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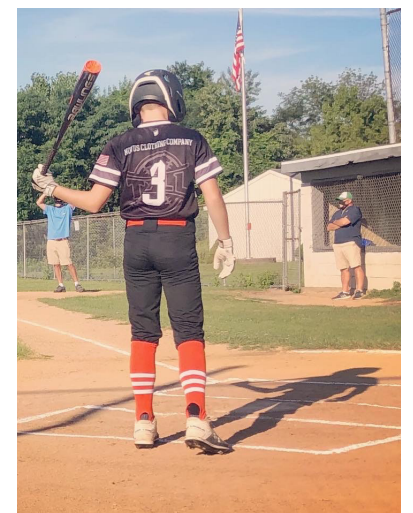


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TOP STORY

Search for new chief

Board to soon interview candidates for vacant police chief position

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DELMAR — There are three vying for Bethlehem Police Department's vacant chief position after the town's top law enforcement officer retired last week. The town board is expected to interview the candidate field in the coming weeks before presenting its choice to the supervisor.

The town is selecting from a list of candidates based on their standings on the current Albany County civil service list. Once the process concludes, either Cmdr. Adam Hornick, Detective Sgt. Gina Cöcchiara or Sgt. Jim Rexford will be the town's next police chief.

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Former Bethlehem Police Chief Louis Corsi is sent off with a formal walk-out ceremony. Now, the town board works towards finding his replacement.

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■ POLICE, COURTS and EMERGENCY CALLS

Police arrest suspects after yearlong investigation

GLENMONT — The Bethlehem Police Department has made two arrests after a yearlong investigation into a burglary from last July.

In the early morning of July 15, 2019, Bethlehem police responded to a report of a burglar alarm at the

Five Guys Restaurant in Glenmont. Officers arrived within two minutes of the call and determined forced entry had been made to the restaurant. Damage was observed and money had been stolen.

While the investigation slowed as a result of COVID, Bethlehem police continued with interviews and followed up on leads.

The continued investigation yielded the arrests of two men, one from Albany and another from Rensselaer.

Bethlehem Police arrested 40-year-old Albany resident Robert Tracy on July 20, and 41-year-old Rensselaer man John M. Seneta on July 27.

Both Tracy and Seneta were each charged with one count of third degree felony burglary, and misdemeanor counts of criminal possession of burglar tools, fourth degree criminal mischief, fifth degree conspiracy, and petit larceny. Tracy and Seneta were arraigned in

Bethlehem Town Court and remanded to Albany County jail without bail due to each having two prior felony convictions.

Both defendants are due to appear in Bethlehem Court in August.

G'land woman charged in hit-and-run

GUILDERLAND — State Police arrested a Guilderland woman after

responding to a hit-and-run accident on Saturday, Aug. 1.

Shortly before 1 a.m., Troopers responded to a hit and run motor vehicle accident on Gipp Road in the town of Guilderland. A motorist reported they had been sideswiped by another motorist who subsequently left the area.

Lakishia M. Holley, 48, was located at her residence a short time later and an investigation determined she had been

operating the vehicle and had consumed alcohol. She was administered the Standardized Field Sobriety Tests, which she failed, and was taken into custody on a misdemeanor charge for aggravated driving while intoxicated.

Holley was transported to State Police in Guilderland where she provided a breath sample of 0.19 B.A.C. She is to appear at Guilderland Town Court on Thursday, Aug. 27, at 5:30 p.m.



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■ BUSINESS

Big names shuffling at Crossgates

Lord & Taylor anchor store is closing

By **JIM FRANCO**
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GUILDERLAND — Lord & Taylor, an anchor store at Crossgates Mall, is closing, according to a number of reports.

Founded in 1826, what is billed as the nation's oldest department store filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court in Richmond Virginia on Aug. 2, according to *Forbes* magazine. Nineteen of its 38 stores have begun liquidation sales, including the Crossgates location and five others in New York state, according to *Forbes*.

The upscale department store, along with other bricks and mortar retailers across the board, have struggled as online sales skyrocket — and that was before COVID-19.

Ten years after



Spotlight file photo

Crossgates opened its doors in 1984, Lord & Taylor moved in during a massive expansion at the mall. It closed those doors in 2005, but re-opened under new ownership in 2014 at its current, 100,000-square-foot location.

According to *Forbes*, stores slated to close while Lord & Taylor looks for another owner include New York locations in Syracuse, Buffalo, Rochester Yonkers

and Bay Shore. Others on the chopping block are in Connecticut, Florida, Maryland, Michigan and New Jersey.

Lord & Taylor was originally part of May Department Stores Co. based out of St. Louis. It was purchased by the Toronto-based Hudson Bay Co. in around 2005 and it was sold to Le Tote, out of California in November, 2019.

Amazon.com is preparing a storefront



Michael Hallisey / Spotlight News

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GUILDERLAND — Amazon.com, the internet giant that has put scores of brick-and-mortar stores out of business, will soon open a storefront in Crossgates Mall.

The retail giant is advertising in the mall, and has posted job openings for a store

manager for the past four weeks.

Branded as Amazon 4-star, the storefront will comprise highly rated, popular products from its web portal.

According to the website, the store is stocked with everyday products "as well as those a bit more extraordinary."

Product lines will include devices, consumer

electronics, kitchen, home, toys, books, game and more.

This is not new territory for the \$1.5 trillion company. Amazon bought Whole Foods in June 2017 for \$13.7 billion. That following January, it launched Amazon Go, a convenience store model featuring "Just Walk Out" technology.

Amazon Go has 26 locations, either open or announced, across the county. It derives its name from allowing customers to pick up products and leave, paying seamlessly without walking up to a register. The purchase is recorded through the use of sensors and the customer's smartphone.

Amazon 4-star does not feature the walk out tech. It will, however, feature the products from top sellers. The store's opening date has not been announced.

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From page 1 ... Search for a police chief

When Louis Corsi retired two weeks ago from his police chief role of 17 years, it was the second exodus from the police department's command team in as many weeks. Deputy Chief Thomas M. Heffernan, Jr. worked his last day a week before. Hornick, the last remaining officer on the three-man command team, is ranking member in charge until the town selects a new chief.

The absence of both Corsi and Heffernan from the department represents nearly 70 years of collective service experience. Corsi spent 41 years in law enforcement, splitting time with the Town of Coeymans and Albany County Sheriff's. Heffernan started his career with the State Police before joining Bethlehem nearly 25 years ago.

Hornick was promoted to commander five years ago in order to assemble a command team around Corsi. Though the chief role is a civil service position and eligible candidates

are subject to exams, the assumption has been that the next agency head would emerge from this team.

Hornick is a New Scotland native who attended Bethlehem Central. He earned a bachelor's degree at the University at Albany and later received a master's degree in public administration from Marist College. Before becoming a deputy with the Albany County Sheriff's Department, he was a Bethlehem police dispatcher for three years. After one year with the county, he returned to Bethlehem police as an officer where he has served for nearly 20 years. He is also a member of the New York State Association of Chiefs of Police, and the International Association of Chiefs of Police.

Cocchiara started her career as a deputy sheriff with the Greene County Sheriff's Department and the Rensselaer County Sheriff's Department in 1994. She joined

Bethlehem's police force four years later as a patrol officer and was later promoted to sergeant in 2008. She earned a bachelor's degree in criminal justice administration and is a member of the New York Women in Law Enforcement Association, New York State Association of Chiefs of Police, and the International Association of Chiefs of Police.

Rexford earned an associate's degree from Hudson Valley Community College, a bachelor's degree from the University at Albany and a master's degree in public administration at Marist College. He had served several years as an officer in the town of Coeymans before joining the Bethlehem police department in 1998. He was promoted to patrol sergeant nine years later.

At the time, Cocchiara said she was "deeply disappointed" with the appointment because she had placed higher on the civil service exam. She later spoke in front of the town board accusing the police department of gender discrimination. She

was promoted to detective sergeant a year later.

Cocchiara had long been the only female officer in the department. One retired officer who refused to go on record acknowledged she was treated differently because she is a woman. A review of the candidates' disciplinary files may suggest that.

Service Records

In June, Gov. Andrew Cuomo amended FOIL law to allow public access to the disciplinary files of law enforcement officers. Prior to June, FOIL requests of such files were denied as the release of which would be considered a violation of privacy. Spotlight News requested access to the files for all three candidates. We received more than 90 pages of Cocchiara's disciplinary file, but there were no pages present for Rexford or Hornick. Town Attorney James Potter, who responded to the FOIL request, said he could not comment on the disparity between the three files.

"I was not part of the disciplinary process," he said.

Early in her 20-plus year career at Bethlehem,

Cocchiara was cited a few times for possessing a casual tone with superior officers, and for her use of profane language. In 2002, former Police Chief Richard LaChappelle attempted to fire Cocchiara after she racked up 329 hours of sick leave in 2001 and nearly 250 hours the following year. She had injured her back during an on-duty accident in 2001. The injury still requires her to receive cortisone treatments. The disputed sick leave was related to that injury, she said. Instead of termination, the department required she document future sick leave requests.

On December 29, 2014, Cocchiara was on duty when her superior officer observed her patrol car parked in front of her home for three hours. According to the record, she had not called in sick. In response, she provided proof that she maintained communication with the department. She further explained the need to return home as she had fallen ill.

"My intentions were pure but in hindsight, not the best choices were made," she later wrote to

Corsi. "I realize that I push myself far too much and on this night was determined to get through the shift, not utilize any sick time and not call in someone on overtime to backfill me in the early morning hours."

After a settlement between the town and the police supervisor's union, she was suspended two weeks without pay. Today, she added, her attendance record is exemplary.

Town Supervisor David VanLuven said the responsibility of hiring department heads falls upon his shoulders. However, with the police department's size and impact on the town's budget, he said he wanted the board's involvement earlier in the process. According to town records, 19 percent of the town's \$45 million budget goes towards maintaining the police agency, approximately as much as what goes into the highway department. Only the public works department receives more with 31 percent of the share.

