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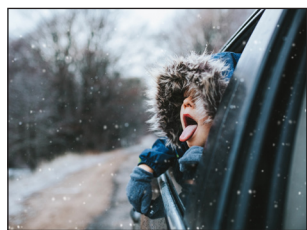
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Champion for Equity

Attorney Peter M. Pryor, whose charge for racial equity started from area courtrooms in the '50s, dies at 95

By **MICHAEL HALLISEY**
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Peter M. Pryor, the civil rights attorney who traded in his soldier's rifle for a law degree, leading the charge for racial equity from Albany courtrooms, died on Dr. Martin Luther King's Day at the age of 95.

His years on earth were spent fighting racial injustice while armed with the Constitution.

"I was going to fight what I had seen in this country and maybe elsewhere," Pryor told Albany Law School's Lisa Suto, in a recent podcast. "I said to myself, I don't think I'm able to do this with an M1 rifle or driving a Sherman tank. Maybe the courts would be the best place to do it."

Shortly after he was born, Pryor's family moved from Savannah, Georgia to Daufuskie Island, a barrier island off the coast of South Carolina. His pre-school years were spent playing with the other children on the island in what he described in as an "idyllic place."

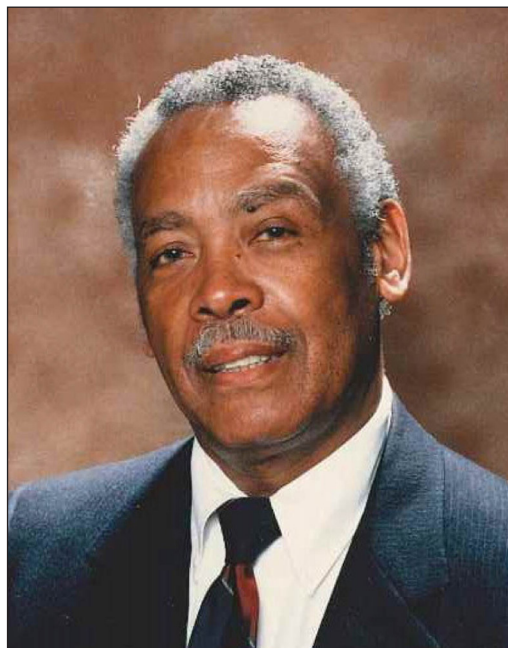
His family lived within the Gullah community on Daufuskie Island for six years. The way of life was distinguished by a rich heritage that borrowed languages and folk beliefs from the Bahamas, Barbados, Guya, Belize, Jamaica and Sierra Leone as they lived excluded from white society.

"When I returned to Savannah, I was of school age. However, my mother had to keep me out of school for a period of time and I was home taught. I remained out of school simply because I didn't speak English well, I spoke Gullah. ... Sometimes my wife says I still carry what we call the Geechee accent."

Pryor was home taught by his father, who had him work on his English by listening to Gabriel Heatter's accounts of the news on the radio. By the time he was ready for junior high school, he said had read "just about everything readable back and forth through the books of knowledge."

He left home to enlist in the Army at the age of 14. After which he served overseas in the European campaign of World War II.

Peter M. Pryor



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Photo of Peter Pryor courtesy of Capital District Black and Hispanic Bar Association

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Voorheesville girls basketball played a tough match against Ravena.

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Bethlehem Police Department

Hello and Goodbye

DELMAR — The Bethlehem Police Department greeted one new officer before sending off another to retirement last week.

Officer Alex Griffin joined the department, transferring from the Albany County Sheriff's Office where he served as a Deputy Sheriff for the past year. He returns to 445 Delaware where he was previously an afternoon telecommunicator.

Bethlehem Police Sgt. Francis R. Muller retired last week. The former Honor Guard Commander was sent off by his peers, seeing the ceremony from the other side.

In a 23-year career in law enforcement — 20 of which with Bethlehem — Muller served as Honor Guard Commander, Patrol Supervisor, Department Crisis Negotiator and Field Training Officer.

In a statement from the police department, Muller was called, "a valued member and leader."

— Michael Hallisey

■ POLICE, FIRE and EMERGENCY CALLS

Police issue warning

BETHLEHEM — A string of regional burglaries that appear to be targeting Asian restaurant owners prompted the police department to issue an advisory message to the community.

According to the statement issued last week, no incidents had been reported in town, "but [we] would like to remind the public to report any type of suspicious activity."

To contact the Bethlehem Police Department, call 518-439-4955.

Windows damaged, teen arrested

VOORHEESVILLE — On Sunday, Jan. 9, State Police responded to a Voorheesville home to investigate a damaged window. An investigation determined that a 17-year-old who was known to the homeowner had purposely damaged the window.

The juvenile was located and arrested on Friday, Jan. 14 and charged with criminal mischief, a felony. The juvenile was arraigned in Albany County Court and due to appear in Albany County Family Court on Jan. 20.

Fake tint exemption

GLENMONT — After State Police stopped a Schenectady man for a traffic violation on the Northway in Colonie, the trooper ticketed Keshan Tiwari, 19, for having illegal window tints. Tiwari said he had a medical exemption for the tints and provided an exemption sticker from the State Department of Motor Vehicles. The sticker was determined to be a forgery and he was arrested and charged with possession of a forged instrument, a felony.

He was sent to the Albany County jail to await arraignment.

DWI

GUILDERLAND — State Police stopped Theodore Duncan, 43, of Maryland, on Route 910F Northbound on Sunday, Jan. 16 for driving erratically.

When the trooper spoke to Duncan, he noticed the smell of an alcoholic beverage emanating from the vehicle and observed signs of impairment. Duncan failed field sobriety tests, was arrested for DWI and transported to the police station where a breath sample returned a BAC of 0.13 percent.

He was charged with DWI,

issued an appearance ticket and released. He will return to Guilderland Town Court on Feb. 3.

Check fraud

DELMAR — On Oct. 21 an Albany man entered the Trustco Bank on Delaware and cashed a \$3,915.27 payroll check that was written against a local business. Deshaun Brandon, 39, did not have an account at the bank, but did produce identification and the bank cashed the check.

Staff at Trustco suspected the check was fraudulent when they compared it to other payroll checks from the business.

After an investigation, Bethlehem police arrested Brandon on Wednesday, Jan. 12 and charged him with grand larceny and possession of a forged instrument, both felonies. He was arraigned and released to return to Bethlehem Town Court on Feb. 1.

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■ COVID-19

County clears milestone

80 percent-plus vaccinated; death toll climbs to 498

By **JIM FRANCO**
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ALBANY — Albany County hit a milestone late last week with 80 percent of all residents receiving at least the first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine.

It also neared another grim milestone from Sunday Jan. 23 to Monday, Jan. 24, with a man in his 50s died, bringing the death toll to 498 since the pandemic took hold in March, 2020.

On Monday, there were also the lowest reported number of new cases, 234, in weeks as the county recently had multi-day stretches of four-figures or near four figures.

“Every death is a tragedy, though we continue to see signs of improvement as our daily number of infections trend downward. Just two weeks ago, I was reporting nearly a thousand new positive cases on average each day, and we hadn’t even hit our peak yet,” said County Executive Dan McCoy. “Now that number is less than half of what it was. It is my hope that we will continue to see this progress, which will prevent further hospitalizations and deaths.”

As of Monday, 80.1 percent of all county residents received a first dose and 72.6 percent are fully vaccinated. Of those 18 and older, 88.7 have received at least the first dose. Statewide, 86.9 percent of the population received at least the first dose, according to the federal Center for Disease Control, and of those 18 and older, 95 percent have at least one shot. More than 73.5 percent of the state population are fully vaccinated and 84.2 percent



Gov. Kathy Hochul speaks with Albany County Executive Dan McCoy in a picture taken as she visits the “Vaccinate New York” site before a press briefing at Crossgates Mall last December. At least 80 percent of county residents have now received their first shot. Office of Gov. Kathy Hochul

of those 18 and older are fully vaccinated.

As of Monday, there were 57,574 cases reported in Albany County with a seven-day daily average of 451.7. The seven-day average of cases per 100,000 is down to 130.9 with a seven-day positivity rate of 10.5 percent as of Sunday, according to the state Department of Health

The seven-day average per 100,000 residents over the eight-county Capital Region district was 130.3 as of Monday. Schenectady County had the highest, 152.7, while Columbia County reported the lowest, 105.1, according to the state DOH.

Much of the most recent spike is due to the omicron variant, a more contagious strain of COVID-19 but one that presents less serious symptoms than its predecessors, the delta variant and the initial coronavirus.

There were, though, 13 new hospitalizations from Sunday to Monday, a net increase of four,

bringing the total to 123 county residents currently hospitalized. Nine of those hospital patients were in an ICU, down from 10 on Sunday.

McCoy is encouraging residents to submit the positive results of at-home COVID testing on the county website.

Residents can receive free Pfizer, Moderna and Johnson & Johnson vaccines (including booster shots) Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., each week at the Albany County Department of Health, 175 Green St.

Aside from Wednesdays, appointments are now required, which can be made on the county website. Anyone eligible to receive a COVID vaccine booster dose and would like to receive one from the Albany County Department of Health will be required to provide their vaccination card or the Excelsior Pass Plus in order to view the formula type, lot number and date of the inoculation.

■ TOWN NEWS

State of the Town Address

DELMAR — Bethlehem Town Supervisor David VanLuven will share his State of the Town address on Wednesday, Jan. 26, at 5 p.m. immediately before the start of the Town Board’s regularly scheduled meeting.

In a statement, VanLuven said he will review the town’s challenges and accomplishments, including green energy jobs and business development, farms and green space protection, park improvements, historic preservation, and police reform and reinvention.

Both the speech and Town Board meeting will be broadcast and recorded in front of a live audience at the Town Hall Auditorium in Town Hall at 445 Delaware Avenue. Members of the public who attend will be required to follow COVID protocols. Those with underlying health concerns are recommended to watch the live webcast.

Tax Office temporarily closed

DELMAR — The officer for the Bethlehem Receiver of Taxes is temporarily closed until further notice.

News of the office’s closure was shared in an online statement on Wednesday, Jan. 5. No details were revealed on the Town’s website.

The statement did say that payments can still be placed in the dropbox outside of Town Hall. Other means of depositing payments, either online or by mail, can be found at <https://bit.ly/BethPropTax>.

Bethlehem seeks IDA member

BETHLEHEM — The Town Board has sent out a help wanted ad as it considers candidates for appointment to the Bethlehem Industrial Development Agency board.

The IDA is an independent agency authorized under state law, and its board members serve without compensation and at the pleasure of the Town Board.

The Town requires that candidates be residents and either possess or can develop a general knowledge of Bethlehem’s development patterns and economic development goals.

General qualifications would include personal and professional integrity, good independent business judgment, demonstrated commitment to the community, and relevant experience and skills which will enable the agency to carry out its mission of enhancing economic development.

Further information on the Bethlehem IDA and the Comprehensive Plan is available online at www.townofbethlehem.org.

Candidates are asked to email both a cover letter and resume to Robin Nagengast, Town Supervisor’s Office at RNagengast@townofbethlehem.org.

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EDUCATION

Gas money from school?



There are some school districts across the nation that pay families to drive their children to school — Bethlehem Central looked into it

By **MICHAEL HALLISEY**
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DELMAR — Parents, imagine getting paid to drive your children to school. Bethlehem Central had considered the option.

“Paying families to transport their children is a great solution if we can save money for those payments by eliminating bus routes,” said Judith Kehoe, the district’s chief business and financial officer, during a school board meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 19.

Bethlehem Central is one of thousands of school districts across the country struggling to find bus drivers to drive its fleet of buses each morning and afternoon. In 2018-19, the district had 87 school bus drivers. As of last November, the district had just 59 permanent drivers to serve its 58 routes. The district’s effort to replace retiring drivers has been hampered by a nationwide shortage of licensed drivers and exasperated by the pandemic.

Before the school year, it pursued answers from parents, asking whether they would drive children to school. The district has since consolidated routes and returned to a three-tier transportation system. Despite those efforts, Superintendent Jody Monroe said the district was still vulnerable to staffing shortages. With enough driver absences, she said the district could suffer an emergency shift from in-school instruction to online schooling; a decision forced upon neighboring Ravena Coeymans Selkirk on several occasions this year.

Last month, Bethlehem agreed to revise the contract it has with bus drivers, increasing pay to retain its current staff and entice more to join. Among the changes in labor agreement was a bump in the hourly wage, from \$19.67 to \$23.60. The agreement also included referral and retention bonuses. However, it can still take up to eight weeks to acquire a new driver off the street, assuming that person

has yet to earn the required commercial driver’s license.

There are school districts that have opted to pay families to drive their kids to school. CBS News featured a charter school in Wilmington, Delaware that offered to pay families a \$700 annual sum for each child they drive to school. For three children, the district paid \$2,100. Kehoe said New York State provides a similar opportunity, too.

Though New York state allows districts to enter into parent transportation contracts, allowing families to transport their children to and from school while being reimbursed by the schools, whether Bethlehem Central would opt to follow through with that opportunity, Kehoe said the short answer was “no.”

“So it was a good question. I know in some other states there were instances where that had been done. I looked at this. I consulted with district council and the short answer is this is not a viable option for us,” she said.

Kehoe ran through the logistics of the option with school board members. Within a hypothetical case in which two routes were eliminated, Kehoe described a scenario that disparaged families who did not have the flexibility to drive children to school.

“The unintended consequence of that would be the families that have the flexibility in their schedules to be able to transport their own children get this payment for those services, but the other families who don’t have that job flexibility end up potentially having longer bus rides,” she said. “With those consolidations, you would end up putting more children on the same route. So from a public policy perspective, that was a concern for us.”

The real difficulty was defined under New York State law, Kehoe said. Even if a family were to opt out of school transportation by signing an irrevocable waiver, state law allows them to change their mind, causing “volatile ridership.”

Bethlehem Central is continuing to look at extending thresholds that determine which students are eligible for transportation and who is expected to walk or be driven — without reimbursement.

