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A community screams to show the ties that binds it together

By **MICHAEL HALLISEY**
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Americans had approached 2020 as a divisive political year, but current events have separated communities with quarantines and social distancing instead.

The physical divide is a challenge one group of community leaders has decided to campaign against in a nonpartisan way.

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■ BUSINESS

Chamber: 44 percent of town businesses at risk of closing

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BETHLEHEM — Around 40 town businesses, or 44 percent of 90 local businesses surveyed by the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce earlier this month, reported they are in danger of closing amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

The survey asked local businesses questions about how they have been affected by the pandemic.

According to a press release on Thursday, April 9, around 86 businesses (95 percent) reported a negative economic impact, 40 businesses (44 percent) reported they've laid off employees and 31 businesses (34 percent) reported supply chain problems. Such supply chain problems included increased prices on supplies and shipping delays. The survey also found that all the surveyed businesses have operated for 21 years on average.

However, the press release neither named the businesses nor specified what types of businesses took the survey. Maureen McGuinness, president of the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce, said it's because the businesses had been assured their responses would be kept confidential.

"I don't think any of us expected to see that 44 percent of businesses are in danger of closing," she added. "As we recover from this crisis it will be more important than ever for people to buy their goods and services locally."

Vince Crisafulli, chairperson of the Chamber's Government Relations Committee said recovery efforts are important. "We can't put additional financial burdens such as mandatory paid sick leave and increased minimum wage in the face of what is sure to be a rocky road to recovery," he said. "Also, local governments should think about their school and property tax collection expectations."

He added that his committee looks to develop strategies to help government at all levels understand the importance of shopping local.

"Small businesses support every youth sports team and charitable event in town," he concluded. "We need local government to think of these businesses first when they are spending our tax dollars."

For more information, contact the Bethlehem Chamber at 518-439-0915.

Spotlight News is working on a follow-up on this story soon.

■ POLICE, COURTS, and EMERGENCY CALLS

New mini-ambulance answers first call

By **DIEGO CAGARA**
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BETHLEHEM — Delmar-Bethlehem EMS' new mini-ambulance, codenamed 5180, responded to its first call on the Albany County Rail Trail on Wednesday, April 8 and helped transport an injured male to another waiting ambulance on a nearby roadway.

Steven Kroll, the EMS' chief and executive director, said an emergency call was placed at 3:55 p.m. that day. Responding to the Rail Trail, 5180 helped provide medical assistance to "a male patient who was involved in a bicycle accident and received some significant injuries, including a head injury. He was then transported to another ambulance to be sent to the Albany Medical Center," according to Kroll.

Although he declined to offer more details about the individual and the accident, Kroll said it demonstrates how beneficial the mini-ambulance is in responding to emergency calls along the Rail Trail or any other location that is not near a roadway that a full-size ambulance could otherwise respond to. It contains essential medical equipment and provides a climate-controlled environment to transport a victim safely, instead of emergency personnel using a stretcher for a long distance which can be physically-strenuous and exposes the victim to



Delmar-Bethlehem EMS' new mini-ambulance arrived to complement its ambulance fleet in January 2020 and is expected to respond to more calls on the Rail Trail as the weather warms up.

Delmar-Bethlehem EMS

elements like rain or snow.

"The shoulders of the Rail Trail are soft so if a vehicle as large as a normal ambulance tries a U-turn, it would sink into the grass," Kroll said. "The Rail Trail has long stretches of territory between roadway access points and not all offer direct access for ambulances. The mini-ambulance is built for off-road use and can provide patient care and treatment at the scene of the incident and while transporting the person."

The mini-ambulance, housed inside the Delmar-Bethlehem EMS building, was first ordered in December 2019, and arrived in early January 2020. Kroll said it was the result of a grant facilitated

by county officials in July 2019; the mini-ambulance cost \$77,754.

"The Rail Trail has been less used during the winter months and since it's springtime, we felt it was important to have the mini-ambulance ready for service before we head into the summer," Kroll said, explaining why its first call happened in April. "It's now available 24 hours, seven days a week to serve the entire length of the Rail Trail. We've also been working with neighboring jurisdictions that the Rail Trail passes, in case emergency calls are made along the trail in their jurisdictions. It can respond there."

Kroll said minutes and environmental conditions matter in emergency calls.

He connected the mini-ambulance's benefits with how his Delmar-Bethlehem EMS colleagues, other healthcare workers and emergency responders continue to serve the community amid COVID-19.

"All of us are working together to develop the best pathways to provide the best care for the residents of our community," he said. "I'd say I'm incredibly proud of all the emergency responders not only in our local community but throughout the Capital Region."

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EDUCATION

Area school districts don't expect layoffs for now

By **DIEGO CAGARA**
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Bethlehem, Guiderland and Voorheesville school districts don't anticipate layoffs or hiring freezes at this time but have pushed their 2020-2021 school budget votes to at least June 1, per Gov. Cuomo's executive order last month.

Although each school district began drafting their respective 2020-2021 budget proposals earlier this year and district voters were originally scheduled to vote on them in late May, the COVID-19 pandemic has forced the districts to wait for further guidance from the state, postpone the budgets' adoption and contemplate how state aid may be impacted.

Spotlight News reached out to the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk school district but did not receive comment by publication.

Bethlehem

Bethlehem Central School District Superintendent Jody Monroe wrote in an email that despite the uncertainty caused by COVID-19, "Our goal is to remain focused on the core mission of the district, to serve the needs of our students and families, and to be



Bethlehem is one of three local school districts closely watching how state aid may be impacted in their upcoming 2020-2021 budgets.

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a good employer for the 800+ people who serve our families."

She added that the district has plans to fill vacant positions from retirements and add new hires as part of its upcoming 2020-2021 budget, "assuming there are no drastic reductions in state aid." She continued, "While we are anticipating a downturn in the economy, we are focused on limiting expenditures for essential items only, and preserving resources to help absorb potential aid reductions."

Speaking of aid, Bethlehem received \$28.4 million in state aid as part of its \$100.8 million 2019-2020 budget and as of April 10, is projected to receive

\$29.1 million in state aid in its upcoming 2020-2021 budget.

As COVID-19 evolves, Monroe wrote that it "is premature to speculate on impacts" or possible state aid reductions now.

Guiderland

Guiderland Central School District Superintendent Marie Wiles said she is unsure how district voters will vote on the 2020-2021 budget. "I've heard theories about what could happen but at this point, we're kind of in limbo and trying to anticipate what it might look if it's in-person voting or done by absentee ballots which we know how to do," she said.

She said that there are a few staff positions that the district needs to fill for the upcoming school year "but we haven't begun those searches yet." She added that before the pandemic worsened in the Capital District, "a small handful" of staff indicated their plans to retire after the current school year. However, it is unclear if all their to-be-vacant positions will be refilled.

"We require employees to let us know by February 1 if they intend to retire in the coming school year and anytime a position opens up, we always ask if we need to refill it," Wiles said. "Our staffing numbers can shift time to time due to the number of students and

what the needs are in at the building level."

Guiderland received \$25.8 million in state aid for its \$102.1 million 2019-2020 budget and as of April 9, is expected to get \$25 million for 2020-2021.

Wiles encouraged residents to anonymously pose questions or leave comments about the upcoming 2020-2021 school budget via ThoughtExchange, an online forum, until April 24. "It's hard to engage people because they can't come to a podium or speak to a microphone nowadays to say what's on their minds," Wiles said. "So, I hope people participate on ThoughtExchange and we value your input."

For more information, visit www.guiderlandschools.org/get-in-on-the-conversation-about-the-2020-21-school-budget.