"Fortunately, we have three outstanding

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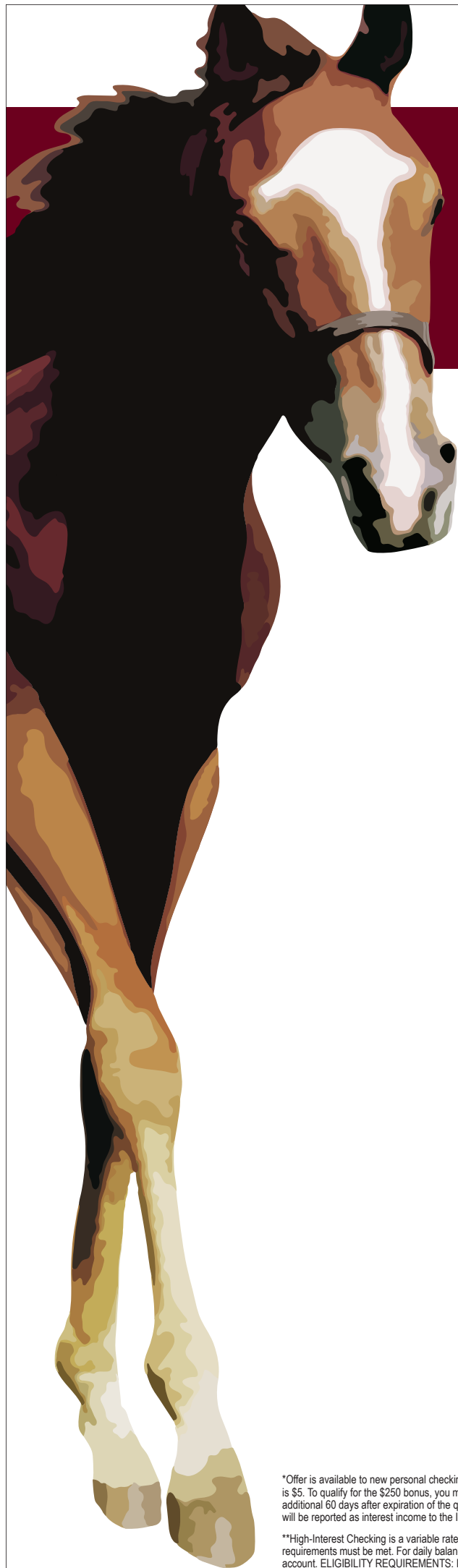
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■ OBITUARY

Martin, William C.

DELMAR — On Tuesday, August 4, 2020, William C. Martin, husband of Elizabeth “Betty” and father of three daughters, Michele, Mary, and Melinda, passed away surrounded by the love of family and friends.

Bill was born on October 24, 1937, in Buffalo to William E. and Etta (Weston) Martin. After graduating from West Seneca Central High school Bill began working for the Western Electric Company in telecommunications, which eventually became AT&T. After 35 years of service he joined the New York State workforce retiring in 1998.

Bill served his community as a volunteer firefighter for over 60 years. He was a life member of Seneca Hose Co #1 and had been an active member of the Elsmere Fire Dept. in the Town of Bethlehem for the last 43 years. He served his country in the Naval National Guard. As



William C. Martin

an advocate for highway safety and eliminating the impaired drivers from our roads and highways, he supported prevention and enforcement efforts and worked to build a memorial dedicated to crime victims in the County of Albany.

Bill loved golf and camping in the Adirondacks at a special place called Kindervolk. As an avid sportsman,

he enjoyed hunting and boating. He loved the outdoors and all the wonders of nature. He shared memorable and wonderful times with friends and family at Schroon Lake and in his winters in Florida.

Bill was predeceased in death by his father, mother, brothers, Gary and Richard; and his daughter Michele. He is survived by his loving wife of 60 years, Betty; daughters, Mary (Cristopher) Canova, and Melinda (Jeffrey) Wadsworth; his grandchildren, Sam, Tristan, Jane, Jack, William, Anthony, and Alaina; and several nieces and nephews.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, services will be private. Those who wish may make a memorial contribution to the Michele Martin Memorial Scholarship at the State University of New York at Plattsburgh or the Elsmere Fire Department for the Town of Bethlehem.

■ ANNOUNCEMENT

Guilderland woman elected president of National Irish-American Catholic Organization

ALBANY — The Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians (LAOH) Inc., a national Irish Catholic women’s organization, elected Karen Keane of Guilderland, to serve as its president for a two-year term. The LAOH’s motto is friendship, unity and Christian charity and has more than 10,000 members in 30 states.

Keane resides in Guilderland with her son, daughter and nephew.

“I am honored to be elected president of this prestigious organization and I’m excited to be at the helm shaping the LAOH’s next chapter,” Keane said.

Since joining the LAOH in 1998 as a member of JFK Division 1 in Albany, she has risen through the ranks of officers on the local division, county, state and national levels. Keane’s dedication, respect and devotion to her Irish heritage, the Roman Catholic religion and to helping the community at large propelled her as she ascended the LAOH chain of command.

“I plan to grow the membership of the LAOH, for us to become more active on social justice issues such as a united Ireland and supporting veterans and their families, and to protect the



Karen Keane

Roman Catholic faith and its church,” Keane said.

During her more than 22 years of service to the LAOH, Keane served as an officer for the majority of her time. She was elected to every office for the New York State LAOH board including the offices of Catholic Action, Missions and Charities, Irish Historian, Treasurer, Secretary, Vice President and President. For the national board of the LAOH, she has been elected to the positions of Treasurer, Secretary, Vice President and now President.

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Search for a police chief

candidates to consider and I will be working closely with the town board over the next several weeks to put together a clear list of our expectations for what we want in a chief of police in the context of a vision for our police department moving forward,” VanLuven said.

Of the five town board members, Joyce Becker, Maureen Cunningham and Dan Coffey are Democrats. VanLuven is also a Democrat. Becker was first elected to the board in 2015, followed by Cunningham in 2017 and Coffey in 2018. VanLuven first served the town after he was elected onto the town board in 2017.

Up until recently, Cocchiara served several years on the executive committee of the Bethlehem Democratic Committee as a district leader. In addition to acting as a sounding board for her neighborhood’s concerns, she was involved

in selecting the party’s nominees.

Collectively, Cocchiara has donated several hundreds of dollars towards campaigns for current board members. She’s contributed \$4,375 to 15 town office campaigns since 2011; including \$700 to VanLuven in 2017, \$300 to Cunningham that same year, \$250 to Becker, and \$250 to Coffey over the last two election cycles. Donations also include \$1,500 to the BDC and \$550 to County Legislator and BDC Chairperson Joanne Cunningham.

Conversely, Hornick donated \$75 and \$50 to Colin Dwyer’s run for town justice in 2017 and David Harrington’s attempt at town board in 2015, respectively. According to campaign filings, Rexford did not appear to donate towards any local candidates.

These donations were made prior to Corsi’s announcement

to retire. Cocchiara said she resigned from the committee to avoid any sense of impropriety while interviewing for the chief position.

“The First Amendment is a double-edged sword,” said Coffey. “The way I look at it, [Cocchiara] has an absolute right to her political beliefs and to participate in the process. I don’t think that should give her any advantage over the other candidates. On the other hand, I don’t think it should be a disadvantage that she had been politically active.” Coffey added that “it’s a small town” and that he often faced cases from people he knew while previously serving on the town’s zoning board. With Cocchiara among the candidates, he said he doesn’t feel uncomfortable with making a decision.

“Our process is going to be based solely on merit,” he said.

The board will start interviewing candidates within the next few weeks. The new police chief is expected to appoint a deputy chief, or a similar role.



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350 EAST 82nd STREET GARAGE LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 07/15/20. 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, 10 E. 33rd Street, 11th Floor, New York, NY 10016. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-249771

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432 BRYANT LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 07/10/20. Latest date to dissolve: 12/31/2119. 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, 432 Bryant Avenue, Bronx, NY 10474. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-250873

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

485 LEXINGTON GARAGE LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 06/29/20. 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, 10 E. 33rd Street, 11th Floor, New York, NY 10016. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-248799

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

49 STAGES LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 02/17/15. 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, 447 West 48th Street, #1W, New York, NY 10036. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-250772

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

4917 11th AVE, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 07/14/20. 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 Joseph Gross, 4917 11th Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11219. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-249578

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

570 16th LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 07/13/20. 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, 80 4th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11231. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-249525

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

579 KINGS HIGHWAY LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 08/04/20. 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, 579 Kings Highway, Brooklyn, NY 11223. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-250748

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

579-581 EAST 39 LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 07/08/20. 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

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cess to the LLC, 26 Cobec Court, Brooklyn, NY 11223. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-249807

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

600 WEST 42ND STREET GARAGE LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 07/08/20. 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, 10 E. 33rd Street, 11th Floor, New York, NY 10016. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-249371

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

805 PUTNAM BROTHERS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 07/14/20. 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, 459 6th Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11215. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-249579

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

9 Pinehurst Ave 3B, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 08/23/16. 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 Corporate Filings of New York, 90 State Street, Ste 700, Office 40, Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-248739

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

99 JOHN 913, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 07/06/20. 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, 601 W. 57th Street, 37F, New York, NY 10019. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-249211

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

AMAZING SPOTLESS TOUCH II LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 07/13/20. 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 Glenridge Tax Service II Inc., 70 Bluebird Lane, Plainview, NY 11803. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-249522

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

AMLER GROUP LLC. App. for Auth. filed with the SSNY on 06/29/20. Originally filed with Secretary of State of Delaware on 06/03/20. 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

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Robert Amler, 28 Pine View Drive, Brewster, NY 10509. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-249893

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

ANGELICA VIRGA TRAINING LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 07/30/20. 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, 345 E. 94th Street, Apartment 23D, New York, NY 10128. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-250634

