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■ **TOP STORY**

## Joe vs. The Hurricane



Tropical Storm Isaias presented a test for town water works

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▲ As Isaias spins over New York, George Kansas and Bethlehem's Department of Public Works worked to keep storm runoff from spilling into the Hudson River.

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**BETHLEHEM** — George Kansas was only just appointed as commissioner of public works when the department finished building a reservoir of sorts to catch storm runoff at the town's water treatment plant in Selkirk.

Five years later, it was all put to the test.

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## ■ POLICE, COURTS and EMERGENCY CALLS

### Crackdown on DWI through Labor Day

State Police will ramp up enforcement of impaired driving through Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 7.

Law enforcement are stepping up patrols, and the state Thruway Authority and state Department of Transportation will have Variable Message Signs alerting motorists to the consequences of impaired driving.

During the 2019 enforcement campaign, law enforcement throughout the state issued 4,995 tickets for impaired driving and 170,378 tickets for other vehicle and traffic law violations.

New York's efforts to reduce impaired driving through targeted education and enforcement initiatives, like this crackdown, do work. Fatal crashes involving an impaired driver have decreased over 19 percent from

2010 to 2019, according to preliminary data from the Institute for Traffic Safety Management and Research at the University at Albany's Rockefeller College.

The Governor's Traffic Safety Committee and the New York State STOP-DWI Foundation also remind motorists their "Have a Plan" mobile app, is available for Apple, Android and Windows smartphones. The app enables New Yorkers to

locate and call a taxi or rideshare service and program a designated driver list. It also provides information on DWI laws and penalties and provides a way to report a suspected impaired driver.

The STOP-DWI "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" campaign is part of ongoing efforts supported by the Governor's Traffic Safety Committee to stop impaired driving and improve traffic safety. Together with the

New York State STOP-DWI program, the GTSC supports enforcement efforts, law enforcement training and public information and education campaigns throughout the year. Most recently, the GTSC developed a new smartphone application, allowing law enforcement officials to contact a Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) more efficiently.

"Through education and enforcement, the New York State Police work to keep

drunk drivers off the road and remind people of the dangers of drinking and driving," said State Police Superintendent Keith Corlett. "Impaired drivers cause needless deaths and injuries. Together, we can keep New York State's roads among the safest in the nation."

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■ TOWN GOVERNMENT

# Nonpartisan group wants transparency

## Residents want more say in who will be next police chief

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**DELMAR** — The next town board meeting is Wednesday, Aug. 26 and as of Monday, no hint of an appointment for police chief appears on the agenda.

The town usually produces an agenda on the Friday preceding its scheduled meeting. The agenda was uploaded to the town website as usual, but no appointment was listed.

Demands for transparency in Bethlehem's effort to select a new police chief is coming from both sides of the political spectrum, and they are growing louder.

Progressive Democrats under the online group Bethlehem NY Indivisible warned of social disobedience early last week if the town board refused its demands. Those demands included a public forum that would allow residents to witness interviews, if not the chance to question candidates themselves. An online petition was circulated later that day asking for the same. By



Residents gather in front of Town Hall, asking to be included in the interview process for its new police chief.

Michael Hallisey / Spotlight News

the end of the week, approximately 40 residents gathered in front of Town Hall.

Republicans Jim Carriero and Steve Peterson invited followers of their Balance Bethlehem NY page to the same

demonstration. The former town board candidate and committee vice chairperson, respectively, said it would be a "one-hour, outdoor, bipartisan gathering, with masks and social distancing."

Board members

interviewed the first of three candidates two Wednesdays ago, the last of such interviews was last Tuesday. Cmdr. Adam Hornick, Detective Sgt. Gina Cocchiara and Sgt. Jim Rexford interviewed separately before board members, Supervisor David VanLuven, Town Attorney James Potter and Director of Human Resources Mary Tremblay-Glassman.

The inclusion of the entire board in the interview process is not normal operating procedure. It's the supervisor's responsibility to appoint a new chief, but VanLuven has said he wanted the board's input on what he called an "important decision." However, when there is a quorum of the board, it is considered a meeting and is subject to Open Meeting Law, according to the state Committee on Open Government.

In March, Gov. Andrew Cuomo suspended the law but only as it related to physical meetings; allowing boards to meet telephonically or through online conferences to avoid the spread of novel coronavirus. As members of the town board meet

together, they are supposed to invite the public. The board is allowed to continue deliberating in an executive session, but there should be an agenda and minutes of the meeting on the town's calendar.

"That's exactly what they should be doing," said Kristin O'Neill, Assistant Director of the state Committee on Open Government. "They can have the interviews and the deliberations in executive session, and they can have both in executive session, as long as they take minutes after the fact. But, in order to enter into that executive session, they need to call an open meeting. There has to be notice. [The] public has to be invited to attend the first two minutes, even if that's all it is."

VanLuven, however, disagreed and said job interviews, and the subsequent discussions between board members, are not subject to Open Meeting Law.

The board's present course has been scrutinized in recent weeks. Former Chief Louis Corsi had no role in deciding who would succeed him. In contrast, when Chief Richard LaChappelle announced

his retirement in 2003, he publicly recommended Corsi for the top position. Within a week, after the town board's approval, Corsi was sworn in.

Today, nationwide cries for social justice and police reform have been coupled with the local police department's own dubious past related to its former chief, who was suspended more than 10 years ago for using a racial slur in a recorded phone call.

Bethlehem residents have remained active in demanding social reform. Demonstrations have followed calls for action by various facets of the community, the planting of signs for black lives matter, and demands for inclusion in selecting a new chief.

VanLuven has directed answers to Bethlehem NY Indivisible's concerns. In an email written by him shared in the group's online forum, he assured the group the town is not rushing through the process. However, the town needs to replace the top two command positions in its police department. He denied the group's request to delay a decision, to allow for public input, until September.

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**BUSINESS**

**American Heart Assoc names new board chair, prez**

ALBANY — Jennifer Corcoran Conway, a partner at Tully Rinckey LLC, has been named Chair of the Capital Region Board of Directors of the American Heart Association. Alan Boulos, M.D., Chair of Neurosurgery, Co-Director of the Neurosciences Institute and Professor of Neurosurgery and Radiology at Albany Med, is its new president. Both will serve a two-year term.



Alan Boulos

Corcoran Conway has been involved with the American Heart Association since 2013, when her son Aedan, then 16 months old, was featured at the Capital Region Heart Ball. Corcoran Conway has lobbied for laws to improve cardiovascular health, and is the parent lead for the Cardiac Kids, a group of children born with congenital heart defects and their families. She has been on the Board of Directors for the American Heart Association since 2014 and is a regular spokesperson for the American Heart Association.



Jennifer Corcoran Conway

Dr. Boulos has served as a spokesman about stroke issues for the American Heart Association and American Stroke Association, a division of the American Heart Association, in the media and at events, since 2009. He joined the local Board of Directors of the American Heart Association in n 2016. He chaired CycleNation in 2019 and is chairing it again this year.

"When Aedan was diagnosed with a congenital heart defect, I wanted to do everything I could to advocate for him and other children like him," Corcoran Conway said of her son who is now 8 years old. "When Aedan's surgeon, Dr. Neil Devejian, asked us to participate in the Heart Ball, and the AHA later invited me to lobby for the Pulse Ox Law, I knew I had found my place."

Dr. Mandeep Sidhu and Dr. Adanna Akujuo -- have been great contributors. I hope to maintain the board's level of excellence and provide the stroke perspective to our work.

The Pulse Ox Law passed in 2013; it calls for the oxygen level of all newborns to be checked before being discharged from the hospital. A low level could be a sign of a critical congenital heart defect.

"I'd like to continue educating the public about the COVID pandemic so we can continue to preserve our health in this unusual situation," Dr. Boulos continued. "The American Heart Association has invested in research, set up a COVID registry and provided professional education to help with that. Also, a lot of the good health habits that the AHA encourages to prevent heart disease and stroke lend themselves to reducing the impact of the coronavirus on communities."

"The American Heart Association does an excellent job of explaining problems that aren't so obvious, and this helps in preserving our community's health," Dr. Boulos said. "It's also an organization that has supported a lot of scientific research, and provides it in a way that is more accessible than many traditional avenues."

Originally from Batavia, N.Y., Corcoran Conway has a bachelor's degree from Wells College and her law degree from Albany Law School. She lives in Delmar with her husband, Tim Conway, their son Aedan, and their dogs, Vallie and Friday.

"In the years that I've been involved with the AHA and the board, I have been witness firsthand to the amazing things this organization can do, and wanted to be as involved as much as I could," Corcoran Conway said. "In the immediate future, the board's goal will be to help guide the organization through the brave new world during and post-COVID, to find new and creative ways to continue to share the mission of the organization and get people involved."