Voorheesville

Voorheesville Central School District Superintendent Frank Macri said, "While we don't have any layoffs or a hiring freeze at this time, we're definitely trying to be fiscally sound and we've frozen out spending for the rest of the year to the best of our ability."

He added that the district originally planned to hire some new staff for the 2020-2021 year but "I think it's too early to know what's happening now. There's a lot of uncertainty."

Regardless of how the 2020-2021 budget turns out, he said the district would "be getting a small increment in state aid as we're not fully funded by state aid. It won't have a giant impact on us as compared to other school districts that rely more on it."

Francis Rielly, the district's assistant superintendent of finance and operations, said Voorheesville received \$6.5 million in state aid as part of its \$25.4 million 2019-2020 budget.

As of April 9, it is projected to get a slight increase of around \$37,000 in state aid for its 2020-2021 budget.

Despite the uncertainty accompanied by COVID-19, Macri thanked the district's staff as well as essential and healthcare workers "for all their hard work during this challenging time. As a community, we're stronger working together one day at a time."

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From page 1 ... One town, one heart

Purple and white signs that read “Together, We Are One Bethlehem” are quickly appearing around town, dotting roadsides like the crocus that usher in spring. But since the emergence of the COVID-19 pandemic in March, people have stayed indoors. Farmers markets and live music gatherings — the usual harbingers of spring have fallen silent and people have grown weary as to when they will return.

Social media has shown neighbors rebelling — responsibly — against their new sequestered lifestyle. Operas are sung from the balconies of Florence, Italy. Rooftop yoga is a thing in Seville, Spain. And no one is complaining of the loud music played in Chicago as everyone dances the night away from inside their apartments. The world has noticed.

Mark Joseph Kelly recalled such an observation made by his neighbor, Nathaniel Reichman. Music is Reichman’s life. The Grammy-nominated producer has had his hands in television, film and classical music. COVID-19 has pushed the pause button on the entertainment world. But, Kelly said those images from across the world

inspired them to take action. “Together, We Are One Bethlehem.” is a grassroots meant to bring people together, said Kelly. His professional experience in marketing and communication was put to task. In a country divided by coronavirus and polarizing political issues, how do you get people together?

Kelly has navigated through community endeavors in the recent past. He spent more than a decade as a member of the Delaware Avenue Enhancement Committee. The experience was worthwhile, but he noticed the political divide in the most ironic way.

“There are beautiful sidewalks that we now have in our core village,” he said. “I’ll never forget. Watching people who I know, who would see someone walking towards them, cross the street to avoid talking to them because of some political beef.

“In this moment in time, this is it,” he said. “We’re all breathing the same air.”

Kelly has found help from a handful of community leaders who include Maureen McGuinness, of the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce;



Rob Sawyer, of Sawyer’s Screen Printing & Embroidery in Delmar, shows off a purple and white shirt that will be available for people to pick up on Saturday, April 18, at the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce.

Provided photo

Steve Peterson, of Bethlehem Business Bounce Back; Rob Sawyer, co-owner of Our Towne and Sawyer Screen Printing; David VanLuven, Bethlehem Town Supervisor; and John McIntyre, publisher of Spotlight Newspapers.

“Red plus blue equals purple,” said Kelly. It’s a play on how people associate themselves with the two primary parties. Mixing the colors together like the paint

on Bob Ross’ palette, you find the color of this “apolitical” campaign. With respect to one another’s position within town, Kelly said politics were set aside. “If you’re bringing a political message to the party, please don’t.”

The initial thought was to germinate a visual movement that would draw townspeople together in one declaration that could be shared over Facebook and Instagram. That idea evolved,

Kelly said, with an “old school” approach involving lawn signs, shirts, pins and coffee mugs each sourced by Bethlehem businesses.

The Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce will host distribution of the merchandise on Saturday, April 18 in front of its Main Square storefront in Delmar. It will be a drive-through event handled by volunteers in masks and gloves for safety. Merchandise will be available for purchase. Money received will solely go back to purchasing more merchandise. Kelly said, there are no profits to be made.

As the days of isolation continue, the awareness of anxiety and loneliness among area residents is also in mind.

“We already have the team in place to do this,” said Kelly. “To knock on the door, step back at a safe distance, and with a smile say, ‘Would you like this sign for your front lawn, because we’re thinking about you.’ ... After this is all through, there’s no reason this can’t be a timeless message going forward.”

Donations can be paid by check to the order of the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce, with a memo identifying Together We Are One Bethlehem. For more information, visit <https://www.facebook.com/TogetherWeAreOneBethlehem>.

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1270 HOLDING ZHANG LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 03/16/20. 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, 1366 Hobart Avenue, Bronx, NY 10461. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-242860

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1290 6TH AVE TACOS, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 04/02/15. 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 Dos Toros Holdings, LLC, 41 Union Square West, Suite 820, New York, NY 10003. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-241706

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

130 BARROW ST UNIT 504 LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 02/25/20. 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, 2740 Greenwich Street, Unit 519, San Francisco, CA 94123. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-242171

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

131 W 69TH LLC. App. for Auth. filed with the SSNY on 01/30/20. Originally filed with Secretary of State of Delaware on 01/27/20. Office: Al-

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bany 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, 131 W. 69th Street, New York, NY 10023. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-243595

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

164 OXFORD HOLDINGS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 03/04/20. 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 Alan Goldman, 1225 Franklin Avenue, Suite 515, Garden City, NY 11530. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-242179

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

178 ORANGE STREET REALTY LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 03/26/20. 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, 178 Orange Street, Albany, NY 12210. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-243525

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

198 PRINCE ST. LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 03/30/20. 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, 133 Norfolk Street, New York, NY 10002. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-242355

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

200 MADISON STREET LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 03/16/20. 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, 200 Madison Street, Brooklyn, NY 11216. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-242956

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

205 WACKER TACOS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 03/31/17. 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 Dos Toros Holdings LLC, 32 West 22nd Street, 2nd Floor, New York, NY 10010. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-241995

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

2082 FREDERICK DOUGLAS 1B LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 03/03/20. 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

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LLC, c/o Ernie Kung, 75 Montgomery Street, #9D, New York, NY 10002. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-242543

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

2223 U LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 02/28/20. 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 Dafnonas Estates, 308 84th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11209. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-241769

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

227 ROCK LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 03/16/20. 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 R. Smolka, Esq., 5 Tudor City Place, Lobby 11, New York, NY 10017-6853. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-243597

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

236 BUTLER CAFE LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 03/06/20. 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, 133 Norfolk Street, New York, NY 10002. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-242355

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

255 WEST 108 LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 02/28/20. 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 Lisa Troia 203 Aldershot Lane, Manhasset, NY 11030. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-241608

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

28-38 49 STREET LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 03/10/20. 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 Anna Grippi, 25-81 49th Street, Astoria, NY 11103. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-242617

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

280 IMD TENANTS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/28/18. 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 Law Office of Noel Dennis & Associates, 360 Lexing-

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ton Avenue, Suite 1502, New York, NY 10017. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-241644

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

300 WACKER TACOS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 04/26/17. 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 Golenbock Eiseman Assor Bell & Peskoe LLP, Attention: Larry Welch, Esq., 711 Third Avenue, 17th Floor, New York, NY 10017. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-241990

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

49 EAST 4th STREET LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 09/19/18. 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, 9728 3rd Avenue, Suite 133, Brooklyn, NY 11209. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-242147

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

5040 INDEPENDENCE AVENUE LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 03/27/20. 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 Percella Weinberg Partners LLC, 797 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10153. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-243524

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

517 WEST 45 LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 02/27/20. 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, 9322 Third Avenue, Suite 502, Brooklyn, NY 11209. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-241611