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

ART MAISON, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 07/20/20. 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, 119-39 196th Street, St. Albans, NY 11412. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-249905

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

ASTORIA BAKERY CAFE TO GO LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 07/06/20. 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, 43-21 Ditmars Boulevard, Astoria, NY 11105. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-249205

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

AURELIUS CONSTANTINUS CAPITAL LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 07/03/20. Latest date to dissolve: 12/31/2050. 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, 420 Kent Avenue, Apartment 661, Brooklyn, NY 11249. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-249439

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

BATS LEFT - THROWS RIGHT LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 07/13/20. 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 Salvatore LoDuca, Esq., 6-53 152nd Street, Suite 2R, Whitestone, NY 11357. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-249524

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

BFD MEDIA LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 07/14/20. 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 Glenridge Tax

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Service II Inc., 70 Bluebird Lane, Plainview, NY 11803. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-249577

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

BIG STEPPERS, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 08/06/20. 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, 123-65 147th Street, Apartment A126, Jamaica, NY 11436. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-250928

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

BlueberryWorks, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 07/14/20. 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, 132 32nd Street, Suite 301, Brooklyn, NY 11232. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-249607

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

BNB 111 LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 07/20/20. 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, 83-16 160th Street, Jamaica Hills, NY 11432. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-250364

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

BROOKLYN HEIGHTS WELLNESS, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 08/20/19. 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 Steven Ebert, Esq., Barton, LLP, 711 Third Avenue, 14th Floor, New York, NY 10017. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-249940

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

C. FAZIO, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 07/30/20. 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, c/o C. Fazio, 301 East 92nd Street, Suite 5A, New York, NY 10128. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-250566

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

CELSIUS PARTNERS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 07/22/20. 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, 4167 71st Street, Apartment 1A, Woodside, NY 11377. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-250084

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CHERRY 758 LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 06/01/20. 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, 201 Clinton St, Apt 5, New York, NY 10002. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-249059

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

CHIP SMITH ST LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 07/28/20. Latest date to dissolve: 07/29/2121. 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, 1906 42nd Street, Astoria, NY 11105. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-250392

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

CHIP WILLIAMSBURG LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 07/08/20. Latest date to dissolve: 07/08/2120. 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, 1906 42nd Street, Astoria, NY 11105. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-249385

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 07/29/20. 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, 115 4th Avenue, #5E, New York, NY 10003. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-250524

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

DA CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 07/01/20. 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, 60 E. 42nd Street, Suite 2450, New York, NY 10165. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-250353

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

DC POINT PRODUCTIONS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 07/08/20. Latest date to dissolve: 12/31/2119. 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 East 85th Street, Apartment 3F, New York, NY 10028. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-249481

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DOH CONSTRUCTION LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 07/28/20. 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 David Horne, 73 Paerdegat 2nd Street, Brooklyn, NY 11236. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-250393

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

DOLCE VITA HOSPITALITY GROUP LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 08/06/20. 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, 543 LaGuardia Place, New York, NY 10012. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-250924

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

DOMINE TAX GROUP LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 06/29/20. 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 Lance Domine, 182 East 95th Street, Apartment 10F, New York, NY 10128. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-250347

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

E.I. REALTY GROUP LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 07/21/20. 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 Jose A. Quesada, Esq., 1424 Williamsbridge Road, Bronx, NY 10461. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-249995

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

EDMS FAMILY REALTY MANAGEMENT LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 07/20/20. 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, 473 Oxford Road, Cedarhurst, NY 11516. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-249906

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

ENTERPRISE REALTY 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, 95-67 113th Street, Richmond Hill, NY 11419. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-249521

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

EXPERT ENTERPRISES LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 07/17/20. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated

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ed as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 80-30 164th Street, 2nd Floor, Left Office, Jamaica, NY 11432. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-249868

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

FELICE DEE AT SAKS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 07/06/20. Latest date to dissolve: 12/31/2119. 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, 129 East 69th Street, New York, NY 10021. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-249378

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

FOUNDATIONS OF BEAUTY LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 08/05/20. 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, 2 Aspinwall Road, Loudonville, NY 12211. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-250825

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

FOUNTAIN OF MILF LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 07/14/20. 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, 7 Essex Street, Apartment 5A, New York, NY 10002. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-249939

BETHLEHEM CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of the Bethlehem Central School District hereby invites the submission of sealed bids in accordance with Section 103 of the General Municipal Law for the following:

FRESH PRODUCE
Sealed bids will be received until 12:00 p.m., prevailing time, on Monday August 17, 2020, at Bethlehem High School Kitchen, 700 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York, at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened. Specifications and bid forms may be obtained at the same location. The Board of Education reserves the right to reject any or all bids. Board of Education BRITTANY L. BARRETT District Clerk D-250671

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

FRITZ & FRAULEIN LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 06/29/20. 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, 120 N.

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7th Street, Unit 2E, Brooklyn, NY 11249. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-248796

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

FRM MANAGEMENT, LLC. App. for Auth. filed with the SSNY on 05/07/20. Originally filed with the Secretary of State of Nevada on 05/07/2019. 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 Registered Agents Inc., 90 State Street, Ste 700, Office 40, Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-248657

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

GROSACOM LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 07/17/20. 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, 347 5th Avenue, Suite 1402, New York, NY 10016. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-249849

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

H&Y PRODUCTS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 07/13/20. 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, 222 Henry Street, Apartment #3, Brooklyn, NY 11201. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-249758

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

HARBOR BLUE HOUSE, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 07/09/20. 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, 956 81st Street, Brooklyn, NY 11228. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-249386

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

HERMAN AND GRETA, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 07/20/20. 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, 409 Elton Street, Brooklyn, NY 11208. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-249907

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

HYFN BRAND LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 07/21/20. 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 Glenridge Tax Service II, 70 Bluebird Lane, Plainview, NY 11803. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-249977

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NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

JBE FAMILY LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 06/25/20. 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, 485 Madison Avenue, 16th Floor, New York, NY 10022. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-249063

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

JCO53, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 06/25/20. 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, 87-08 Justice Avenue, Unit 11, Elmhurst, NY 11373. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-249175

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

JONATHAN NAYSAN, MD, PLLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 07/15/20. 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, 250 East 65th Street, Suite 14H, New York, NY 10065. Purpose: For the practice of the profession of Medicine. D-250112

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

KEE JU, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 07/24/20. 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, 112-41 Queens Boulevard, Suite 201, Forest Hills, NY 11375. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-250276

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

KHANO 15 WILLIAM ST. LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 07/02/20. 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, 15 William Street, 36F, New York, NY 10005. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-249106

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

KHANO 151 W. 21st ST. LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 07/02/20. 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, 151 West 21st Street, #3D, New York, NY 10011. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-249107

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

KHANO 210 LAFAYETTE ST. LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 07/02/20. 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, 210 Lafayette Street, #6F, New York, NY 10012. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-249108

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

KNOCK KNOCK HOSPITALITY LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/27/19. 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, 11209 75th Avenue, Apartment 3, Forest Hills, NY 11375. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-250727

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

KOZA ENTERPRISES, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 07/22/20. 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, 114 East 32nd Street, Suite 1005, New York, NY 10016. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-250087

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

KOZZA & CO, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 07/22/20. 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, 114 East 32nd Street, Suite 1005, New York, NY 10016. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-250088

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

LORLIN PROPERTIES I, LLC. App. for Auth. filed with the SSNY on 07/03/20. Originally filed with Secretary of State of Florida 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, c/o The Caponera Law Firm P.C., 5 Palisades Drive, Suite 315, Albany, NY 12205. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-249235

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

LORLIN PROPERTIES II, LLC. App. for Auth. filed with the SSNY on 07/03/20. Originally filed with Secretary of State of Florida 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, c/o The Caponera Law Firm P.C., 5 Palisades Drive, Suite 315, Albany, NY 12205. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-249236

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

LT SNOW REMOVAL, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 07/02/20. Office: Albany County. SSNY designat-

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ed as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 3526 McOwen Avenue, Bronx, NY 10475. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-249195

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

MAJOR LABEL GROUP LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 05/27/20. 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, 530 Seventh Avenue, New York, NY 10018. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-249176

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

MAKENZIE TAYLOR LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 07/02/20. 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, 1372 East New York Avenue, Apartment 3B, Brooklyn, NY 11210. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-249109

NOTICE OF PLLC FORMATION

MARJORIE BART LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE PLLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 04/22/20. 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, 35 West 74th Street, 5F, New York, NY 10023. Purpose: For the practice of the profession of Landscape Architecture. D-249440

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

McMANUS NYC LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 07/22/20. 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, 495 Broadway, 5th Floor, New York, NY 10012. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-250089

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

MINGUS HOLDINGS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 08/04/20. 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, 61 Greenpoint Avenue, Suite 606, Brooklyn, NY 11222. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-250888

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

MT LOGISTICS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 07/10/20. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of pro-

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cess to the LLC, 8710 34th Avenue, Apartment 4J, Jackson Heights, NY 11372. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-249441

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

NEAL INVESTORS HOLDINGS, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 07/31/20. 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, 450 Seventh Avenue, 40th Floor, New York, NY 10123. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-250637

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

NEPTUNE BELL LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 07/07/20. 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, c/o Lioilis & Katsihs, LLP, 31-10 37th Avenue, Suite 301, Long Island City, NY 11101. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-249261

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

NOI DUE CAFE, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 07/22/20. 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, 63 Randon Farms Circle, Chappaqua, NY 10514. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-250090

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

NPH RESOURCES LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 07/29/20. 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 Natalie Heim, 406 West 45th Street, Apartment 1A, New York, NY 10036. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-250525

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

NYC UWS PROPERTIES, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 07/17/20. 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, 80 Riverside Boulevard, Apartment 14M, New York, NY 10069. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-249850

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

OMONIA CAFE NY LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 06/08/20. Latest date to dissolve: 12/31/2119. 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, 2603B Broadway, New York, NY 10025. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-248735

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

ORDAIN REAL ESTATE HOLDINGS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 07/07/20. 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, 5725 Oleander Drive, Suite C3, Wilmington, NC 28403. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-249237

TOWN OF BETHLEHEM Albany County - New York

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, August 19, 2020 at 6:00 PM via Zoom to take action on an application submitted by Dena and Ian Putnick for Use and Area Variance(s) located at Overlook Street, Slingerlands (63.20-3-40). The Applicant is proposing a swimming pool to the vacant lot. The proposed does not meet the Town Zoning Code requirements under Article VI, Section 128-60, C & E and Article XIII, Schedule A.