■ SCHOLASTIC SPORTS

Birds ground Indians



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RCS hosts Holy Names tonight

By **JIM FRANCO**
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VOORHEESVILLE — The Lady Blackbirds got by the Indians in a Colonial Council matchup on Friday, Jan. 21, by a score of 58-51.

Eighth grader Mia Carmody led Voorheesville with 14 points while junior Reese Hoening had 13, senior Teagan McGinn had nine and freshman Emily Thornton had eight. Freshman Hannah Woodworth had six and junior Isabela Carmody

had five and junior Grace Reeve chipped in three points.

Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk junior Hannah Vanderzee led all scorers with 21 points while senior Molly McFerran had 11. Freshman Patricia Dorrance had eight, senior Lauren Reville had five, junior Sara Hotaling had four and freshman Kendall Bullock chipped in two.

Voorheesville was to play at Cobleskill-Richmondville on Tuesday, Feb. 1.

RCS will host Academy of the Holy Names on Wednesday, Jan. 26.

■ IN BRIEF

CSX announces 4Q financials

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — CSX Corp. announced fourth quarter 2021 net earnings of \$934 million, or \$0.42 per share, compared to \$760 million, or \$0.33 per share in the same period last year to shareholders on Thursday, Jan. 20.

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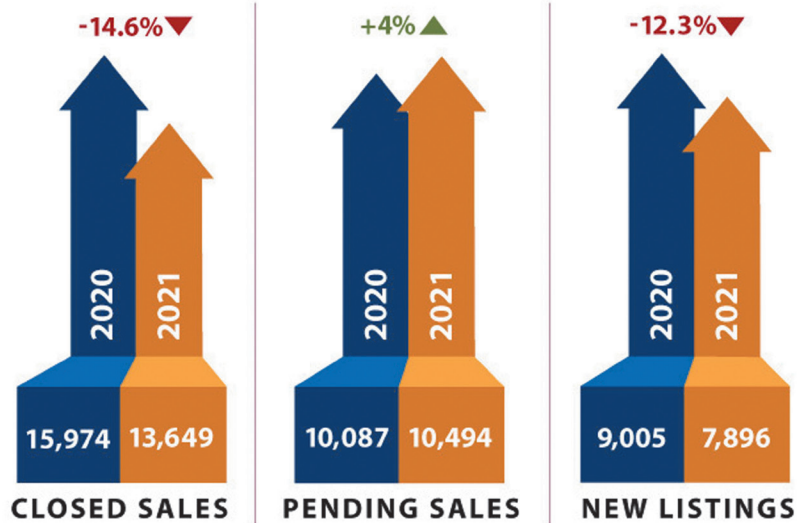


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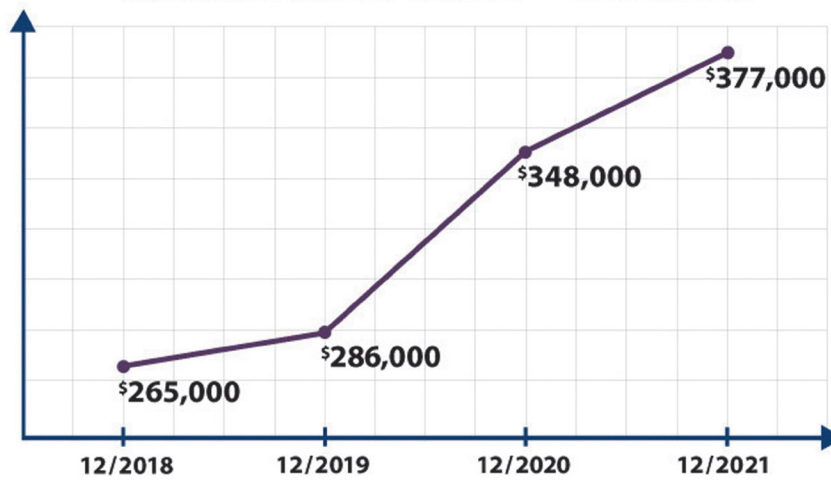
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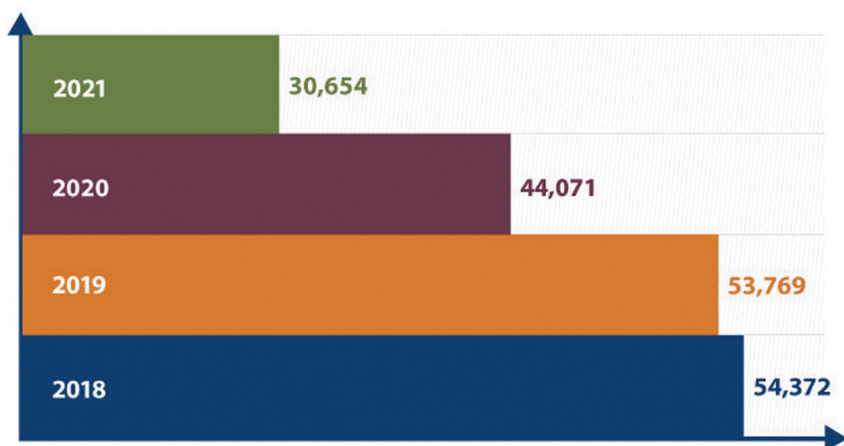
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REAL ESTATE

Tough to find one

Low inventory, high prices cap off 2021 New York housing market



ALBANY – Inventory of homes for sale remained low throughout the year and prices continued to rise in the Empire State in 2021, according to a housing report released today by the New York State Association of Realtors.

Median sales prices comparing December 2020 to December 2021 rose 8.3-percent – from \$348,000 in 2020 to \$377,000 in 2021. In year-to-date annual comparisons, the 2021 median sales price was \$370,000 which marks a 19.4-percent increase over 2020's \$310,000 price.

Inventory plummeted 30.4-percent to close out 2021. Homes for sale fell to only 30,654 units in December 2021 compared to 44,071 homes available in December 2020. Months supply of inventory sank to just 2.3 months supply last month, marking a 30.4 percent drop from the 3.7

months of supply available in December 2020.

Closed sales fell last month, from 15,974 units in December 2020 to 13,649 homes in December 2021. This represents a 14.8-percent drop. For the year, however, closed sales were up 17.2 percent – from 130,635 sales in 2020 to 153,110 in 2021. Pending sales climbed to 10,494 homes in December 2021 from 10,087 in December 2020. This marks a 4-percent increase in year-over-year comparisons.

New listings were down 12.3 percent – from 9,005 homes in December 2020 to 7,896 units last month. For the year, new listings were marginally lower, down 0.2-percent.

Mortgage interest rates, which began the year at historic lows, continued to be competitive in December. According to Freddie Mac, the monthly average on a 30-year fixed-rate mortgage rose slightly from 3.07 percent in November, to 3.10 in December.

Connolly retires from IDA

BETHLEHEM — Members of the town's Industrial Development Agency shared their thoughts following Tom Connolly's retirement after having served over twenty-five years on the advisory board.

Current and former BIDA members expressed their appreciation and admiration during its December meeting, noting, in particular, Connolly's commitment to and deep knowledge of the agency, and his adeptness at navigating both organizational and regulatory changes with understanding and patience.

"Tom Connolly's exceptional service to Bethlehem over more than two decades will be greatly missed, and we are so fortunate to have had the benefit of his insight, technical expertise, and dedicated leadership over the years," said Bethlehem Town Supervisor David VanLuven. "I am heartened, however, to know that Kate Hedgeman will be serving as the IDA's new Executive Director, as she will also bring great professionalism, expertise, and vision to this important position."

Appointed in October 1995, Connolly served as executive director, assistant secretary, and counsel of the Agency. Mr. Connolly previously practiced law with McNamee, Lochner, Titus & Williams, P.C. since 1966, representing financial service institutions and corporations in commercial transactions and litigation. He has been bond counsel, issuer's counsel, and disclosure counsel for tax-exempt and taxable municipal financings.

"It's an honor and a privilege to serve the BIDA in this new capacity and to have learned from such esteemed counsel as Tom Connolly," said Catherine Hedgeman, BIDA's new Executive Director and Agency Counsel.

Hedgeman replaced Connolly as Executive Director and Agency Counsel on a contract basis after an RFP process this past November. Hedgeman is a former IDA member, serving briefly as vice-chair, before resigning to assume the executive director and counsel role.

— Michael Hallisey

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1579 OP LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/14/22. 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 Stephen Sultan, 1809 E. 5th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11223. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-283604

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

160 DUNE LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/08/21. 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 Seyfarth Shaw LLP, Attn: William B. Norden, Esq., 620 Eighth Avenue, New York, NY 10018. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-282645

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

1688 WESTERN AVE LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/10/21. 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, 1688 Western Avenue, Albany, NY 12203. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-281306

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

176-14 132 AVENUE LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/12/21. 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,

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2147 Brigham Street, Brooklyn, NY 11229. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-282666

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

20 CARROLL LLC. App. for Auth. filed with the SSNY on 12/15/21. Originally filed with Secretary of State of New Jersey 02/27/2017. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 323 Park Avenue South, Unit 5B, New York, NY 10010. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-283580

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

364 14TH AVE. LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/29/21. 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 Wexler & Kaufman PLLC, One Penn Plaza, Suite 3406, New York, NY 10119. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-281323

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

76 CRABAPPLE LANE REALTY, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/23/21. 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 Katie M. Carey & Michael A. Carey, 225 Winter Street, Troy, NY 12180. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-282933

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

375 MACY STREET LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/13/22. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 40-18 Berrian Boulevard, Astoria, NY 11105. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-283588

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

379 S19TH ST. LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/29/21. 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, 5308 13th Avenue, Suite 388, Brooklyn, NY 11219. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-283064

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

23-57 REALTY LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/13/22. 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 Howard B. Weber, Esq., 61 Broadway, Suite 2780, New York, NY 10006. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-283270

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

277 EQUITIES LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/03/22. 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 Yisroel Rosen, 1724 53rd Street, Brooklyn, NY 11204. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-283119

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

27 GOVERNOR ST. LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/29/21. 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, 5308 13th Avenue, Suite 388, Brooklyn, NY 11219. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-283062

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

30-16 STEINWAY STREET LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/13/21. 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, 30-16 Steinway Street, Astoria, NY 11103. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-281341

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323 PARK AVE SOUTH LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 08/03/21. 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, 323 Park Avenue South, Unit 5B, New York, NY 10010. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-283580

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

364 14TH AVE. LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/29/21. 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, 5308 13th Avenue, Suite 388, Brooklyn, NY 11219. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-283063

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

375 MACY STREET LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/13/22. 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 Howard B. Weber, Esq., 61 Broadway, Suite 2780, New York, NY 10006. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-283270

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

379 S19TH ST. LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/29/21. 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, 5308 13th Avenue, Suite 388, Brooklyn, NY 11219. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-283064

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, February 2, 2022 at 6:00 PM located at the Town Offices, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York to take action on an application submitted by Kasselmann Solar on behalf of Lee Kaback for an Area Variance located at 405 Orchard Street, Delmar. The Applicant is proposing a small scale mounted solar photovoltaic system in their front yard that is not permitted Town Zoning Code requirements under Article VI, Section 128-67. David Devaprasad, Chair Board of Appeals D-283666

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

453W141 LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/02/21. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC,

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LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 453 W. 141st Street, New York, NY 10026. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-282643

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

641 DEKALB AVENUE B LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/13/21. 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 Wexler & Kaufman PLLC, One Penn Plaza, Suite 3406, New York, NY 10119. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-281323

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

76 CRABAPPLE LANE REALTY, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/23/21. 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 Katie M. Carey & Michael A. Carey, 225 Winter Street, Troy, NY 12180. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-282933

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

77 RIDGE DEVELOPMENT LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/06/22. 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, 300 Elm Street, Apartment 2, Northampton, MA 01060. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-281407

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

82 9TH AVE. LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/29/21. 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, 5308 13th Avenue, Suite 388, Brooklyn, NY 11219. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-283065

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

9004 5TH AVE LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/04/22. 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, 8116 5th Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11209. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-283153

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

AERIAL DATA SOLUTIONS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/16/21. 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,

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8801 Shore Road, Apartment 4D-South, Brooklyn, NY 11209. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-281697

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

ANZHEN LOVE LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/17/21. 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, 1505 Circle Drive, San Marino, CA 91108. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-282731

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

APDB PROPERTIES LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/29/21. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 5 E. 22nd Street, 9A, New York, NY 10010. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-283050

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

BAILEY BEAN LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/14/21. 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, 300 Elm Street, Apartment 2, Northampton, MA 01060. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-281407

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

BARB GM PE LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/05/22. 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, 42-15 235th Street, Douglasston, NY 11363. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-283162

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

BBW-ESA NYC LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/15/21. 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, 783 Wood Street, Swansea, MA 02777. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-281573

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

BEEHIVE PROPERTIES LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 02/26/20. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 42 West 48th Street, Suite 707, New York, NY 10036. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-281592

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

BH 25 W 51ST STREET LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/12/22. Office: Albany

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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 B. Hospitality Corp., 1250 Broadway, 10th Floor, New York, NY 10001. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-283294

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

BLUSTONE CONSULTING LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/09/21. 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, 950 Third Avenue, 25th Floor, New York, NY 10022. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-281153

NOTICE OF PLLC FORMATION

BRIAN BASSIRI-TEHRANI MD PLLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/17/21. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the PLLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the PLLC, 308 East 79th Street, #1DEF, New York, NY 10075. Purpose: For the practice of the profession of Medicine. D-282768

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

BUILT PRODUCTIONS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/06/21, with an existence date of 01/01/2022. 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, 400 W. 45th Street, #3D, New York, NY 10036. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-282634

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

CAP J 6A LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/11/22. 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 S. Roopchand, 228 Swinton Avenue, Bronx, NY 10465. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-282635

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

CAP J 6A LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/11/22. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o Law Offices of Katz & Matz, P.C., 1350 Avenue of the Americas, 3rd Floor, New York, NY 10019. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-283268

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

CaroBobo LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/10/22. 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, 456 Beach 140th Street, Rockaway Park, NY 11694. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-283236

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

CJIMENEZ LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/18/21. Latest date to dissolve: 12/31/2120. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it