A Delaware native, Dr. Boulos attended Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy for two years and then studied at Albany Medical College for four years to complete his medical degree as part of a combined six-year program. He did his neurosurgery residency at Albany Med, then received the Sean Mullen Neuroendovascular Fellowship at Millard Fillmore Hospital in Buffalo. There, Dr. Boulos worked with Dr. Nick Hopkins, a pioneer in the use of catheters and coils to treat brain aneurysms.

"This is a board that runs very well, and has had great leadership," Dr. Boulos said. "Our immediate past leaders -- Kathy Lanni, Theresa Petrone Butts,



■ BUSINESS

# Incidental only

Bars zapped from allowing ticketed, advertised music events

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**ALBANY COUNTY** — The coronavirus dealt another devastating blow to local music Wednesday, as the State Liquor Authority is shutting down the promotion and performance of ticketed music events at bars throughout the state.

“Only incidental music is permissible at this time,” the SLA website said. “This means that advertised and/or ticketed shows are not permissible. Music should be incidental to the dining experience and not the draw itself.”

The SLA adds restaurants can host DJs or other non-ticketed

shows if the venue has a license specifically granting it. Regardless of phase, comedy shows and 18-and-older activities are still prohibited.

“We have to reschedule any shows we have until further notice,” Gary Fox, Putnam Place’s general manager, said. “The ticketed shows are the big money makers, and it’s already hard to host shows at limited capacity.”

The regulation is just the latest bump in a very long road since COVID-19 first shut the area down in mid-March. Restaurants were forced to resort to take-out and delivery services once dine-in was prohibited. Restaurants are now operating at a reduced capacity, with patrons required to wear masks any time they stand up from their table. Musicians have resorted to virtual shows, with some self-producing

and others using local venues as the platform.

Fox worries that the latest restriction will hurt mid-level bands. Many bands use advertising to further branding. Musicians are now further choked, increasing the potential for members needing to find other sources of income.

“This decree is devastating to the music industry in New York,” Greg Bell, owner of Guthrie Bell Productions, said. “It finally looked like live music was getting a break; the rug was pulled out from under us ... Without being able to advertise specific acts and include the performance fee in the cost of dinner, [it] is the kiss of death.”

Bell added the restrictions on capacity are already crippling local businesses and the prospect of offering free music is one that cannot be met if they



The band Wurliday plays to a packed crowd at The Hollow in 2017. The State Liquor Authority has reminded establishments not to advertise live music events.

Michael Hallisey / Spotlight News

want to stay open.

However, Sirsy is looking at the positive side of the situation. Lead singer Melanie Krahmer is a two-time cancer survivor who is more susceptible to the virus due to her cancer treatments.

“This new law makes it harder for us to do the

handful of live, outdoor shows we had on the books,” Rich Libutti, Krahmer’s husband and Sirsy’s guitarist, said. “But honestly, we feel that health and safety are more important than anything else. Not just for us, but for the folks who come to see us too.

“So, we understand

that the situation is complicated,” Libutti continued. “This is new territory for all of us and at the end of the day, these rules are designed to try and keep people safe. We’re not angry about the new law. We’re angry, saddened and frustrated about the virus. That’s what we blame.”

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■ FEATURE

# COVID and the flu

Healthy lifestyle, vaccines - ways to protect against two contagious viruses

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The COVID-19 pandemic and the annual flu season will begin to overlap in less than a month and while nobody is sure what that is going to look like, there are some simple, common sense recommendations by health care and other professionals that will help keep people healthy.

For months we have been bombarded about masks, social distancing and sanitization and it is unlikely those COVID protocols will change anytime soon. Other prevention practices related to COVID include staying home if you don't feel well and being placed under quarantine if you test positive for the virus so as not to spread it to others.

Steps to avoid the flu are the

same basic measures as those to avoid COVID — sans the masks and mandatory quarantine. But the Center for Disease Control recommends covering the nose and mouth while sneezing or coughing and it is suggested people avoid coming into contact with sick people and to stay at home when sick so as not to spread the virus.

The fact the steps are similar stands to reason: both are viruses and both are spread mainly through person to person contact when air droplets are exchanged and people who are not yet showing symptoms of either virus can spread the it. And, both viruses can live within some people who don't show any symptoms but can still spread germs to others who are more susceptible to serious ramifications.

On the plus side of the equation, since the two viruses



are so similar and many of the COVID precautions are mandatory, they may work to help stem the spread of seasonal flu as well as COVID.

## Getting healthy, staying healthy

In addition to similar symptoms and preventative measures, COVID and the

COVID symptoms	Flu symptoms
Fever or chills	Fever or chills
Cough	Cough
Shortness of breath	Sore throat
difficulty breathing	Runny or stuffy nose
Fatigue	Muscle or body aches
Muscle or body aches	Headache
Headache	Fatigue
New loss of taste or smell	Nausea or vomiting
Sore throat	Diarrhea
Congestion or runny nose	
Nausea or vomiting	
Diarrhea	

flu hit hardest those with compromised immune symptoms such as obesity, heart disease, hypertension, asthma and diabetes.

In New York state, of the more than 25,300 deaths attributed to COVID-19 more than 90 percent had a comorbidity, with 13,454 also having hypertension, 8,875 also having diabetes and 5,251 also being obese.

A healthy lifestyle does not cure or prevent COVID or the flu but it does help.

“COVID-19 has been proven to kill you if you are overweight, or if you have diseases related to being overweight — diabetes, heart disease and hypertension,” said Jessica Fuller, the owner of six yoga spas in the Capital District including in Latham and Albany. “There is one industry

## McCoy offers \$15,000 buyout, faces \$40M deficit

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**ALBANY** — In an effort to trim what could be a \$40 million deficit, County Executive Dan McCoy is offering any employee a one-time, \$15,000 check if he or she quits.

Any employee considering the Early Separation Payout will have to decide by Sept. 4 and voluntarily resign by Dec. 15. The employee cannot return to the county payroll for a minimum of three years.

It is not technically an early retirement incentive because employees do not have to have a minimum number of years in county employ or be of a certain age to qualify for the ESP.

In addition to the \$40 million deficit — caused largely by a sharp decline in sales tax, hotel occupancy tax and other tax revenue impacted by COVID-19 — Gov. Andrew Cuomo said the state could cut funding by an additional 20 percent absent federal help.

“Despite these challenges, the County of Albany continues to work tirelessly to find solutions to our budget crisis, with our perpetual goal of maintaining our exceptional services to our community, while keeping our county staff employed,” reads a letter from the Albany County Deputy Commissioner of the Department of Management and Budget David Reilly to employees.

He said there are a limited number of ESP incentives available and applications will be reviewed “in order of receipt and in consideration of many factors, including, but not limited to, department size, salary and ability to maintain vacancy.”

Mary Rozak, a spokeswoman for Albany County, said the plan could result in a savings of between \$1 and \$2 million but the actual savings will be determined by the salaries of the employees who sign up for the program.

Right now, the county will offer the plan to up to 50 employees but that could change depending on the interest generated and the amount of money saved.

The employee’s position will not be funded in the 2021 budget, which is currently being formulated.

Other stipulations in the ESP include:

- Employees can still collect accrued vacation time
- Employees are not automatically entitled to accrued personal and sick time unless it is stipulated in a collective bargaining agreement.
- Employees will get paid longevity if a bonus is due between the effective date and Dec. 31.



and one industry alone that can lessen the risk factor of getting COVID and dying from COVID and that is the fitness industry.”

Fuller, while appearing with Albany County Executive Dan McCoy during a press briefing, expressed frustration with New York state for not allowing gyms and other fitness centers to open with the rest of the economy. They have been closed since mid-March, and were just allowed to open under strict guidelines on Monday, Aug. 24.

“As a fitness owner, not only am I personally and professionally having a hard time, I cannot wrap my head around the thought process behind keeping fitness closed right now,” she said. “We opened our studios, our cross fit gyms, our boot camps, our spinning places to keep people healthy and right now, during a global pandemic that is killing you if you are not healthy, we have had our hands tied.”

Whalen urged people to take advantage of the COVID lockdown that is still in effect for things like concerts and other large gatherings centered on the entertainment industry, to start getting healthy.

“As a public health and preventative medicine specialist, we at the Health Department advocate all the time the importance of physical fitness and do all you can to prevent against chronic diseases and other diseases we know are exacerbated by having extra weight or being physically unfit,” she said. “We have tried throughout this to advocate the thought of reengaging in physical activity. How we get our physical activity is so important and for many people being able to go to a gym, to a yoga studio to a pool is incredibly beneficial not only from a psychological perspective but from a psychological and a mental health perspective.”

### Vaccinations

Despite unprecedented resources, there is not a vaccination for COVID as of yet and once one is developed, widespread distribution is still months away. And even then, a vaccine will not eradicate the virus overnight, if at all.

