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## WEATHER

TODAY	TONIGHT	SUN
Mostly sunny and pleasant	Increasing cloudiness	Cloudy
<b>HIGH</b>	<b>LOW</b>	<b>75</b>
<b>73</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>62</b>

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DEC proposes 'holiday' deer hunt

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Stuyvesant's O'Hare named Magistrate of Year

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A still photo taken from a video of an apparent shark taken by local fisherman James Gabriel on Friday morning and was posted to the Hudson Police Department Facebook page.

# Possible shark caught on video

By Bill Williams  
Columbia-Greene Media

HUDSON — City police have had to deal with their share of wildlife over the years, including several bears this spring, a moose last year, occasional coyotes, and bald eagles.

But a reported shark that

was spotted in the Hudson River on Friday morning has a lot of people shaking their heads.

A one-minute long video of the shark was taken by local fisherman James Gabriel, Hudson Police Chief L. Edward Moore said.

Gabriel shared the video

with Hudson police in hopes of getting word out that a shark may be in the area, and people who use the Hudson River should be alert to that, Moore said.

Although conditions are a bit cold for swimming, many

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Hundreds of empty chairs lined West Capitol Park in Albany on Thursday afternoon representing the hundreds of school staff and faculty positions cut in poorer districts statewide as New York faces a \$14 billion revenue gap due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

By Kate Lisa  
Johnson Newspaper Corp.

ALBANY — The state's anticipated, broad 20% cuts to education are disgraceful, educators, union representatives, parents and students said outside the Capitol on Thursday, demanding officials stop

school funding slashes that devastate the poorest districts.

State education leaders gathered for an event in West Capitol Park on Thursday afternoon to rally lawmakers after many school positions were eliminated in districts statewide as students began or prepare

to resume in-person learning after Monday's Labor Day holiday.

"In the face of a global pandemic, our students need us now more than ever," Albany Public School Teachers Association President

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Albany City School District parent Ginny Farrell speaks outside the state Capitol on Thursday about devastating position and programming cuts in the Capital Region school district she said will impact the education of children for a generation.



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Assemblyman John McDonald III, D-108, suggested legalizing mobile sports betting and recreational marijuana outside the state Capitol on Thursday to raise revenue and avoid deep cuts to the state's education spending amid the coronavirus pandemic.

# Copake solar law goes under microscope

By Natasha Vaughn  
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COPAKE — Officials will continue to take public comment on changes to the town code regarding the proposed Shepherd's Run 500-acre solar farm.

Comments will be accepted through next Thursday, town officials said.

Hecate Energy identified a 900-acre area for the project that extends south of state Route 23 and county Route 7. The company's proposal calls for the installation of 200,000 solar panels that would take up 500 acres and would generate 60 megawatts of electrical power.

The ongoing discussions about the proposed solar project continued Thursday night with a public hearing

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— COPAKE TOWN SUPERVISOR JEANNE METTLER

to discuss proposed revisions to the law governing construction and siting solar power generating facilities.

"We will accept written comments until next Thursday at noontime," Copake Town Supervisor Jeanne Mettler said. "Go to the website, review the law and take a look at the summary of the law and if you have a comment you

would like to suggest you can send us an email."

The proposed revisions include dividing solar facilities into four distinct classifications based on their size; for example, bigger projects such as Shepherd's Run would be considered a tier-4 solar facility.

The revised town code would also

require all solar facilities, regardless of their size, to be evaluated for the impact they would have on local resources.

In Copake's case, this includes Rheinstrom Hill Audubon Center and Sanctuary, Taghkanic State Park and Copake Lake, as well as an abundance of prime farmland available in the town.

"The idea is to really ensure that whoever is reviewing the project, whether it's the town or the state, is taking a hard look on the impact of the things that matter the most to this town," said Benjamin Wisniewski, a partner in the Loughlin Group law firm.

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