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

555 8TH AVE TACOS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/16/16. 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 Dos Toros Holdings, LLC, 648 Broadway, Suite 505/506, New York, NY 10012. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-241707

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

636 LEXINGTON TACOS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 07/09/15. 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 Dos Toros Holdings,

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41 Union Square West, Ste. 820, New York, NY 10003. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-241708

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

668 6TH AVE TACOS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 09/14/16. 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 Dos Toros Holdings LLC, 41 Union Square West, Suite 820, New York, NY 10003. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-241996

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

68 SEACOVE LANE REALTY LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 02/28/20. 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, 90 Windermere Road, Staten Island, NY 10305. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-241771

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

717 HOLDINGS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/21/18. 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, 186-71 Collins Avenue, #1707, Sunny Isles, FL 33180. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-242103

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

8419 HOLDINGS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 03/18/20. 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, 7616 5th Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11209. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-243073

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

875 MICHIGAN TACOS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 03/06/17. 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 Dos Toros Holdings LLC, 32 West 22nd Street, 2nd Floor, New York, NY 10010. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-241991

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

98 DEKALB AVENUE GARAGE LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 03/26/20. 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, 40 Mercer Street, Apartment 23, New York, NY 10013. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-243589

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NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

ACJP LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 04/01/20. 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, 32-12 33rd Street, Astoria, NY 11106. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-243714

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

ADAR VENTURE GROUP LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 02/28/20. 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, 6 Meryl Lane, Great Neck, NY 11024. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-241752

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

ALISON LOU EAST HAMPTON LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 03/10/20. 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, 22 East 65th Street, New York, NY 10065. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-242614

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

AMNRE LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 03/04/20. 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, 314 East 78th Street, Apartment 18, New York, NY 10075. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-242174

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

ARABLE VENTURES LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 02/27/20. 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, 122 Vanderbilt Avenue, Suite 2A, Brooklyn, NY 11205. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-241609

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

ARIBURNU LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 03/30/20. 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, 40 Mercer Street, Apartment 23, New York, NY 10013. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-243589

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

ASEGC LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 03/27/20. 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

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LLC, 244 Fifth Avenue, #1599, New York, NY 10001. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-243559

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

AVE J Q WORKS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 03/06/20. 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, 975A East 13th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11230. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-242354

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

BARRON SOLUTIONS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 03/12/20. 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, 5 Smith Lane, Saint James, NY 11780. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-243709

NOTICE OF PLLC FORMATION

BERNARDI & SALZMAN PHYSICIANS PLLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/31/20. 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, 122 E. 42nd Street, Suite 1709, New York, NY 10168. Purpose: For the practice of the profession of Medicine. D-242173

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

BMTM MARKETING LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 09/19/19. 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 Mokesh Ramnath, 110-09 Liberty Avenue, S. Richmond Hill, NY 11419. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-242974

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

C D R TRUCKING LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 03/04/20. 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, 514 Madison Street, Brooklyn, NY 11221. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-242176

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

CANNALOGICA HOLDINGS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 02/06/20. 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, 14-25 139th Street, White-stone, NY 11357. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-241919

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CHOPT SUMMIT, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 10/21/19. 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, 853 Broadway, Ste. 606, New York, NY 10003. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-241961

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

CHOPT THRUWAY LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 07/28/17. 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, 853 Broadway, Ste. 606, New York, NY 10003. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-241963

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

CHOPT TOCO HILLS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 09/06/17. 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, 853 Broadway, Ste. 606, New York, NY 10003. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-241970

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

CHOPT TUXEDO LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 09/06/17. 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, 853 Broadway, Ste. 606, New York, NY 10003. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-241974

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

CHOPT UWV LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 10/06/14. 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, 853 Broadway, Ste. 606, New York, NY 10003. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-241703

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

CHOPT VARICK LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 05/10/19. 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, 835 Broadway, Ste. 606, New York, NY 10003. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-241704

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

CONCHITA WIDJOJO LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 02/11/20. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process

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against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 65 Bank Street, Apartment 7, New York, NY 10014. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-243697

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

D&D 3194 LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 05/19/14. 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, 3186 Ave. V, Unit B, Brooklyn, NY 11229. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-242704

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

DanFar LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/07/20. 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, 795 3rd Avenue, Watervliet, NY 12189. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-242542

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

DISBAILY LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 02/18/20. 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, 26 East Rogues Path, Huntington Station, NY 11746. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-241641

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

FRANK & FRANTZ LLC. App. for Auth. filed with the SSNY on 03/03/20. Originally filed with Secretary of State of Florida on 06/07/2017. 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, 421 Hudson Street, Apartment 612, New York, NY 10014. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-242093

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

G.S.P. 538, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/30/20. 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, 538 Forest Avenue, Staten Island, NY 10310. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-241911

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

GOURMET ITALIAN DELIGHTS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 03/12/20. 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, 135 Fingerboard Avenue, Staten Island, NY 10305. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-242925

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GUTTMAN REALTY FUND VIII LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 03/25/20. 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, 3541 Clubside Drive, Boca Raton, FL 33496. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-243583

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

HELENA GRAY JEWELS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 03/09/20. 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, 137-31 75th Road, Flushing, NY 11367. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-242990

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HONEYWELL DALY, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 03/11/20. 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, 1601 Bronxdale Avenue, Bronx, NY 10462. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-242710

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

HTOWN 65, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 03/19/20. 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 Pavel Levter, 167 Baden Place, Staten Island, NY 10306. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-243702

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

HUME ARCHITECTURE, PLLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 03/13/20. 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, 77 Flushing Avenue, Suite 1314, Brooklyn, NY 11205. Purpose: For the practice of the profession of Architecture. D-242834

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

J OFFICE MANAGEMENT LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 03/06/20. 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, 1170 Ocean Parkway, Apartment 7L, Brooklyn, NY 11230. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-242356

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

JIANG TRADING GROUP LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 03/03/20. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process

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against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 1421 64th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11219. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-242096

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

JOYCE 404 MARION LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 03/11/20. 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, 487 Bainbridge Street, Brooklyn, NY 11233. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-242774

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

K. MUSICK LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 02/28/20. 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, 900 West 190th Street, Apartment 11-O, New York, NY 10040. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-241760

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

KIA'S ENTERPRISES LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 03/10/20. 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, 35-53 Steinway Street, Long Island City, NY 11101. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-242615

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

KION DEVELOPMENT LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 02/19/20. 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, 182A Dixon Avenue, Staten Island, NY 10303. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-242385

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

KLAATU DIAMOND & JEWELRY COUNSEL, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 02/26/20. 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, 50 W. 47th Street, Suite 2007, New York, NY 10036. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-241524

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

LA RANCH, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 03/17/20. 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 Carolyn Andrews, 290 West End

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Avenue, Apartment 6D, New York, NY 10023. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-242981

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

LAPD HOLDINGS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 03/18/20. 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, 7616 5th Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11209. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-243072

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

LEMANI MILLWORK LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 02/19/20. 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, 512 Beach 131st Street, Rockaway, NY 11694. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-241642

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

LION HOUND FUNDING LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 03/25/20. 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, 20 West 20th Street, Suite 1102, New York, NY 10011. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-243575

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

LITD CONSULTANTS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 03/26/20. 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, 67-56 78th Street, Middle Village, NY 11379. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-243466

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

LMNT LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 04/03/20. 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 Law Office of Thalia Feilen, PLLC, 928 Broadway, Suite 1000, New York, NY 10010. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-243936

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

LONGHOUSE LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 03/04/20. 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, ATTN: Mitchell E. Nelson & Gloria Lin Nelson, 215 E. 80th Street, Apartment 2L, New York, NY 10075. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-242177

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MadHoney LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 03/04/20. 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, 348 West 36th Street, 6N, New York, NY 10018. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-242178