Vaccinations for this flu season are available now, but the CDC recommends anyone older than six months to get vaccinated in September or October. Since the vaccinations are only effective for about six months, some doctors think getting vaccinated in July or August is too early since flu season peaks sometime between December and February and generally lasts until March or April. Waiting any longer than late October is too long since it does take a few weeks for the vaccine to establish itself and build the antibodies that protect the body from sickness.

“We are entering flu season and we want to be cautious going forward for September and the months after. It will remain important for citizens of the county, citizens of the state and citizens of the United States to continue to adhere important infection control guidelines of social distancing, of handwashing and wearing masks,” said Dr. Elizabeth Whalen, head of the Albany County Department of Health. “I would advise people to get vaccinated for influenza as soon as possible. As soon as they have a supply it is a good idea to get vaccinated

for the flu and I would advise parents sending their kids back to school to make sure they are up to date on their vaccinations.”

Pharmacies began offering flu vaccinations last week but when people get a shot is up to them and their doctor. It is expected, though, more people will get vaccinated than ever before. The CDC is expecting private manufacturers to produce up to 198 million doses of vaccine compared to the 175 million-dose record set during the 2019-20 season.

Getting a flu shot will look a little different this year. Most pharmacies are going to screen people for other illnesses first and shots will not be administered if a person is showing symptoms of any illness.

Like COVID, the flu can be severe or benign and can run the gamut from death to a couple days on the couch to no symptoms at all. Every year health care systems brace for flu season and that concern is compounded exponentially by COVID.

“For the upcoming flu season, flu vaccination will be very important to reduce flu because it can help reduce the overall impact of respiratory illnesses on the population and thus lessen the resulting burden on the healthcare system during the COVID-19 pandemic,” according to the CDC.

Flu vaccines change every year because the flu mutates every year. As such, a somewhat an educated guessing game takes place to determine what strains of vaccines are manufactured. According to the CDC: “recent studies show that flu vaccination reduces the risk of flu illness by between 40 and 60 percent among the overall population during seasons when most circulating flu viruses are well-matched to the flu vaccine.”

It is still highly recommended, especially for older people and those with compromised immune systems and it is particularly recommended this year. It is not clear if having the flu will make a case of COVID more severe than it would have been in a person if the flu was not present. It is also not clear if getting any variation of a flu vaccine will at all limit the chances of getting COVID.

“Ensuring that people continue or start getting routine vaccinations during the COVID-19 pandemic is essential for protecting people and communities from vaccine-preventable diseases and outbreaks, including flu,” according to the CDC. “For the upcoming flu season, flu vaccination will be very important to reduce flu because it can help reduce the overall impact of respiratory illnesses on the population and thus lessen the resulting burden on the healthcare system during the COVID-19 pandemic.”

The significance of a vaccine is particularly important entering flu season if, as many people fear, history is going to repeat itself and a second wave of COVID is on the horizon. During the Spanish Flu pandemic of 1918-20, the “second wave,” which hit roughly in September of 1918, was more considerably more deadly than the first. There are significant differences between now and then, though, and one is the evolution of science that now includes vaccinations.

Testing too is of utmost importance during this flu season since the flu and COVID share so many symptoms.



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SPORTS

# Championship Saturday this week

**MAGEE PARK** — On the last day of the regular season at Magee, Russell's Reds visited Novus Clothing with the winner securing the #1 seed for the playoffs. Novus (10-3), in the midst of a seven-game win streak, entered the game with a one game lead on the Reds (9-4).

Sean Matrose started on the mound for Novus going one scoreless inning, striking out two and walking one. Jake Bradt pitched the second inning, also giving up no runs on two hits, and walking two as well. William Matrose (5-0) pitched the third, allowing no runs, striking out one and walking one while picking up the win. Liam Bara came on in the fourth giving up two runs on two hits, walking one and striking out one. Eamon McClain finished the game, picking up his first save, throwing two innings, allowing one unearned run, on only one

Tri Village Little League Major League Standings	
Team	Record
Novus Clothing	11 - 3
Russell's Reds	9 - 5
Proper & O'Leary Engineering	8 - 6
Employee Family Protection	8 - 6
Teal, Becker & Chiaramonte	3 - 11
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walk while striking out four.

Reds ace Nolan Devejian started and pitched two scoreless frames allowing only one walk while striking out four. Cam Moon came on in relief lasting 2/3 of an inning, giving up two runs on a hit and three walks with two strikeouts. Austin Quackenbush finished the inning for the Reds needing three pitches. Matthew Jones was next on the bump lasting 1 1/3 innings, giving up three runs on three hits

and a pair of walks while striking out two. Noah Herne finished the game giving up a hit and a walk and striking out one.

The game was scoreless through the first 2 1/2 innings when Novus struck for the first time in the bottom of the third. McClain got things going with two outs when he was hit by a pitch taking first base. Sean Matrose and Bradt followed with walks when cleanup hitter Will Matrose (Wammer)

got Novus on the board with a line drive up the middle on a full count driving in McClain. Justin Carlson followed with a walk plating Sean Matrose before the Reds ended the inning on a fielder's choice.

The Reds charged back in the top of the fourth with Devejian leading off with a hard single to left. Noah Herne followed with a single up the middle. After the runners advanced on a passed ball Lucas Bernacki drove them in with a hard ground ball which rolled all the way to the wall on an error. Bernacki tried to make it all the way around the bases on the play but was thrown out at home on a laser by Myles Irvis and a great tag by Carlson. Quackenbush walked but was erased by Carlson as he tried to steal second. Barra ended the inning by striking out the next batter, but the game was tied at two apiece after three and a half innings.

Novus struck again in the bottom of the inning with Stellan Calnero-Jackson leading off with a single. Jones struck out the next two batters before McClain got on base with a walk. Sean Matrose followed with a line drive to left field scoring Calnero-Jackson and giving Novus the lead 3-2 after four.

After McClain struck out the side in the top of the 5th, Novus struck again in the bottom of the inning with Wammer leading off with a hard line drive single up the middle. Carlson then walked moving Wammer to 2nd. After a ground out, Calnero-Jackson doubled to center field scoring both Wammer and Carlson and ending the scoring for Novus.

The Reds tried to claw back in the 6th when leadoff hitter Sheamus Healey drew a walk to start the inning. Moon followed with a seeing eye single

putting the first two Reds on base. Healey and Moon advanced on a passed ball and Healey then scored on another passed ball to get the Reds to within two runs. That's as close as they got however as Austin Brinkman ended the game for Novus with a nifty catch on a tough pop fly to end the game.

Novus ends up at 11-3 winning the league by two games over the 2nd seed Reds at 9-5. Novus starts the playoffs at Magee on Monday August 24th against 4th seed Employee Family Protection (8-6) while the Reds host 3rd seed Proper & O'Leary Engineering (8-6) at Line Drive, also on the 24th.

## Around Magee

Sean Matrose of Novus Clothing wins the Majors home run championship with a total of five on the year.

— Paul Matrose

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## ‘Low risk’ sports cleared for high school

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**ALBANY** — Gov. Andrew Cuomo gave the OK for some “low risk” high school sports to begin on Sept. 21, but not football.

In all regions of the state, tennis, soccer, cross country, field hockey and swimming may begin practice and play while other sports like football, a fall favorite, can practice but cannot yet compete with other schools.

The sports that are allowed can compete only with schools within that particular region or a contiguous region until Oct. 19. Athletes and athletic competitions must follow guidance from the state Department of Health. The New York Public High School Athletic Association is expected to weigh in on the announcement in the coming days.

The fall athletic season was set to begin on Aug. 24 and then was put on hold until at least Sept. 21 while a decision on whether or not to open schools was in limbo. Earlier this month, the state gave school districts the OK to open buildings but with health and safety protocols — like keeping students six feet apart and mandated masks — in place. Most district opted for a hybrid model with some days spent in school and others online. Parents have the

option of keeping children at home fulltime and that will not impact the student's ability to participate in athletics.

“We are doing this in phases and we want to see how it works. Schools opening in general is a big question mark,” Cuomo said during a press conference on Monday, Aug. 24. “The fall is a big question mark with many experts suggesting there will be a second wave or resurgence so by doing it in phases allows us to watch it.”

Athletes participating in sports like football, rugby, ice hockey and wrestling can practice but they cannot yet compete against other schools. When or if that changes is not yet known. Cuomo has based most of his decision on the infection rate, which has hovered around 1 percent statewide for the last several weeks.

The eight-county Capital District region consists of Albany, Schenectady, Saratoga, Rensselaer, Columbia, Greene, Washington and Warren counties, which encompass the majority of Section II.

### Other COVID news

As of Monday, Aug. 24, there were 2,458 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Albany County, an increase of just 26 since Monday, Aug. 17.



