: create funky, dance-leaning tracks that leave the live crowd and listener at home no choice but to groove in their immediate proximity. "Take 'Em Down" and "Can't Fake the Funk" are full embodiments of dance anthems, complete with transitions between soulful vocals and an impressive horn section splashed throughout. Groovy, harmonized background vocals and a splash of falsetto are quick to grab an ear as well as carefully placed elements of rock and roll. Although generally funky and soulful, a fiery nugget of psychedelic rock is thrown into the mix with wailing guitar solos by Oliver.

Rotating focus on which instruments shine, "Keep That Bright Light Shining," "All My Funky People" and "Hooklynn" highlight the ability to swap musical hats with tasteful drum lead-ins, tickling of the keys and fleeting solos on guitar. Appropriately named "Hartley's Encore" and placed as the closing track of the album, the repeated mantra of "gonna give you an encore" paired with jazzy pockets of saxophone and trumpet leave you feeling the funk up until the final notes.

Over six tracks, Hartley's Encore manages to fuse their chosen genres in a seamless way, weaving rock and roll amidst funk and jazz while keeping the message lighthearted and fun. Between catchy hooks, tasty riffs and feel-good tunes, the up-and-comers pieced together a collection of tracks suitable for those on the dance floor.

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set list, memories of Little Steven's history playing in the E Street Band and with Southside Johnny flooded the theatre. The top-notch musicians created chord progression after chord progression of satisfying sound, filling the space with covers and new songs alike and bringing the audience to a fevered pitch of joy.

Ever the entertainer, Little Steven was in constant motion. Between removing his trench coat, pointing to band members to cue them to take solos, and dancing with his fans, the star powered his way through five songs before taking a break and instructing his audience

to "sit and relax" too. He announced the release of the group's live album and dedicated the night to the teaching profession, noting, "It is time to give them the respect due." He added

he probably should also dedicate it to those teachers he gave a hard time to in school, which drew laughter from the agreeable crowd.

Steven graciously shared his stage and highlighted talent within his band, giving ample opportunities to each section for solos and audience applause. Generous and joyful, Steven reflected on how live music can nourish your soul. "The world's going crazy out there," he mused, "We need to gather in cathedrals like this to remember our common ground."

Soul music was the common ground for this band, and as they gave nods to Motown and Springsteen alike, they shared high-intensity energy and love for their craft. They brought the audience with them; with hands clapping and the crowd jumping, as a frenzy of lights and a wall of music lifted spirits and grounded souls in Albany.

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**WITH SOUL**

Little Steven and the Disciples of Soul at The Palace.

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**CONCERT REVIEW**

# Take me to church

Little Steven and the Disciples of Soul brings nourishment for the spirit to The Palace

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**ALBANY** — Little Steven and the Disciples of Soul brought a crowd of 900 to church on Friday, May 4. The full band

of 14 — including five horns, two percussionists, a piano, an organ, one guitar, a bass and three backup singers — joined Little Steven on stage a little after 8 p.m. As the wall of sound overtook the Palace, it

became immediately clear the crowd was about to get some soul nourishment through old-fashioned big band live music.

Little Steven spoke to the crowd repeatedly through the concert, asking initially if the crowd liked "good music" as he pointed out dancing, head bobbing fans in the seats. As the band roared through their



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chimichurri up to 8 hours ahead; just refrigerate the oil mixture and vinegar mixture in separate bowls. Combine them just before serving. Chimichurri is versatile. Try it on any grilled meat, on grilled shrimp or even on roasted oysters.

#### Pairing

DeLoach 'Heritage Reserve' Pinot Noir

DeLoach Winery — California

We want to pair with the chimichurri seasoning of this dish, so we went with a pinor noir.



This California red is well balanced with cherry and strawberry flavors accented with a little spice. It's a light bodied wine with a medium finish.