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

MB ALPHA, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 03/05/20. 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 Leonid Sherman, 2711 Whitman Drive, Brooklyn, NY 11234. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-242287

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

ME NE FREGO HOLDINGS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 02/28/20. 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, 900 West 190th Street, Apartment 11-O, New York, NY 10040. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-241761

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

MOE SNACKS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 03/09/20. 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, 85 Stuyvesant Place, Staten Island, NY 10301. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-242465

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

MOUNT VERNON EAST, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/23/20. 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, 270 Devonia Avenue, Mount Vernon, NY 10552. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-241923

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

NANSEE LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 02/28/20. 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, 270 Madison Avenue, Floor 16, New York, NY 10016. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-241768

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NYANSAPPO IMPACT CAPITAL, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 03/25/20. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the

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LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 1400 5th Avenue, Suite 8C, New York, NY 10026. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-243622

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

OUNCE 01 LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 03/03/20. 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, 75 Tresser Boulevard, Unit 222, Stamford, CT 06901. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-242099

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Resolution # 2020-017 RESOLUTION AND PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board of the County of Albany, State of New York has on the 8th day of April 2020, duly adopted, subject to a permissive referendum, a resolution as follows: WHEREAS, the Town Board of the County of Bethlehem has determined that it is necessary to fund improvements at the Dinmore Road Wastewater Treatment Plant; and WHEREAS, it is estimated that the costs of said work will not exceed \$110,000; and WHEREAS, in recognition of these needs, funds for such purposes

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are in the Sewer Fund Capital Reserve Fund; and, NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that it is in the public interest to complete the improvements at the Dinmore Road Wastewater Treatment Plant; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes the expenditure of the reserve moneys to fund this project up to a maximum amount of \$110,000; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Comptroller is authorized to expend from the Sewer Fund Capital Reserve Fund the funds necessary up to \$110,000 in said reserve fund; and

This resolution shall be subject to a permissive referendum, as permitted by law. The motion to adopt the resolution was offered by Councilwoman Cunningham, seconded by Councilman Coffey and duly adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Supervisor VanLuvan, Councilwoman Becker, Councilman Coffey, Councilwoman Cunningham, Councilman Foster
NOES: 0
ABSENT: 0
DATED: April 8, 2020
D-244175

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■ POLICE, COURTS and EMERGENCY CALLS

Car crashes into Visionworks storefront



Police said the current stay-at-home policy prevented tragedy in this accident. There were no pedestrians at the mall when this car crashed into the storefront Saturday afternoon.

Tom Heffernan Sr. / Special to Spotlight News

By **DIEGO CAGARA**
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SLINGERLANDS — A 59-year-old Albany woman “suffered a medical event” which caused her to crash her car into Visionworks in the Slingerlands Price Chopper Plaza at 1365 New Scotland Road on Saturday, April 11 at 5 p.m., according to Bethlehem police.

The report did not specify what the medical event was. However, it led Elizabeth McCann’s 2002 Mazda 626 to leave the roadway, go down a grass embankment and into the Visionworks store.

While Bethlehem police, Bethlehem

Building Department and the Slingerlands and Delmar fire departments responded to the scene, Delmar-Bethlehem EMS and Albany County Paramedics arrived and treated her.

She declined transport to a hospital.

As the area’s businesses were closed due to social distancing and concerns for the COVID-19 pandemic, no pedestrians were in the vicinity.

Police reported that the area would have otherwise been heavily congested on a typical Saturday evening.

McCann was issued a traffic citation for driving across hazardous markings and is scheduled to appear in the Bethlehem Town Court in May.

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HEALTH

How handling pandemics evolved since 1918

Learning from the Spanish Flu

By **JIM FRANCO**
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“Churches, Schools, Shows closed.” “Flu epidemic ravages fast.” “Lid to go on city today.”

Those headlines are familiar today, but they screamed across newspapers over 100 years ago during the Spanish Flu of 1918.

That virus was the first of five global influenza pandemics of modern times and remains by far the most deadly. Estimates vary, but according to the federal Center for Disease Control, it infected a third of the world’s population, or about 500 million people, and killed 50 million people with at least 675,000 fatalities in the U.S.

While indications are COVID-19 will not be nearly that deadly, countries around the globe are mandating social distancing techniques and stay-at-home orders to fight the virus for the first time in more than a century.

Another common headline associated with COVID-19 and Spanish Flu came last week: a technique used to stop the spread in 1918 is being used today. Basically, convalescent plasma therapy involves taking plasma from a person who had the virus, and during the course of recovery developed antibodies, or proteins that counteract a pathogen, according to Albany Medical Center Hospital. That plasma is injected into a body still infected to help its internal battle.

Albany Med got its first plasma donation from

an employee who was infected with the virus and who recovered. The hospital, one of the first in the nation to get an OK from the federal Food and Drug Administration to proceed with the treatment, is seeking other donors and anyone who tested positive but has not had any symptoms for at least two weeks can call 518-262-9340.

Social Distancing

Unlike today, social distancing 102 years ago was a far less concerted effort, but involved many of the same basic techniques: closing all mass gatherings and businesses and telling people to isolate inside.

According to a story in the *Wall Street Journal* which cited a book by John Barry called, “The Great Influenza: The Story of the Deadliest Pandemic in History,” President Woodrow Wilson never publically mentioned the pandemic, and Chicago’s public health commissioner said at the time: “It is our duty to keep the people from fear. Worry kills more people than the epidemic.”

There are other significant societal differences, too, that exacerbated the spread of the Spanish Flu. In 1918, the country was just coming out of World War 1 and soldiers were coming home after travelling the world while living in close quarters. Also, unlike today, there was no unemployment insurance and limited social services so people had to work, despite the health risks, or face the chance of starving on the streets. It was also more difficult to get the word out in 1918 — there was no Facebook.



Scientists and the federal Center for Disease Control are carefully recreating the Spanish Flu, a deadly pandemic in 1918, in labs to study its impact and try to compare it with COVID-19.

Peter Hultin

It did, though work then just like it appears to be working now. As has been widely published, Philadelphia had its first reported case on Sept. 17, 1918 but waited until Oct. 3 before it began shutting things down. St. Louis, by contrast, had its first case on Oct. 5, and by Oct. 7 began its version of what is now known as a stay-at-home order. At the virus’s peak, five times as many people were dying in Philly than St. Louis.

One of the early questions regarding our response to COVID-19 is the striking difference between the fatalities in California and New York.

California has about twice the population but a fraction of deaths compared to New York, which on April 13 was 651 and 10,056, respectively. New York state accounts for nearly half of the deaths across the country, which on April 13, stood at 22,151.

There are some universal demographic reasons for the difference, like New

York being more dense as a whole — California has about 239 people living per square mile while New York has about 411, according to the U.S. Census Bureau — and New York City being the most dense city in the country.

Another possible reason, though, according to a number of accounts, relates to social distancing. It’s indisputable California acted quicker in shutting things down than New York.

On March 16, San Francisco County and five neighboring counties announced a stay-at-home order similar to what New York has in place now. Three days later, Gov. Gavin Newsom made it statewide. On March 18, Gov. Andrew Cuomo mandated 50 percent of the workforce to stay home, a day later it was upped to 75 percent and on March 20 he closed all non-essential businesses. The regional stay-at-home order went in effect on March 22 which included New Jersey and Connecticut.

It was just six days, but when a virus as contagious as COVID-19 is ripping through a population as dense as New York it can spread very fast.

“If I infect two other people and each of them infects two people, it doubles and doubles and very soon you have very large numbers,” Dr. Arthur Reingold, professor of epidemiology and biostatistics at UC Berkeley, told the *Mercury News*.