Due to the public health and safety concerns related to the novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) the Board will not be meeting in-person. In accordance with Executive Order 202.1, the meeting is being held electronically via video conference and a transcript will be provided at a later date. Plans and other materials received related to the proposed application are available on the town's website: townofbethlehem.org. Members of the public may view and listen to the meeting live by visiting the Town's Website and clicking on the MEETINGS bar along the left side of the page. Select Zoning Board of Appeals as Meeting Group and click on video icon for the August 19, 2020 meeting date.

The public may also actively participate to provide comments during the public hearing by registering to attend the meeting via Zoom. A link to the registration and instructions can be found on the CALENDAR located on the Town website by clicking the August 19th meeting date for the Zoning Board of Appeals meeting.

Additionally, the public may submit comments to the Board in advance of the meeting. Public comments must be submitted via email to zoningboardofappeals@townofbethlehem.org by 3 PM the day of the meeting in order for the comment to be read aloud by a Board Member during the public

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hearing and recorded into the minutes. The Board will close the public hearing and accept additional comments via email up until 48 hours after the meeting to ensure the Board receives and reviews all public comments so submitted. D-250872

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RIVERDALE PILATES STUDIO LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 07/20/20. 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, 3333 Henry Hudson Parkway, Suite 7, Bronx, NY 10463. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-249908

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

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Let's move!

Burn off some excess energy with us as we wiggle, shimmy and jump our way through a Dance and Movement virtual storytime Thursday, Aug. 13, at 10 a.m. with local dance instructor Janell Timmany.

— Kristen Roberts

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— Luanne Nicholson

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SIRIKIT & CATALAN PARTNERS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 07/28/20. 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, 146 East 46th

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Street, Apartment 2FR, New York, NY 10017. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-250394

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TINY SLEEPERS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 07/15/20. 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 Levy, Stopol & Camelo, LLP, 1425 RXR Plaza, Uniondale, NY 11556-1425. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-249705

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem hereby invites sealed bids for a Windrow Turner Machine for the Town of Bethlehem Highway Department. Bids will be received up

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to 11:00 a.m. on the 20th day of August, 2020 at which time such bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York. Bids shall be addressed to Ms. Nanci Moquin, Town Clerk, Town of Bethlehem, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York 12054. Bids shall be in sealed envelopes which shall bear on the face thereof, the name and address of the bidder and the subject of the bid. ORIGINAL AND ONE COPY of each bid shall be submitted. Bid documents may be obtained at the Bethlehem Town Clerk's Office: NMoquin@townof-bethlehem.org or 518-439-4955 x1183. The Town Board reserves the right to waive any informalities in or to reject any or all bids. Dated: July 29, 2020 D-250754

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We're keeping our child home

My family and I were out of town when we drove past a farmer's market.

"Why aren't they wearing masks?" asked our 7-year-old from the backseat. The novel coronavirus has left an indelible mark on our daughter's life. She hasn't seen the inside of a classroom since March, and though it is summer vacation right now, her mother and father just stopped deliberating over whether or not she'll walk inside of one this fall.

We had placed her in daycare over the past several weeks. Our work schedules make it difficult to juggle office obligations with managing the needs of a child. Difficult as it is, my wife and I did it over the last four months of the previous school year. After some debate, and the assurance of a reduced population, we opted to send her to daycare so she could socialize with other kids. Every day we dropped her off, she slipped on her mask before walking out the car. She understands its importance. It's drilled into her before we walk out of the house. So, the scene of unveiled market vendors genuinely confused her. It wasn't as shocking to my wife and I.

The topic of masks continues to be a political debate enveloped by the



Constitution. While our daughter watches Pokémon, my wife and I see the videos of red-faced adults acting badly as they scream their declaration of patriotism at a teenaged store clerk pulling in minimum wage. The most recent of such videos was an unmasked woman standing on a treadmill at Planet Fitness. The aspiring Erin Brockovich ignored the signs requiring her to wear a mask, and proceeded to argue with an exasperated manager who looked confused over why she was recording it all. She had posted the exchange along with her essay, to which she linked to her local police department and to OSHA. The fact that's glossed over by this present-day Devil and Daniel Webster is

that she stands on private property. Planet Fitness, Walmart, Price Chopper — are private business and those who walk in are guests. It shouldn't have to be explained that you follow the rules or you get kicked out. Even barflies appreciate this dynamic. They know if they wise off, they'll be escorted out the bar by a large man with an ironic name.

Gov. Andrew Cuomo greenlighted schools to reopen this fall, raising the flag on a race that has gathered in place these summer months. District administrators have labored over expectations and logistical strategies to shape a new norm in local schools. In many of those weeks, districts have turned to one another with

the bewildered look of AP English students presented with a pop quiz. What would be required of them by the governor's office and state health department was mostly kept in the dark. Now that expectations are clearer, the steps to take are still not apparent should kids or teachers become sick. That was evident as districts continued to ask questions over COVID testing and contact tracing for students and staff.

District administrators have undertaken the herculean task of getting us this far. And, while parents like me weigh the pros and cons to sending our children to school, superintendents are responsible for thousands. The decision to reopen schools during a pandemic falls upon people who likely never imagined such a scenario, and the repercussions from such a choice impacts communities. The weight of events surrounding our schools can not be overstated. And, yet, when they find themselves following Albany's guidance, people still will get sick. As what happened in Westchester County. Despite reduced classrooms, a Westchester County school closed its doors three weeks into its summer program after three teachers and three students fell ill. In that situation, there were questions over

testing and contact tracing, too.

Despite the best efforts of our local school administrators, whose actions have earned my respect over the past several months, my wife and I are keeping our child home to learn remotely. It is not because we don't trust the schools to do the right thing. It's not that we lack confidence in the state's ability to guide them into the right direction as September approaches. It's that we can trust our child to do the right thing, but lack the faith in other parents to follow through in what needs to be done.

Our office went through a scare last week. One of our own was exposed to COVID. According to contact tracing, someone in our employee's family contracted the virus at work. The family member wore a mask. The customers around him often did not. The employer did not enforce state mandates because it's been common for retail customers to threaten employees when confronted for not wearing them. Somewhere, one patriot's right to go unmasked was greater than someone else's right to live. It's no secret why this virus has grown so rampant in this country. Collectively, we've proven to be pretty stupid.

— Michael Hallisey,
Managing Editor

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Men suffer abuse, too

Dear editor,
Domestic abuse is like no other crime. It can affect individuals of all genders, ages, races, social statuses, and sexual orientations. It changes the way you function, how you think, and your actions. Domestic abuse is a growing issue that can change how our world will function. Domestic abuse can come in a multitude of abuses ranging from sexual and emotional to psychological. When someone you know is suffering from domestic abuse, they can show signs of abuse. They may show signs of physical abuse such as bruises, swelling, and limited eating. Emotionally and physiologically, they might feel afraid of their partner, feel alone even with others, and not exhibit traditional behaviors that they typically would. When confronting someone about domestic abuse, it's important to

understand the signs of abuse. Many of the victims may not recognize the signs. Abuse at first can be seen through small actions such as an excuse to keep you away from someone. As time goes on, they may prevent you from seeing others, including your family. They may resort to physical or other types of abuse to prevent you from seeing others. It's important to know the signs of abuse so even if you aren't in an abusive relationship, you can recognize one and be prepared to help others who are in one.
Of the reported accounts of abuse, women make up 85 percent of the reports. Approximately 1 in 4 women will experience a form of abuse in a relationship during their lifetime. Although women make up 85 percent of the reported abuses, men still are abused as well. 1 in 10

men have been abused. One reason for this difference in abuse rates is a result of women being more likely to report abuse. Males are more likely to suppress the abuse and not report it. If you recognize that you are being abused, it is important to reach out to someone to ask for help. You can report the abuse to an official, officer, or someone you can trust. If you are a victim of abuse, call the National Domestic Abuse Hotline at 1-800-799-7233 or reach out to your family, friend or group for help and support. In many cases, the abuser may retaliate and threaten to hurt or even kill if you leave the relationship. The hardest part of domestic abuse is leaving the abusive relationship, but with help and support you can get through it.
— Thomas Pris, Altamont

Municipal budgets will show stress

Jim Franco did a nice job (See: The cost of COVID, Aug. 5-11, 2020) in explaining the risk for county governments from the decline in sales tax revenues which may be in the range of about 25 percent or more.
As we approach the fall many local governments will enter a new budgeting season where difficult decisions will have to be made given the large declines in local government revenues. The development of these budgets which commences in September will be interesting to watch.
Here are four key items to look for. First, the financial status of the local governments is important. This can be measured by looking at the bond ratings as issued by Moody's Investors Service. County and town governments generally have higher bond ratings than city governments. City governments should, therefore, be under more fiscal stress than most county and town governments. An exception is the Town of Colonie which has one of the lowest bond ratings of any of the larger town governments in New York State.
The second item to examine is

the percentage of local government revenues that comes from sales taxes. County governments are more at risk since they generally have a greater percentage of sales tax revenues than town and city governments.
The third factor concerns the Fiscal Stress Monitoring System which is normally published by the Office of the New York State Comptroller in September. Currently the Town of Colonie and the cities of Amsterdam, Albany, Watervliet and Montgomery County are on the fiscal stress list.
The fourth factor is the New York State property tax cap. This mechanism limits the amount of property tax that can be increased by the localities.
Each of these four issues will be interesting to watch as local governments develop their new budgets this fall.
— Kevin Bronner Sr., Loudonville

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Novus Clothings' Sean Matrose, Carter Gaggett and Myles Irvis smacked a trio of home runs to fuel their team's read hot pursuit of first place. Paul Matrose

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Novus closes the gap

MAGEE PARK — In an early morning matchup at Magee Park, Proper & O'Leary Engineering scored four runs in the sixth inning to claw back and beat Russell's Reds 5-3. The win by Proper moves them to 6-4 on the year, a game back of the Reds who fall to 7-3 with losses on Friday and Saturday. Novus Clothing won their fourth in a row later Saturday and move into a first-place tie with the Reds after beating them Friday night.

