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EVENTS

TUESDAY || Mar. 3

10AM-2PM: NY Army National Guard: Employer Information Table (CTR Lobby)

10AM-5PM: Discounted Regal Movie Ticket Sales (CTR 210)

12PM: Yoga (CTR 270)

WEDNESDAY || Mar. 4

All day: No class, Faculty Workshop Day

4-5:30PM: New York Capital Honors Exchange (NYCHE) Symposium (Russell Sage College)

THURSDAY || Mar. 5

9:30AM-2:30PM: University at Albany: Transfer Advisor Visit (CTR 294)

9:45AM-2:30PM: Siena University: Transfer Advisor Visit (CTR 290)

3-3:50PM: Tobacco Cessation Program Begins (CTR 270)



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Artemis Program: NASA is Returning to the Moon in Phase II

Adelaide Dabrowski
Staff Writer

NASA is going back to the moon with the Artemis missions, a series of four launches with the ultimate goal of establishing a space station around the moon.

NASA announced the Artemis program in 2017; the first launch took place five years later, in the fall of 2022. In the first phase, Artemis I, an unmanned spacecraft was successfully launched; the craft orbited the moon for just short of a week before returning to Earth.

Overall, the mission was a success, leaving the way clear to begin the next phase of the program, Artemis II. The goal of this second phase is to test the spacecraft with a crew on-board. The launch was set for early February, but a fuel leak forced NASA to move the launch date until the beginning of March.

As the new launch date drew nearer, the astronaut crew began to prepare for their ten day flight. However, during tests and prep before the launch, the rocket was found to have yet another mechani-



cal issue, delaying the flight further.

Artemis II's launch was moved again, this time to April. Hopefully, the problems that have been plaguing this mission will have been resolved in time for this updated launch date.

This phase of the project is critical. Before NASA can send astronauts back to the moon or establish a space station around it, different goals must first be reached. Namely, Artemis II, as the first manned spaceflight of this program, must be successful.

If the launch in April goes well, and the Artemis program proceeds as planned, we can expect the fourth and final Artemis flight, Artemis IV, in September of 2028.

This flight will hopefully put a space station in orbit around the moon, providing a base for future space exploration, specifically missions to Mars.

Image: Space.com

Students Advocate for Increased Disability Funding & Support Services in Albany

Lindsay Powers
Staff Writer

On February 24th, 2026, Albany, NY; college students with disabilities and their allies filled the Million Dollar Staircase at the state capitol building to lobby for increased funding for the support services they need to succeed.

This year, students are advocating for a \$13 million budget allotment. For the 2025-2026 fiscal year, only \$2 million was allotted. They have been calling for a full \$15 million investment since 2018.

According to the New York State Department of Education's website, the allotment ranges from \$27 to \$47 per student per term. In the current fiscal year, there are 104,226 students with disabilities enrolled in postsecondary education programs, which means the current allotment per student is \$19.19. In NY, a college's disability office provides reasonable accommodations to students who qualify. Some of the services that

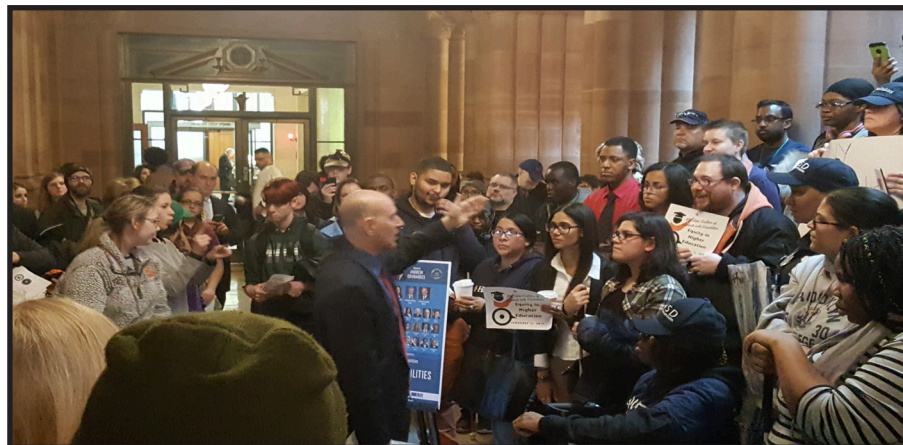
HVCC's disability office, Center for Access and Assistive Technology (CAAT), provides include mobility aids, note takers, classroom accommodations, translation services, testing facilities, and assistive technologies. The CAAT also offers a club called Not a Bit of Difference, which focuses on inclusion and accessibility for all students regardless of disability status.

Unfortunately, the club began struggling to retain membership during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The club currently meets on Thursdays at 2 pm in Room 130 on the first floor of Siek Campus Center. For information about Not A Bit Of Difference, please contact Ann Peterson by email a.petersen@hvcc.edu.