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■ OBITUARIES

**Bohl, Shirley A.**

**GLENMONT** — Shirley A. (Ladd) Bohl, 89, passed away at home on Wednesday, Aug. 12, 2020. Born in Albany on Sept. 16, 1930, she was the daughter of the late Thyril L. and Mildred (Schmitter) Ladd.

Shirley graduated from Albany High School in 1948 and always enjoyed planning and participating in her class reunions. She was a longtime member of Third Reformed Church in Albany and enjoyed singing in the church choir. She loved pets, especially dogs, music, reading and watching baseball, both the Yankees and Mets. However, her biggest joy in life was her family. She was delighted to have been able to celebrate her 70th wedding anniversary with her beloved husband, John Calvin "Cal" Bohl.

In addition to her parents, Shirley was predeceased by her son, Daniel E. Bohl. Survivors include her husband Cal; son, John C. Bohl Jr., and wife Kathleen M. Bohl;

brother Thyril L. Ladd Jr. and wife Beverly; sister Carol E. Raymond; and many nieces and nephews. The family would like to especially thank Shirley's dedicated team of private home health aides and the wonderful people at Community Hospice for all of their care and support.

Relatives and friends were invited to call at the Applebee Funeral Home, 403 Kenwood Ave. Delmar. A graveside service followed in Our Lady Help of Christians Cemetery, Glenmont.

Those who wish may send a remembrance in her name to Third Reformed Church, 20 Ten Eyck Ave., Albany, NY, 12209 or Mohawk Hudson Humane Society, 3 Oakland Ave., Menands, NY 12204.

**Schraa, William**

**ALBANY** — William "Bill" Schraa III, 90, died August 11, 2020 in Albany NY. Born Nov. 8, 1929 in Albany, NY, he was the son of the late William Schraa, Jr. and Kathryn E. Pfaff

Schraa. A lifelong resident of Delmar, he was educated in the Bethlehem Central School District, Clarkson and Siena Colleges. After service in the US Army during the Korean War, he became a land surveyor for Edward W. Boutelle & Son in Delmar, where he was employed for 40 years. This was followed by employment in the Town of Bethlehem Engineering Department until his retirement in 1996.

Bill was a very active, lifelong member of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church of Delmar, NY. He served as a Sunday School teacher, Youth leader, Lay Eucharistic Minister, Vestryman for 12 years, Clerk of the vestry for 12 years, Warden for 18 years, Assistant Treasurer for 11 years and Treasurer for 14 years. Bill was a member of the N. A. Blanchard American Legion Post 1040, Bethlehem Second Milers, Bethlehem Masonic Lodge No.85, F&AM, a volunteer with Cub Scouts, Bethlehem Tomboys and Town of Bethlehem Senior Services. He was also a charter member, director and officer

of Eastern New York Society of Land Surveyors, as well as charter and Honorary Member of New York State Association of Professional Land Surveyors.

Married for over 42 years to the late Elizabeth "Liz" Ann Tulley of Theresa NY (Jefferson County) who died in 1998. Bill was also predeceased by a son, Jeffrey A. Schraa (Diane Hansen of Elbridge, NY) and a daughter, Kathryn A. Calvagno (Anthony) of Delmar. He is survived by three beloved grandchildren: Tera Schraa Barger (Bryon) of Glenmont, Amanda Calvagno Catalfamo (Dominic) of Middletown, Del. and Shawn Calvagno (Kimberly) of Lino Lakes MN and great-grandchildren David Barger, Anthony and Lillian Catalfamo and Reese Calvagno.

A memorial service for his immediate family was held at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, followed by an inurnment in the church's, Elizabeth A. Schraa Memorial Columbarium.

In remembrance of

Bill, those that wish, may make contributions to St. Stephen's Church Memorial Fund or The American Cancer Society.

Special thanks to the thoughtful compassionate staff at Our Lady Of Mercy Life Center, and St Peter's Hospital especially the ER & 5th Floor McCauley.

**Sousie, Hope E.**

**GLENMONT** — Hope Elizabeth Sousie changed all of our lives for the better when she entered this world on Nov. 13, 1994. When she departed it on Aug. 10, 2020, she took a piece of us with her.

Hope was a recent graduate of HVCC., having received a degree in health information management technology. She will forever be remembered for her love of lemons, beach days and boardwalk nights with her family in New Jersey, seeing live music with her cousin Cory, Family Guy, her mini dachshund, Doc, and her laugh. Her laugh - it was infectious. Her laugh legitimized a joke, and made it funnier.

Hope was born with a "broken heart," but never let it stop her. She was always planning on conquering. Although she was dealt an unfair hand, she never let it hold her back. She was generous, loving, kind and always sticking up for the underdogs; those without a voice. We will miss her forever and we will keep her memory alive every single day.

Hope is survived by her parents, Marty and Donna Sousie; her sisters, Danielle (Patrick) and Brooke (Kyle); her brother Nick (Amanda); and her four-year-old nephew Max, who adored his Aunt Hope. She is also survived by her grandparents, Donna and Bill Robertson, Edie King and Tim Rocque, as well as her uncles, aunts, cousins, and so many friends who love her dearly and will miss her so so much.

A celebration of life will be held for Hope at a later date. Memorial contributions may be made to Boston Children's Hospital, whose amazing team of doctors and nurses gave us 25 beautiful years with our Hopey.



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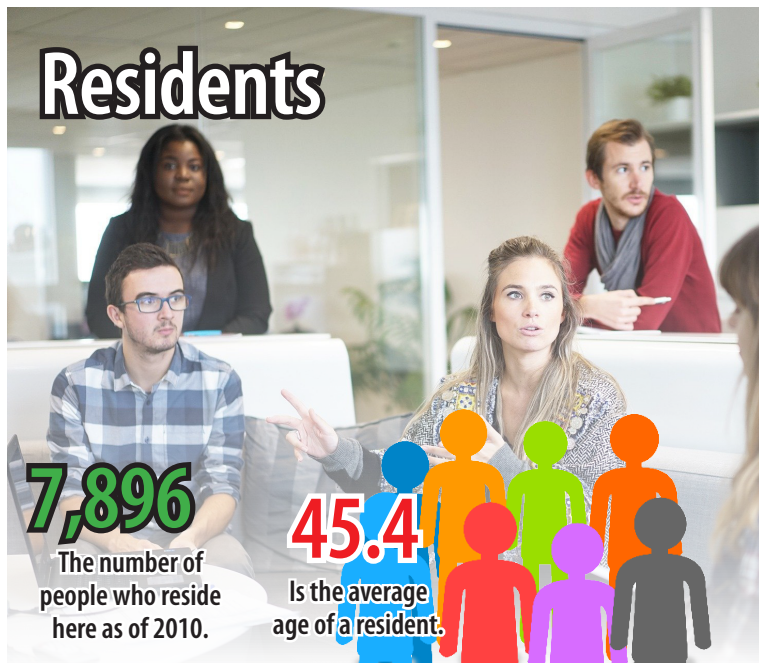
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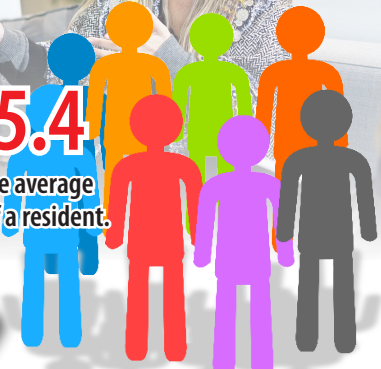
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“Lately we’ve seen a lot of business people doing what we call ‘netwalking,’” executive director Gabrielle Sant’Angelo said. “People are no longer able to meet in coffee shops, so they walk some of the trails and have meetings there.”

The arboretum is home to 22 acres of land, with 11 ponds and a network of trails. In 1966, founder John W. Abbuhl, M.D., began planting trees around his residence to create an attractive setting. His affinity for the land, interest in

horticulture and love of trees combined to inspire the creation of Pine Hollow. Abbuhl, a pediatrician, used the guiding philosophy of “trees in a natural environment” to establish the arboretum as a unique entity within the community of nationally accredited arboreta.

Pine Hollow is also home to birthday parties, one of the most memorable to a woman celebrating her 93rd birthday. Sant’Angelo said the woman thought she was just coming for a walk, but rounded the corner and found a small tent set up with her family and friends. Everyone was able to maintain a six-foot distance because there is so much room.

“People realize this is a great place to meet family and also see some beautiful nature,” she said.

As restrictions continue to loosen, Pine Hollow is working hard to open a house on the property. It’s also working on some smaller tasks to bring some more beauty to the area and solidify its part as a beloved nature reserve right in the heart of Bethlehem.

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accompanying art activity. The video link will be posted on the library's website, all of the library's social media platforms, and on the library's YouTube channel, beginning Tuesday, Sept. 15. Families of preschoolers can pick up a TAKE & MAKE BAG at the library each week. The bag will include the storytime thematic art activity of the week. Each week's bags will be at the library from Tuesday-Saturday of that week.