The game featured a heavy weight matchup of two of the best twelve-year-old pitchers in the area. Proper threw Ryan O'Connell who lasted four full innings, giving up two earned runs, scattering four hits and five walks while also striking out five. The Reds countered with their own ace, Nolan Devejian who also went four innings, allowing one unearned run on two hits and five walks

while striking out seven.

Matthew Mullen finished on the mound for Proper and was awarded the win. He pitched the final two innings allowing one earned run on two hits striking out two. Nick Danaher followed Devejian on the mound in the fifth, striking out two. Sheamus Healey started the sixth for the Reds allowing four runs on two hits and four walks. Noah Herne came on to finish the game striking out two.

The Reds jumped out to an early 2-0 nothing lead in the bottom of the first. Healey got things started with a single up the middle, followed by Cam Moon, Matthew Jones and Devejian walking to push in Healey for the first score of the day. O'Connell then settled down on the mound getting two outs before Moon stole home to extend the lead to two.

The ace's battled back

and forth for the next few innings and Proper pushed across a run in the top of the 5th to cut the lead to 2-1. Eli proper lead off the fifth with a double, followed by walks to Carson Mash and Max Cleary. Eli then scored on a passed ball to cut the lead in half.

Down to their last ups in the sixth Proper scored four runs to take the lead. Lorenzo Gregory got things started with a leadoff single. O'Connell then walked and following a hard lineout by Ryan Poirier, Gregory scored on a passed ball while Joe O'Shaughnessy was at the dish to tie the game. O'Shaughnessy drew a walk and was followed by an inside the park homerun by Eli to plate three and make the score 5-2.

In the bottom of the sixth, Devejian added an inside of the park home run of his own to bring the

Reds back to within two. Mullen however got the last two outs ending the game on a Noah Herne line out to centerfield to secure the win.

Around Magee

Novus Clothing hit three home runs Friday night with Sean Matrose hitting his second while Carter Daggett and Myles Irvis hit their first of the year. Meanwhile Kieran Barnes kept up his hot hitting with his second home run of the year for Employee Family Protection. Novus continued their hot streak extending their run to four straight wins and moving into a tie for first with the Reds.

— Paul Matrose

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and Harris answer with intelligence and dash. ~ Publisher's Weekly

Whether you are new to graphic novels or a long-time fan, we hope you will join us online Thursday, Aug. 20, at 7 p.m. when we discuss Ex Machina, the first 11 chapters. Author Brian K Vaughn uniquely combines big city politics and superheroes in this critically acclaimed series set in the time shortly after 9/11. Hoopla offers this material as Book 1 and it is contained in Volumes 1 & 2 of the print copies. Print copies are available at the library. For more detail about joining virtually, contact the Library.

Graphic Novel Book Discussion

Set somewhere between The West Wing and an alternative future, this tale asks the question: What if the mayor of New York was a superhero? Vaughn

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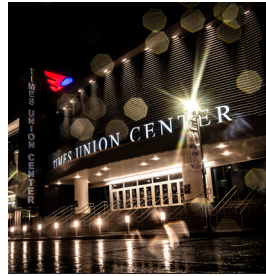
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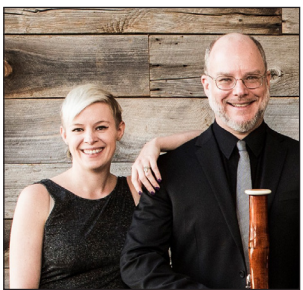


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Immigrant in me

Local author shares stories on immigration

By JACKIE GOLD
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Michael Kagan is an immigration law professor at the University of Nevada Las Vegas. His career has been spent working to help refugees and immigrants around the world. Kagan recently published a book, "The Battle to Stay in America: Immigration's Hidden Front Line," released yesterday, stringing several of those storylines together. The root of those stories, however, starts in Delmar, New York — where Kagan is from.

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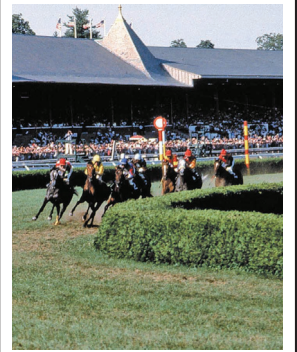
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“Albany is probably [my] second favorite city I’ve played in behind Detroit in my 15-plus-year DJ career. Such a vibe up there!”



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Jump jivin' jams in Troy

The Troy Cultural Alliance and the Troy Savings Bank Music Hall announce additional Summer Square Performances

TROY — The Troy Cultural Alliance and the Troy Savings Bank Music Hall continue to present free performances this summer with outdoor concerts with Quintocracy and Dust Bowl Faeries, on Friday and Saturday, Aug. 14 and 15, respectively.

Summer Square was created by the City of Troy and will run till Tuesday, Sept. 15. The City has closed streets to create an open air plaza on Broadway between 2nd Street and River Street. It is open seven days a week and serves as a safe convening, dining, and entertainment space for the public, and accommodates outdoor dining and activities on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights.

The series kicked off with performances by Americana roots and blues music of Mark and Jill last Friday. It continued into the next evening with percussionist Jordan Taylor Hill.

List of upcoming shows

Quintocracy - Friday, Aug. 14, 6 - 8 p.m., Troy Savings Bank Music Hall Courtyard

Based in the Capital District of New York, the wind quintet Quintocracy has a diverse repertoire ranging from the Baroque to the present, including works written for the quintet. Its members are flutist Melanie Chirignan, oboist Kelly Lockwood, clarinetist Michael Dee, hornist Kathryn Svatek, and bassoonist William Safford.

Dust Bowl Faeries - Saturday, Aug. 15, 6 - 8 p.m., Monument Square

A faerie-tale fusion of circus, post-punk, gypsy and psyche-folk music



Quintocracy

Provided photo

founded by Ryder Cooley & Hazel, a taxidermy ram who performs with the band as their spirit animal. Ryder & Hazel are joined by musicians Rubi LaRue, Jon B. Woodin, Liz LoGiudice & Andrew Stein.

The Magdalens - Friday, Aug. 21, 6 - 8 p.m., Troy Savings Bank Music Hall Courtyard

The Magdalens are an Alt-Folk-Rock band. They play mostly original songs, and cover a unique blend of Americana, Post-Punk, & Indie classics.

Haley Moley - Saturday, Aug. 22, 6 - 8 p.m., Monument Square

With a high concentration of electronic, funk, and disco dj's on board as well as decades of rock experience steeped in atmospheric, dirty guitars, Haley Moley

delivers a complex amalgam echoing these disparate roots and emerges refreshingly un-categorizable.

Heard - Friday, Aug. 28, 6 - 8 p.m., Troy Savings Bank Music Hall Courtyard

Heard is a collective of musicians that bring their skills and passion for world music, jazz and improvising together to create irresistible grooves set in a unique sonic tapestry. Together for a decade, their vibrant sound incorporates influences from West Africa, Brazil, the Caribbean and beyond.

Terrell T - Rex Simon with the R&G band and The Black Diamond Dancers - Saturday, Aug. 29, 6 - 8 p.m., Monument Square

Enjoy the soulful R&B sounds of Terrell T-Rex Simon, along with his band

R&G. Joining them are the local group the Black Diamond Dancers, made up of children ages 7-17 from North Central Troy.

Jacob Shipley - Friday, Sept. 4, 6 - 8 p.m., Troy Savings Bank Music Hall Courtyard

Troy local Jacob Shipley is an Alt/Folk artist who runs the gamut from Talking Heads to Phoebe Bridgers, from Damien Rice to Lucius, from Halley's Comet to South Dakota.

The Eastern Highs - Saturday, Sept. 5, 6 - 8 p.m., Monument Square

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RECENTLY ANNOUNCED

Fuze Box for sale

Venue's history is steeped in rock, punk scene of the mid-80s

By MICHAEL HALLISEY
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ALBANY — The Fuze Box is for sale.

The 75-year-old Art Deco style building on Albany's Central Avenue has served as the epicenter for the Capital District's punk and hard rock scene long after it stopped slinging ham as a White Tower hamburger joint.

The 2,400-square-foot venue is yours for purchase at \$244,900 according to NAIPlatform, the real estate agency under which it's being sold. The cramped checkerboard dancehall hosted The Red Hot Chili Peppers just a few years before California punk band broke out with "Mother's Milk" and "Blood Sugar Sex Magik."

Then, the venue was known as the QE2, and was home to a robust punk and rock scene.

According to an online article published last year by Albany historian Matt Malette, the building itself was moved from its original location on Washington Avenue in 1962. It moved a second time to its present resting place at 12 Central Ave.

Through the years, the building's facade maintained curious advertising for White Tower Hamburgers. The building was originally owned as part of the early hamburger chain in the early '50s. It continued to be a restaurant into the '70s, wrote Malette. The building remained vacant until 1986, when Charlene and Dave Shortsleeve purchased it and turned it into the QE2 club. It changed its name to FuzeBox shortly after ownership changed hands in the '90s.