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may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 6448 230th Street, Oakland Gardens, NY 11364. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-281768

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

Crib123 LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/07/22. 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, 426 W. 14th Street, 6th Floor, New York, NY 10014. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-283234

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

CROSS COUNTY HOME INSPECTIONS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/17/21. 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, 251-32 61st Avenue, Little Neck, NY 11362. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-282733

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

CSS WOODBURY, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/22/21. 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, 8285 Jericho Turnpike, Unit 25, Woodbury, NY 11797. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-282909

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

D & J HOLDING REALTY LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/14/21. 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 S. Swinton Avenue, Bronx, NY 10465. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-282635

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

DIXEE LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/24/21. 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, 55 East 9th Street, Apartment 10D, New York, NY 10003. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-281143

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

DSN PALOMA LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/06/22. 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, 938 Lieds Road, Coatesville, PA 19320. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-283205

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NOTICE OF PLLC FORMATION

EBER GIFFUNI PLLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/08/21 with an existence date of 01/01/2022. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the PLLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the PLLC, 20 Pine Street, Suite 1005, New York, NY 10005. Purpose: For the practice of the profession of Law. D-282636

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

EC 174 DUANE ML LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/14/22. 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, 330 5th Avenue, 8th Floor, New York, NY 10001. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-283601

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

EN212 LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/11/22. 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 Howard B. Weber, Esq., 61 Broadway, Suite 2780, New York, NY 10006. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-283269

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

ENSJ HOLDINGS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/15/21. 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, 1407 Broadway, Suite 401, New York, NY 10018. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-283707

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

FIUYMI LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/04/22. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 5 Union Square West, #1101, New York, NY 10003. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-283134

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

FIXD TECHNOLOGY CONSULTING LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/11/22. 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, 2607 Avenue I, Brooklyn, NY 11210. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-283272

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

FUNDBERGS LLC. App. for Auth. filed with the SSNY on 12/13/21. Originally filed with Secretary of State of Delaware on 12/08/21. Office: Al-

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bany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 1110 2nd Avenue, Suite 303, New York, NY 10022. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-281319

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

GOOSE.GURU, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/27/21, with an existence date of 01/01/2022. 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, 1530 39th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11218. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-282966

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

Grace Invest LLC. Art. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 09/21/21. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of the process to the LLC, 90 State Street, STE 700 Ofc 40, Albany, NY 11207. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-281821

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

GREEN PROPERTY IMPROVEMENTS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/16/21. 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, 1736 East 5th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11223. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-282637

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

HARRIS SOLOMON CONSULTING GROUP LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/05/22. 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, 804 Bergen Street, 2R, Brooklyn, NY 11238. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-283167

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

HEATHER BENJAMIN, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 07/03/21. 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, 475 Putnam Avenue, Apt. 1, Brooklyn, NY 11221. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-282928

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

HOBBIT HOLE LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/04/22. 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 Gordon & Petkos LLP,

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1790 Broadway, Suite 710, New York, NY 10019. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-283169

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

HUNT 2012 NYC LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/20/21. Latest date to dissolve: 12/31/2051. 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 East 20th Street, Unit 3E, New York, NY 10011. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-282742

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

INTEGRATIVE CARE GROUP LCSW, PLLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/06/22. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the PLLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the PLLC, c/o Fishlin & Fishlin, PLLC, 118 North Bedford Road, Suite 100, Mount Kisco, NY 10549. Purpose: For the practice of the profession of Licensed Clinical Social Work. D-283221

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

JASMINE PALOMA LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/06/22. 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, 938 Lieds Road, Coatesville, PA 19320. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-283206

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

JEMMR LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/07/22. 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, 14125 N. Pine Bluff Road, Mequon, WI 53097. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-283235

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

JENNIFER PACKER LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/23/21. 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, 895 Broadway Avenue, Apartment 2, Brooklyn, NY 11206. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-282927

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

JEY REALTY LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/18/22. 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, 2415 Ocean Parkway, Brooklyn, NY 11235. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-283639

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NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

JNJP 5TH AVENUE LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/12/22. 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 Debra J. Millman, Esq., 420 Lexington Avenue, Suite 2821, New York, NY 10170. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-283295

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

JPSofServe1 LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/23/21. 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 Adam D. Finkelstein, c/o Kagan Lubic Lepper Finkelstein & Gold, LLP, 200 Madison Avenue, 24th Floor, New York, NY 10016. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-282639

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

LEADING INSURANCE GROUP SERVICES LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/23/21. 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, 8226 Fifth Avenue, Suite B, Brooklyn, NY 11209. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-282967

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

LINDA LEE, D.M.D., PLLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/13/22. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the PLLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the PLLC, 6705 53rd Road, Maspeth, NY 11378. Purpose: For the practice of the profession of Dentistry. D-283597

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

LINDENMEYR EURO SKI LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/30/21, with an existence date of 01/01/2022. 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, 19 East 37th Street, Suite 4R, New York, NY 10016. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-283088

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

LOPOPOLO IRON LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/30/21. 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, 2495

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McDonald Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11223. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-281144

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

MARQUIS KENMARE LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/07/21. 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, 256 5th Avenue, New York, NY 10001. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-282640

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

MICHAEL FURNARI PRODUCTIONS, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/14/22. 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 Furnari, 45-29 11th Street, Apartment G8, Long Island City, NY 11101. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-283603

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

MINDFUL MANTRA ENTERPRISES LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/04/22. 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, 80-37 Cypress Avenue, Glendale, NY 11385. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-283135

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

MISOBRAGA LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/17/21. 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 Craig Schmitterer CPA, P.C., 30 Bridle Path, Westhampton Beach, NY 11978. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-282736

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

MJAM PARTNERS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/16/21. 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, 1 Rose Street, Glen Head, NY 11545. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-281699

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

NOI DUE GELATO, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/23/21. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 63 Random Farms Circle, Chappaqua, NY 10514. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-282926

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NYC GREASE REMOVAL LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/04/22. 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, 100 Merrick Road, Suite 206W, Rockville Centre, NY 11570. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-283537

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

NYSF SUNSET YARDS LLC. App. for Auth. filed with the SSNY on 12/22/21. Originally filed with Secretary of State of Delaware on 11/12/21. 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, 64 Grand Street, Brooklyn, NY 11249. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-282965

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

ON CALL HOME SOLUTIONS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/06/22. 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, 215-02 23rd Road, Bayside, NY 11360. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-283204

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ONEANDNINE LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/15/21. 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, 3737 Collins Avenue, Unit S1601, Miami Beach, FL 33140. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-281574

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

PARADA LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/13/22. Latest date to dissolve: 12/31/2121. 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, 1411 County Route 9, Davenport, NY 13750. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-283636

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

PERAN DESIGN LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/30/21, with an existence date of 01/01/2022. 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, 68-42 Groton Street, Forest Hills, NY 11375. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-283089

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RAM'S HOMES LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/10/21. Office: Albany County.

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SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 461 Greene Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11216. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-282641

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RAYDIENT LUSTER LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/05/22. 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, 350 E. 82nd Street, 11A, New York, NY 10028. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-283168

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

REGENCY 435 LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/03/22. 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 Falcon Rappaport & Berkman PLLC, 265 Sunrise Highway, Suite 50, Rockville Centre, NY 11570. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-283122

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

Rick9Plus LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/06/22. 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, 2855 Fifth Avenue, Unit 503, San Diego, CA 92103. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-283208

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

RIVER VETERINARY CARE PLLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/10/21. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the PLLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the PLLC, 54 E. 8th Street, New York, NY 10003. Purpose: For the practice of the profession of Veterinary Medicine. D-281173

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

ROBERT S. SCHNITZER, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/09/21, with an existence date of 01/01/2022. 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, 531 1st Street, Brooklyn, NY 11215. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-281305

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

ROCK FAMILY INVESTORS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/12/22. 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, 1577 East 36th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11234. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-283297

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PL., Apartment G12F, New York, NY 10003. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-283640

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NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

RODNEY STREET GARAGE LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/09/21. 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-281162

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

SADIE BEBE LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/14/21. 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, 300 Elm Street, Apartment 2, Northampton, MA 01060. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-281408

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

SAFINA 44 LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/12/22. 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, 300 Elm Street, Apartment 2, Northampton, MA 01060. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-281408

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

SANOPET HOLDINGS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/10/21. 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, 531 1st Street, Brooklyn, NY 11215. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-283298

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

SELIM & MONA BRAHMI LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/29/21. 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, 2130 Williamsbridge Road, Suite 1E, Bronx, NY 10461. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-283053

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION

SEVENTEEN TRUCK LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on

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Peter Pryor

Once he was discharged at 19, he moved in with his brother in Albany to attend college. He attended Siena College before enrolling at Albany Law School. In 1954, he earned the distinction of being the first African-American to graduate from Albany Law School since the Reconstruction era.

“Throughout his life, Peter fought for equity and inclusion. He was an inspiration for so many,” said Alicia Ouellette, President and Dean of Albany Law School. “I’m proud to have known him and we are proud to be able to count him as part of the Albany Law School family.”

Pryor became a prominent civic affairs leader. He served as a civil rights attorney and soon became a key figure in several high-profile discrimination cases.

In 1958, he successfully challenged the City of

Albany in the case of Barbara Ann Sharpe, a 14-year-old African-American girl who was denied access to the public pools of the City of Albany. Sharpe filed a complaint with the State Commission Against Discrimination, claiming Ackley-Maynes Co. denied her entry into the popular Mid-City Swimming Pool on account of her being Black. The company was fined \$400 and its manager, Henry G. Finn, was sentenced to five days in jail. The case was the first to result in a fine or jail sentence under the state’s anti-bias law, which at the time, was over a decade old.

Pryor represented Samuel Clark, a Black man who spent six days in the hospital after he was arrested on Memorial Day by Albany police for double parking on Jefferson Street in 1962. He spent six days in the hospital

immediately after posting bail. He charged police of beating him while under custody. His public claim caused enough stir to force Mayor Erastus Corning to call for a grand jury investigation. In his 1977 book “Machine Politics: A Study of Albany’s O’Connells,” author Frank S. Robinson described the grand jury as a tool used to strong arm opponents of the Democratic political machine. Charges were never issued against the police that fall. They indicted instead the *Knickerbocker Press* reporter who thoroughly covered Clark’s story leading up to the investigation.

As he fought in the courtroom, Pryor founded the Albany Urban League and was elected president and general counsel of the Albany chapter of the NAACP. He would later serve as an Assistant Attorney General and counsel to the New York State Pure Waters Authority, and later be appointed Chairman of the New York State Consumer

Protection Board by Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller before returning to private practice in 1980.

Pryor represented Carole Riley in a publicized dispute with the Town of Bethlehem that garnered the attention of the *New York Times* in 1997. Riley, who was then the operator of nearly 50 area Pizza Hut restaurants, had moved into Slingerlands with the intent of running her businesses along with her seven employees from her \$460,000 home. After she was cited with code violations related to operating a business in a residential zone, she sought a use variance.

“This is the first time I’ve been here in 30 years, when I enrolled my children in Delmar School,” Pryor said, greeting Town Board members from inside the former elementary school’s auditorium. “Since then, I see things have changed. And that is good, because that tells me we are not anchored down to the past.”

When she was denied, she filed a lawsuit totaling

\$15.25 million in damages. In the suit, she claimed the town refused the exception because she was a wealthy, black woman from Harlem. On the night of that decision, a suspicious fire destroyed several storefronts in a Delaware Avenue strip mall, including the only Pizza Hut in town. An investigation revealed the fire was ignited from the packaging and shipping business next door. A suspect was later arrested on arson charges. Riley’s lawsuit was dismissed nearly two years later.

Pryor would earn honorary distinction through the years, commemorating a exemplary career benefiting the community in which he served. His honors include having been named a trustee emeritus at Albany Law School and Siena College, and regent emeritus with the state Education Department. In 2015, the Capital District Black and Hispanic Bar Association created the Peter M. Pryor Pioneer Award to honor his life and

work. He was a recipient of both Albany Law School’s Distinguished Service Award, and with his wife Barbara J. Pryor, was awarded the Community Laureate award — one of the University at Albany Foundation’s highest honors.

In a joint statement Chancellor Lester W. Young, Jr. and State Education Commissioner Betty A. Rosa said after his death, “A giant in the New York civil rights movement, Regent Emeritus Peter M. Pryor was an unwavering pioneer in the fight against intolerance and injustice and a champion of education. He took on those in power, steadfastly advocated for the oppressed, and never wavered in his dedication to equal rights for all. ...

“Many generations of New York’s children have benefited from his lifelong efforts for equity. We extend our deep condolences to Regent Emeritus Pryor’s wife, Barbara, his children, and all who loved him.”

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12/09/21. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o Law Offices of Michael Michael PLLC, 1795 Coney Island Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11230. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-281163

NOTICE OF PLLC FORMATION
SHANE METHAL DDS PLLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/16/21. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the PLLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the PLLC, 252 18th Street, Apartment 3B, Brooklyn, NY 11215. Purpose: For the practice of the profession of Dentistry. D-282730

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION
SHEPHERD GLENMORE LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/20/21, with an existence date of 01/01/2022. 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, 1207 Broadway, Suite 907, New York, NY 10001. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-282743

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION
SHEPHERD GLENMORE PARTNERS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY

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on 12/20/21, with an existence date of 01/01/2022. 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, 1207 Broadway, Suite 907, New York, NY 10001. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-282744

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION
SIMPLE IMPROVEMENTS OF BROOKLYN LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/16/21. 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, 1736 East 5th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11223. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-282638

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION
SKIPPING ELEPHANT PRODUCTIONS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/19/22. 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, 399 E. 78th Street, Apartment 2E, New York, NY 10075. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-283732

NOTICE OF PLLC FORMATION
SLATER LAW PLLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/03/22. Office: Albany County.