Vaccinations

While social distancing was employed to a small degree, the first line of defense for the other three pandemics in the last 102 years was vaccination. But, they don’t, collectively, come close to the number of deaths attributed to the H1N1 Spanish Flu.

In 1957-58, an H2N2 virus killed as many as 1.1 million around the world and in 1968 an H3N2 virus killed up to 1 million people. In 2009, as many as 575,000 died in the first year of that H1N1 outbreak. A precise number is difficult to pinpoint,

according to the CDC, and those figures are the high end of the spectrum.

In 1957, a vaccine was well on its way to mass development in this country thanks to a rogue respiratory doctor at Walter Reed Hospital, Maurice Hilleman. He bypassed federal regulations, which can slow matters by months, and developed a vaccine before the pandemic hit this country, according to historical accounts.

In 1968, the virus was a byproduct of other strains so there was at least a partial natural immunity to it that was relatively widespread, according to the CDC, and the widespread use of penicillin and other medications to help treat the symptoms. In 2009, the first reported cases of that outbreak came in April and clinical trials of a vaccine were happening by July with little disruption to society, as a whole, in between.

Any vaccine is not a cure, and the only recourse to treat even seasonal flu is to treat the symptoms. Furthermore, any vaccination, even a seasonal flu shot, is far from infallible protection even if the vaccine is perfectly aligned with the strain of virus. According to the CDC the seasonal flu shot is between 40 and 60 percent effective.

The problem with using a vaccine to fight a pandemic, according to the CDC, is it takes about 20 weeks to develop a vaccination and, as in the case of COVID-19, it can spread exponentially in a matter of days rather than weeks.

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3D printer makes supplies

For now, all is quiet inside Bethlehem Public Library, but our MakerBot 3D printer has a big job.



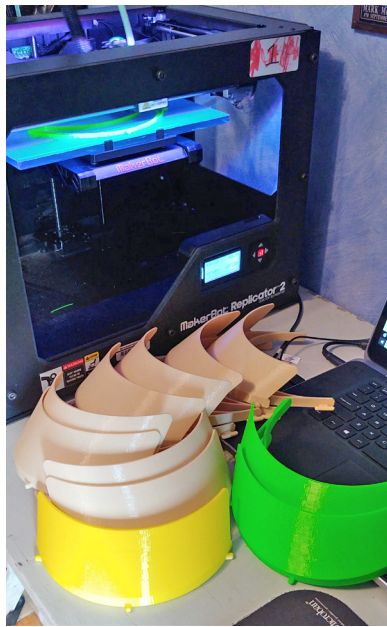
It is now working overtime churning out the pieces that are a key component to the protective face shields that health care workers are using to protect themselves during the Coronavirus pandemic.

The printer itself has been moved to its “work from home” location, where head of IT John Love can check in on the print progress and troubleshoot if problems arise. Each face

shield piece takes a couple of hours to produce, and Love has them printing one right after the other. We are coordinating our efforts with RCS and Albany public libraries and two separate groups through the State University of New York at Albany. The finished face shields are destined for Albany Med.

Medical supply shortages across the country prompted the call for individuals and organizations with 3D printers to help fill the need.

— Kristen Roberts



The library’s MakerBot 3D printer has made components used to make healthcare workers’ protective face shields. — John Love

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— Luanne Nicholson

Library from home

The Library is closed. We are scheduled to be closed until the end of April, but as we have all seen over the past few weeks, circumstances change quickly. Please be sure to check our website www.voorheesvillelibrary.org for the most up-to-date information.



We have a new page on our website called “Library from Home.” It’s a wonderful resource for all of the students/parents now at home, distance learning. There are links to resources, projects, and more for all of your educational needs.

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— Lynn Kobler

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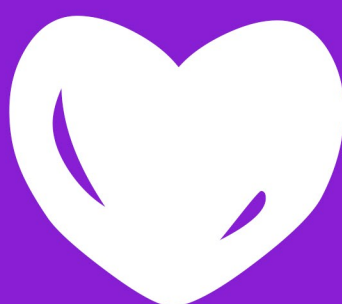
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— Michael Hallisey



Swagger with a '\$'

Jake Strain Music

Rapper Jake Strain has a plan and it involves building up the people around him for success

By **MICHAEL HALLISEY**
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What is the definition of success? That's a loaded question. Merriam-Webster recognizes the answer goes beyond what it says is a *favorable or desired outcome*. No. The book of words goes on to say it could mean *the attainment of wealth, favor, or eminence*.

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“Why worry about what everybody else thinks? Why not just do you?”




— Jake Strain, rapper



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COMMUNITY

Art scene unites to help local artists

Community creates fund to help artists, musicians who find themselves without gigs with everyone staying home under quarantine

By MICHAEL HALLISEY
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ALBANY — The shutdown on social gatherings has hurt artists, and no one knows that better than fellow artists. But, there is a “Creative Impact” in the works to help.

A collaborative effort between area art centers called The Creative Impact Project has formed to raise funds for local creatives. The Creative Impact Project is presented by Acting with Aaron, Albany Barn, Albany Center Gallery, Arts Center of the Capital Region, Collectiveeffort, Creative Action Unlimited, D. Colin, Youth FX, with support by Community Foundation for the Greater Capital Region and United Way of the Greater Capital Region.

Demands for gigs, gallery work, performances, exhibitions, commissioned projects, workshops and art sales have all rapidly declined over the past couple weeks. This fund was created to help alleviate some of the financial stress many

are enduring.

“The fact that during these hard times a bunch of cool creatives were able to come together and make something uplifting, and financially impactful for the local creative economy really speaks to how deeply rooted artists are in this community,” said Tony Iadicicco of Albany Center Gallery “We have each other’s backs because we know how essential art is to the voice of the region.”

The project aims to provide \$100 Visa Gift Cards to local artists. It plans to continue distributing the money until funds have been depleted. Local artists suffering financial hardship due to canceled events and projects because of the pandemic are invited to apply. Applicants have to reside in either of the Capital District’s four counties — Albany, Rensselaer, Saratoga and Schenectady.

Depending on the level of interest, organizers said the effort could expand to other counties within the region.

Kristen Holler, of the Albany Barn and Electric City Barn, sees the project as a



means of building an “infrastructure” for artists to use now and in the future.

“What makes this project so exciting is that it not only brings together arts patrons to provide straightforward access to funds for artists right now, but it builds infrastructure that artists can use in perpetuity to generate income, without putting the strain of building the system on any one artist,” she said. “If \$100 now can hold someone over while they wait on additional relief, that’s great! But if we help an artist access tools to make a faster pivot to sharing creative work at a distance, that’s a long term win for the artist, and the entire community.”

Artists who apply also have the opportunity to sell their art on Albany

Barn’s website, and/or participate in Collectiveeffort’s TV live stream series.

“Often, people confuse love for just kind words and forget that it’s also hard work,” said Patrick Harris Jr., whose Collectiveeffort is a creative agency whose focus is in building and bridging communities to increase engagement and collaboration. He added, he found the project to be a reflection of the group’s place within the community. “This group is a reminder of that lesson. We are putting in the work it takes to really be there for people.”

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From page B1 ... Swagger with a '\$'

Eminence.

There are plenty of emcees who'll declare *eminence* over the fodder. Prove it by stepping into a cypher armed with a mic, a keen mind and a razor-sharp tongue. Whether on stage or in the booth, the best come out on top with flow. A manipulation of words, rhyme and music so smooth it would cause William Shakespeare to pause if the Bard stood in the crowd.

"When I was in high school, I wouldn't have pictured myself in the position that I'm in," said Jake Strain from his perch at Off The Road Media. The recording studio sits over the basketball court in the Washington Avenue Armory. He's there today to be interviewed. Taking a quick moment before he runs off to an engagement shoot with his fiancée, Nichole. She's expecting their second child (who has since arrived). "I dreamed about being in the position that I'm in."