Virus-related shutdowns caused the popular venue to fall silent since March, but it had remained popular to a wide variety of groups. In recent years, it was the place to go to scratch that itch for Madonna and Eddie Money. A near weekly '80s music night played nothing but pop tunes from the Me Decade. Dancers could groove on the dance floor, or take a chance on the stage. A VIP section was upstairs on the loft shared with the DJs booth where one would go to share requests. Live shows continued, often with the goth-industrial scene under the Exhumanity social group.

"Albany is probably [my] second favorite city I've played in behind Detroit in my 15-plus-year DJ career," wrote William Dice Willard on FuzeBox's Facebook page. "Such a vibe up there!"

Local fans grew concerned to see its

windows boarded up when social unrest ignited in Albany following the death of George Floyd in Minnesota. A riot sparked in parts of the Capital City. Owners of the establishment, however, were only protecting the restaurant. The venue has remained closed as other restaurants started reopening across the state last month. Comments on social media asked when they would see the Fuze Box reopen. The retail sign was posted up last week.

"I'm so glad I was able to rock out there a handful of times," wrote Willard. "Staff was always really cool. Venue as a whole is freaking awesome!"

City zoning allows for artisanal manufacturing, cafe, gallery and restaurant businesses, according to NAIPlatform. Among other potential uses, the real estate agency lists retail, warehouse, office, day care and residential.

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From page B1 ... Immigrant in me

Kagan began writing for *Spotlight Newspapers* during his freshman year of high school in 1989. He covered Bethlehem Central's soccer team and eventually worked his way up to being a staff reporter by the time he graduated.

After college, Kagan started law school in Cairo, Egypt. "I did it for a girl," he said, as he continued to tell how he followed his wife to Egypt. It was there that Kagan worked for a human rights organization and was assigned the case of an Algerian refugee. Kagan said he tried to avoid the case because immigration can get messy, but eventually, he began to see things differently.

"The refugee began to feel a lot like me," Kagan said. He described how they both had similar backgrounds and were both awkward men around the same age. This shift in viewpoints is what sparks Kagan's passion for immigrant aid.

When he returned

to the United States, he became a law professor in Las Vegas: a city with a large immigrant population. Here, Kagan had another epiphany. "I was blind to the role of immigrants in my own life," he said.

So, he decided to write a book focusing on local, personal stories which can still represent the national immigration situation. "We have a responsibility to understand our immigration system," he said. "It is complexities in the system that leave immigrants vulnerable."

His book is a collection of stories, interviews, family histories, and even his own awakening on the state of immigration in the U.S. Kagan said what touched him the most was hearing what people



sacrificed to get here.

"I did not realize what they had been through. I think that's indicative of how immigrants' struggles are hidden, but they are still right there in front of us."

But Kagan also said stories like these are important because many Americans are often blind to them. To Kagan, the stories of perseverance in the face of prejudice moved him. "It's hard *not* to be inspired," he added.

A piece of Kagan is also in his book. He described that it is "a bit more personal" than he intended when he wrote it, but wanted to maintain the rawness of his book. He hopes that moving forward, people will stop looking at immigration as a political issue.

"This is not the budget, these are people," he said. "They are the heart of our community. We do not get to negotiate which neighbors we keep."

The Battle to Stay in America: Immigration's Hidden Front Line released yesterday, Tuesday, Aug. 11.

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TAURUS - APR 21/MAY 21

No matter how tempting the opportunity, do not mix friendship with finances, Taurus. This goes both ways, whether you are asking to borrow money or doing the lending.

GEMINI - MAY 22/JUN 21

Pressure at work could be mounting and leaving you feeling awfully stressed, Gemini. Now might be the time to take a brief step back and enjoy the respite.

CANCER - JUN 22/JUL 22

Cancer, you may be inspired to fight the system this week. Be sure you have done all your research before diving in full force. Patience is a virtue, after all.

LEO - JUL 23/AUG 23

While it may seem like you can mix business and pleasure Leo, there are some complications that you may not anticipate. It's better if you keep things separate.

VIRGO - AUG 24/SEPT 22

Virgo, no matter what you do this week there will be challenges. Embrace any hurdles you need to clear en route to getting the job done well.

LIBRA - SEPT 23/OCT 23

If you do not make a big deal of a difference of opinion then you can work easily with a person whose perspectives differ from your own, Libra. Learn to cooperate.

SCORPIO - OCT 24/NOV 22

Someone's extreme emotions can turn your weekly schedule on its head, Scorpio. As you help this person through a tough time, keep a cool head and listen.

SAGITTARIUS - NOV 23/DEC 21

Sagittarius, this week loved ones may want to make a big deal about something you are doing. But you're not willing to join the drama parade. Stick to your convictions.

CAPRICORN - DEC 22/JAN 20

Capricorn, neglecting your work can have far-reaching consequences. So buckle down even though the last thing you want right now is responsibility.

AQUARIUS - JAN 21/FEB 18

Keep a close eye on the things that you value the most, Aquarius. Keep these things close to your mind and heart and do your best to avoid taking them for granted.

PISCES - FEB 19/MAR 20

Pisces, you may have a lot of pent up energy his week. Find some creative ways to spend your time and expend your energy.

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- Helps to reduce speed
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- Georgian currency
- Proverb expressing a truth
- Jewish calendar month
- Volume measurement
- Fair-skinned
- Patti Hearst's captors
- Have already done
- Touch lightly
- Autonomic nervous system
- Plant part
- College degree
- Military alliance
- Tokyo's former name
- Carpenter's tool
- Before
- Consent to receive
- Passages
- The Duke of Edinburgh
- Utter repeatedly
- Linked together in a chain
- Quality that evokes pity
- Maintained possession of

CLUES DOWN

- U.S. military school
- Controls
- Away from wind
- Grab quickly

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- Vase
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Those who want to treat their families or significant others to light crispy waffles — a perfect breakfast meal on relaxed weekend mornings — can enjoy this recipe for “Lazy Weekend Yeasted Waffles” from Laurie McNamara’s “Simply Scratch” (Avery)

Lazy Weekend Yeasted Waffles

Ingredients: yield 16 waffles

- 1/2 cup warm water
- 1 tablespoon sugar
- 1 1/4-ounce packet active dry yeast
- 3 cups unbleached all-purpose flour
- 3/4 teaspoon kosher salt
- 8 tablespoons unsalted butter, melted and cooled to room temperature
- 1/2 cup unsweetened applesauce
- 2 cups whole milk
- 2 large eggs
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract
- Coconut oil, for brushing the waffle iron
- Room-temperature butter, for serving
- Pure maple syrup, for serving

Instructions

In a small bowl, stir together the warm water and sugar until the sugar has dissolved. Stir in the yeast and let it sit

and proof for 10 minutes, or until foamy.

In a very large bowl, whisk together the flour and salt. Pour in the yeast mixture, melted butter, applesauce, and milk. Using a hand mixer, whisk until smooth. Cover with plastic wrap and let stand at room temperature, where it will rise for 8 hours to overnight.

When ready to cook, in a small bowl, beat together the eggs, baking soda, and vanilla with a fork. Pour the egg mixture into the batter and whisk to combine.

Preheat a waffle maker and lightly grease the plates with coconut oil.

Working in batches, pour about 1/3 cup of the batter into the waffle maker and cook until golden, 4 to 6 minutes. Serve immediately with butter and maple syrup.

Tip: Extra waffles can be flash frozen. Just place them in a single layer on a baking sheet and freeze for 25 minutes, then package them in freezer-safe containers or wrap tightly in aluminum foil. They’ll keep for 2 to 3 months, and they reheat nicely because they can go straight from the freezer to the toaster.



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The magic behind a baseball card

GaryVee, baseball cards, Micro League; three things you'd never expect in the same headline

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Before New York Times best-selling author Gary Vaynerchuk inspired would-be entrepreneurs into action through LinkedIn, he was a sports fan.

Vaynerchuk has a near cult following of disgruntled professionals seeking the gumption to jump-start a new career or perhaps find the next, big trend into which to invest. Which is why it's sometimes jarring to hear him pitch sports cards as the next investment.

I'm old enough to remember the last baseball card boom.

Young professionals with expendable income turned to card conventions and tried to reclaim the collection their mothers threw out. As they started throwing hundreds of dollars for every Mickey Mantle and Willie Mays, the consciousness of the hobby spun from collectible to investment opportunity. By the '90s, card companies played into the supply-and-demand game. The price of cards over the counter went from cents to dollars.

Truth is, sports card collecting never went away. Vaynerchuk may be the loudest voice in the room, but there are plenty of hobbyists who've been saying it for years; it's just not as mainstream as it once was, and that's partially due to the internet. Buying and selling still happens in hobby stores around town, but the bulk of it takes place on eBay.

Gone are the days of conventions at the Polish Community Center. Those

events garnered hundreds of vendors, sports fans, and the occasional Hall of Famer. The casual collector is somewhat of a dinosaur, maybe. If so, I'm that dinosaur.

My collection stays with me, and I have little intent on selling anything from it. To do so would mean assessing its value. I'd have to submit it to a grading service, and I have little interest in that. Besides, I'm still collecting.

I'm not an investor. After all, my buying strategy is still influenced by a 35-year-old baseball simulator I played on a Commodore 64. Whenever I pick up a card, the act of turning it over to read the statistics is ingrained in me. It could be a Sandy Koufax or a Warren Sphan, both are good players — they're in the Hall of Fame. I just need to see how he performed the year before.

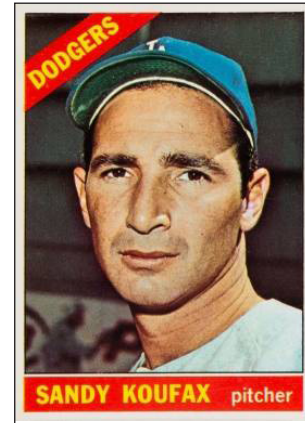
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friends and I first started playing dice baseball. We'd field a team after buying a few packs of cards. Sometimes someone had to play out of position. The game was rudimentary: one six-sided die determined if a hitter singled, doubled, tripled, homered, struckout or walked. Not a pitcher went unscathed. When Micro League Baseball came out with the ability to create teams, we evolved our game to the modern age.