For more information about the CAAT and the services it provides, email CAAT@hvcc.edu, call 518-629-7154, or visit their office located in Room 130 on the first floor of Siek Campus Center.

Image: nysdsc.org



SCIENCE SNIPPET
SPOTTED
LANTERNFLY

Adelaide Dabrowski
Staff Writer

The spotted lanternfly is a brightly colored insect that feeds on plant life throughout parts of Asia. While in China and Vietnam, the lanternflies are parts of the ecosystem, these insects have begun to spread from their native range.

The lanternfly spread to other countries in Asia then beyond, eventually even reaching the United States, where their numbers continue to grow.

Spotted lanternflies seem especially good at surviving and spreading. The first lanternfly in the United States was found in Pennsylvania in 2014, but today, there are hundreds of thousands of these invasive insects spread to nearly twenty states, including New York.

If these species can't be checked, it is likely that they will spread across the country.



Spotted Lanternfly, Vermont Public

Lanternflies eat sap from trees; while this doesn't usually harm the trees, it can weaken them. Also, the waste the flies leave behind on the tree can make it hard for the plant to photosynthesize.

They also have an effect on fruit bearing plants; while they don't kill them, they can cause the amount of fruits a plant produces to decrease.

Millions of dollars in damage have been caused by this invasive species.

Efforts have been made to contain the lanternflies and stop their spread. Regulations on transporting wood have been suggested to limit the spread of the lanternflies.

In places where lanternfly populations have already been established, pesticides and sticky traps have been used to get rid of adult insects.

Egg sacs can be removed and disposed of before they can hatch.

While it is unlikely the spotted lanternfly will be completely removed from the United States, with proper precautions, we can still stop the spread of this invasive insect.

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Nusantara Arts Performance and Workshops Come to Hudson Valley

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Hudson Valley welcomes Nusantara Arts to campus on Saturday March 7, at 7p.m. They will be performing a free, public concert in the Maureen Stapleton Theatre. The Performance will showcase the strong cultural traditions of Indonesian music and dancing, also being the debut performance for the college's Global Culture Series. This series is an initiative that is going to be an annual offering that the Cultural Affairs program presents.

Just one of two United States based organizations to regularly perform both Balinese and Javanese gamelan, Nusantara Arts gives audience members the opportunity to experience the two distinct styles. Audience members can enjoy traditional gamelan ensembles and choreography rooted in centuries old cultural practices and traditions. Gamelan is one of the oldest continuously played music styles in the world. The music developed and spread across thousands of islands over 2,000 years ago, continuing to evolve today.

A typical ensemble has twelve or more percussion instruments as well as gongs, flutes, and drums, giving listeners a vibrant experience. There are a multitude of distinct gamelan



styles throughout Bali, all with varying factors and significance.

Community members are also invited to attend the two workshops that are hosted alongside the concert. They will be held the day of the performance. Gusti Komin Darta, a world-renowned musician and composer, is the guest artist director for Nusantara Arts. He will be leading an immersive experience at noon, where participants will learn the basics of playing gamelan. There will also be a Balinese dance workshop, led by Riesa Avanit, at 1:30. Participants will be offered the opportunity to learn the elegant and expressive movements in the performance.

Registration for the concert is recommended, but not required, and is open to the public. Registration for the workshops is required, as space is limited, and is currently limited to Hudson Valley students, who can register on the Cultural Affairs webpage. Employees and community members are welcome to join the waitlist for the workshop and will be contacted before the event if a space becomes available.

For additional information on Hudson Valley's Cultural Affairs programming, visit www.hvcc.edu/culture or contact Tom Torrisi at t.torrisi@hvcc.edu or (518) 629-7170.

Pakistan Air Strikes During Ramadan

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An overnight air strike that was carried out on February 22nd by Pakistan against neighboring country Afghanistan has reignited the October 2025 border conflict.

In a statement condemning the attacks, Afghanistan said the attacks are a "blatant violation of [their] territorial integrity" and that "an appropriate and measured response will be taken at a suitable time".

That time seemed to have begun late Thursday evening when Afghanistan launched "offensive operations". According to the country's officials these operations resulted in the capture of more than a dozen Pakistani posts, which Pakistan refutes happening.

In a statement on X, Zabihullah Mujahid, a spokesperson for the Afghan government, said "In response to the repeated rebellions and insurrections of the Pakistani military, large-scale offensive operations were launched against Pakistani military bases and military installations along the Durand Line".

Pakistan returned fire early Friday morning with more airstrikes in three Afghan provinces. According



to Shehbaz Sharif, Pakistan's prime minister, the country's forces "have the full capability to crush any aggressive ambitions".

According to Pakistan officials, the February 22nd airstrikes targeted the hideouts of two terrorist groups Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan, TTP, and the Islamic State Khorasan Province. The airstrikes followed a series of deadly suicide bombings that have occurred during the month-long celebration of Ramadan, one of which killed 32 people and injured 170 more.