## Miss Lisa's Library Tots

Miss Lisa will hold a

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## Holiday Hours

In observance of Labor Day, the Library will be closed Saturday, Sept. 5 through Monday, Sept. 7. Regular phase 4 hours/ services will resume on Tuesday, September 8.

— Lynn Kohler

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11 WYANDANCH LANE 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, c/o Samuel Rein, Esq., 200 West 41st Street, 18th Floor, New York, NY 10036. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-250638

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**

110 EAST 42nd 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-249770

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**

112 MAIN STREET, 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, 130 Abbey Road, Poestenkill, NY 12140. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-250689

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**

19 FOSTER ROAD OWNERS 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, 25 Midland Avenue, Staten Island, NY 10306. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-250930

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**

228 CARROLL STREET, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 08/18/20. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 140 Cadman Plaza West, Apartment 19G, Brooklyn, NY 11201. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-251487

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**

315 MENAHAN FUNDING LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 06/26/20. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o Hirshmark Capital LLC, 1140 Broadway, Suite 304, New York, NY 10001. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-251513

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**

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

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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

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**

379 12TH STREET LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 08/17/20. 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, 9728 3rd Avenue, Suite 133, Brooklyn, NY 11209. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-251447

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**

40-25 ASTORIA LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 08/12/20. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o Michael Mourkakos, 23-53 Steinway Street, Astoria, NY 11105. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-251221

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**

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**

45 BREESE LN LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 08/20/20. 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, 30 Breese Lane, Southampton, NY 11968. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-251683

**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

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500 BERGEN STREET FUNDING LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 05/13/20. 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 Hirshmark Capital LLC, 1140 Broadway, Suite 304, New York, NY 10001. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-251515

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**

555 WEST 23RD S4H, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 08/13/20. 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, 555 West 23rd Street, Unit S4H, New York, NY 10011. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-251226

**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, 26 Coback Court, Brooklyn, NY 11223. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-249807

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**

58 BLEECKER LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 08/07/20. 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 Edward R. Smolka, Esq., 5 Tudor City Place, Lobby 11, New York, NY 10017-6853. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-251064

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**

60 BRIGHTON 10TH STREET LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 08/20/20. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom pro-

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cess against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 2126 Flatbush Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11234. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-251684

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**

67-26 LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 02/20/20. 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, c/o Alan Goldman, 1225 Franklin Avenue, Suite 515, Garden City, NY 11530. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-251328

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680 MPA 2 LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 08/17/20. 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, 605 Morris Park Avenue, Bronx, NY 10460. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-251449

**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, September 2 at 6:00 PM via Zoom to take action on an application submitted by John and Amanda Schaffer for an Area Variance located at 8 Elm Place, Albany. The Applicant is proposing construction of a fence that does not meet the Town Zoning Code requirements under Article Vi, Section 128-47, Fences and freestanding walls, B. Fences and freestanding walls in residential districts, (3) 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 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

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instructions can be found on the CALENDAR located on the Town website by clicking the 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 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. David Devaprasad Chairman Board of Appeals D-251583

**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**

8707 19TH AVENUE RENTAL LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 07/27/20. 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, 155 West 20th Street, #5K, New York, NY 10011. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-251074

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**

ALHR CONSULTING LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 08/19/20. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o Schwartz Levine PLLC, 150 Broadway, Suite 1703, New York, NY 10038. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-251579

**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 Sec-

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retary 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 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 11218. 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**

ASD BACKYARD LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 08/10/20. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 155 West 20th Street, #5K, New York, NY 10011. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-251074

**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

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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

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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-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**

BLEECKER STREET GARAGE LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 08/12/20. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 10 E. 33rd Street, 11th Floor, New York, NY 10016. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-251218

**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, 4167 71st Street, Apartment 1A, Woodside, NY 11377. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-250084

**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**

BOULEVARD ENTERTAINMENT LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 08/10/20. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o Salvatore LoDuca, Esq., 6-53 152nd Street, Suite 2R, Whitestone, NY 11357. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-251212

**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 Av-

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enue, 14th Floor, New York, NY 10017. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-249940

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**

BUILDIT SOLUTIONS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/02/18. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o Spiros Peppas, 2038 169th St, Weststone, NY 11357. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-251086

**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

**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**

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



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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

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**

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

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ENTERPRISE REALTY GROUP LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY

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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 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**

EXPERT NY INSPECTIONS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 08/10/20. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 80-30 164th Street, 2nd Floor, Left Office, Jamaica, NY 11432. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-251036

**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

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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**

HAIR BY FRANKIE 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, c/o Stu-

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art J. Flum, CPA, 1400 Old Country Road, Suite 301, Westbury, NY 11590. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-251326

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**

HERBS REALTY, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 08/17/20. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o Anthony Serpico, 50 Johnson Street, Staten Island, NY 10309. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-251439

**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**

HIGHBRIDGE LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 08/11/20. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o Toprock Interiors, 1308 Edward L. Grant Highway, Bronx, NY 10452. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-251085

**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

**NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION**

IMAGINE MADE LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 08/13/20. 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, 114 East 32nd Street, Suite 1005, New York, NY 10016. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-251303

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Storm runoff in urban areas is often an ecological problem. City systems often designed before heightened concerns for environmental conservation commingle sewage waste with groundwater runoff. Storms the dump unusually high volumes can overwhelm treatment plants. In communities up and down the Hudson Valley, whose treatment plants hug the river's banks, that waste flows into the river.

Bethlehem's network of public water — all 170 miles of pipeline — is separated from the water captured from culverts cut into local streets. But, an exceptional storm can often reveal the cracks that lie within an infrastructure that includes 80-year-old clay pipes.

"The problem that we face in this town, and its common throughout the country and the world, even though our system is

separate from our storm sewer — which is the best scenario to have unlike Albany, who has a lot of combined sewer and stormwater going through the same pipes — ours are dedicated systems," Kansas said. "But, the system is old enough to the point where some loose joints here and there... you have little pathways that stormwater and groundwater can infiltrate into the sewer collection system. One or two of them isn't too bad, but when you get them over the 170 miles of pipe that we have in town, it adds up."

As a storm, Hurricane Isaias was less foreboding than that of Irene and Sandy in 2011 and 2012, respectively. As is the norm, such storms seldom reach this far north — not at that strength. When they do, it's a news event. For a storm to maintain the level of Category 1, it must

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continue to sustain winds of at least 85 miles per hour. But, it's the devastating floods that wreak the most havoc.

Irene's winds knocked out power to at least 3 million people from New York to Connecticut in 2011, but it was the flooding that attributed to nearly \$300 million worth of damage. Nearly a foot of

rain fell on Orange County, leading to the failure of an earthen dam. The breach contributed to an 8-foot wall of water that pushed down the Ramapo River. An Ulster County farmer ran his boat across the new lake of water that submerged his crop under a foot of water. Rushing streams and rivers wiped out more communities throughout the Empire State.

At least 52 municipalities spilled raw sewage into local waters around the Hudson Valley. The state Department of Environmental Conservation later credited the incredible volume of water for diluting potential pollution.

"We were very fortunate that we learned some hard lessons back when Hurricane Irene came through," said Kansas.

Isaias teetered between a hurricane and a tropical storm before it smashed the Carolina coastline as a hurricane on Tuesday, Aug 4. It raced north up the coast as a tropical

storm, where it hit the Capital District that same day. As the storm circled above Albany, its clouds covered as far south as the Carolinas to as far north as Hudson Bay. According to The Weather Channel, more than 2 inches fell upon Delmar. Surrounding areas received as much as 4 inches.

"Our sewer and stormwater systems are separate, but when heavy rains fall, the water pressure in the saturated ground is so great that stormwater is forced into the sewer system through gaps in old pipes," said Town Supervisor David VanLuven, "such as the 80-year old clay pipe running from my house to the sewer main."

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"14,000 basketballs [were] flowing into the plant every minute," he said.

The plant was at the receiving end to more than just a deluge, there was also debris. Caulk, pipe lining and other material can break away in such storms. The material can collect and choke off the flow of water through the gates at the plant. Kansas said his five-person crew had to cut off the flow to dislodge debris from the gates, diverting water to the new reservoir. Both VanLuven and Kansas said their effort prevented storm runoff from the town's system leaching into the Hudson River.

"This was a monumental accomplishment, and a testament to the dedication and hard work of our wastewater management team," VanLuven said.

Isaias spun itself out over Quebec two days later. The storm was estimated to have caused over \$4 billion in damage in the Northeast United States, making it the costliest tropical cyclone since Hurricane Sandy in 2012.

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# The customer is always right

The secret to good customer service is rooted in compassion. You have to empathize with the person on the other side. Without it, there's no chance of bridging the gap between strangers.