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SSNY designated as agent of the PLLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the PLLC, 240 West 73rd Street, New York, NY 10023. Purpose: For the practice of the profession of Law. D-283125

NOTICE OF PLLC FORMATION
SODAFSKY LAW PLLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/17/21. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the PLLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the PLLC, 43-10 Crescent Street, Suite 1410, Long Island City, NY 11101. Purpose: For the practice of the profession of Law. D-282741

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION
SOFIA MARIE LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/06/22. 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, 938 Lieds Road, Coatesville, PA 19320. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-283207

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION
STRONG TOWER HOME INSPECTION, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/13/21. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY

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shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 14 Sundale Ct., Smithtown, NY 11787. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-282644

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION
SUSTAINABLE SONAL LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/16/21. 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, 169 State Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-281701

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION
TCF II, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/17/21. 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, 857 1st Street, Watervliet, NY 12189. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-282737

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION
THE THREE DONKEYS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/04/22. 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 Broadway, Unit 9A, Brooklyn, NY 11249. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-283136

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NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION
TLL MANAGEMENT, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/29/21. 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, 1104 56th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11219. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-283058

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION
TRIPLE A REALITY LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/11/22. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 601 E. 20th Street, Apartment 6G, New York, NY 10010. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-283277

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION
TRIPLE L 9012 REAL ESTATE LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/22/21. 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, 9012 5th Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11209. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-282912

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION
UNCLE WILLIE’S BACK LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/23/21. Office: Albany

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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 Gerard Meagher, 320 East 49th Street, Apartment 53, New York, NY 10017. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-282930

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION
UPWISE FUND LLC. App. for Auth. filed with the SSNY on 12/13/21. Originally filed with Secretary of State of Delaware on 12/08/21. 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, 1110 2nd Avenue, Suite 303, New York, NY 10022. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-281320

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION
UPWISE VENTURES LLC. App. for Auth. filed with the SSNY on 12/13/21. Originally filed with Secretary of State of Delaware on 12/08/21. 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, 1110 2nd Avenue, Suite 303, New York, NY 10022. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-281321

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION
WOODBURY WAY LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/09/21. Office: Albany County.

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NOTICE OF PLLC FORMATION
VINCENT PSYCHOLOGY PLLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/24/21. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent of the PLLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the PLLC, 10 Werner Avenue, Delmar, NY 12054. Purpose: For the practice of the profession of Psychology. D-283592

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION
WARREN HOLDINGS LS, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/18/22. 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, 290 Warren Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-283644

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION
WEINBERG CONSTER PROPERTY LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/22/21. 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, 295 Prospect Place, Brooklyn, NY 11238. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-282913

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION
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NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION
WYTHE TOWNHOUSE LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/13/22. 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 Leonidas Trampoukis, 176 Hope Street, Brooklyn, NY 11211. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-283586

NOTICE OF LLC FORMATION
ZLCW LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/14/21. 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 Zackary Van Amburg, 248 East 68th Street, New York, NY 10065. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. D-281445

To place your Legal Notice: Call 439-4949

Take and Make Tuesday

Elementary-age kids can celebrate the Chinese New Year by creating a colorful, good luck Chinese dragon. Pick up your supplies on Tuesday, Feb. 1, beginning at 9 a.m.

Library 101

Home school families are invited for a crash course in how to use the public library on Tuesday, Feb. 1, at 1 p.m.

Registration required, sign up on the Library website under "Events."

RCS COMMUNITY LIBRARY

How To Download: Books And More

Get the most out of your digital devices and your library card, by learning all about Hoopla and Libby on Wednesday, Feb 2, at 2 p.m.

During this in-person class, you'll learn how to install the right apps, register your card, and download or stream digital books, movies, music, and more. Space is limited so register today.

Graphic Novel Book Club: Habibi

Join the Ravena Coeymans Selirk Community Library on the first Thursday of every month to discuss graphic novels in a friendly and open atmosphere.

— Carol Melewski

Family Storytime

Come celebrate Take Your Child to the Library Day on Sat., Feb. 5, at 10:30 a.m., when Miss Lisa and Mrs. Brown will share their favorite books, songs, and felt board stories. This interactive, multi-age storytime will include an art activity that can be completed at the library or at home. Children ages 2 to 7 with caregiver are invited to register online for this in-person program.

Voorheesville Public Library

Operation Donate

The library will be accepting donations of personal care items, beginning February 1, and running through the end of the month. All donations will benefit the Sgt. Henry Johnson Veterans House in Albany. A donation box can be found on the display table.

February Storytimes

Children ages 2-5, w/caregiver, will enjoy an interactive, theme-based storytime at 10 a.m. Tuesday mornings at the library. All storytimes have an emphasis on early literacy that will include an art activity that can be completed at the library or at home. Some of the themes for February are Happy Hats, Polar Bears & Penguins, and Friendship Fun. Registration is limited. Check our online calendar for specific dates, or call the library for more information.

— Lynn Kohler

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Winter Reading Challenge

Can you help us reach our goal of completing 3,000 books during January? All ages are encouraged to participate in the annual Winter Reading Challenge, "Read for a Better World," sponsored by Lerner Publishing. Log all of your January reading by Monday, Jan. 31 on Beanstack, individually or as a family. We could win prizes for everyone to enjoy! Sign up or login at: <https://guilderlandlibrary.beanstack.org/reader365>.



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Bethlehem Library

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Top Checkouts of 2021

The results are in for last year's most popular checkouts. Adult Fiction: "The Four Winds" by Kristin Hannah; Adult Nonfiction: "Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents" by Isabel Wilkerson; Children's Books: "Dog Man 6: Brawl of the Wild" by Dav Pilkey; Young Adult: "Siege and Storm" by Leigh Bardugo; Adult TV Series: "Law & Order: The Complete Series"; Adult Movie: "Promising Young Woman"; Children's Movie: "Luca."

Take Your Child to the Library Week

It used to be one special day...and we've expanded it! Our week-long "Celebration of Libraries" kicks off Saturday, Feb. 5 with a weather twist (or should we say "twister!") This is an opportunity for kids to explore meteorology, discovering what drives weather patterns and answering questions such as, "Why does it rain?" Whether or not you're curious about weather, we'll have something for everyone the first full week of February.

It's also the perfect time for your child to obtain their very first library card, with a parent or legal guardian present. We've simplified the registration process, and our staff at the check out desk always looks forward to

welcoming brand-new library patrons!

Valentine Card Project

Make someone's day by making valentines! Community Caregivers will distribute your creations to their clients. Your colorful greetings make a difference, lifting the spirits of local residents who could use a boost. All ages are encouraged to get creative – make it a family project! Original or repurposed cards should be no larger than 5 x 7, and no envelope is needed. Drop them off in the designated box in our lobby until Sun. Feb. 6, allowing ample time to distribute. Thank you for participating!

Maybe You Should...

For our next Night Owls Online meetup Feb. 7, at 7:30 p.m., we're reading "Maybe You Should Talk to Someone: A Therapist, Her Therapist, and Our Lives Revealed," by Lori Gottlieb. This bestseller is a candid, poignant and often humorous exploration of the human condition, from both the professional and patient perspective. Obtain a copy at our information desk. Or request curbside pickup by calling 518-456-2400, ext. 3 or emailing [ask.librarian@guilderlandlibrary.org](mailto:librarian@guilderlandlibrary.org). Register on the Events tab of our website for the link to participate.

Live Virtual Storytime

Let's meet via Zoom for a lively interactive storytime on Thursdays at 10:30 a.m., ideal for children ages infant-age 5. We'll read books, sing songs and enjoy a lively time together. Please register on the Events tab of our website to join in the fun! You'll find ideas on props you can create at home to make the experience more interactive.

GPL Podcast

Have you heard? "How Did You Find It?," GPL's monthly podcast, explores books, libraries, information, entertainment and more, on all major platforms. We welcome your ideas and suggestions at: podcast@guilderlandlibrary.org

Tax-Aide Update

GPL is not offering AARP Foundation's Tax-Aide services this year, but they are available at these participating sites, February through mid-April:

Crossings of Colonie
Town of Colonie Senior Resources:
518-459-3977

Cohoes Senior Center:
518-235-2420

Valatie Village Office
Area Coordinator:
518-758-9342

See: https://www.aarp.org/money/taxes/aarp_taxaide for more information.

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— Luanne Nicholson



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Here's a look at Plug Power



Syvertsen Rigosu Architects

Public gets a peek at what Plug Power may look like at Vista Tech Park

By **MICHAEL HALLISEY**
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SLINGERLANDS — The town Planning Board received a glimpse of what Plug Power would look like once the proposed facility is finally erected at the end of the cul-de-sac on Vista Boulevard.

Representatives from the power plant company revealed Syvertsen Rigosu Architects' rendering of the proposed 350,000-square-foot, modern steel and glass facility at 125 Vista Boulevard in the Vista Technology Park.

The presentation was part of a sparsely attended online public hearing on Tuesday, Jan. 18.

The facility, jointly used for office space, manufacturing and warehousing, is to be constructed with dove grey, insulated metal panels, and include a glass facade featuring sun shades to provide both relief and improve esthetics.

Plug Power technology powers electric motors with hydrogen fuel cells. According to the company's website, it created the first commercially viable market for hydrogen fuel cell technology after it was founded in 1997. The company's GenKey technology powers forklifts for various customers, including Amazon, BMW, The Southern Company,

Carrefour and Walmart. According to several reports, the company's headquarters will remain on Albany Shaker Road in Latham.

According to Robert Leslie, Bethlehem's director of economic development and planning, the tech park's master plan approval previously included an Environmental Impact Statement that evaluated potential impacts and mitigation measures associated with approximately 1.4 million square feet of development. Nonetheless, the Planning Board will need to determine if the proposal conforms with that master plan.

Approximately 17,000 square feet of the building juts across the town line, requiring approval from both the towns of Bethlehem and New Scotland before development is to begin. The Latham-based company is proposing a subdivision and lot line adjustment, creating a new lot, that would include a 14.64-acre parcel in New Scotland and another 22.61-acres in Bethlehem.

In a letter to the board, Slingerlands resident Sheri Sanduski-Rutherford raised several concerns ranging from surging traffic volume, threats to public safety and the obliteration of the Helderberg Viewshed. She warned that construction would be "a very real threat" to the Historic LaGrange Cemetery placed at the roundabout, and could lead to landslides.

The Normans Kill, which

borders the Vista Technology Park, has a history of unstable soil and field erosion. The town has witnessed three significant slides in recent years, two of which were along Delaware Avenue. There was the 2000 landslide that impacted traffic to and from the city of Albany, and a previous one behind Del Lanes Bowling Alley in 1982. A third, to which Sanduski-Rutherford referenced in her letter, occurred at the neighboring Mahar Road corridor in 1968.

"Vista has a record of over-promising and underachieving, with few accomplishments," she stated, voicing her skepticism. "The skeletal construction remains of the failed Monolith Solar at Vista serve as a recent physical reminder of how progress can be abruptly curtailed, tax breaks can backfire, and resulting blight can leave the town with limited recourse."

To date, 107,500 square feet of office and commercial property have been developed at the park. Should plans proceed, Plug Power will be the first technological company since the park opened a decade ago.

The park's courtship with Monolith Solar all but failed. The solar cell manufacturing company fell under financial hardship in 2018, but not before breaking ground on a new \$5 million headquarters at the tech park. Its steel skeleton and surrounding property were later foreclosed and are under the possession of Pioneer Bank.

Bahl named Latham Pool COO

LATHAM — Latham, The Pool Company, the largest designer, manufacturer, and marketer of in-ground residential swimming pools in North America, Australia and New Zealand, announced the appointment of Sanjeev Bahl as Chief Operating Officer, effective Jan. 24.

In this role, Bahl will lead Latham's Global operations organization, overseeing all manufacturing, supply chain, EHS, quality, and engineering.



Sanjeev Bahl

"We are thrilled to have Sanjeev join our executive team," said Scott Rajeski, President and CEO of Latham, The Pool Company. "Sanjeev has a strong track record of enhancing operational performance and delivering on supply chain and manufacturing goals at large, global organizations. He is the ideal candidate to lead our talented operations organization as we continue to reinvest in our business and expand our capacity to support our long-term growth."

Bahl is an accomplished operations executive with more than 20 years of experience in global supply chain and procurement. Prior to joining Latham, Bahl most recently served as Vice President of Global Operations at Newell Brands, where he was responsible for all aspects of multi-site global operations including manufacturing, distribution, transportation, procurement, customer service, inventory management, complexity reduction and manufacturing, and sourcing finishing goods and supplier quality. Bahl started his career as a consulting engineer at SPECS where he designed electrical systems for chemical processing plant projects and has since then served in leadership roles across a variety of companies including Carrier Corporation, Pratt and Whitney, Stanley Black & Decker and more.

Commenting on his appointment, Bahl said, "I am thrilled to be joining the Latham team at such an exciting time for the business. Scott has built an incredible team with a strong focus on people, safety, product quality and exceptional customer experiences, and I look forward to leveraging my expertise in operations and supply chain management to build upon Latham's strong foundation and support the continued growth of the business."

Latham, The Pool Company, headquartered in Latham, is the largest designer, manufacturer, and marketer of in-ground residential swimming pools in North America, Australia and New Zealand. Latham has a coast-to-coast operations platform consisting of over 2,000 employees across over 30 facilities.

Harris Beach partner elected President of Albany County Bar Association

ALBANY — Partner Mathew P. Barry, co-leader of the Harris Beach Financial Institutions and Capital Markets Industry Team, has been elected as president of the Albany County Bar Association for 2022. As president, Barry leads the ACBA Board of Directors, which sets the vision and policies for the Association. He has been a member of the ACBA Board since 2011.

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LIBRARY BUSINESS

Most-loved loans of 2021

Borrowing picked up last year as we were able to increase our hours while taking appropriate safety precautions. One thing remains certain: Our borrowers know what they love! Below are some of your most-loved loans of 2021.

Up first is Most Borrowed Novel: “The Midnight Library” by Matt Haig. This reader favorite was even the featured read at our December Check ‘Em Out Books discussion group.

Bethlehem’s Most Borrowed DVD of 2021? “Minari,” which follows a Korean American family who move to an Arkansas farm in search of the American dream. What will we watch in 2022?