A few days before the airstrikes began, Saudi Arabia negotiated the release of three Pakistani soldiers. The soldiers had been captured during the October 2025 border clashes. That conflict ended with a tentative ceasefire, negotiated by Qatar and Turkey. It is unclear whether the ceasefire has been strained beyond repair at this time.

Image: CNN

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Presidents and Deans List Announced

Lindsay Powers
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Congratulations to the more than 3,000 students who were named to the Fall 2025 Presidents and Deans list on January 29th. The Dean's List requires a student to have a 3.0- 3.49 GPA for the applicable semester, and the Presidents List requires a 3.5 or higher GPA, plus a student cannot have any D, F, I or Z grades.

According to the Harvard Continuing Education Blog some of the best study habits include making a detailed study plan before each study session, buddying up with fellow students to study together, setting clear goals and rewarding yourself for your effort. Study habits aren't the only thing that are important to academic success according to the National Library of Science. According to a study published in May 2024 the most important healthy habits for students to have are exercising, eating a well-rounded diet and to get 6-8 hours of sleep every night. They also stress the importance of time management.

In support of these recommendations HVCC boasts a variety of resources it offers to students.

Some of these include:

The Writing Assistance Center

- Writing support provided by writing specialists

writinglearningcenter@hvcc.edu

The Learning Assistance Center (LAC)

- Academic support provided by professional and peer tutors

(518) 629-7230

The Computer Learning Center (CLC)

- Academic and computer skills support provided by professional tutors

clchelp@hvcc.edu

The Student Success Center

- Offers guidance and support to students in need by connecting them with on- and off-campus resources

success@hvcc.edu

The Wellness Center

- Houses both Health Services and Counseling Services and offers weekly yoga classes

healthservice@hvcc.edu

For more information regarding resources and support for students, please visit: hvcc.edu

Volunteer Income Tax Program Returns to HVCC

Isabelle Holt
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Hudson Valley Community College is continuing their partnership with the United Way of the Greater Capital Region to host the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program on campus. This program offers free tax preparation to eligible community members. The continuation of the program will mark the fifth year that the HVCC has served as a host for the initiative.

The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program, also known as VITA, provides eligible community members with no-cost federal and state tax preparation. Alongside providing the community with valuable financial resources, it also allows Accounting and Business Administration students at HVCC to assist and gain firsthand skills. Students participating have completed their IRS training and certification before being able to serve

as volunteer preparers.

"VITA gives our students direct exposure to the kind of work they may pursue after graduation," said Ricky Thibodeau, who is the chair of the Business and Criminal Justice Department. "It allows them to build professional skills while contributing meaningful service to our community. We're proud to support the program again this year."

Tax preparation sessions will be held in the Bulmer Telecommunications Center, Room 216, from 1 to 4 p.m. on the following Fridays:

- March 6, 13, 27
- April 10

Participants should check in at the lobby on the first floor of the Bulmer Center upon arrival.

The VITA program is available to students, faculty, staff and community members who meet eligibility

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eligibility guidelines. Key criteria include:

- Annual income of \$69,000 or less
- No rental income
- No bankruptcy filed during the tax year
- No self-employment income involving inventory

Additional qualifications may apply.

Appointments are required.

Individuals may schedule online at www.getfreetaxprep.org, or call Catholic Charities Tri-County Services at (518) 507-5353 for assistance.

Federal Funding Boost Supports HVCC & Regional Projects

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Senators Chuck Schumer and Kirsten Gillibrand announced that Hudson Valley Community College (HVCC) will receive an increase in federal money as part of a \$2.75 million investment for projects in the Capital Region. The funding is from the recently enacted federal budget for Fiscal Year 2026.

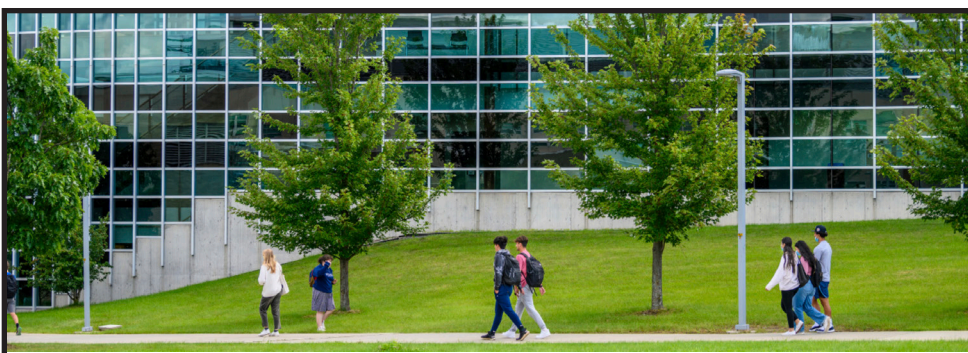
A total of \$850,000 will be given to HVCC's Applied equipment Education Center to improve lab and classroom equipment and give students more opportunity for experiential learning. The Regional Food Bank will increase its ability to serve the commu-

nity by expanding its building with the majority of the funding, \$1 million.