When the 24-year-old speaks, his words sound as if reined in. Each word resonates with a suppressed energy as it's pushed down through his diaphragm, forged by thought, before it's released into the air.

"If you passed your goal, then you've already made it," said Strain. "Why worry about what everybody else thinks? Why not just do you?"

Peering from underneath the bill of a pulled down baseball cap, he turns from his computer. He asks whether or



not I've listened to his music. Of course, there's the feature in which he appears with D12's Bizarre on "A Bizarre Cypher." Then, there's another in which he's on with Afroman. Between the two, he's earned nearly 2 million plays on Spotify. With a wave of his mouse, he pulls up a track from his Pro Tools catalogue. The song appears as an amalgamation of bricks on the flat screen monitor. He hits play. As a thin, dark line rakes over the bricks, music fills the room.

*Everything's got a cause
and it came with a price.
You've got your fame on stage,
with your name in the lights.
It ain't a job or a hobby
how I'm able to write.
'Cause it's the only thing I had
to be stable in life.*

Strain identifies himself as an underground rap artist. He's emerging from within a scene the music industry has noticed in recent years. There's a handful

◀ Jake Strain is viewed as a man on the rise in the area's rap scene. He's hustled to get himself featured on tracks with Bizarre, of D12, and Afroman. Now he has his eyes on building up the people around him.

Jake Strain Music

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of artists whose time on national television has made them household names, like Sawyer Fredericks. There's Jocelyn and Chris Arndt, and State Champs who've drawn the attention of Billboard and Alternative Press, respectively. There's also Souly Had, who last February signed a record deal with Island Records.

The attention to Souly Had was not a surprise. He had long since attained eminence within the local rap scene. Strain shared a bill with him at an Upstate Concert Hall show that headlined Chris Webby.

"To be honest with you, I think he sold more tickets to the show than the actual headliner," said Strain. "After he got off the stage, half of the crowd just left."

Despite Souly Had's success, the area's rap scene is still on a short leash. You can catch it in Albany and Schenectady. Upstate Concert Hall and Skyloft in Crossgates Mall are some of the larger venues that have been friendly to the scene. A 2015 incident at a show headlining Migos at the Washington Armory led to a riot. The Armory hasn't hosted a hip hop show since. When something happens, the leash gets pulled back.

"People that make music," Strain said, "they tend to make music about their life."

Strain remembers getting his first rap CD from his mother when he was in first or second grade. His parents split up when he was young. His father's influence

won over him when it came to music. His country music-loving mother conceded that her son hated her taste in music. It was Eminem's "The Slim Shady LP." He fell in love with it.

"I definitely was not old enough to be listening to this," he said. "But, my mom — thank God for my mom — gave me that CD. ... I would just listen to it and maybe even music brainwashed me. It's something that I fell in love with."

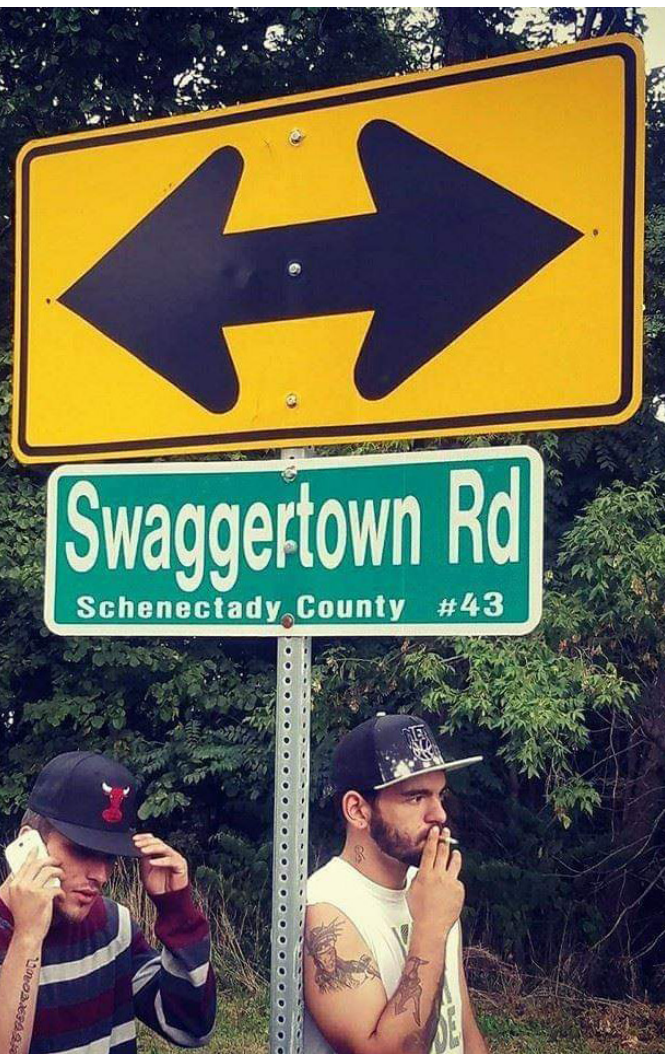
Strain was in junior high school when he started penning rhymes. He discovered a classmate who was writing lyrics. Strain sat next to him and said he wanted to write a rap. Something funny. Though he was earning the grades to make honor roll, Strain said he'd pretend to act "stupid." He was amazed at how easy it was to write. He wasn't rapping, but he was counting syllables and putting words together. He didn't think of himself as talented, but he discovered what he wanted to do. School became less important.

By the time he reached high school, Strain was getting into trouble. His mother was in Scotia. His father was in Glenville. He discovered marijuana. He'd toke up before school. He was expelled in ninth grade. The following year he got into a fight and was expelled again.

"I feel like back in the day I was the bully, almost, to people," Strain said with

Strain set out to play on the 'swag mentality that was trending throughout the celebrity world four years ago. Those with clout bragged of having it. Strain wanted to show the world that was where he was from. The internet caught on to it, just as he planned.