In non-fiction, this title rose to the top in 2021: “Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents” by Isabel Wilkerson. It was also the most-borrowed non-fiction e-audiobook. “Caste” takes a deep dive into the caste systems throughout civilization, including those in the United States that institutionalize the divisions within our society.

Readers stayed immersed in the world of the Hunger Games with the prequel “The Ballad of Songbirds and Snakes” by Suzanne Collins, which was the most-borrowed YA title of 2021.

“MarioKart 8” for the Nintendo Switch was once



again the most-borrowed videogame title in 2021, but last year we also added some PS5 titles like “Jurassic World: Evolution 2” and “Subnautica: Below Zero” that are sure to give Mario a run for his money in the future.

Dog Man author Dav Pilkey continues to rule the roost when it comes to Most Borrowed Children’s Book. In 2021, it was the 10th in the series, “Mothering Heights.”

Last year, more people started venturing out and about, but many were still looking at activities that would keep them socially distanced and outside. That might be why The Empire Pass to New York State Parks was our most borrowed museum pass in 2021.

For the third straight year (pre- and mid-pandemic), laptop computers and WiFi hotspots were the most borrowed items in our Library of Things collection, reflecting the need in our community for digital access. The collection isn’t all about being practical, though, it also includes board games, trail cameras, digital projectors and much more.

In e-books, “The Four Winds” by Kristin Hannah

– topped the most-borrowed list in 2021 for fiction. This bestseller is an epic novel of love and heroism and hope, set against backdrop of the Great Depression.

“Maybe You Should Talk to Someone: A Therapist, HER Therapist, and Our Lives Revealed” by Lori Gottlieb takes the reader behind the scenes of a therapist’s world and came in first for most-borrowed non-fiction e-books of 2021.

The suspenseful thriller “Five Total Strangers” by Natalie D. Richards was the most-borrowed digital YA title of 2021.

Our digital magazine collection grew in 2021, but it was the gossipy distraction of US Weekly that propelled it to the top of the Most Borrowed list for 2021.

Downloadable audiobooks have quickly replaced CDs as the preferred way to listen to books. In the top spot for most-borrowed fiction titles for 2021 is the great American detective story “Promised Land” by Robert B. Parker.

To check out one of these most-borrowed titles for yourself, visit www.bethlehempubliclibrary.org and search the catalog or click on the eContent button on the homepage to download digital content.

— Kristen Roberts

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Business briefs

Honest Weight launches Double Up Food Bucks

ALBANY — Honest Weight Food Co-op announced the launch of Double Up Food Bucks New York, a program administered by Field & Fork Network, doubling the buying power of SNAP customers. Honest Weight Food Co-op is the first grocery store in the Capital region to offer the program which matches \$1 for \$1 federal SNAP dollars, up to \$20 per day, to spend on fresh fruits and vegetables, with an emphasis on New York-grown produce.

“Double Up benefits our customers and farmers, while helping grow healthier communities,” said Alex Mytelka, head of marketing at Honest Weight. “Food insecurity is at an all-time high. We’re in the midst of a pandemic and we still have folks in the community we call home wondering where their next meal is coming from. Plain and simple, we need to do better. We need to show up for each other.” Mytelka continued, “As a community-owned food cooperative, we’re on a mission to break down this false narrative that fresh, healthy, colorful, locally grown food is only available to those who can afford it. Double Up is now one of the strongest tools in our collective community food access toolkit.”

“We are thrilled to be able to continue to expand this program in the Capital Region at Honest Weight,” says Frances McGuire, Double Up Program Manager. “Double Up Food Bucks allows shoppers experiencing food insecurity to make their own healthy decisions when purchasing food for their families. We hope to see Double Up Food Bucks included in the 2022 New York State budget so that we can bring the program to even more locations in the area in the coming months.”

For a complete list of participating Double Up sites and hours of operation, visit www.doubleupnys.com/locations.

CAP COM launches grant Initiative

ALBANY — CAP COM Federal Credit Union and its charitable giving arm, the CAP COM Cares Foundation, announced the launch and second year of the CAP COM Cares Foundation Infrastructure Grant Initiative last week.

The program is in response to help the Credit Union’s existing

and potential nonprofit partners, in supporting projects that are traditionally more difficult to find funding for. Grants may include requests for projects such as septic systems, equipment and hardware, computer programs and other items that are vital for organizations to serve their constituents but are often difficult to gain funding.

After seeing the wonderful success of the program’s inaugural year in 2021, the CAP COM Cares Foundation Board of Directors unanimously voted to approve this program for another year and help even more nonprofits in our community. To learn more about the initiative and last year’s success visit <https://www.capcomfcu.org/community/infrastructure-winners/> \$100,000 has been earmarked to re-enter the community for infrastructure projects in 2022, with a goal of supporting 10 organizations with \$10,000 each.

The CAP COM Cares Foundation website makes grant applications easy for both the community partners and community relations team. Visit <https://bit.ly/capcomcares>. Deadline to apply is Friday, Feb. 18.

GlobalFoundries announces extension of AMD agreement

MALTA – GlobalFoundries Inc. recently announced it has agreed to amend its Wafer Supply Agreement with AMD to increase the volume of chips it will supply, as well as extend the terms of the agreement to secure supply through 2025.

According to the company’s statement, the agreement also expands the breadth of the partnership, including supply assurance for AMD chips serving the datacenter, personal computing, embedded and other growth markets.

GlobalFoundries has been manufacturing high-performance chips for AMD for more than 12 years, and this new agreement extends this long-standing partnership to ensure supply for AMD’s growing business. With this agreement, AMD now expects to purchase approximately \$2.1 billion of wafers from GlobalFoundries between 2022 and 2025.

GlobalFoundries offers a unique mix of design, development and fabrication services. For more information, visit www.gf.com.



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Grafton Lakes Cabin
Fever 2022 hosted
crazy fun last Saturday.

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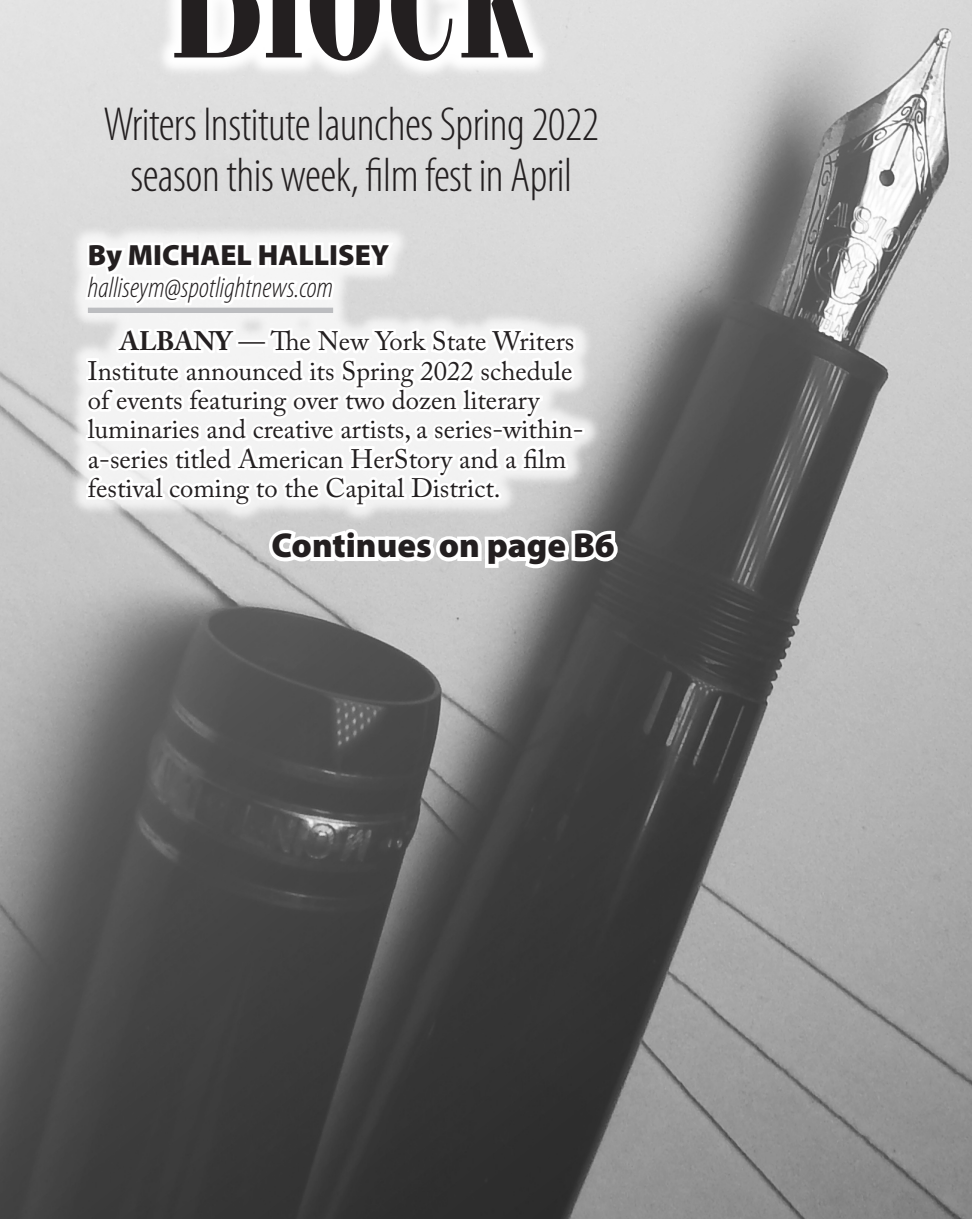
Writer's Block

Writers Institute launches Spring 2022
season this week, film fest in April

By **MICHAEL HALLISEY**
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ALBANY — The New York State Writers Institute announced its Spring 2022 schedule of events featuring over two dozen literary luminaries and creative artists, a series-within-a-series titled American HerStory and a film festival coming to the Capital District.

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— Paul Grondahl,
New York Writers
Institute Director



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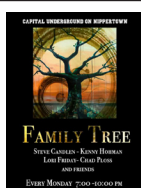
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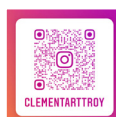


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■ WHAT'S HAPPENING

Music for life

The Palace Sessions to feature Thomas Nicholas

By **MICHAEL HALLISEY**
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ALBANY — The Thomas Nicholas Band will be featured in a special edition of The Palace Sessions that will feature a fundraiser for The American Foundation for Suicide Prevention on Tuesday, Feb. 1, at 7 p.m.

Over the last ten years, the Thomas Nicholas Band has played over 700 concerts around the world from huge festivals to solo acoustic shows in intimate clubs and private charity fundraisers. Musically, Nicholas draws on a solid crop of influences that have helped him learn the art of writing a pop song while keeping a foot in rock and roll.

“We’ve released six albums, the most recent is the perfect crossover of my two careers,” Nicholas said. “And we were lucky enough to record it at Foo Fighter’s Studio 606.”

Nicholas is also well known for his movie career, including playing Henry Rowengartner in “Rookie of the Year,” Walt Disney in “Walt Before Mickey” and Kevin Myers in the “American Pie” film series. He most recently starred in the 2021 Lionsgate feature film “Adverse” starring Mickey Rourke, Lou Diamond Phillips, Penelope Ann Miller and Sean Astin.

The performance, presented by the Palace Theatre, the City of Albany and Mirth Films, will stream live on the Palace Theatre’s YouTube Page at <https://bit.ly/PalaceAlbanyYoutube>

During the stream, donations can be made to benefit The American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. To make a donation

to the AFSP, visit https://bit.ly/PS_AFSP

The Palace Theatre has been Albany’s iconic downtown landmark for the past nine decades, bringing the biggest names in entertainment to the Capital District. The history and programming of the Palace is a unique and often untold story with roots dating back to the period of the Great Depression. The Palace Theatre, built in 1931, originally presented vaudeville acts, feature films and became a civic auditorium before temporarily closing its doors in 1969. The theatre maintains its original beauty and design and is a historical landmark in the City of Albany.

The Palace Performing Arts Center was established in 1984 and incorporated as a nonprofit organization in 1989, created to operate the Palace Theatre.

The mission of the Palace is to bring world-class arts and entertainment to New York’s Capital District, greatly enhancing the area’s cultural and economic development. Our mission is carried out through core programming and community initiatives that include performing arts entertainment, free arts education, family-friendly performances, free summer movies and a classic movie program series. The Palace has a significant economic footprint with over \$3.5 million in ticket sales and 180,000 patrons visiting the theatre annually.

The AFSP is dedicated to saving lives and bringing hope to those affected by suicide. AFSP develops suicide prevention through research and advocacy, and provides support for those affected by suicide.



“Rookie of the Year” star Thomas Nicholas sings a different tune these days as a musician. Catch him in the next The Palace Session with The Thomas Nicholas Band on Tuesday, Feb. 1. Thomas Nicholas Band



Guitar virtuoso Steve Vai has battled through injuries to record a studio album and prepare for a nationwide tour. A new injury will now have him wait until September before hitting the stage again.

Steve Vai

Injury postpones Vai

ALBANY — Steve Vai’s scheduled March appearance at The Egg has been rescheduled for Saturday, Nov. 5 as the celebrated guitarist postpones his tour for the fall.

Last March, Vai revealed he had surgery to repair three tendons in his shoulder and another for a “trigger finger” ailment he developed after performing a difficult chord. He was later able to perform and record his upcoming studio album “Inviolate,” however the rocker announced last week he needed another procedure, prompting a delay in his upcoming tour to September.

“I’m gutted that we have to move this tour,” he shared in a statement, “but I also know it’s in the best interests for us and the fans that we do.”

A virtuoso guitarist, visionary composer, and consummate producer who sculpts musical sound with infinite creativity and technical mastery, Vai has awed fans of all genres with his exceptional guitar skills and musicianship for decades. At age 12, he started taking guitar lessons from Joe Satriani. At 18, he began his professional music career transcribing for, and then playing with, the legendary Frank Zappa.