Other donations include \$300,000 for research on hepato-pancreato-biliary diseases at St. Peter's Hospital and \$600,000 for pop-up educational exhibits at the Capital District Holocaust Memorial.

In highlighting the significance of the funding, Senator Gillibrand stated that it "provides vital support to communities across the Capital Region, from supporting education and research to expanding food bank capacity."

Image: Times Union



This Week in History: 1st Week in March

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March 3, 1913: A women's suffrage march in Washington D.C. was attacked by angry onlookers while police stood by. The march occurred the day before Woodrow Wilson's inauguration. Many of the 5,000 women participating were spat upon and struck in the face as a near riot ensued. Secretary of War Henry Stimson then ordered soldiers from Fort Myer to restore order.

March 4, 1681: King Charles II of England granted a huge tract of land in the New World to William Penn to settle an outstanding debt. The area later became Pennsylvania.

March 4, 1789: The first meeting of the new Congress under the new U.S. The Constitution took place in New York City.

March 5, 1770: The Boston Massacre occurred as a group of rowdy Americans harassed British soldiers who then opened fire, killing five and injuring six. The first man killed was Crispus Attucks, an African American. British Captain Thomas Preston and eight of his men were arrested and charged with murder.

March 6, 1836 (Birthday): Renaissance genius Michelangelo (1475-1564) was born in Caprese, Italy. He was a painter, sculptor, architect, poet and visionary best known for his fresco on the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel and his sculptures David and The Pieta.

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MOVIE REVIEW

WUTHERING HEIGHTS

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Recently, I went to see the newest film adaptation of *Wuthering Heights* by Emily Brontë, and I had a lot of thoughts about it. The movie has received mixed and sometimes controversial reactions, especially from people who love the original novel. For context, I've read *Wuthering Heights* more times than I can count, so I went into the theater with high expectations and a pretty strong attachment to the story.

Visually, the film was stunning. The costumes felt true to the time period, and every detail, from the fabrics to the hairstyles, helped create an immersive atmosphere. The colors and lighting were especially powerful. Dark, muted tones captured the heaviness of the moors and the emotional intensity of the characters, while softer light in certain scenes made the quieter, more intimate moments feel real and personal. You could tell that a lot of care went into making the world feel authentic. The music also stood out to me. It leaned slightly modern at times, which surprised me, but it worked. Instead of distracting from the story, it added energy and emotion, pulling the audience deeper into what the characters were feeling.



The biggest criticism I've heard is that the movie wasn't a faithful representation of the book. I understand that argument, and to a certain extent, I agree. Some character dynamics and plot elements were changed or simplified, and certain scenes didn't carry the same depth or complexity that they do on the page. As someone who knows the novel well, I noticed those differences immediately.

At the same time, I think it's important to remember that this was an adaptation. No film can perfectly capture every layer of a novel as intense and complicated as *Wuthering Heights*. Directors and writers bring their own interpretations to classic works, and that creative freedom is part of what keeps literature alive across generations. This version wasn't trying to copy the book word for word, it was trying to reimagine it.

Even though it was different, it was thoughtfully made and beautiful to watch. It may not replace the novel for devoted readers, but it offers a new lens through which to experience the story.

Values for Vikings: Transfer Talk

Molly Graiff
Staff Writer

Hudson Valley Community College is a cost-effective way to access higher education! For many reasons, choosing HVCC to start your college or workforce career is genius. It's probably the best value for vikings out there. With an associates under your belt, you are able to transfer into a 4-year institution with countless credits or enter the workforce with less debt. So what's next?

The Careers and Transfer Center at HVCC is a great resource for students as the amount of free

support is incredible. With support for resume writing, interview prep, as well as the opportunity to speak with transfer advisors, if you're not stopping in, you're doing yourself a disservice. Many colleges and universities have articulation agreements with HVCC meaning that they will take many of your credits specific to your major requirements.

Accessing these agreements isn't complicated. You can view the website of the college you are interested in transferring to or look on HVCC's website for more information. Knowing ahead of time what

classes you'll need to take not only saves time but also saves a lot of money. The Careers and Transfer center also supports students locating for work study and scholarship opportunities. These can include jobs located directly on campus which in turn saves money on gas. The Careers and Transfer Center is one of many student services available on campus that's free services allow students to access the big discounts out there when it comes to career readiness. They are located on the second floor of the Siek Campus Center in Suite 290.

Becoming, Michelle Obama

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Throughout her accomplished and meaningful life, Michelle Obama has become one of the most compelling women of our era. In her experience as First Lady of the United States, the first African American woman to serve in that role, she helped to create the most welcoming and inclusive White House in history. In that time she also established herself as a very powerful and strong advocate for women and girls globally. Additionally, she changed the ways that families pursued healthier and active lives, all while standing alongside her husband, Barack- as he led America during some of its more harrowing moments.