*Of course, with any pairing, it's left to you to decide what you like best. Let us know what you think by leaving us a comment online at TheSpot518.com.*



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7	5	2	3	8	9	1	4	6
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### Super Crossword Answers

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#518 Songfest

518 Songfest is a unique live concert experience, in that each artist performs their songs and shares a bit about their music and experience with the audience, while on stage. The passing year has produced enough compelling stories to share with the audience to make this Friday a hot ticket. There's Formica, who garnered national attention while nearly making it to the Final 12 on Season 13 of NBC's "The Voice." This will be the last opportunity for some people to see Worthley before she plays at Mountain Jam next month, so far capping an incredible string of events since she dropped her debut album last September.

Troy's favorite Super 400 will play a rare acoustic set. Sandy McKnight returns to Songfest with his Pop-Clique. And, the night will also feature Grammy Award-winning songwriter Julie Gold.

"I'm very excited about everything that's going on," said Worthley. "I'm really excited about the Q&A part of it, the interactive audience. I've never done anything like that before." The young pop rock artist said she looks forward to seeing Super 400 and Sandy McKnight for the first time. It will be a rare instance for her to be able to sit down and listen to music. Since the release of "Strong" last year, she's been juggling a burgeoning career with high school studies. An experience she can relate with another rockin' high school student who's on the playbill.

Formica, the Shaker High School

senior who took the world by storm when she performed on "The Voice" late last year, is also on the bill for 518 Songfest.

"It truly feels great to be a part of something like this," Formica said. "Every show that I perform in the Capital Region is special because it's like I'm performing for my family. I feel so loved every time I hit the stage."

Formica is billed as one of the festival's top acts and she's planning to make the most of that opportunity.

"I'm going to be playing a lot of my own music," Formica said. "I just released a new single that I can't wait to perform live."

The single, titled "I Will," was released on April 27. The pint-sized powerhouse, as "Voice" judge Adam Levine aptly named her during her audition, partnered with American Idol alum Sarah Lake, Capital District music producer Paul Benedetti and Benedetti's Modern Day Music School to produced the country and rock-esque hit.

"I definitely went out of my comfort zone a bit for [I Will]," she said, referencing the mix of genres the song has. "I love the unique vibe we came up with."

She added her music is a lot like pouring rock, country, pop and blues and a blender and mixing them to come up with what she considers to be the "perfect" sound.

While Formica wants to sing a lot of her own music, she will also be singing many covers, she said.

"People love to hear songs they can sing along to," she said. "I want to play around a bit and stretch out of my comfort zone

some more."

Formica added she wants to experiment with music from mainstream pop artists such as Ariana Grande and Lady Gaga, among others.

"I just want to perform some feel-good songs," she said.

518 Songfest is just the start of a busy summer season for Formica. Her father and manager, Josh Formica, said she is all lined up for a summer of music.

"She will be at Freedom Park, Empire State Plaza and Clifton Commons," he said. "We also have other shows in the works that haven't been announced yet."

On Thursday, May 10, the Troy Downtown Business Improvement District announced that Formica will headline the first of its Rockin' on The River concerts in Troy's Riverfront Park on Wednesday, June 6.

Josh Formica added that Moriah's younger brother, Gabriel, might make a few appearances at some of the big outdoor venues with his older sister.

"Gabe has such a unique tone to his voice," Moriah said. "He's more geared toward pop and ballads. I love his voice."

Josh Formica has been by his daughter's side since before "The Voice," and said as a parent, it has been amazing to watch his daughter achieve her dreams one concert at a time.

"It's incredible to watch all of this happen for her," he said. "We are so proud of what she has done and how hard she works."

Her father added that Moriah has been incredibly busy since her last performance on "The Voice" 10 months ago. In addition

to writing and recording music and performing a steady stream of shows, the high school senior is preparing to graduate in June.

"I've watched her work so incredibly hard since the show to be her best and achieve all she wants," he said. "Sometimes it's incredibly hard to watch her spirits get down because she feels she is not achieving a goal she set her eyes on, but it's just pockets compared to what she's done and how far she has come."

While Formica is weeks away from graduation, she has decided to hold off on attending college so that she can pursue her music career, her dad said.