One weekend, my friend and I had our own winter



other: "I choose Roberto Clemente," or "I've got Mickey Mantle."

In a similar vein to the baby boomers of the '80s, I find myself shopping baseball cards online. I'm not looking for jewelry-grade cards. My wife would kill me. The cards I find may have likely spent time in the spokes of a bicycle. The brutal appearance of one Ted Williams card only suggests it was once owned by a Yankee fan. That's the kind of story a mint condition card doesn't have.

On my computer, I have a Commodore 64 emulator. With it, I have a copy of Micro League Baseball and so many more "disks" to compliment it, including the one that allows me to create my own teams. Unlike when I was a kid, I now find it difficult to read the statistics on the back of cards. Still, I'm back in the habit of finding the next free agent.

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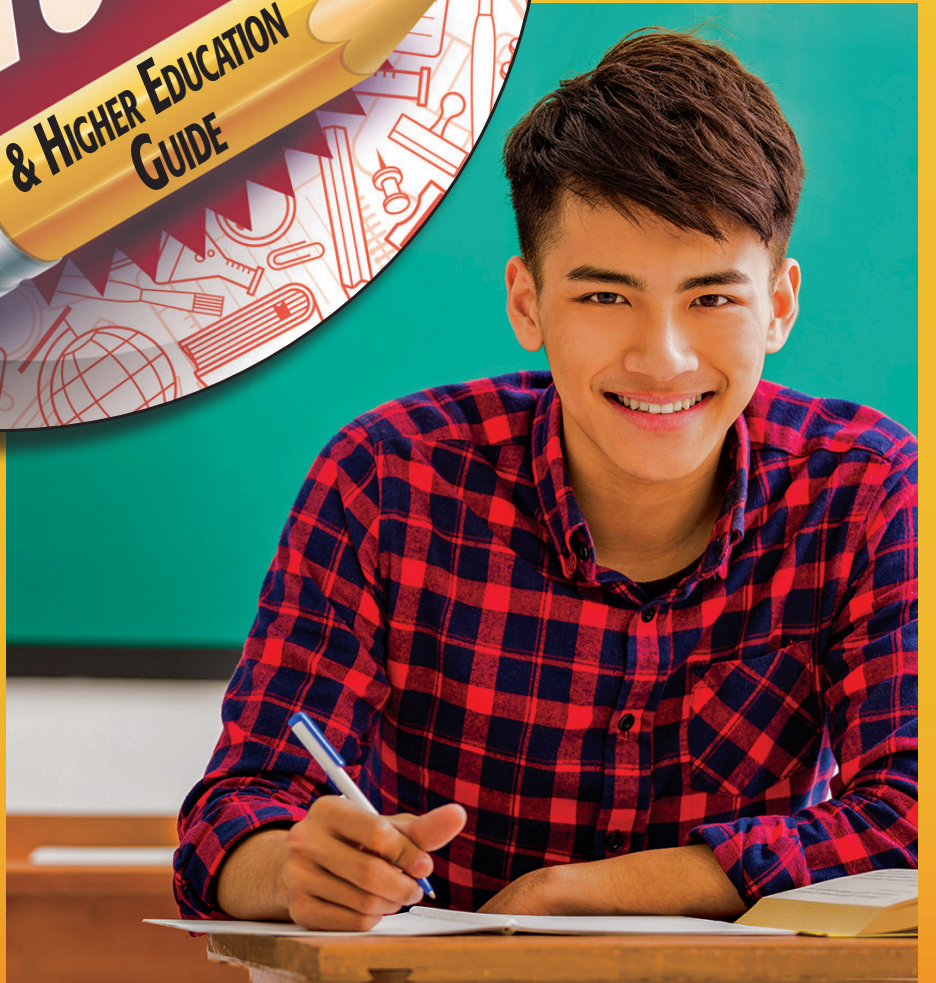
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Embracing technology for remote learning

Recommended tech for students

Shopping for school supplies once entailed stocking up on pens, pads and notebooks. Students today still buy many of the same items, though they also now stock up on electronics.

Technology and education now go hand-in-hand. For students to find success both in and out of the classroom, the right tech can make all the difference.

High-speed internet

Connectivity is key in a digitally driven world. Students need access to the internet for homework, lectures, email, entertainment, and much more. The faster your internet speed the better. According to the resource HighSpeedInternet.com, streaming videos on a single device or web browsing requires between five and 40 Mbps. Downloading large



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files or using multiple devices simultaneously requires high speeds. When accessing the internet via smartphones, make sure your plan has unlimited data or provides enough data to ensure interruptions do not occur.

Laptop or notebook computer

Laptops and notebook devices are similar in

that both offer many types of software preloaded that a student will need. The devices seem interchangeable, but there are some differences. Laptops are generally larger than sleek, light notebooks. Notebooks are sized to fit easily into backpacks. Notebooks tend to have minimal features, including less RAM

capacity and slower speeds, helping to keep their costs down. Some notebooks may have very small amounts of hard drive storage space, requiring users to purchase external storage devices.

Headphones

Most schools now require students to have their own dedicated pair of earbuds or over-the-ear

headphones so that work conducted on a computer does not disturb others also working on their own devices. Headphones also can make it easier to hear and comprehend videos and other digital lessons while doing homework.

Chargers and battery packs

Devices must maintain power to help kids learn. Students can benefit from having a backup charger or battery pack to maintain functionality on their devices.

Storage and charging base

Keeping electronics neat and accessible for the family may mean rethinking countertop or other storage spaces. Charging stations hold multiple devices and allow them to charge simultaneously.

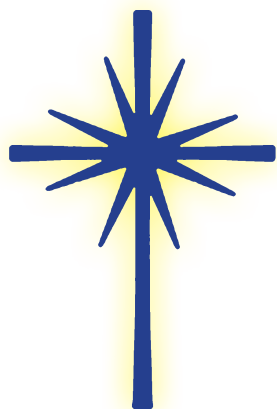
Touchscreen pen

Many notebook and laptop computers have touchscreens that respond to pens/styluses and make drawing or writing on the screen more detailed.

Printer/scanner

While many schools have adopted paperless formats, there may come a time when printing an assignment or report is necessary. A quality ink-jet printer can fit the bill. A scanner to scan photos or documents also makes it easier to complete assignments.

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Going back

How to prepare kids to go back to school

The end of summer can be a bittersweet time for students. While many students look forward to seeing their friends, few want to say goodbye to the relaxing days of summer.

Parents know that getting their children back in the school day swing of things can be a challenge. The following are some ways to make that transition go smoothly.

- Introduce more structure as summer vacation winds down. The chance to unwind in a structure-free setting can benefit students at the onset of summer vacation. Many parents grapple with the notion that their children's lives are overscheduled, and the Cleveland Clinic notes that limiting organized activities clears up down time for kids to play and relax and spend time



Parents can take various steps to make the transition back to school a successful one for their young students.

- Introduce structure
- Encourage reading
- Think positive
- Let kids shop

with their families. So it's important that parents afford their children this down time during summer vacation, only gradually introducing more structure as the school year draws closer. In the weeks before the school year is slated to begin, start waking kids up a little earlier and reintroducing bedtimes for younger children who may have been staying up later over the last couple of months. This can be an effective way to begin slowly preparing youngsters for the structure of the school year.

- Encourage children to read throughout the summer. A report from the education publishing company Scholastic found that 47 percent of parents are unaware of the "summer slide," which refers to the loss of academic skills that occurs when school is



not in session. Scholastic notes that the slide is largely attributed to a lack of reading when school is not in session. By encouraging kids to read during their summer vacations, parents can make sure youngsters' brains stay sharp and are ready to learn once the school year begins.

- Focus on the positive. Even kids who love school may be apprehensive about returning to the

classroom. After all, summer vacation is fun. Parents can confront that apprehension by focusing on the positives of returning to school. Emphasize the chance to see friends every day or participate in a beloved extracurricular activity, like sports, band or a favorite academic club.

- Let kids do some of their own back-to-school shopping. The items that constitute back to school supplies may have

changed since parents were in school. But many parents still take their children on back-to-school clothes shopping excursions. Let kids choose their own clothes, as an opportunity to wear clothes they picked themselves might make them excited for the new school year.

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The Screen Governor

How you should control screen time

Technology has transformed nearly all facets of life, including education. While desks and blackboards can still be found in the classroom, technology has become more and more influential in regard to how students learn.

Many teachers now employ tablets and other devices to help students better understand their coursework. Devices can make for useful learning tools, but when does screen time cross over from useful learning tool to something that's potentially harmful to students' overall health? The American Academy of Pediatrics has produced age-specific guidelines that can help parents determine if their school-aged children are spending too much time staring at screens.

Children between two and five years of age

Parents should limit screen time for this age group to one hour per day

of high-quality programs. The AAP advises parents to co-view with children in this age group so they can help kids understand what they're watching and how it applies to the world around them.

Children ages six and older

The AAP does not provide specific information regarding how many hours children ages six and older should use screen media. However, the AAP advises parents to make sure such media does not take the place of adequate sleep, physical activity and other behaviors essential to health.

In addition to following AAP recommendations about screen time as closely as possible, parents can take steps to ensure their children are not spending too much time using their devices.