Michelle's memoir, *Becoming*, was a work of deep and honest reflection tangled with her mesmerizing storytelling skills. She tells the experiences that have shaped her, from a childhood on the South Side of Chicago,

to years as an executive that had to balance the demands of motherhood and work, finally to her time spent at the White House. Her unwavering honesty and witty mind shines through as she describes her highest moments and deepest disappointments, public and private, telling you as if you lived it right next to her.

In times like these, where the world is not quite right, I seek comfort and grounding from things that are familiar, warm, and inspire me to be and do better. I initially read this novel in my late teens, learning how powerful grace and dignity are. Recently I decided to pick it back up, to give me peace and a reminder of what class looks like amongst those who have none. Needless to say, her novel once again did not disappoint.

Becoming is a very clear reflection of a woman who has real soul



and substance, defied expectations placed on her, and who has a story that softly reminds you that you can and will do the same.

Photo: The Hollywood Reporter

New York Lawmakers Debate \$25 Vehicle Registration Fee for Upstate Drivers

Jaydan Miles
Staff Writer

Personally, I don't mind this fee and feel like it wouldn't really have an effect on people who don't take public transportation.

Assembly district Chairman Bill Magnarelli states it could potentially "get mass transit in upstate by up to par" and I feel like this is more so a response to the wages of these public transit operators as the average salary for these upstate bus drivers is around \$51,716 a year. Not bad, yet after taxes and with the government and president trump wanting to seemingly continue to make a living in this country difficult amongst citizens (and non citizens regarding ICE) I feel like it is not enough especially with the issues working public transit carries. An example of this is from an article published February, 2026 by "Hoodline" reports a b42 bus driver brutally beaten for seemingly no reason and issues like these are getting more and more common amongst individuals who work public transit and

they risk putting their life and safety on the line everyday; so the least I feel like they can get is a raise.

Although benefits are nice, almost all of us live very different and sometimes expensive lifestyles so when it comes to living primarily, the money is always where it is going to be.

As someone who takes public transport sometimes like myself, I seem to notice that the issue with not as many people using it anymore and it is alarming to me compared to before covid or even a few years back how it has shrunk.

Although I stated previously the tedious lifestyle of a regular middle class individual and how affordable can be an issue cars seem to be one of the only exceptions surprisingly and as the years go by I think we will begin to see more and more on the roads up here where they are more needed compared to a more major city like NYC where it is almost frowned upon yet

only time will be able to tell. In conclusion though if my previous statement is correct and public transport upstate continues to struggle and we see less and less bus driver jobs funding for this has to come somewhere and it can definitely start with people who don't take public transport.



Image: CBS Channel 6 News

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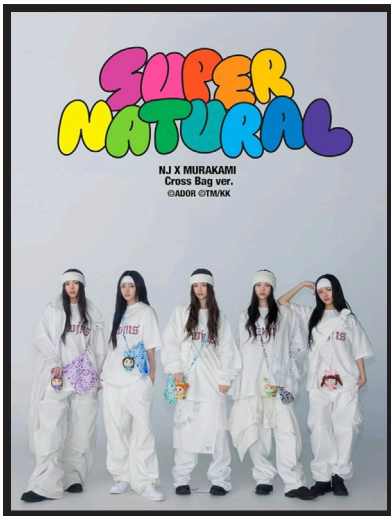
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Song Recs by Hana: Staying Happy!

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With midterms coming up, it might seem like you can't find much whimsy or joy in day to day living when all you can think about is "wait, was that due today?" Here are two more songs to add to your "I wanna feel happy" playlist.

Supernatural by NewJeans: By the beloved group by a (quite frankly) horrible company, Supernatural is reminiscent of funky Y2K songs like Rock Your Body by Justin Timberlake. It's the bassline that really makes it. The lyrics themselves are about an intense and dreamy connection between two people. Although many (including myself) find some of the lyrics to be about something else...perhaps the issues within HYBE/ADOR and the higher ups within those companies. With lyrics like "I don't know what we've done/ I don't want to go back/ I already know," one could think that maybe NewJeans saw some truly horrible things at the company and that is just one more reason as to why they don't want to go back to it. Regardless, the song is incredible and so is the group. I could not recommend them more!



Lush Life by Zara Larsson: Having found Zara Larsson in 2015, I feel so proud of how far she's come and how far she will go. Anyways, Lush Life is about embracing the present and really living in the moment. Are you sensing a vibe with the songs I like? The song starts out with the lyric "I live my day as if it was the last/ Live my day as if there was no past," and she mentions that she very literally lives her days as if it was her last, doing as much as she can while having fun. I fully agree and wish that more people find such happiness in their lives.