"She has a lot going on right now, and we want to capitalize on it and see where it goes," he said. "Her theory is if things don't work out by the time she is around 26 or 27, she can always go back. But this could be a once-in-a-lifetime experience, and she really feels she has to run with it."

Her father added while every parent wants their child to pursue higher education when possible, this makes sense for her.

"She stays so focused and dedicated," he said. "She's handling all of this as well as she can, as we are. It's been a journey, but she's extremely gifted."

Worthley still plans to pursue college after high school, but has time before she has to decide like Formica.

"We've talked about the show and about playing in the area," said Worthley, about her conversations with Formica. "We're both about the same age, so this doesn't happen very often."

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### Justin Towne Earl

The Egg — Saturday, May 19

ALBANY — Justin Towne Earl will perform at the Egg on Saturday, May 19 at 7:30 p.m.

Known for his blend of blues and folk, as well as deeply personal lyrics, Earl will perform his work solo at The Egg. He has released seven records, including Kids in the Street released in May of last year.

Tickets are \$29.50.

For tickets and more information visit [www.theegg.org](http://www.theegg.org)

The Egg is located in Empire State Plaza in Albany.

### St. Julian's Juggling Troupe

Hudson Basilica — Tuesday, May 22

ALBANY — St. Julian's Juggling Troupe will perform at the Hudson Basilica on Tuesday, May 22 at 3:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

The group comes from St. Gregory's boarding school in Scranton Pennsylvania, bringing with them juggling tricks and circus like routines.

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Michael Razzano  
at Troy Kitchen.

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her debut album last September. "The whole cast was incredible, but I remember just hearing his voice and saying, 'wow, that voice!' Then, fast-forward maybe a year. We saw Michael and a friend of his perform at Troy Kitchen. And, again, we heard that voice. We were blown away."

Gabriel approached Razzano at Troy Kitchen about possibly recording something together, however, "the stars were not aligned," he said. Razzano was in the midst of deciding what he wanted to do with music. He had studied theatre for only a semester before making the jump to the lauded music program at the College of Saint Rose to study singing. He would later drop out of the program due to tuition expense.

"Broadway was the dream," said Razzano "I wanted to do theatre. That was it. I thought I was set." In "Rent," Razzano played the role of Roger, a struggling musician who mourns the loss of his girlfriend April, who committed suicide after learning they each contracted HIV. "There was so much raw emotion in that role. ... I just thought it was the most valuable role in the show just because of how much emotion I had to put into that role. ... I love being upset on stage."

That emotion acts as a conduit between Razzano and the audience before him. He said it's easier to connect with people while "upset" than it is to play someone who is "happy." It's the vulnerability from dropping down the facades that separate people. It helps to explain how the soulful indie-pop artist's work revolves around the topics of relationships, some broken and

some just struggling to connect.

Razzano signed with Ambassador Music Group last September, making a connection with Gabriel after occasional back-and-forths over social media. By then, Razzano had decided to commit to a music career.

"I realized, theatre wasn't the direction I wanted," said Razzano. "I learned the real passion was signing."

In the weeks leading up to Albany Fashion Week, Razzano is at Gabriel's recording studio, working on more than 20 covers for the weekend event, of which he is the headlining act. He's to sing on both nights. First, at the Friday night expo, then on Saturday, while the models strut across the runway. He'll follow that by performing at an exclusive VIP party at The Hollow that evening. Worthley is to open for him. The opportunity for exposure has him anxious.

"Definitely nervous," said Razzano. "My style that I like to do is usually slow, ballad-themed songs. But, obviously, that's not the right style for a fashion runway. So, we basically chose a whole new set of 20 to 25 songs, and we're really kicking those in gear. Yeah."

Razzano released a video single "Squeeze" last month on YouTube. Gabriel said he already has about six songs that are ready for an album that's in production now. Despite the butterflies, Razzano said he finds the chance to share music for a good cause to be "cool." That's exactly how Gabriel would describe Razzano's demeanor on stage.

"We were impressed with his voice," said Gabriel, "but we were also impressed with his stage presence. His charisma on stage is incredible. It's so natural. It's really good."