Between journalism gigs, I worked in customer service. It's a vocation in hell. It's a layer of purgatory Dante failed to describe. I dare say he averted his eyes to save his soul. As a writer who can appreciate the need to "know your reader," the poet may have revealed his heart. Exposing that aspect of community can make one lose faith in humanity.

If you spent a year in a call center, or a month collecting a few bucks pushing retail during the holidays, you know. The moment you slip on a polo conforming to store colors, you're beat down the caste system. Pop the collar. Be a rebel. A manager will put you in your place. You're an indentured servant to everyone who walks into the store — even to the 3-year-old pulling down every item in aisle 4. Now, let that collar point down to your slumped shoulders.

Call center veterans may have it worse. If you're friends with one, you know how seldom they use a phone. Call them and they won't answer. The only time you'll see their name pop up on caller ID will be on

your birthday. That's your gift. Be thankful. To your friend, a phone looks like a boarded-up door with a faint voice from the other side whispering, "We're coming for you, Barbara."

Seriously, you're all guilty of doing this at least once. After buying the latest, greatest, life altering, time saving, family building, capital procuring *thing* you found 30 percent off, you

*Unfortunately, you waited too long and you're a day past the return policy. Let's gloss over the expectation that you would read the material, the owner's manual and the terms of the return policy — your expectations weren't met. I explained to the guy whose job I'd have in five years how our responsibility required us to show customers where they erred and show them the path of enlightenment. Years later, I'm still surprised I didn't get the job.*

were disappointed. It didn't meet your expectations; and after all, expectations is what makes the world go around — that, and money. And, when you spend money on a company, it empowers you. You have invested in the brand. You calculated how many hours it takes you to earn that \$99.99 plus tax, and for you to be disappointed means you wasted that much of your life on a sub-par product. You are owed a pound of flesh, and you will take it out on whoever answers that phone.

During a job interview, a manager asked me

whether or not I agreed with the classic phrase, "The customer is always right." It was the second of two interviews with the company, the first of which was over the phone. I won the person over with a flawless presentation. The second day of questions was just a formality, so I felt relaxed. We were all among friends who moments ago just swapped war stories of how we handled customers

behaving badly. Of course, I answered no.

The customer is not always right, I said. Customers are oftentimes swayed by the bright lights, and touching commercials, the ubiquitous brand name or the status symbol they feel they've rightly earned through the tough daily grind. It's that daily grind that makes the eyes tired or makes us too lazy to read the owner's manual. An hour into the experience, you find this isn't going to work. Unfortunately, you waited too long and you're a day past the return policy. Let's gloss over

the expectation that you would read the material, the owner's manual and the terms of the return policy — your expectations weren't met. I explained to the guy whose job I'd have in five years how our responsibility required us to show customers where they erred and show them the path of enlightenment. Years later, I'm still surprised I didn't get the job.

Every call center has a sage soul whose wisdom helps sooth the representatives around them. The angry customers who they speak with represent a small percentage of those who buy into the brand — and perhaps an even smaller sample of the people who walk among us in life. Nonetheless, it is those people customer service representatives work towards persuading to stay with the company. Some of those reps are tasked with retention.

Retention is like sales, just in reverse. The consumer has already

consumed the product and wishes to reject it. That sounds gross. It is gross. A retention rep has little more than a phone script in his hand. In bold letters a manager akin to a field general standing high atop a hill, away from the fray, wrote "don't take NO for an answer." The rep has three offers to make before canceling service. At which point, things are said that shouldn't nor are they anatomically possible. But, it's at that point, the name of the company is Mudd.

There's one "local" company that walked too confidently into the market and made a poor first impression on the customer base. It didn't know their customers. As a result, retention reps worked harder than anticipated. Ironically, the expectations of that company did not meet reality. It made for an ugly experience between my wife and the person on the other end of the phone. Where there was arrogance there should have been compassion. What concerns me more — as he wasn't able to win over the strong-willed woman whom I married — are how those tactics could be used on modest customers who may give in to bullying. Those are things that shouldn't be said. Trust me, I learned the hard way; the customer is always right.

— Michael Hallisey,  
Managing Editor

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## LIBRARIES

# Night Owls Online with Guilderland Public

The next installment of our Night Owls Online book discussion group is slated for Mon. Sept. 14 at 7:30 p.m. We're reading New York Times and USA Today bestseller "Me and White Supremacy" by Layla F. Saad, available on Hoopla in both eBook and audiobook format. This eye-opening book, complete with journal prompts, challenges readers to tackle the essential task of unpacking biases, fostering greater understanding and collaboration across our multi-faceted cultural landscape. Sign up to on the Events tab of our website.

### Curbside hours

Current hours for contact-free curbside checkouts are: Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Tuesdays and Thursdays 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Returns may be



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### Education Resources

As students and their families prepare for the upcoming school year, flexibility is once again required to ensure the safety of all involved. One constant we can all count on: children who read for pleasure tend to excel in academics, and well beyond.

Here at your friendly local library, we support learning for all ages, wherever it's happening. We have several resources - some just introduced - that can bolster academic enrichment, and we encourage you to take advantage of them at: <https://guilderlandlibrary.org/learning-tools>,

including:

**BookFlix** - This award-winning resource from Scholastic connects imaginative stories with nonfiction knowledge, encouraging early learners to discover the joy of learning to read, then the excitement of reading to learn. Age range: Preschool-Grade 3.

**Kids Info Bits** - This comprehensive resource, part of the New York Online Virtual Electronic Library (NOVEL) features articles on a variety of topics, current event news stories, and pictures and videos to both enhance and retain learning. Age range: Elementary.

**Opposing Viewpoints** - This timely resource, also from NOVEL NY, lends multiple perspectives to current events to foster a broader understanding beyond the sound bytes and headlines. At last count, 482 issues of current relevance were covered. If

it's a hot topic, it's likely to be listed. Educator resources are included. Age Range: High School.

**Academic Onefile** - This robust online encyclopedia is perfect for completing research projects. Students can utilize the topic finder, subject guide search and publication search to pinpoint the exact information needed. Age Range: High School.

**Learning Express** - Students K-12 can use School Center to access practice tests and review the material, and older students can benefit from reviewing the math and ELA modules. Science and social studies content, technology skills practice, test prep and much more are also included. This comprehensive resource also features several helpful career-related categories for adults. Age Range: All Ages.

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### Cooking Under Pressure

Registration is open for "Cooking Under Pressure with Cornell Cooperative Extension", happening Wed. Sept. 16 at 6:30 p.m. Karen Roberts Mort will cover the basics of using a multi-cooker: the various models available, handy features, safety tips, additional equipment you can purchase, and tips to make cooking easy and fun. Recipes will also be shared. Sign up on the Events tab of our website to receive an email invitation the day before this Zoom event.

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library experience is going to look a little different than pre-pandemic times. Hours will be limited as we stagger this service with curbside pickup. You'll be able to "shop" for your books inside the library, but there will be constraints on the number of people in the building at one time and masks will be required. Public meeting spaces will not be available, as well as access to computers and other in-house library technology. Children's toys and library seating have been removed, and patrons will be asked to limit their time inside the library to selecting and checking out their materials.

We know this will be a big change for all of us who have come to see the library as a place to gather with

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## Stream the Great Courses

Ready to learn something new? Check out The Great Courses on Kanopy and further your lifelong learning goals with a robust selection of college-level video courses

## What to expect when we re-open

As staff continue to work out the details and timing involved in bringing back in-person library browsing – our goal is to have it available by early September – it remains our highest priority to keep you safe.

This means that when we do open our doors, your

## Backlogged

Heather Nelson, a clerk at Guilderland Public Library, helped process a three-month backlog - 130 boxes of about 1,400 materials - at Guilderland Public Library recently, while other staff members quarantined, sanitized and checked in about 17,000 returned items. The library is currently processing about 5,500 curbside items per month, working at half-staff per Governor Cuomo's Executive Order, to minimize risk of virus exposure.

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on a number of topics including economics, fine arts, music, history, literature, philosophy, science, mathematics, social sciences, professional development and better living. Use your Bethlehem library card to access the streaming video service at [bethpl.kanopy.com](http://bethpl.kanopy.com).

## Live tutoring with HelpNow

As your children get ready to head back to

school – in whatever form it may take – we would like to remind you that Bethlehem cardholders now have access to HelpNow by Brainfuse, an easy and intuitive learning resource for all ages and levels with personalized homework help in core subjects (math, reading, writing, science and social studies), as well as SAT preparation.

There is a skill-building tool for all types of learning styles – from flashcards to practice quizzes and videos.

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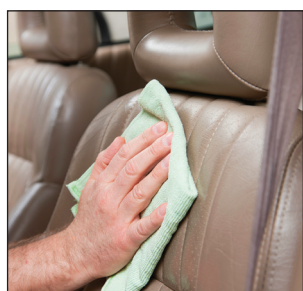
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**Award-winning**

We took home the hardware at this year's NYPA Awards.

