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**Only 3 Chronicles
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West Mtn. meant world to him

By Mike Rogge

Special to The Chronicle

Editor's note: With new ownership trying to bring West Mountain Ski Center successfully out of bankruptcy, **Mike Rogge**, a Lake George native and former *Chronicle* summer intern, wrote about West's enormous significance in his own life and in the life of northern New York. This story first appeared in *Powder* magazine. Mike was formerly its managing editor.

Our man Rogge: Why this ski spot matters.

This is where I learned to ski. It's not much, but this mountain is everything. Without it, I would've never made a turn or lifelong friends. I never would've learned a 360. I wouldn't have those memories of teaching a girl from another school how to ski, and learning that one thing you

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12 Years A Slave does us wrong!



Too bad the movie ignores the 1853 book

By Mark Frost

Chronicle Editor

In 1853, when Solomon Northup finally returned home after

his kidnapping and horrific 12-year ordeal as a free black man sold into slavery, he didn't go to Saratoga Springs, as the new movie would have you believe.

He writes in his classic memoir *Twelve Years a Slave*, "We left Washington on the 20th of January, and...reached Sandy Hill [now Hudson Falls] in the night of the 21st...The following

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Man of the moment — Queensbury's **Brett Rodriguez** scored three touchdowns and rushed for 119 yards on just 12 carries in helping the Spartans beat Cornwall, 36-27, in the state semi-final. **Spirit of the Spartan, see page 45.**

File photo/Tom Sullivan, Sr.

Spartans seek NYS title at Carrier Dome

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Hey, who's that with Cyndie Wade Wood!?

Country music legend **Alan Jackson**, with **Cyndie of Lake George & her hand-painted glassware**, backstage at last week's George Jones remembrance concert in Nashville. ► 27

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His daughter's dare prompts Tom Coutant to turn family's Hudson Falls home into a holiday extravaganza ► 8

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