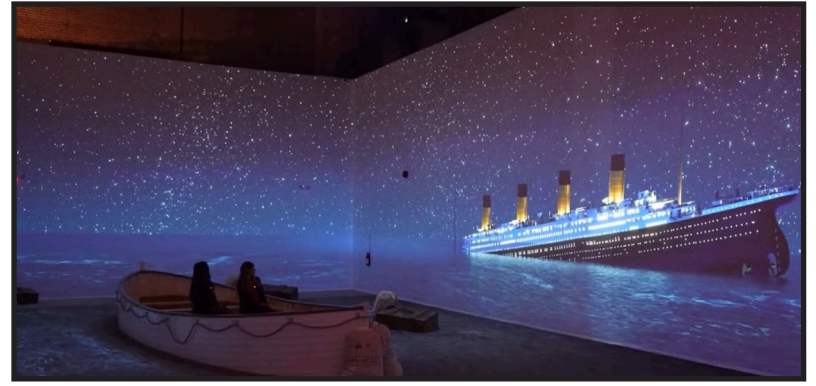
Titanic: An Immersive Voyage Exhibit, Review

Lindsay Powers
Staff Writer

A journey to the bottom of the North Atlantic Ocean is as close as the Armory Studio in Schenectady, where a new immersive experience is being offered.

Located on Broadway in Schenectady, Armory Studios is an Art Deco-style building, designed by NYS Architect William E Haugeard in 1936. There are multiple parking lots adjacent to the building, along with a handicap lot with its own accessible entrance and easy-to-follow directions to the exhibit.

Visitors receive an envelope with the name of a Titanic passenger or crew member and learn their fate at the end of the exhibit. The exhibit includes a detailed history of the ocean liner, over 200 artifacts, such as dining room settings, a suitcase, and replicas of the ship's bow and Grand Staircase, many of which feature interactive elements.



The exhibit also features sections on the films A Night to Remember (1958) and Titanic (1997). The exhibit thoroughly presents the history of The White Star Line and the ship, combining interactive and visual displays.

Tavin Odell visited the exhibit in January and said, "It was super cool, I really enjoyed learning about William Theadore, a musician who played the piano, flute, and cello and how he played the piano as the ship sank to calm others, and I think that makes him a hero."

Odell and his grandmother bought VIP tickets and were able to explore the sunken ship's site through virtual reality. "The VR part was the coolest," said Odell, "it was like you were flying around the sunken ship". Odell noted his grandmother was not a fan of the VR experience.

Tickets can be purchased online or at the door, and includes discounted pricing for veterans, seniors, people with disabilities and students between the ages of 18 and 25.

Image: WYNT

Dunkin' Donuts Review

Shia Lang
Photo Editor

If you know me, you know how much I love Dunkin' Donuts. With an easy online app all the way to the drive through, it's so simple to get something delicious at such a quick pace.

Before my classes, I do a mobile order and it's ready as soon as I get there. I'm never late to class, and my body is fueled. There are some newer things added to the menu, like Megan the Stallions protein drinks.

There's a variety of drinks you can get with protein, and it can be good for people who work out or just need that extra protein.

My go to drink is the mango or strawberry refresher and I've been getting it for years. It's never gotten old, and not only are the drinks good. But also the food. I personally love the egg sandwich on a croissant with bacon.

Image: Lebanon Daily News



Billboard Hot 100: Top 10 Last Week

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Editor-in-Chief

1. Opalite
Taylor Swift
2. Choosin' Texas
Ella Langley
3. Man I need
Olivia Dean
4. DTMF
Bad Bunny
5. Ordinary
Alex Warren
6. I Just Might
Bruno Mars
7. Golden
HUNTR/X
8. The Fate of Ophelia
Taylor Swift
9. Titi Me Pregunto
Bad Bunny
10. Baile Inolvidable
Bad Bunny