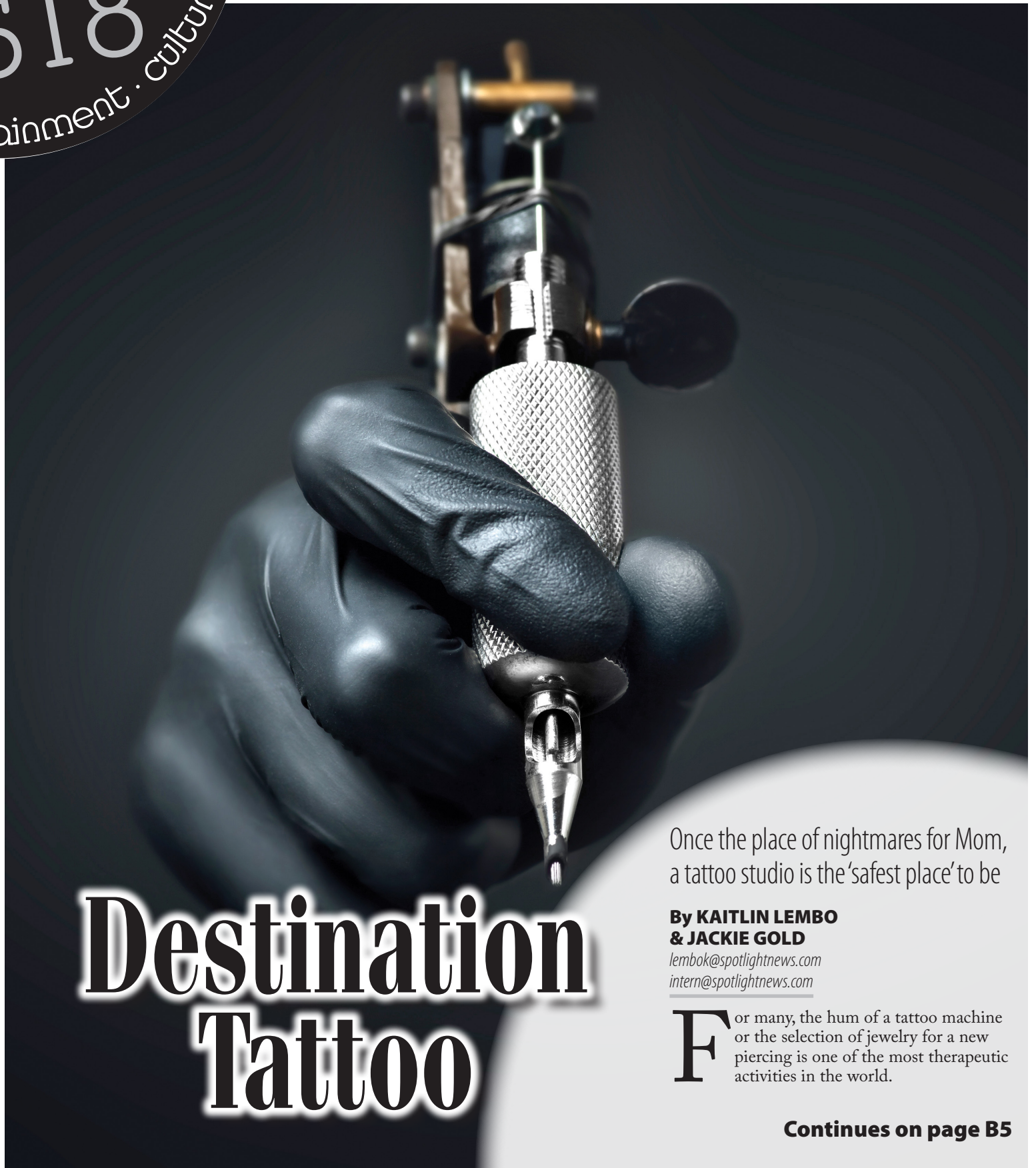
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Wiping down the inside of your car has benefits.

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**Destination  
Tattoo**

Once the place of nightmares for Mom, a tattoo studio is the 'safest place' to be

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**F**or many, the hum of a tattoo machine or the selection of jewelry for a new piercing is one of the most therapeutic activities in the world.

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— Patricia Fahy, Assemblymember.



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# Movie theatres are crying for help

Independent movie theatres are under threat of closing for good if they can't open soon

ALBANY — The National Association of Theater Owners of New York State joined state legislators, local officials, and business leaders in calling for movie theaters in New York State to reopen.

As malls, restaurants, retailers have reopened and now gyms/fitness centers, bowling alleys, museums, and cultural institutions are reopening, New York's movie theaters have a proposed plan to reopen with guidelines that meet any and all safety concerns.

Additionally, the longer theaters remain closed, the more apt the film studios are inclined to release major motion pictures on streaming and video-on-demand platforms. Each film that bypasses movie theaters is a devastating blow.

"If we aren't able to reopen theaters in New York State soon, we are at serious risk of losing the remaining release schedule for 2020," said Robert Sunshine, executive director of the National Association of Theater Owners of New York State. "It's mission critical that the governor allows for movie theaters to reopen now."

New York's movie theaters takes these health concerns seriously and addresses them with every measure possible—from installing new and improved air flow systems that increase outdoor air intake along with MERV 11 or higher rated air filters, reducing capacity to 50 percent (60 people if at 50 percent capacity which does not happen frequently), staggering show times,



Michael Hallisey / The Spot 518

disinfecting seats and armrests, requiring masks for employees and patrons, installing the newest

high-to reserving seats in configurations that enforce social distancing, along with numerous other safety

measures.

These measures coincide with and even exceed measures taken

by comparable industries that have been allowed to already reopen – industries such as bowling alleys and gyms that have been deemed previously some of the riskiest businesses to reopen.

"We believe we have the right plan in place to properly reopen movie theaters safely, keeping patron safety of paramount concern. From contactless ticketing/concessions and assigned seating, social distancing protocols inside each auditorium, and increased cleaning and sanitizing, we are ready to open. If retailers, restaurants, and malls are open - and now gyms and bowling alleys, there is no reason for theaters not to reopen," said Joe Masher, president of the National Association of Theater Owners of New York State and chief operating officer of Bow Tie Cinemas.

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Spotlight Newspapers takes home the hardware

ALBANY — Spotlight Newspapers earned five awards in the New York Press Association's Better Newspaper Award ceremony last week.

NYPA hosts the annual award ceremony to showcase exemplary work from newspapers and websites throughout the Empire State.

This year, judges honored Spotlight Newspapers with five awards, including a first-place award to Jim Franco for

Best Feature Photo.

The award-winning photo captured the excitement of a young boy as he watched a science experiment at Colonie Central School District's Raiderfest in 2019.

The online editor and Colonie Spotlight reporter also took home second place honors in the Sports Action Photo category.

Spotlight Newspapers earned another first place award for advertising.

Production Manager David Abbott earned top honors in the Best Large Space Ad category for a full-page advertisement he had designed for The Century House, which was featured in the Colonie Spotlight.

The Colonie Spotlight was further honored with NYPA's Past Presidents' Award for General Excellence, earning a third place award. The highly competitive category compares newspapers through a point-system and how they rate across multiple features, including news coverage, editorials, obituaries and more.

"It is a great honor," said Publisher John McIntyre.

Diego Cagara and Michael Hallisey each earned a third place award for Coverage of Education from their collaborative work featured in The Spotlight.

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# From page B1 ... Destination Tattoo

According to a poll done by Dalia Research in 2018, 46 percent of people in the nation have at least one tattoo, with 75 percent of those sporting more than one. Studios were forced to shutter doors after the COVID-19 pandemic swept across the state. In Albany, shops were closed for 90 days before Gov. Andrew Cuomo announced guidelines for re-opening.

Eugene Hernigle, a piercer at Tom Spaulding Tattoo And Body Piercing Studio, has had a unique experience with the pandemic. He spoke about the silver lining because his son was born at the start of the pandemic. "I got to spend three months at home with my newborn and my wife," he said, "And on top of that, I was making more money being unemployed."

Since reopening, however, Hernigle has become much more nervous about bringing home the virus to his family. "It's really difficult to take precautionary measures

when the precautions are changed every day," he said.

Tom Spaulding's studio is asking everyone who enters to wear a mask and only allowing one customer in at a time. Hernigle said, "I am taking all the precautions I can, and we're asking our customers to please be respectful and do the same."

But even so, Hernigle says now is not the best time to get a piercing.

For face piercings, he says that not many people will see most face piercings because of masks. For ear piercings, he has seen many customers struggle with putting masks on and the strings of the mask rubbing against the fresh piercing. Because of this, many piercings are also taking longer to heal.

