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- Times Union Events Calendar: <http://events.timesunion.com/home>,

- Spectrum News, Capital Region Events  
<https://spectrumlocalnews.com/nys/capital-region/submit-event>
- Spotlight Calendar: Calendar listing on Spot 518:  
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