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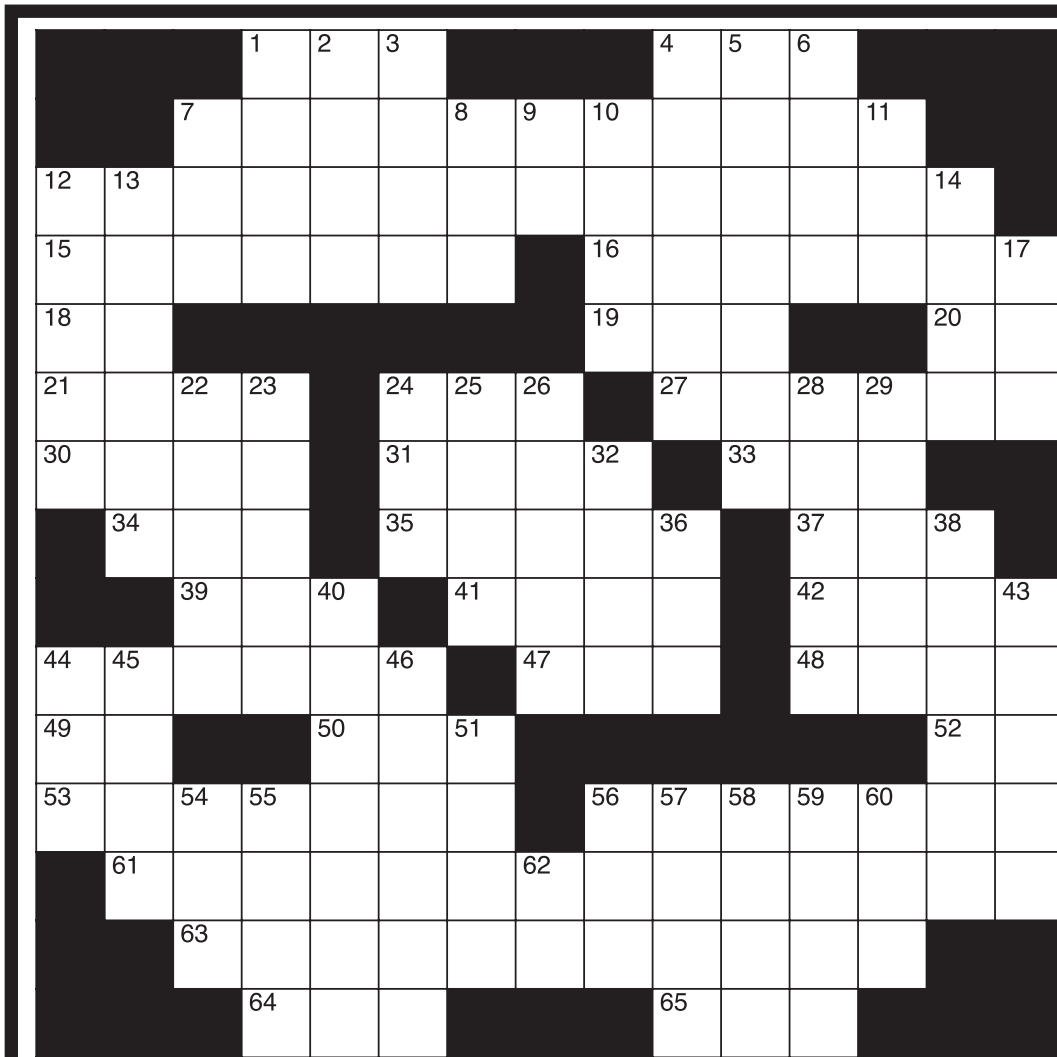
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CLUES ACROSS

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- 4. Cash machine
- 7. Improvement
- 12. What voters want
- 15. Sheepish
- 16. Placed at powerful level
- 18. Measure of illumination
- 19. Trent Reznor's band
- 20. Commercial
- 21. Amounts of time
- 24. English broadcaster
- 27. Rolls of tobacco
- 30. Position
- 31. Expresses pleasure
- 33. Corporate exec (abbr.)
- 34. Body part
- 35. Bleated
- 37. Businessman
- 39. Beats per minute
- 41. Defunct Italian monetary unit
- 42. Broken branch
- 44. Put in advance
- 47. Arrest
- 48. Prefix indicating adjacent to
- 49. Artificial intelligence
- 50. Disfigure
- 52. The Fighting Irish (abbr.)
- 53. Not in any place
- 56. Predict
- 61. A system of getting stuff from one place to another
- 63. Philosophy of the principles of things
- 64. US gov't office (abbr.)
- 65. Seaborgium's former name (abbr.)

- 3. Get up
- 4. Uncoordinated
- 5. Ill-fated cruise ship
- 6. Work hard
- 7. Drivers' speed
- 8. Largest English dictionary (abbr.)
- 9. Healthcare pro
- 10. Egyptian Sun god
- 11. Expresses the negative
- 12. Some are three-legged
- 13. Clothing manufacturer
- 14. Close by
- 17. Tooth caregiver
- 22. Housing material
- 23. Flows through
- 24. Founder of Babism
- 25. Honorific title
- 26. A type of letter
- 28. Seize and hold firmly
- 29. Artery
- 32. Body fluids
- 36. Press against lightly
- 38. An island in the Pacific
- 40. A reminder of past events
- 43. Austrian spa town
- 44. Peter's last name
- 45. Something a mob might do
- 46. Of the bones of the feet
- 51. "Amazing Stories" writer
- 54. Nazi-resistant youth group (abbr.)
- 55. Used to have (Scottish)
- 56. A way to cook
- 57. Japanese port city
- 58. Type of precipitation
- 59. Engrave
- 60. Female sibling
- 62. Expresses emotion

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Network connector
- 2. Primordial matter

Answers on Pg. B9

HOROSCOPES

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Week 3

ARIES - MAR 21/APR 20

Hang on to a source of real empowerment in your career, Aries. It may take willpower and dedication, but you can make it happen when your mind is on the goal.

TAURUS - APR 21/MAY 21

You can accomplish anything you set your mind to, Taurus. This may even mean being the boss of yourself with self-discipline. Ask friends to help keep you stay the course.

GEMINI - MAY 22/JUN 21

You have the potential to lay the groundwork now for events that will pay dividends throughout the next few years, Gemini. Get a team of trusted advisors on your side.

CANCER - JUN 22/JUL 22

Cancer, while others may be focusing on their careers, you understand the importance of zeroing in on your relationships and love life. Keep those you care about close.

LEO - JUL 23/AUG 23

Work will dominate the week, but make sure you advocate for fair treatment while you are hard at work, Leo. Check that payment is in full and timely.

VIRGO - AUG 24/SEPT 22

There will be no surprises for you this week if you simply stay the course with your actions, Virgo. Go about your normal routine and things will work out just fine.

LIBRA - SEPT 23/OCT 23

Libra, change things at home so you can better care for children or other people in your charge. A lot of progress can still be made if you redirect your attention.

SCORPIO - OCT 24/NOV 22

Scorpio, things may be moving quite slowly for you, but that does not mean progress has not been made. You'll realize after a few weeks how far you've come.

SAGITTARIUS - NOV 23/DEC 21

Sagittarius, the last few weeks may have come off as humdrum, and that's probably because you didn't take any chances. Be more bold in the days to come.

CAPRICORN - DEC 22/JAN 20

Capricorn, ask yourself how you want to see your finances grow. Then you can speak with a financial planner and make your dreams a reality.

AQUARIUS - JAN 21/FEB 18

Everything that involves you moves up on the priority list, Aquarius. Even though you're known for putting others first, this all needs to change if you are to progress.

PISCES - FEB 19/MAR 20

Pisces, take some time this week to be alone and seek inner peace. During these times of contemplation you can focus on future plans.



■ ARTS

‘Evita’ canceled

Park Playhouse keeps hope for late summer production

By **MICHAEL HALLISEY**
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ALBANY — Argentina may not cry for Evita, but we can. In an online statement to its patrons, the Playhouse Stage Company and Park Playhouse canceled its planned production of “Evita” Wednesday, April 8.

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a contrite tone in his voice. "I had some problems at home and maybe I took it out on other kids."

Strain took his words one day and rattled off a rhythm in front of his computer's webcam. It was great, he said, but it was something. He posted the video on to YouTube, and with a click of a button, debuted his rap talents to the world. In high school, that world is small, and the reaction is immediate.

"The whole school got it and made fun of me so bad, man," he said. All of his transgressions as a self-confessed bully were paid back in a concentrated moment. "I got it back so hard. I deserved every bit of it."

Strain bounced from school to school. He book marked two stints in Scotia and Burnt Hills with a stop in Mechanicville. In eleventh grade, he quit. He recalls how the school administration tried to convince him to return.

"I already knew I wasn't going to college and I feel like even going to college is somewhat of a scam," Strain said. "It's like, why go to college and waste all this money? ... Back then, I really wanted to do music. I wasn't even talented at the time. This is just what I want to do. It's how I express myself and run from my problems."

Speaking with Strain today, he shows his business acumen for the music industry. "The best way to be a musician in this day and age is to find people who you don't

know in different states, who are obviously talented too," he said. In the past three years, he's paired up with Afroman, and Bizarre of D12. The latter group was Marshall Mathers' crew from Detroit, before the rest of the world learned to know him by his stage name, Eminem.