Arts & Life

Cabin Fever By M.M. Stephens

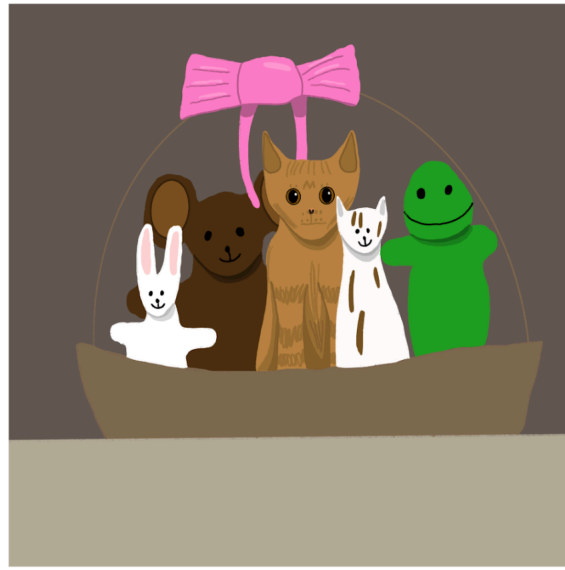
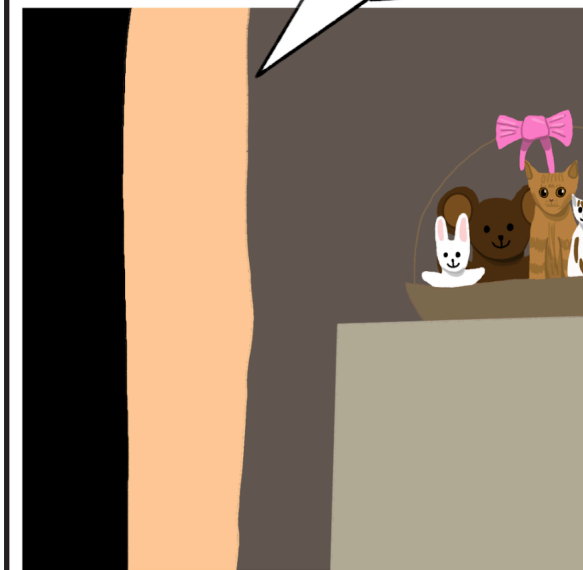
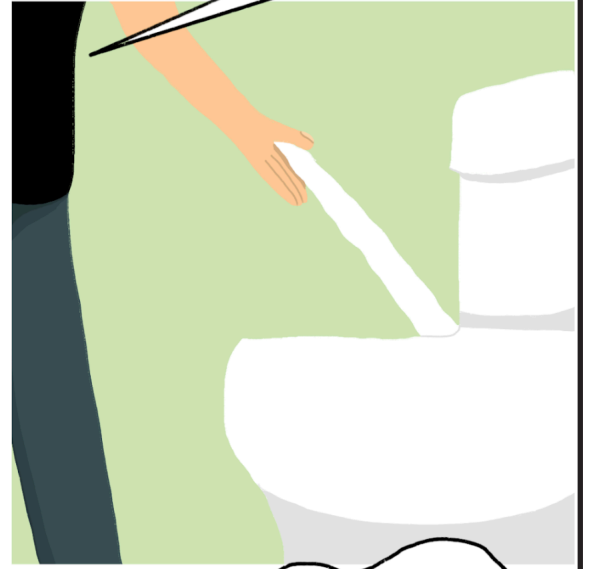
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It's time for the vet! Where are you?

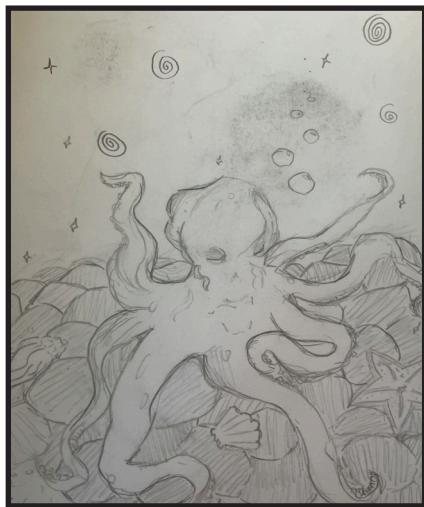
Did you fall in here?

Where could he be?

Heheh, he won't find me until after the vet appointment is over!



Artwork by Aisha Mustafa



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EMPIRE STATE
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GAMESLindsay Powers
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Friday, February 6th, The Capital District Sled Warriors traveled to Tupper Lake, NY, for the 46th Empire State Winter Games from February 6th to February 8th. The Capital District Sled Warriors faced the Capital District Sled Warriors, and lost by a landslide in their second game of the event to the Springfield Thunderbirds, their rival, 8-2.

Alex Brame, Director of STRIDE, the organization that sponsors the Capital District Sled Warriors, said, "We're proud of the team for doing their best and staying classy even if it wasn't easy".

The Thunderbirds may have been able to ice out the Sled Warriors completely if they hadn't caught two charging penalties for ramming into Lyle Joiner, 1, and his pusher, Steven Joiner, 16, and sandwiching them between the Thunderbirds' numbers 11 and 73.



The first goal occurred after the most explosive moment of the game, when 11 and 73 rammed Joiner, tipped their sleds, and sent them rolling into the Thunderbirds bench, knocking the players on the bench over like bowling pins. The resulting penalty allowed Victor Tomeldon, 25, to win the face-off and pass to Natasha Rowan, 99, who assisted Joiner in his goal.

Andrea Joiner, mother to 1 and wife to 16, said, "When I saw the matchup, I knew this would be a problem; they don't like us, it's more than a rivalry." Ms. Joiner is also the team's equipment manager and requested that her team's on and off ice locations be changed to prevent any animosity from escalating.

Luckily, the animosity ended as soon as they lined up to high-five each other.



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USA Beats Canada in Overtime:
Winning 1st Gold Since 1980Zeshan Khan
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The U.S. men's hockey team won another epic victory.

The Americans won a battle of sports superpowers on Sunday, unsteady longtime rival Canada 2-1 in overtime to win U.S. first Olympic gold in men's Hockey since 1980 "miracle on Ice."