— Michael Hallisey



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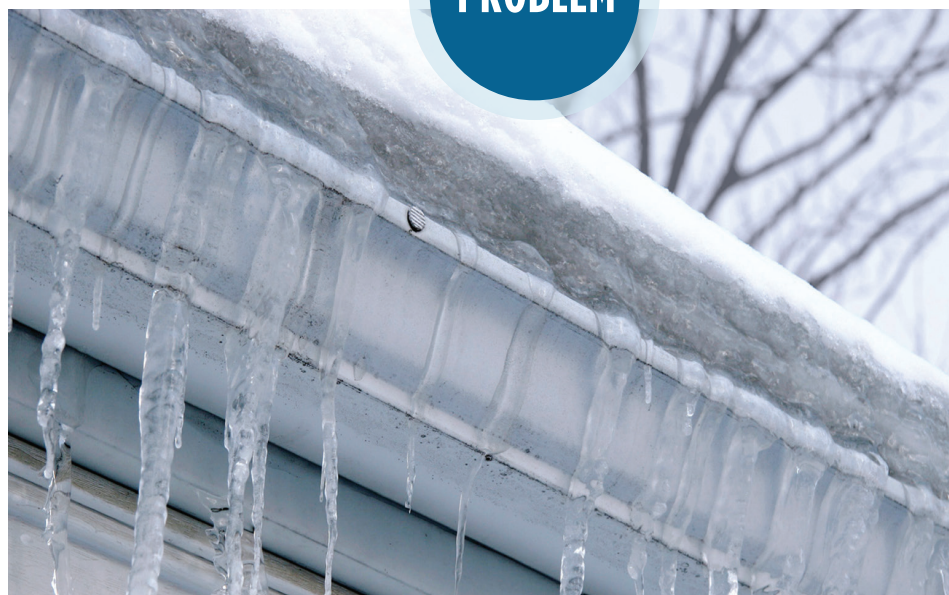
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■ HEALTH and FITNESS

The shot of nitro for every afternoon

Foods that will push you past the post-lunch slump

Lunch is a welcome respite in the middle of the day. Lunch is coveted because it provides a break from work and a chance to sit down and refuel the body until dinnertime.

Feelings of fatigue after eating a “hearty” lunch are not uncommon. Kim Yawitz, LD, a registered dietitian/nutritionist in Missouri, says it’s natural to get a little tired in the afternoon due to circadian rhythms and the release of melatonin between the hours of 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. But choosing the wrong foods at lunchtime may exacerbate afternoon fatigue, compromise an individual’s ability to



concentrate and even result in hunger pangs. According to nutrition experts, certain food combinations at lunch can satisfy cravings and keep anyone energized through the commute home.

- **Grain bowls:** Complex carbohydrates tend to be high in energizing B vitamins and whole grains will keep you feeling fuller longer due to their high fiber content. Look for complex, protein-rich grains, such as quinoa, farro or brown rice. Balance the grain with plenty of

vegetables.

- **Salads with nuts:** Salads are a go-to healthy lunch provided they’re not covered with fatty dressings or cheeses. Add chopped nuts to salads for added texture, protein and nutrition to fill you up and provide energy.

- **Smoothies:** Smoothies aren’t just breakfast fare. They’re delicious and nutritious any time of the day. You can add high-protein items, including plant-based protein powders or ground chickpeas and kale, to smoothies for an additional energy boost.

- **Crackers and hummus:** Purchase whole-grain crackers or ones made from almond flour for added nutrition and pair them with a healthy hummus dip. Hummus usually is made with chickpeas, garlic, tahini (ground sesame seed paste), and olive oil.

It provides healthy protein and fat sources to keep you satiated.

- **Overnight oats:** Create a lunchtime or snack parfait using an overnight oats recipe. According to the Food Network, overnight oats are made by mixing old fashioned oats, milk (dairy or nut milk), yogurt, and other add-ins and letting the ingredients sit and thicken for at least five hours or even overnight. Change the flavor profile by experimenting with nuts (or nut butters), fruits and spices. This nutrient-dense meal will provide plenty of energy without bogging you down.

When dining out for lunch, fill up on vegetables, whole grains and lean protein, such as a quality white fish like wild cod. Starchy, cheesy and fast foods can contribute to fatigue that compromises afternoon productivity.

We all need that extra power boost to get us through the last half of the work day. To get the best results, you have to choose the right food.

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From page 1B ... Institute's Spring 2022 season

The institute announced details of the season last week, hinting at black cloud COVID-19 has cast over plans Writers Institute Director Paul Grondahl said it may have to change at any given notice.

"We believe deeply in the transformative power of literature, now more than ever," Grondahl shared in a statement, announcing the new season. "We were grateful that we presented a robust slate of in-person literary events, carefully and safely, throughout the fall 2021 semester."

The season kicked off last night with Grondahl hosting a discussion featuring Alice Green on Tuesday, Jan. 25. Green, a longtime activist for racial justice and prison reform, discussed her

new memoir, "We Who Believe in Freedom: Activism and the Struggle for Social Justice." It's to be followed by a return to glory story discussion, "Schenectady Resurgent: A Conversation with William Patrick and Philip Morris," on Tuesday, Feb. 1.

Patrick, author of a new book, *Metrofix: The Combative Comeback of a Company Town*, and Morris, CEO of Proctors and Albany's Capital Rep, will talk about Schenectady's ongoing revival, the role of the arts in re-energizing downtown neighborhoods in Albany and Schenectady, and how citizens, politicians, and business-owners can create new blueprints for the revitalization of 21st century American cities.

Other notable events announced by the Writers Institute include a Speaker Series event with Huma Abedin, political strategist and vice-chair of Hillary Clinton's 2016 presidential campaign, and the author of the new memoir "Both/And: A Life in Many Worlds," on Thursday, Feb. 17; a live-streamed event with novelist Colson Whitehead on Wednesday, April 6; and a special event with Colm Tóibín, widely hailed as a giant of

contemporary Irish literature, on Thursday, March 3.

The Writers Institute will present its second Albany Film Festival on Saturday, April 2, at the University at Albany.

Founded by Pulitzer Award-winning author William Kennedy in 1983, the Writers Institute has brought readers together in conversation with more than 2,000 of the world's greatest writers, free and accessible to the general public.

Events take place on the University at Albany's Uptown Campus, unless otherwise noted. All individuals, regardless of vaccination status, must wear a mask or other face covering while inside any school-owned, operated building. Individuals are discouraged from attending these in-person events if they — or anyone in their household — are displaying any symptoms of COVID-19.

Visit nyswritersinstitute.org for information on free on-campus parking for events. All events are subject to change.

"We plan to present more extraordinary in-person programs this spring, cognizant that our plans may have to shift quickly," said Grondahl. "We are not strangers to the pivot and will go virtual again if necessary. ...

"Together, let us be unstoppable."

The NYS Writers Institute Spring 2022

- Feb. 1: Schenectady Resurgent:
With William Patrick and Philip Morris
- Feb. 4: Conversation with filmmakers James Ivory and Stephen Soucy on the Glorious History of Merchant-Ivory Films
- Feb. 15: An evening with author Emily Bernard
(part of the American Herstory series)
- Feb. 17: Albany Speaker Series featuring Huma Abedin
- Feb. 21: Jose Rivera, presenting the 25th annual Burian Lecture on Life in the Performing Arts
- Feb. 23: Anthony Ray Hinton, activist for human rights and prison reform celebration, as part of the 2022 Martin Luther King Jr. celebration
- Feb. 24: Conversation and Q&A with Liara Roux
(part of the American Herstory series)
- March 3: Celebrating Irish literature with author Colm Tóibín
- March 8: Uplifting Black authors and Black lead characters with Fabian Ferguson
- March 10: Presentation and Q&A with science journalist Rachel Gross
- March 21: Dramatizing Albany politics, featuring "The True" author Sharr White, with Maggie Mancinelli-Cahill and Paul Grondahl (at the Capital Repertory Theatre)
- March 24: Conversation with disability rights organizer Judith Heumann and journalist James Odato (part of the American Herstory series, virtual event)
- April 2: Albany Film Festival
- April 4: Staged reading presentation of play-in-progress "Kudzu Calling" by Donnetta Lavinia Grays
- April 6: Colson Whitehead reading and the McKinney Writing Contest Awards (virtual)
- April 12: How to be anti-racist with author Tiffany Jewell
- April 21: Conversation with novelist Gary Shteyngart
- April 30: Selected Shorts (\$15 advance tickets for the general public, \$10 for seniors and UAlbany faculty/students staff; \$20 for day-of tickets for the general public, \$15 for seniors and UAlbany faculty/students/staff)



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518-719-1640
Thurs: **PEST** | 8-11 p.m.
Fri: **DJ Monty** | 10-11 p.m.

Brown's Troy

Taproom & Brewery

417 River Street, Troy
518-273-2337
Fri: **Troy Night Out** | 5-9 p.m.

Black Bear Inn

310 19th St., Watervliet
518-272-9486
Wed: **Trivia Night** | 7:30 p.m.

Caffè Lena

47 Phila St., Saratoga Springs
518-583-0022
Wed: **Donna Tritico** | 7-9 p.m.
Thurs: **Heather Pierson Acoustic Trio** | 7-9 p.m.

Fri: **Cory Branan** | 8-10 p.m.

Sat: **Jake Xerxes Fussell** | 8-10 p.m.

Sun: **The Lustre Kings** | 7-9 p.m.

Carson's Woodside Tavern

57 NY-9P, Malta
518-584-9791
Thurs: **Jay Yager & Chris Dollard** | 6-9 p.m.
Fri: **Phil Drum** | 6-9 p.m.
Sat: **Jeff Brisbin** | 6-9 p.m.

Centre Street Pub

308 Union St., Schenectady
518-393-2337
Wed: **Silver Arrow Band** | 5 p.m.
Fri: **Brad Monnell Quartet** | 4 p.m.
Sat: **Up The River** | 4 p.m.

Cohoes Music Hall

58 Remsen St., Cohoes
518-434-0776
Thurs: **Bright Star** | 8 p.m.

The Comedy Works

388 Broadway, Saratoga Springs
877-565-3849
Fri: **Earl David Reed** | 8 p.m.

Druthers Brewing Company

1053 Broadway, Albany
(518) 650-7996

Eden Cafe

269 Osborne Road #3, Albany
518-977-3771
Thurs: **The Tony Loves Trixie Show auditions and Rehearsal** | 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

The Egg

Empire State Plaza., Albany
518-473-1845
Fri: **David Dorfman Dance** | 7:30 p.m.
Sun: **Marty Stuart** | 6 p.m.

Emack & Bolio's

366 Delaware Ave., Albany
518-512-5100

HOT SPOTS EVENTS CALENDAR



Ice Castles in Lake George

Ice Castles in Lake George opened last weekend, presenting majestic work from professional ice artisans to the public. The exhibition is scheduled to run until Tuesday, February 21. For tickets, visit icecastles.com.

Ice Castles

Empire Live/Underground

93 North Pearl St., Albany
866-468-3399
Wed: **Being As An Ocean** | 6 p.m.
Thurs: **Geoff Tate** | 7 p.m.
Fri: **Sheer Terror** | 7 p.m.
Sat: **Fuel** | 7 p.m.

Empire State Plaza

Empire State Plaza., Albany
518-474-2418

Fort Orange Brewing

450 North Pearl St, Albany
518-992-3103

Frog Alley Brewing Co.

108 State Street Schenectady
518-631-4800
Sat: **The E-Block** | 8:30 p.m.

Fuze Box

12 Central Avenue Albany
518-992-6434
Fri: **Fuzionz** | 10 p.m.

Funny Bone

1 Crossgates Mall Rd #K-206, Albany
518-313-7484
Fri: **Mark Viera** | 7 p.m.

Gaffney's

16 Caroline St., Saratoga Springs
518-587-7359

Grappa '72

818 Central Ave., Albany
518-482-7200
Thurs: **The Hamilton Street Jazz Trio** | 5:30-8:30 p.m.
Fri: **Earl Davis with Peg & Bill Delaney** | 5:30-8:30 p.m.

The Hangar on the Hudson

675 River St., Troy
518-272-9740

The Hollow Bar + Kitchen

79 North Pearl St., Albany
518-426-8550
Fri: **The Lizards** | 8 p.m.

Lark Hall

351 Hudson Ave, Albany
518-599-5804
Thurs: **Gratefully Yours** | 8 p.m.
Fri: **Ghost Light** | 8 p.m.

The Linda

339 Central Ave, Albany
518-465-5233
Sat: **Harvest and Rust** | 8 p.m.

McGeary's Irish Pub

4 Clinton Square, Albany
518-463-1455
Tues: **Trivia Night** | 7 p.m.

Nashville Of Saratoga

39 Phila Street, Saratoga Springs
518-909-6274

Nanola

2639 Rt 9, Malta
518-587-1300

The Night Owl

17 Maple Ave., Saratoga Springs
518-319-2300
Thurs: **Cookout** | 7 p.m.
Fri: **Fireside Fridays** | 8 p.m.
Sat: **Supper Club Saturdays** | 6 p.m.

Olde English Pub

683 Broadway, Albany. 518-434-6533

The Palace Theatre

19 Clinton Ave., Albany
518-465-4663
Fri: **The Wood Brothers** | 8 p.m.

Playhouse Stage Co.

Madison Ave at New Scotland Ave Albany (518) 434-2035

Panza's

129 So. Broadway, Saratoga Springs
518-584-6882
Fri: **Chris Dollard** | 6:30 p.m.
Sat: **Larry Finke** | 6:30 p.m.

Parish Public House

388 Broadway, Albany
518-465-0444

The Parting Glass

40-42 Lake Ave., Saratoga Springs
518-583-1916
Wed: **Celtic Session** | 7 p.m.

Paulys Hotel

337 Central Ave., Albany
518-426-0828
Wed: **A Grateful Dead Jam Night!**
Hosted By Hallelujah Hat Trick | 6 p.m.

Proctors

432 State Street., Schenectady
518-346-6204
Tue: **Come From Away** | 7:30 p.m.

Putnam Place

63a Putnam St., Saratoga Springs
518-584-8066
Sat: **Stone Revival Band** | 9 p.m.