Still, Hernigle is "terribly scared" of bringing the virus home to his newborn son. He asks people to use common sense if they choose to get a piercing and be polite to employees. "We take our customer's safety in the highest regard and



hope they will do the same for us."

Reputable tattoo studios are also considered some of the most sterile places in the world on a good day. With COVID-19 flaring up again in Albany, Lark Street Tattoo, a widely regarded studio right in the heart of the Capital District, is taking its new protocols seriously. Owner Tom "T-Bone" Martin, a tattoo artist since 1993,

said his studio is seeing a huge flux in business since reopening in mid-June.

"Tattooing is one of the very few activities left to do out there," Martin said. "We used to fit into the night out, but now we are a destination."

Lark Street Tattoo hasn't had any coronavirus scares so far, and it's easy to see how it's pulled it off. Customers and artists must wear masks at all times in

the shop. Customers must wash their hands or use hand sanitizer provided by the shop immediately upon entrance. Temperatures are taken before each appointment. No food is allowed under any circumstances and only the person getting tattooed is allowed to show up for their appointment. To add an extra layer of security, customers must call from their cars upon arrival and

wait to enter the shop.

Martin said the masks will probably stay after the pandemic is over, as many shops already use them during tattooing.

"We haven't had any problems with people refusing to wear masks, but we have had to tutor some in how to effectively wear them," he said. "The biggest issues are those who wear them under the nose or move them down when they talk."

Martin added masking will also help with the cold and flu season, as artists are known to catch colds from customers. He's positive there is no COVID-19 transmission in the shop. People feel so safe, Lark Street Tattoo is booked a month in advance and Martin is on the hunt for another experienced artist. Despite being able to accommodate some walk-in appointments, Martin asks customers to make an appointment and follow all shop rules.

"A professional, licensed tattoo studio is probably the safest environment you can spend any time in these days," he concluded.


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HEALTH & FITNESS

# The CDC called: Clean out your car

How to effectively and safely sanitize a car

The COVID-19 pandemic changed the way people live. One readily felt effect was spending more time at home. Vehicles sat idle in driveways and even some automotive insurance providers reduced rates because people were driving much less.

Even with stay-at-home measures in place,

people still need to leave their homes to stock up on essentials, such as food or medicine. In other cases, people may have been essential workers who drive for a living, including delivery drivers or health care personnel who were incapable of working from home.

Any time a person goes out in public, he or she runs the risk of contracting

*People want to protect themselves and now are more aware of the importance of frequently cleaning and sanitizing their cars. Keeping a vehicle safe to drive without affecting its upholstery or electronic components is paramount.*

viruses. Bacteria and germs may reside on various surfaces, including those inside vehicles.

People want to protect themselves and now are more aware of the importance of frequently cleaning and sanitizing their cars. Keeping a vehicle safe to drive without affecting its upholstery or electronic components is paramount.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention makes a distinction between cleaning and disinfecting. Cleaning refers to the removal of germs, dirt and impurities from surfaces. It does not kill germs, but can lower their numbers. Disinfecting refers to using chemicals to kill germs on surfaces. The following are some ways to deeply clean and sanitize a car.

- Wash hands. First and foremost, it is crucial to wash your hands before and after using the car. This can reduce the likelihood of growing ill because of transferred viruses or

bacteria.

- Use rubbing alcohol. Solutions that contain 70 percent alcohol are effective against many viruses and bacteria, including coronaviruses, says the CDC. Furthermore, Jeff Stout, Executive Director of Global Innovation at Yanfeng Automotive Interiors, says that, for the most part, nearly every interior surface of a vehicle can be cleaned with isopropyl alcohol. Plastic to painted chrome to imitation leather have been tested to ensure they don't degrade when exposed to pure isopropyl alcohol.

- Avoid bleach or hydrogen peroxide. While bleach and peroxide are very effective cleaners and sanitizers, they are likely to damage a car's upholstery, according to Consumer Reports.

- Use soap and water: Experts say that vigorous washing with a soap-and-water solution can be effective against many contaminants because it breaks down the protective

envelope that surrounds coronaviruses and other germs to disarm them. Friction also can help to break down germ cells during cleaning.

"You want to do the best with what you have, so even soap and water can chip away at the risk," says Stephen Thomas, M.D., Chief of Infectious Diseases and Director of Global Health at Upstate Medical University in Syracuse, NY.

- Address frequently touched surfaces. Pay attention to the steering wheel, door handles, buttons, touchscreen displays, shift lever, and more when sanitizing. Each of these items can harbor germs.

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**CLUES ACROSS**

1. Chop with an ax
4. Where a bachelor lives
7. Indicates near
10. Doctors' group
11. It's just a number
12. Type of bread
13. Lively ballroom dance
15. Charles S. Dutton TV series
16. A way to use up
19. Singular event
21. Home of Disney World
23. Minerals
24. Most insightful
25. Consult
26. In addition
27. Agents of downfall
30. Organizations
34. Supervises flying
35. Bar bill
36. Alfalfa
41. Dish soap
45. Witnesses
46. Ancient Greek City
47. Newspaper bigwigs
50. Discuss again
54. Small group with shared interests
55. Support
56. Popular sportcoat fabric
57. Take hold of
59. Pre-Mayan civilization
60. Woman (French)
61. Wheeled vehicle
62. Georgia rockers
63. Cold War player (abbr.)
64. Pitching stat
65. Attempt

**CLUES DOWN**

1. Czech monetary unit
2. Arousing intense feeling
3. Elks
4. Muscular weaknesses
5. Before the present
6. Figures out
7. Infinite
8. A low wall
9. Silly
13. Political organization
14. Used of a number or amount not specified
17. Divisions of the psyche
18. Denial
20. Ancient Iranian person
22. Count on
27. Popular sports league
28. Water (French)
29. Partner to cheese
31. When you hope to get there
32. Angry
33. One point east of due south
37. Respects
38. Organize anew
39. French wine grape
40. Intrinsic nature of something
41. Neural structures
42. Brews
43. Where ships take on cargo
44. Holiday season singer
47. Shock treatment
48. Popular average
49. Products
51. A type of bear
52. Utilize
53. Old world, new
58. Swiss river

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Aries, acting your age will not feel like fun this week, but you have to hunker down and be the adult. Even as others shirk responsibility, you know how to get the job done.

**TAURUS - APR 21/MAY 21**

Taurus, it is alright to go against the grain once in a while if it means that much to you. Sometimes you have to be a trendsetter. This week you stand out in a good way.

**GEMINI - MAY 22/JUN 21**

This week could mark the start of a fun and informative phase for you, Gemini. Look around at all the possibilities to learn new things. You can expand your knowledge tenfold.

**CANCER - JUN 22/JUL 22**

Cancer, eagerly follow all impulses to explore new interests. This is a great time to start a new hobby or even change careers. Be aggressive with your goals.

**LEO - JUL 23/AUG 23**

There is some tension going on with you this week over what you desire and what you know is good for you, Leo. You'll need to walk a fine line if you are to get both.

**VIRGO - AUG 24/SEPT 22**

Virgo, sometimes the best conversations you can have are the ones in which the person you are chatting with disagrees with what you are saying. It's an opportunity to debate.

**LIBRA - SEPT 23/OCT 23**

Libra, take inventory of the value of what you have. That doesn't strictly mean material things. It also refers to the friends and loved ones who always have your back.

**SCORPIO - OCT 24/NOV 22**

Scorpio, it can sometimes be best to walk into a situation without any expectations. This way anything that happens can be taken at face value.

**SAGITTARIUS - NOV 23/DEC 21**

It's required patience, but things will start to make sense in your life this week, Sagittarius. All of the parts start to fall into place and the bigger picture is revealed.

**CAPRICORN - DEC 22/JAN 20**

There is no need to deny yourself some guilty pleasures, Capricorn. Dig into a big piece of cake or indulge in some binge-watching. You've earned it.

**AQUARIUS - JAN 21/FEB 18**

Aquarius, expect more plots than a soap opera in the days ahead. The good news is that you decide which course things will take. Surround yourself with your support network.

**PISCES - FEB 19/MAR 20**

Pisces, excitement is fine, but your eagerness to jump into a project may seem too intense to others. Temper some of your emotions.

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**CLASSIFIED Information**

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Hours: 8:30 AM - 4 PM  
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**Display Proof Ad Advertising**  
The Spot518: **Tues., Sept. 1 at Noon**  
A Section: **Wed., Sept. 2 at Noon**

**Display Ad Advertising**  
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A Section: **Thurs., Sept. 3 at 11 a.m.**

**Services Directory Advertising**  
**Tues., Sept. 1 at 2 p.m.**

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**\$26,990**

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FWD, 4 Cyl Gas Saver, Black Cloth Interior, SATT Radio, Auto, Power Windows/Locks/Mirrors, 57,926 Miles.  
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