- Promote extracurricular activities. Urging children to participate in extracurricular activities that do not employ

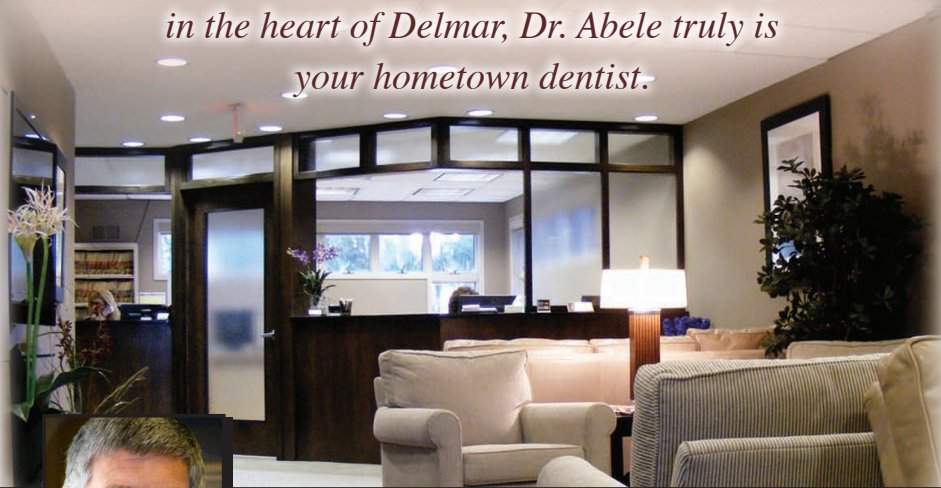
screen media, such as sports, music lessons and academic clubs, can be a great way to get kids to put down their devices and engage in in-person interactions with their peers.

- Establish no-device hours at home. The AAP recommends that parents designate certain times of the day as media-free times for the whole family, and not just children. Parents can put down their smartphones and tablets and engage with their children without the television on. In addition, make sure devices don't make it to the dinner table, as nightly, device-free dinners together can help families build strong bonds.

- Establish media-free zones. Designate certain areas of the home, such as the kitchen and dining room, as device-free zones. Keep devices out of bedrooms unless children need them to do their homework.

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The 'new norm' in childhood education

The benefits of a new approach to learning for students

The validity of the adage “necessity is the mother of invention” was on full display during the COVID-19 outbreak. People quickly had to learn to adapt to a new way of life, including an educational system that was transformed dramatically by social distancing guidelines.

More than 76 million students are enrolled in United States schools, per the latest Census Bureau information. In 2018, 2.12 million students were in Canadian postsecondary institutions alone. In a matter of days, millions of students who once attended classes in-person were forced to transition to virtual learning instruction. The process showed just how flexible learning systems can be, and how virtual instruction may become more than an emergency protocol in the future.

Schools utilized systems like Google Classroom, Canvas and virtual meeting apps to connect and learn. While

in-class lessons provide the socialization and one-on-one interaction that can be vital for students' academic success, there are many different reasons why virtual instruction can be a key component of learning models as well. When virtual learning is used in conjunction with traditional teaching, students may have a more well-rounded experience. Here are some potential benefits that may unfold as more data is collected.

- **Pace:** Virtual learning affords students the chance to work on lessons at a pace that fits their individual needs. Students can go back and re-read or re-work problems until they're satisfied they have learned their lesson. Lessons can be slowed down or sped up depending on proficiency, creating a customized educational experience.

- **No more weather days.** Many school districts include snow or extreme weather days into their calendars, adding on extra days at the end of school



year to meet the specified number of educational days. Remote learning can take over in these times and keep school districts from having to pad calendars.


- **Convenience:** The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends that middle and high schools start at 8:30 a.m. or later to provide students the best chance to

get the amount of sleep they need. Still, most adolescents currently start school before 8:30 a.m. Remote learning enables students to complete their assignments when it works best for them. This may help them get more sleep, too.

- **Apps:** Learning apps are a new wave of educational tools that have helped buoy virtual instruction. Primary

school students or those with individual education plans may benefit the most from reinforced app skills that match their learning pace in fun ways.

Virtual home instruction may become a large part of the educational landscape even after it's no longer a social distancing necessity.



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There's no heart without art



Simple ways to encourage young artists

No two students are the same. Some students may love to read and naturally gravitate toward English class, while others may be fascinated by the world around them and find nothing stokes their academic passions quite like the study of physics.



A passion for a given subject can make students more excited about school. But what about students with a passion for art? Many school districts have drastically cut back on fine arts classes. For example, a recent analysis of data from the State Department of Education in Oklahoma found that schools in the Sooner State cut more than 1,100 fine arts classes between 2014 and 2018.

In the face of such budget cuts, parents may need to take a more active role in support of their children's passion for art. The following are some ways parents can encourage that passion.

- Recognize the educational value of art. PBS notes that creative activities are some of the building blocks of child development. While schools may be shifting their focus to common core subjects like mathematics, parents

should recognize that art can be incredibly valuable to young minds as well. For example, art can help young children develop language skills, as creating art projects, even while just a toddler, often compels children to talk about their art. In addition, a recent report from Americans for the Arts found that art education strengthens problem-solving and critical-thinking skills. If parents recognize the value of art, students are more likely to follow suit and reap all the rewards that art education provides.

- Allow children the freedom to create. While technique is important for artists, young artists can benefit from some space. Other subjects are necessarily structured, but art sessions can be a great time for kids to simply explore their creativity without much interference from parents or educators. A

designated room for arts, including arts and crafts, can illustrate to children that their interest in the arts is important and worthy of exploration.

- Keep supplies well-stocked. Much like parents of young athletes enroll them in sports leagues or purchase the latest equipment, parents of children with a passion for art can indulge that passion by enrolling them in local art classes and keeping them well-stocked with art supplies. Even if the supplies are as simple as crayons and construction paper, their availability can send kids the message that their passion for art is not taken lightly.

The arts can benefit students in myriad ways. If local school districts no longer offer art programs, it's up to parents to find ways to encourage their children's love of art.

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When the crowd goes silent for high school sports

How to support scholastic athletes

The 2020-21 school year promises to be one unlike any other today's students, and even their parents and grandparents, have ever known. In March 2020, many schools were forced to abruptly cancel in-person instruction as government officials tried to prevent the spread of the deadly COVID-19 virus. As the 2019-20 school year wound down and summer approached, school officials remained uncertain if they would reopen for in-person instruction in the fall, leaving student-athletes to wonder what would happen to fall sports seasons.

The cancellation of in-person school sessions and extracurricular activities was hard on every student, and athletes have proven no exception. Many

graduating seniors did not get a chance to compete alongside their teammates during spring sports season, bringing their scholastic athletic careers to an abrupt end. With the upcoming 2020-21 scholastic sports season in similar limbo, student-athletes in the class of 2021 might be worried that their own chances to compete are in jeopardy as well. In light of that, local communities can take steps to support scholastic athletes during an uncertain time.

- Make a show of your support. Stay-at-home measures prevented many schools from hosting traditional graduation ceremonies for graduating seniors. However, many communities found ways to honor their grads, and they can do the same for scholastic athletes who are unsure about what the



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future holds. Purchase signs and/or T-shirts from school-based support organizations, erecting the signs in your yard so local athletes know they're still supported, even if they can't play.

- Create highlight videos. Smartphones have made it possible to record nearly every one of life's special moments and milestones, so chances are coaches, parents and neighbors have footage of local athletes competing in their sports. Parents, coaches and other fans can work together to create highlight videos for local scholastic sports teams, sharing the finished products via social media. These videos can make for great and lasting memories for student-athletes and even lift their spirits at a time when everyone can use a boost.

- Host pep rallies. If social distancing

measures have been relaxed in your community and large or midsized gatherings are now allowed, organize a pep rally to honor and show support for local athletes. Work with school officials to ensure everyone celebrates safely. Such events are integral to student-athletes' experience during typical sports seasons, so they can be a great way for communities to offer some semblance of normalcy to athletes who have worked hard to make the team.

Student-athletes face uncertainty in regard to the 2020-21 scholastic sports season. But there are many ways for local communities to support their student-athletes, even if the games are postponed or canceled.



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How to manage low bandwidth during remote learning sessions

In the wake of the COVID-19 outbreak, many schools hastily transitioned from traditional in-person learning to remote learning. This transition posed new and unique challenges to educators as well as students and their parents.

One of the biggest challenges posed by remote learning was keeping students connected to their teachers and their classmates, not all of whom had readily available access to devices that could facilitate such connections. In recognition of that challenge, school systems worked to procure



devices for students only to be confronted by another challenge: low bandwidth. According to Microsoft, bandwidth refers to the amount of data that can be transferred over an internet connection per second. Low bandwidth

can compromise students' ability to stay connected to their virtual classrooms. In an effort to help students overcome that challenge, Microsoft offers the following tips on how educators, students and parents can manage low

bandwidth during remote learning sessions.

- Reduce reliance on video during class sessions. Turning video cameras off during live class sessions can help to overcome the challenges posed by low bandwidth, as live video is a key contributor to excessive use of bandwidth. If video must be used, encourage students to turn off their cameras when they are not speaking.

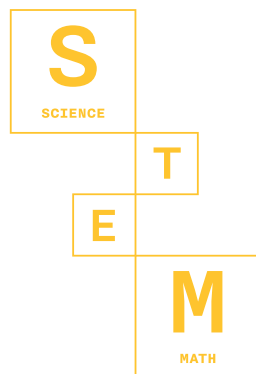
- Use pre-recorded content. Pre-recording content enables students to stream video over the internet, saving those with low bandwidth the hassle of downloading large video files to their computers. Microsoft recommends educators who pre-record content for their students to stream to instruct those students to use class time to complete assignments. Educators can make themselves available via chat to answer questions students may have about

their assignments.

- Avoid video-based assignments. It can be difficult for students with low bandwidth to send very large files, such as videos. Educators can help students avoid that issue by not requiring them to submit videos as part of their assignments.

- Encourage students to sync files to their devices. Each device is different and each manufacturer has its own instructions on how to sync files to devices. But Microsoft notes that syncing files to a device allows students to read them offline, which is ideal for students with limited internet connectivity.

Low bandwidth poses a challenge for remote learners. Thankfully, there are ways to overcome low bandwidth so students can keep learning.



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