Rare Form Brewing Company

90 Congress Street Troy

(518) 326-4303

Ravenswood Grill & Tavern

1021 NY 146, Clifton Park.
518-371-8771
Tue: **Trivia Night** | 6:30 p.m.

The Ruck

104 3rd St., Troy
(518) 273-1872
Wed: **Trivia** | 7-9 p.m.

Rustic Barn Pub

150 Speigletown Rd., Troy
518-235-5858
Thurs: **Open Mic Night** | 6 p.m.
Fri: **Lustre Kings** | 8 p.m.
Sat: **Hilltop** | 8 p.m.

The Saratoga Winery

462 Route 29, Saratoga Springs
518-584-9463
Fri: **Sidetracked** | 5 p.m.

Saratoga National

458 Union Avenue Saratoga Springs
518.583.4653

Saratoga City Tavern

19-21 Caroline St., Saratoga Springs
518-581-3230
Thurs: **Karaoke** | 9 p.m.
Mon: **Bingo** | 8 p.m.
Tues: **Trivia** | 8 p.m.

Sand Lake Center for the Arts

2880 NY 43 Averill Park
518-674-2007

SPAC

Avenue of the Pines, Saratoga Springs
518-584-9330

Troy Savings Bank Music Hall

30 Second St., Troy
518-273-0038

Vapor

342 Jefferson St, Saratoga Springs
(518) 584-2110
Fri: **Aquanett** | 8 p.m.
Sat: **Funk Evolution** | 8 p.m.

Van Slyck's

Rivers Casino & Resort
1 Rush St., Schenectady
518-579-8800
Fri and Sat: **Lecco** | 7-10 p.m.

Waterworks Pub

76 Central Ave., Albany
518-465-9079
Fri: **Friday Night Dancing & Karaoke** | 10 p.m.-4 a.m.
Sat: **Saturday Night Dancing & Drag** | 10 p.m.-4 a.m.

Wicked

1602 Route 9, Clifton Park
518-467-8900
Fri: **Open Mic** | 7 p.m.

Wishing Well Restaurant

745 Saratoga Rd., Wilton
518-584-7640
Fri: **Rob Aronstein Trio** | 8 p.m.

EXHIBITS

Albany Institute of History and Art

Romancing the Rails: Train Travel in the 1920s and 1930s

The 1920s and 30s were a kind of golden age for rail travel in the U.S., a period when railroads were portrayed as modern amenities that carried passengers to romantic getaways in luxury and comfort. Yet the story of railroads and rail travel during the period is much more complex, involving talented individuals, hardworking people, engineering accomplishments, celebrations, and momentous events. Open: Now -Feb. 2022.

The Hudson River School: Landscape Paintings from the Albany Institute-

The Albany Institute holds a large and important collection of nineteenth-century American landscape paintings, works often associated with the term "Hudson River School. This exhibit is currently ongoing.

Nineteenth Century American Sculpture:Erastus Dow Palmer and His Protégés Launt Thompson, Charles Calverley, and Richard Park-

Designed to showcase the museum's nationally known collection of mid- to late-nineteenth-century sculpture, This exhibit is currently ongoing.

Ancient Egypt- Egyptologist and Guest Curator Dr. Peter Lacovara has incorporated the research and scientific discoveries revealed in the GE Presents: The Mystery of the Albany Mummies exhibition into a new exhibition about Ancient Egypt. This exhibit is currently ongoing.

Traders & Culture: Colonial Albany and the Formation of American Identity- This exhibition looks at those diverse peoples who shaped colonial Albany and the objects that reflect their interests, values, commercial, and social interactions. This exhibit is currently ongoing. The Albany Institute of History



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The Masters of Soulful Folk

The Wood Brothers, the Grammy Award-nominated band for Best Americana Album, promises an eclectic and electrifying performance with each concert, earning devoted fans from across the globe. The trio will stop to play The Palace Theatre on Friday, Jan. 28, at 8 p.m.

The Wood Brothers



HOT DATE

GET YOUR IRISH UP!

It's about time you start warming up for the big day in March by heading to Celtic Session at The Parting Glass on Wednesday, Jan. 26, at 7 p.m.

and Art, 125 Washington Ave. Albany, 518.463.4478.

Albany International Airport

ECHO-Ginne Gardiner & Amy Talluto Recent Painting and Collage A pattern of reflections distinguishes the work of these two artists, who make paintings that are cycled into collages, which are then reinterpreted as new paintings. Amy Talluto and Ginne Gardiner both describe the earliest phases of their creative process as cloaked in associations with landscape, weather and seasons. Begining November 20th

2021 to April 25th, 2022 Location: 3rd Floor, Main Terminal, 737 Albany Shaker Rd, Albany, NY. 518-242-2241 or www.albanyairport.com/arts

Arts Center of the Capital Region

Fence 2021- The Fence Show is an annual celebration that pays homage to a time when members' artwork was exhibited on the iron fence surrounding Washington Park in Troy, the original location of the Arts Center. Open September-December 2021. 265 River St., Troy. Gallery hours: Daily, Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, noon to 4 p.m. Free admission. 518-273-0552 or artscenteronline.org

The Clark Art Institute

Competing Currents: 20th-Century Japanese Prints - Japan's printmaking landscape underwent an unprecedented tidal shift in the twentieth century. During the Edo period (1603-1867) a new market of middle-class patrons had encouraged artists to create expressive and iconic images for mass distribution. These prints, known as ukiyo-e (pictures of the floating world), became wildly popular not only in Japan but across the globe when the country opened to international trade in the mid-nineteenth century.

By the beginning of the twentieth century, however, woodblock prints had largely fallen out of vogue. Mass-market newspapers and magazines had taken Japan by storm, and the popular woodblock prints of the previous century seemed to many a relic of the past. Open: Now - January 30, 2022. Museum hours: Daily, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday. Admission: Adults, \$20; children 18 and younger, free. 225 South St., Williamstown, Mass. 413-458-2303 or www.clarkart.edu

Clement Art Gallery

Salon '22 Art Show featuring local Artists Through February. Ongoing: Local

Antique Print & Map room Exhibit hours: Tue. thru Sat, 12noon - 5 PM. 201 Broadway Troy, NY clementart.com 518 272 6811The Hyde Collection

Summer Bomb Pop: Collection in Dialogue-

Brings together seventeen works of contemporary abstract painting from the collection of the Tang Teaching Museum at Skidmore College by artists such as Sarah Braman, Jeffrey Gibson, Rashid Johnson, Mindy Shapero, and Chuck Webster with several twentieth-century works from The Hyde Collection's renowned Feibes & Schmitt Collection by artists such as Grace Hartigan, Alfred Jensen, Ellsworth Kelly, Bridget Riley, and Andy Warhol.

Summer Bomb Pop is organized by the Tang Teaching Museum in collaboration with Jonathan Canning, Director of Curatorial Affairs and Programming at The Hyde Collection. This exhibit is currently ongoing - January 2022.

Masterpieces & Mysteries- Artistic treasures and art historical queries, drawn from its vaults. Among the great works of art that Louis and Charlotte Hyde brought to Glens Falls are delicate works on paper so sensitive to the damaging effects of light that they can only be exhibited once every few years. Out from storage come watercolors by Winslow Homer, pastels by Edgar Degas, drawings by Henri Matisse, and a pen and ink sketch by Vincent Van Gogh. This exhibit is currently ongoing- December 31st.

Museum hours: Daily, Tuesday-Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday, noon to 5 p.m., Closed Monday. Admission: adults, \$12; seniors (60+), \$10; Children, students (w/ID)/ active military members and their families, free. 161 Warren St., Glens Falls. 518-792-1761 or hydecollection.org

The Jan Rutland Memorial Artists' Space

Gallery hours (through Thursday, Feb. 28): Thursday, Friday, and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free. Second Floor, Na-

www.Spotlightnews.com

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- Surrenders
- Omission
- The white poplar
- They become butterflies
- Used to chop
- Select
- Volcanic craters
- Consumer price index
- Utilize
- "True Blood" actress Paquin
- Got up
- Sank in
- Retail
- Giants
- Most bald
- Changes color
- Unit of loudness
- Undresses
- Fathers
- Learned skill
- Remove qualification
- Covered with frost
- Speak up
- Nowhere to be found
- Part of surgery (abbr.)
- Type of wrap
- Church seating
- Mathematical figure
- College football conference
- Turkish officer title
- Organized body of knowledge
- Smooth and glossy
- Left

CLUES DOWN

- Get back
- Pass or go by

- Having a sharp taste
- Midway between east and southeast
- Cairo Regional Airport
- Peace officer
- Brings to life
- Automotive vehicles
- One point south of due east
- Football position
- Goes by
- Most attractive
- Road divisions
- Not the sea
- Small, faint constellation
- Cabbage
- Least frequent
- Change slightly
- A country in NE Africa
- Metric units of measure
- More coherent
- Make uninteresting
- Nausea
- Institution of Oceanography
- Of little value
- Hindu model of the ideal man
- Biblical exclamation
- You throw it at a board
- Be about to happen
- Brutal
- Opened one's mouth widely
- 19th letter of Greek alphabet
- Saturate
- The woman
- Someone who is highly skilled
- A way to launch an attack on
- Where golfers begin
- Atomic number 58

Answers on Pg. B21

tional Bottle Museum, 76 Milton Ave., Ballston Spa. 518-885-7589 or nationalbottlemuseum.org/the-jan-rutland-artists-space/

Mabee Farm Historic Site Redesigning Fashion: Transgression and Identity in Women's Historic Dress-

A partnership between SCHS and the Fashion & Textiles program at SUNY Oneonta. The collaboration has resulted in an exhibition that explores the historical importance of women's clothing and fashion in the expression of cultural values and the creation of identity, and examines how those ideals change over time. Open now - November 30.

Beyond the Pines: Early Schenectady-

Explore early Schenectady: its founding, its people, and what life was like for early Schenectadians. This exhibit is ongoing.

Changing Downtown- At the heart of a successful downtown are interesting stories and unique buildings that illustrate a city's distinct character. Changing Downtown traces Schenectady's stories and buildings through the years, exploring the city's legacy of transformation and innovation. By discovering the forces that shaped downtown Schenectady, we can better understand ourselves, and our vision for the future. Open now - Dec. 31. Winter hours: Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. 1100 Main St. (NY Route 55), Rotterdam Junction. Admission: Adults: \$5/person for self-guided access; or \$8/per person for tour and exhibit access; children and students (w/ID) free. 518-887-5073 or schenectadyhistorical.org

miSci

Seeing Ourselves: From Silhouette to Selfie

- Imagine not knowing the look of their own face. For most people throughout history, this was the rule rather than the exception. It was only through the development of technology that we reached the modern day, where seeing yourself is as simple as looking in a mirror or pushing a button. Seeing Ourselves takes guests on a journey through the development of portraiture, photography, mirrors, and more.

Featuring approximately 55 objects, the exhibition includes more than 20 works of art, among them a collection of late 18th-century miniature portraits by Irish-born artist George Place, and a painting by Harold M. Mott Smith titled Their Last Meeting that commemorates Thomas Edison's visit to Schenectady in 1922 where he met Charles Proteus Steinmetz, another trailblazer in the field of electricity. Early prototype X-ray equipment, rare photographs, a collection of cameras, and a model of the first GE Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) machine are also on view.

Interactive activities include Capture Your Shadow, Colorize a Photograph, Get In The Scene, Face Mixer, Fool a Computer Vision System, Make Your Bones Dance, and more.

Model Trains Show

An exhibition of approximately fifty photographs and works of art depicting scenes from the history of the American Locomotive Company and General Electric's development of locomotives will also be on view in the Museum's newly-



HOT DATE

TRIVIA NIGHT!

Hey, Mike. You know what day it is. Trivia Night comes at you on Wednesday, Jan. 26, from 7 to 9 p.m at The Ruck in Troy.

renovated Lecture Gallery. Highlights include an 1895 photograph by famed GE engineer, Charles Steinmetz, of New York Central's Empire State Express, a steam locomotive that was built in Al-

bany and set a world record by traveling 112 miles per hour; a photo of Big Boy, a 1.2-million-pound locomotive that was the largest ever built; and a 1932 work of art by Walter Greene titled More Power and Speed for New Haven that was commissioned by GE to promote their line of modern streamlined locomotives.

Museum hours: Tuesday-Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. (observatory open until 8 p.m. on Thursday); Sunday, noon to 5 p.m. 15 Nott Terrace Heights, Schenectady. Admission: Adults (13+), \$12; seniors (65+), \$10; children (3-12) \$8. Additional \$6/person for planetarium show. 518-382-7890 or www.miSci.org

New York State Museum

Thomas Hart Benton

In 1956 Thomas Hart Benton was commissioned by Robert Moses, chairman of the New York Power Authority, to create two

mural for the powerhouse building of the state's first hydropower facility in Massena. They feature Jacques Cartier's explorations of the St. Lawrence River and the Gulf of St. Lawrence. Alternately titled The Seneca Discover the French and Jacques Cartier Discovers the Indians, the murals depict the 16th-century encounters from two points of view. These life groups were on view at the Museum when it was at the State Education Building.

The original building in Massena where these murals were displayed is now closed to the public. They were removed and conserved beginning in 2018 and are on loan to the New York State Museum until Dec 31. Also, "a small fort, which our people call Fort Orange." This exhibition examines the momentous discovery of Fort Orange and the lasting impact of events occurring there 400 years ago that shaped the character of the region, state,

and the nation. Select artifacts, film footage from the excavation preceding the construction of I-787, and four decades of historical and archaeological research are highlighted.

Museum hours: Tuesday-Sun, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; 222 Madison Ave., Albany. Free admission; suggested donation of \$5/person or \$10/family. 518-474-5877 or www.nysm.nysed.gov

Opalka Gallery

SHIFTING GAZE: A Reconstruction of the Black & Hispanic Body in Contemporary Art - From the collection of Robert B. Feldman. On view from October 22 - December 14th. Opening reception on Friday, October 22nd from 5:30 - 8:00 p.m. Proof of vaccination is required to enter gallery and view exhibition. Extended until February 5th 2022.