Bizarre composed a virtual cypher, a battle of words, involving Strain (then known as WithADollarSign), and local rappers Mikey Phin and Upstates. The track starts with the crackle and buzz of a terrestrial radio station, and Bizarre as the on-air personality. He invites the listener to the cypher. The veteran on the mic starts it off. With his choice of words, he establishes his credibility before handing the mic off. It was a tired rhythm, Strain said he received back from Bizarre within an hour of approaching him. Nonetheless, the man who stood in the same crew as Eminem is still a legend in his eyes. Strain stepped up and fired his shot.

*Yo, they film when I'm in the room,
Hype in the interview,
B*tch, I got sh*t to do,
Don't get your sh*t confused.
Yeah, I make consistent moves,
I ain't got sh*t to prove.
... my flow go through the roof.*

"I thought the song turned out pretty good," Strain said. "I didn't think it was going to do what it did. I was not expecting it at all." The track has earned nearly 2 million plays under Upstates on Spotify. He's since paired up with Afroman on another feature. Strain said there were plans to bring

the "Because I Got High" artist to the Capital District before the pandemic broke out. By attaching his name onto more well-known artists, he's following a networking strategy corporate executives pay thousands of dollars to consultants to teach. He's laid down the breadcrumbs for people to follow and find him.

"He's on the come-up, definitely," said Josh Mirsky. On top of fronting Mirk, he owns Foster House Studios and teaches Hip Hop Academy. He's produced for Jay-Z, worked for major record labels and licensed tracks for a list of national television networks that includes NBC, VH1 and ESPN.

Mirsky has also served as a mentor for Strain in recent years. Their studios neighbor each other at the Armory's top floor. "He's really mastering social media. He puts in so much work behind the scenes." Despite Mirsky's connections, Strain was able to provide him something he hasn't yet obtained. A little, blue verification mark on social media.

"My plan is that I'm going to start dropping stuff as soon as that blue checkmark hits," said Mirsky. "I'm going to release a sing, advertise, because I think it adds a little more validity to you. People will ask, 'Why don't I know this guy?' ... He figured that out."

A few years ago, Strain and his friend Carl Plue decided to pose for a picture in front of a sign for Swaggertown Road. Celebrities speak of having "swag," Strain said. "People were more worried about fashion and stuff, and I was like, 'I live on Swaggertown Road.'"

The picture was posted on Reddit under the hashtag "trashy." There were

jokes about his tattoos. "I was reading the comments, and I was like, 'Dude. They're all making fun of me,'" he said. "Some of the comments were super funny. And, then it was like, 'How do I find this kid's music?'" Within the 600 comments that followed, many more indicated they went to Strain's SoundCloud account to hear his music. And, they liked it. He's kept the picture to advertise his record label, Swaggertown Records.

Strain stares back at his computer monitor as he leans back in his chair. His fingerprints are the words on each of his tracks. However, he said he knows, "the first thing about having a good song is a good beat." The quality of the sound is paramount. Burgeoning artists often make the mistake of ripping beats straight off the streaming service, stealing it from the producer who is advertising a fee. Never paying mind to the poor sound quality and the tags embedded within the recording. "You're really setting yourself up for failure. You could just buy the beat for \$30 and you'll have a way better sounding record."

Though he describes his career in a "standstill," he's making moves to build his team up. Helping them reach their goals, earning those blue checkmarks of validation and more, to help them succeed. But, that question comes back to how one measures success.

"I got made fun of by people for making music back in the day," Strain said. "All I wanted to do was sell a couple of tickets to the people who, I guess, hurt my feelings. To the people who really pushed my buttons."

"And I did that."



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From page B7 ... Park Playhouse

Owen Smith, the company's artistic director, said it was a matter of maintaining safety in a time of uncertainty.

"Our first concern is certainly patron safety, and the current uncertainty around timelines for continued social distancing and restrictions on public gatherings played a significant role in this determination as well, as our Broadway-style summer shows take months to

effectively plan and produce," Smith stated.

The Park Playhouse has been a summertime staple in the local arts scene since it was founded in 1989. It has since called Washington Park home, producing shows on the lake house stage. The stepped amphitheatre seats 1,500 people, with shows often teeming with patrons on blankets and lawn chairs around it on a warm, summer evening.

The cancellation of "Evita" assures the stage will fall silent for at least July, but Smith expressed hope that the company

will still be able to salvage what should be its 32nd season. The late summer production of Roald Dahl's "Matilda: The Musical" has not been canceled, and shows planned for Cohoes Music Hall and Canal Square Park remain on the schedule.

"This was a difficult decision for our team, but we want you to know that we still have every intention of achieving our mission of providing free, accessible theatre to our community this summer," Smith stated.

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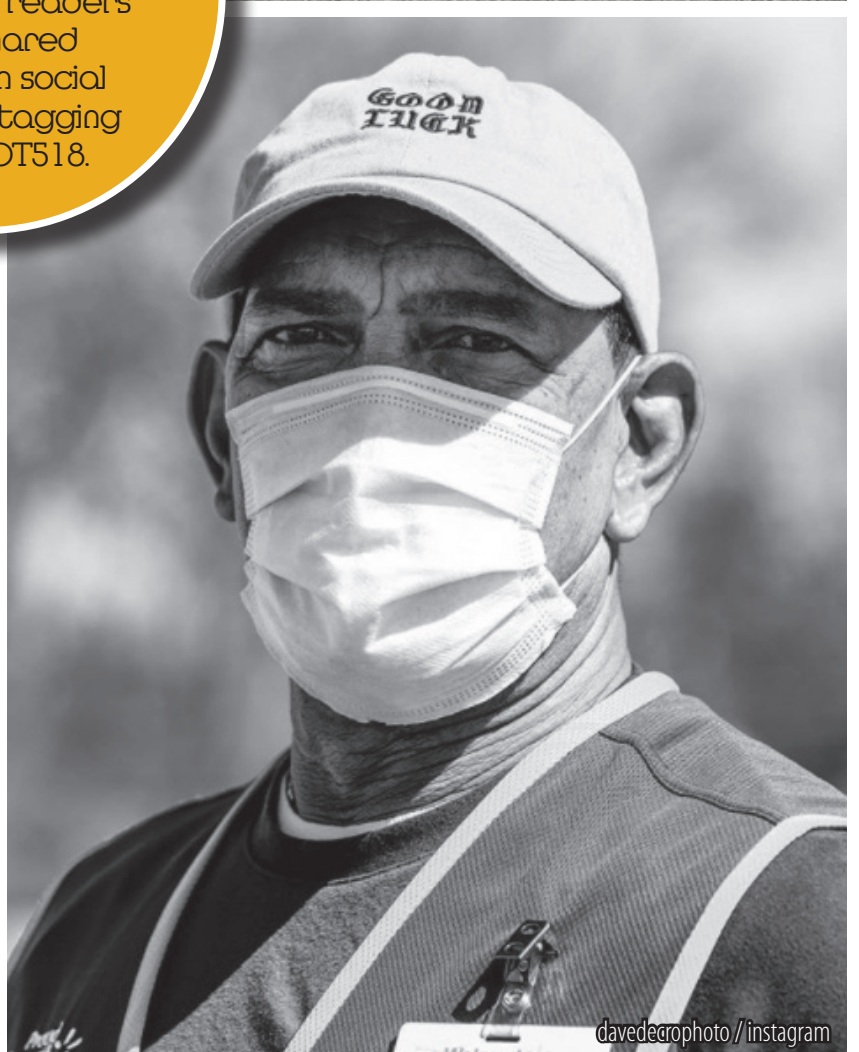
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