Jack Hughes scored a decisive goal, ripping a shot past Jordan Binnington less than three minutes into a 3v3 overtime.

The reason for the U.S forced overtime was because Connor Hellebuyck withstood target practice from Canada's all-world forward corps, Hellebuyck made an incredible save against Canadian pressure, turning away 41 of the 42 shots that he faced.

Winning gold was a dream for the Americans players and they fulfilled it and to win from Canada was an expense that made it more satisfying and cathartic.

Canada won gold medals against the U.S at the 2002 and 2010 Olympic and shut out the Americans



in the 2014 semifinals.

The U.S. did beat Canada in round-robin play at last year's 4 Nations face-off but when it was time to win, they U.S. lost again.

The U.S. withstood a very ruthless Canadian pressure for most of the second period, even killing off the 5 on 3 power play that lasted 1 minute and 33 seconds.

Hellebuyck made a series of Massive saves at close range, even stuffing the Olympics leading points scorer Connor McDavid on

breakaway.

Just when Canada thought that it was a period of squandered opportunities, Makar beat Hellebuyck with a wicked wrist shot from the right faceoff circle, it was a perfect shot from Makar, just over Hellebuycks right pad but just under the Blocker.

Huges delivered an overtime goal for the ages and now the U.S. gold medal drought is over.

Image: ABC News

Alysa Liu: United States New Favorite
Figure SkaterIsabelle Holt
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Alysa Liu is an American figure skater and Olympian who made history as one of her generation's youngest and most accomplished skaters. Born in Clovis, California, she began skating at age five and, at age 12, became the youngest woman ever to land a triple Axel. A year later, she won the 2019 U.S. National Championship, becoming the youngest skater to do so at 13 years old.

Liu competed at the Olympic Winter Games Beijing 2022, finishing sixth in the women's singles event, the highest among the U.S. competitors. A month later, she won a bronze medal at the 2022 ISU World Figure Skating Championships, becoming the first U.S. woman to reach the world podium since 2016. She finished the 2022 season and then retired from competitive skating at age 16.

During a skiing trip, a friend inspired Liu to return to figure skating. She decided to make her return, carefully selecting her own costumes, music, and program aesthetic.

After finishing second at the U.S. Championships in her first season back on the ice, Liu became the first U.S. figure skater to win the women's singles world title in 19 years at the 2025 World Championships held in Boston.

She is the 2026 Winter Olympic champion in both women's singles

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She is the 2026 Winter Olympic champion in both women's singles and in the team event.

Alysa Liu has captured Team USA's first Olympic title in women's figure skating in 24 years.

The reigning world champion dazzled in the free skate Thursday (February 19) to surge from third place after the short program to claim the

gold, scoring a career-best 226.79 overall, and winning the Olympic crown at the Olympic Winter Games Milano Cortina 2026. It's a first U.S. victory in women's figure skating since Sarah Hughes' gold at Salt Lake City 2002.

Outside of the rink, she's interested in photography. During her two-year hiatus from skating, Liu climbed to the top of Mount Everest base camp (17,000+ ft above sea level) with friends.

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India's 256-Run Onslaught Keeps Title Defense Alive with 72-Run Rout of Zimbabwe

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Unpleasant India piled up a record total and handed Zimbabwe a 72-run shellacking in a super 8s contest to revive their T20 World cup title defence. The hosts Got 256 for four , The tournament's highest score this year, After Abhishek Sharma and Hardik Pandya struck Blistering Half centuries.

They shot 17 sixes and as many fours at Chennai's MA Chidambaram Stadium as India's top order feasted on modest Zimbabwean attack

made even Blunter by their sloppy catching. Left with an unimaginable target Zimbabwe still managed to get 184 for six. Brain Bennett hit an Unbeaten 97 from 59 balls but it was not enough to prevent their elimination from the tournament.

Next match will be India and West Indies and they will clash in a virtual quarter-final in Kolkata this Sunday.

"The contribution from all the batters. It was heartening to see. We could have been a little bit more clinical with the ball but it's fine. At the end of the day, a win is a win" India's team

captain, Suryakumar Yadav said.

Sanju Samson pressed his case on his return to the side and Sharma tried to find his form. Samson could not kick on, but Sharma, who began the tournament with three ducks in a row, tore into Zimbabwe as India cruised to 80 for one after six Zimbabwe's woes deepened when Tashinga Musekiwa spilled the chance to dismiss Ishan Kishan, India's most prolific batter in the tournament so far, on 26.

Bennett raced to get the amount of points needed to win but Arshdeep Singe got Raza and Ryan Burl in the same over and got them out and put

India on the course for Victory. Singh ended with figures of three for 24.

"We could have executed our defensive plan better as well and we gave too many runs away. Once the rain goes, it is hard to get back. We could have restricted them to 210 or 220." Zimbabwe captain Raza said.

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