Gallery Hours: Tuesday through Friday,

COMING UP

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COME FROM AWAY

Proctors • Through January 30

This New York Times Critics' Pick takes you into the heart of the remarkable true story of 7,000 stranded passengers and the small town in Newfoundland that welcomed them. Cultures clashed and nerves ran high, but uneasiness turned into trust, music soared into the night, and gratitude grew into enduring friendships.



FLY

theREP • January 28 - February 20

Based on the experiences of the Tuskegee Airmen, this inspiring story follows four courageous young Black American pilots as they train to fly combat aircraft during World War II, paving the way for the desegregation of the military. Soaring and inventive, FLY combines live action, video and the compelling "Tap Griot," that will have you on the edge of your seat and standing up in solidarity with these brave Americans!



HIPSTER ASSASSINS

UPH • January 28, 8:00 p.m.

Hipster Assassins is a collaborative endeavor of virtuosic talent that came together in New York City at the historic Zinc Bar in 2010.



MYSTERY SCIENCE THEATER 3000 LIVE: TIME BUBBLE TOUR

Proctors • February 4, 8:00 p.m.

Sit in the same theater with your favorite characters and experience this long running comedy phenomenon in a universally-acclaimed LIVE event.



BAKITHI KUMALO & THE GRACELAND EXPERIENCE

UPH • February 5, 7:00 p.m.

Bakithi Kumalo is a South African bassist, composer, and vocalist. He is most known for his fretless bass playing for Paul Simon on the 1986 album Graceland.



BLIPPI THE MUSICAL

Proctors • February 10, 7:30 p.m.

Blippi The Musical brings the energetic and loveable character Blippi off the screen and onto the stage with world-class production, audience engagement and amazing music.

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Now - 1/30 • Come From Away

2/4 • Mystery Science Theater 3000 Live: Time Bubble Tour

2/6 • Schenectady Symphony Orchestra "A Lincoln Portrait"

2/10 • Blippi The Musical

2/11 - 2/12 • RENT 25th Anniversary Farewell Tour

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1/28 - 2/20 • Fly

3/3 - 3/13 • BTTUNY presents "The Light"

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1/28 • Hipster Assassins

2/5 • Bakithi Kumalo & The Graceland Experience

2/12 • Howard Jones Acoustic Trio



Can you feel it coming, Empire?

Geoff Tate, the man, the writer and the singer behind Queensryche's epic album "Empire," is bringing it all back like a lucid dream of a mind crime. His band is currently touring, celebrating 30 years (plus) of that album's 1990 release. They hit the stage at Empire Live on Thursday, Jan. 27, at 7 p.m.

Geoff Tate



noon to 7 p.m.; Saturday, noon to 4 p.m. Sage College of Albany, 140 New Scotland Ave., Albany. Free admission. 518-292-7742 or opalka.sage.edu

Saratoga Arts

320 Broadway, Saratoga Springs. Free admission. Gallery hours: weekdays, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. 518-584-4132 or saratoga-arts.org

Schenectady County Historical Society

Ongoing: "Mapping Schenectady." Some of SCHS' most prominent and interesting maps are now on permanent display in the Map Gallery. Also, **"Beyond the Pines: Early Schenectady,"** an exhibit focused entirely on early Schenectady: its founding, its people, and what life was like for the city's earliest residents. Plus permanent exhibits. Museum hours: weekdays, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Library and Museum, 32 Washington Ave., Schenectady. Admission: \$5. 518-374-0263 or schenectadyhistorical.org

Dan Sekellic Visual Arts Gallery

Gallery hours: Wednesday, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sand Lake Center for the Arts, 2880 NY Rte. 43, Averill Park. Free admission. 518-674-2007 or slca-ctp.org

Tang Teaching Museum

On Their Own Terms- On Their Own Terms is an exhibition curated by students in the Scribner Seminar "Outsiders? Folk and Self-Taught Artists in the United States" which presents works by a selection of nineteenth- and twentieth-century artists from the United States who have been variously categorized as "self-taught," "outsider," "folk," or "visionary," among other labels. Objects range in form and medium and include textiles, sculptures, relief carvings,



HOT DATE

OPEN Mic!

Every Friday night needs entertainment, and all eyes will be turning towards you to provide it. Wicked hosts its Open Mic Night on Friday, Jan. 28, starting at 7 p.m.

paintings, and drawings. The exhibition aims to present the visual art and lives of these artists while also interrogating the ways that curators, dealers, and scholars have exhibited, acquired, and sometimes overlooked this important work.

Although a diverse group of artists, most of them began to create work late in life, received no formal training, and share a decisive commitment to what and why they wanted to create. Exhibit starts December 4th, 2021 - April 10th, 2022.

Lauren Kelley Location Scouting- Conceived and designed for conversation, dialogue, study, and contemplation, Location Scouting is the fourth exhibition in a series that invites an artist to re-imagine what a community space in the museum can be. Artist and curator Lauren Kelley reshapes the Tang Teaching Museum's mezzanine by combining meditations on travel with snapshots of everyday life in her drawings, sculpture, and stop-motion animation videos. Using plasticine, toys, and souvenirs, Kelley's videos conjure worlds that are malleable and unfixated, inhabited by robust protagonists whose quirks stem from efforts to correct the asymmetrical relationships they encounter. Accentuating the off-kilter, Location Scouting speaks to the shifts and rifts inherent in navigating today's post-pandemic landscape. Skidmore College, 815 North Broadway, Saratoga Springs. Museum hours: Tuesday - Sunday, noon to 5 p.m.; Thursday until 9 p.m. Free admission; suggested donations of \$5/adult; \$3/child 13+; seniors, \$2. 518-580-8080 or tang.skidmore.edu

Union College Galleries

Alisa Sikelianos-Carter: In the Eye of Belonging- Sikelianos-Carter asserts that Black features are a manifestation of a sacred and divine technology that has served as a means of survival, both physically and metaphysically. She envisions a cosmically bountiful world that celebrates and pays homage to ancestral majesty, power, and aesthetics. Inspired by traditionally Black hairstyles, Sikelianos-Carter uses web and catalog-sourced

images to construct new archetypes. Through her exploration of opulent, luminescent materials she is creating a mythology that is centered on Black resistance and uses the body as a site of alchemy and divinity. This exhibit is currently ongoing- Jan 16, 2022.

Olivier Models at Union College- Union College's Permanent Collection includes an extremely unique and priceless collection of Theodore Olivier's stringed models, used for demonstrating the relationships and intersections of geometric shapes in space. This collection is the largest single group (forty-six) of Olivier models to be held in one collection around the world. This exhibit is currently ongoing.

University Art Museum

RONNY QUEVEDO: OFFSIDE- Inspired by his mother's and father's respective careers—a seamstress and a professional soccer player—multi-media artist Ronny Quevedo will occupy the arched walls of the museum in a newly commissioned work with diagrammatic vinyl lines that recall both dress patterns and gymnasium floors. Throughout this exhibition, which will include artwork from 2012 to the present, Quevedo's own family's emigration from Ecuador to New York serves as a catalyst for work reflecting on socio-political issues of migration, Indigenous experiences, and sacred spaces. Gallery begins January 25 - April 2, 2022. University Art Museum is located at 1400 Washington Avenue, Albany.

THEATER

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Cory Branan

Over the last two decades Cory Branan has released five albums to much critical acclaim from NPR, Pitchfork and Rolling Stone among others, who called him, "A country boy with a punk-rock heart." He has toured extensively, appearing on stages from Letterman and the Ryman to your town's shittiest punk bar. Branan's songs have been covered by such artists as Frank Turner and Dashboard Confessional. He has also collaborated with the likes of Jason Isbell, Laura Jane Grace (Against Me!), and Craig Finn (The Hold Steady) who have been included as featured guests on previous records. Branan has even been mentioned in the Lucero song, "Tears Don't Matter Much" with the lyrics, "Cory Branan's got an evil streak, and a way with words that'll bring you to your knees." Show will be January 28th at 8 p.m. only at Caffe Lena 47 Phila Street Saratoga Springs.

HOROSCOPES

**January 2022
Week 4**

ARIES - MAR 21/APR 20

Your affection for someone could affect your impression of a certain situation, Aries. You need to take a step back or remove yourself from the situation.

TAURUS - APR 21/MAY 21

Someone in a position of authority may want to invest in your future, Taurus. Even though you may be flattered by the interest, you have to weigh all of your options.

GEMINI - MAY 22/JUN 21

You may learn something about a person if you're willing to get involved in deep conversation, Gemini. Have a talk with someone you're eager to get to know.

CANCER - JUN 22/JUL 22

Cancer, a heavy load at work is manageable. Challenges keep you engaged and you thrive on the pressure. Enjoy the responsibility and all that comes with it.

LEO - JUL 23/AUG 23

Sometimes you need to put passion ahead of stability, Leo. That means explore all possibilities when it comes to relationships. You may connect with someone unexpected.

VIRGO - AUG 24/SEPT 22

Virgo, you may be able to move through chores and other things on your to-do list quite quickly this week. That opens up opportunities for some rest and relaxation.

LIBRA - SEPT 23/OCT 23

Libra, a chance to take a leadership role in your community is on the horizon. Take advantage of this unique opportunity and give it your all.

SCORPIO - OCT 24/NOV 22

Scorpio, this week you may be pulled in two directions, but it's nothing you haven't handled in the past. Look to trusted confidantes for advice and even a little help, if necessary.

SAGITTARIUS - NOV 23/DEC 21

Sagittarius, find some time to delve into your passions. Figure out what piques your interests and pursue it with your customary energy. Others will admire your enthusiasm.

CAPRICORN - DEC 22/JAN 20

Getting romance off the ground this week may seem like climbing Mount Everest, Capricorn. Mixed messages may cloud the waters. Keep finding a way to connect.

AQUARIUS - JAN 21/FEB 18

Aquarius, think about what you can bring to the table at work, and then promote your strengths to the higher-ups. They may be slow to come around but you'll catch their attention.

PISCES - FEB 19/MAR 20

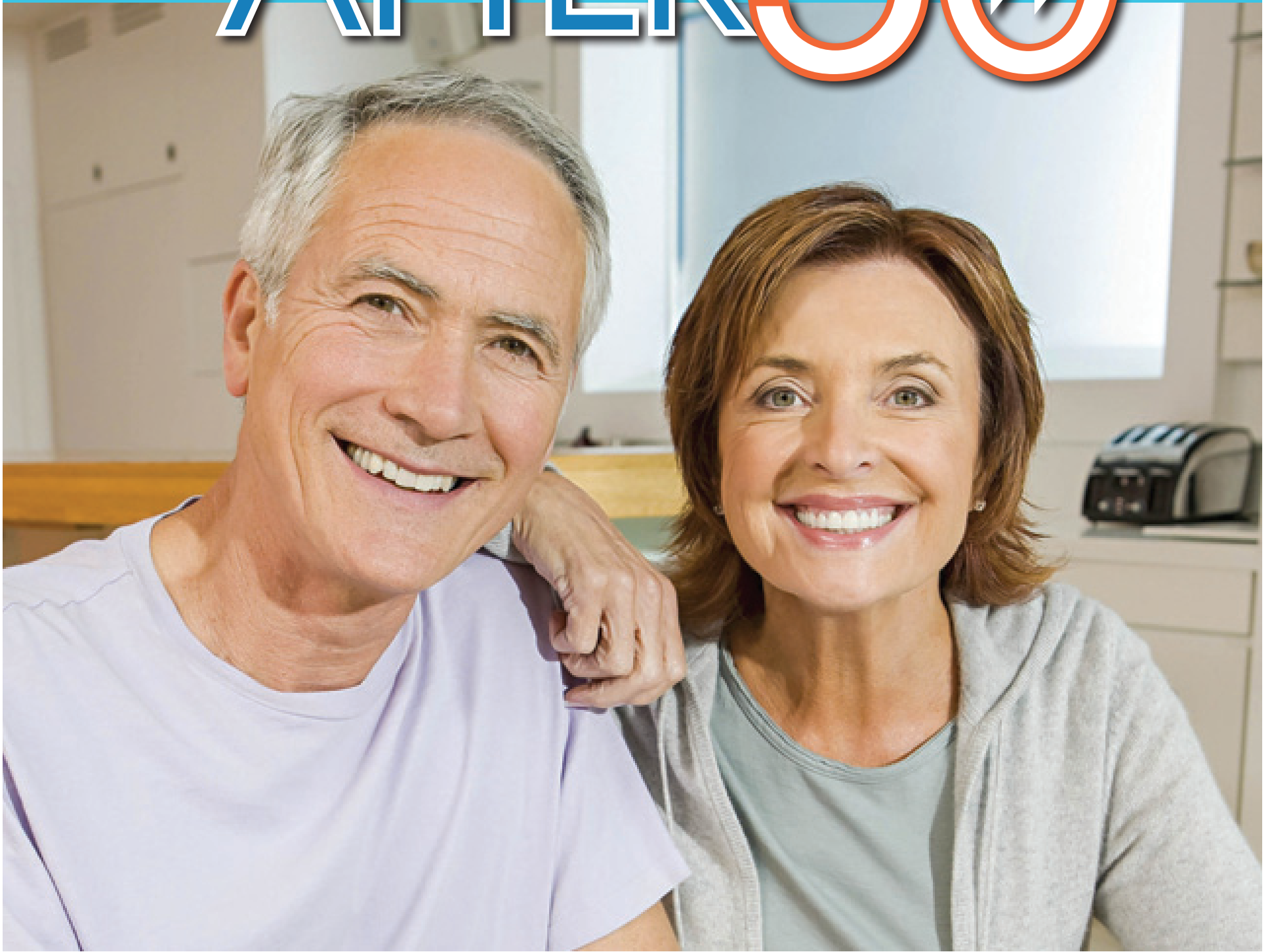
Pisces, if you are feeling overworked, you may have to ask others to pitch in and take on a bigger share of the tasks at hand.

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How to be safe on social media

As those 65 years and older flock to social media, take tips to protect data and personal information

Seniors might not be the demographic individuals initially associate with social media. However, Pew Research notes that seniors' social media usage has been steadily rising for a number of years, proving that individuals 65 and over are not tech-averse.

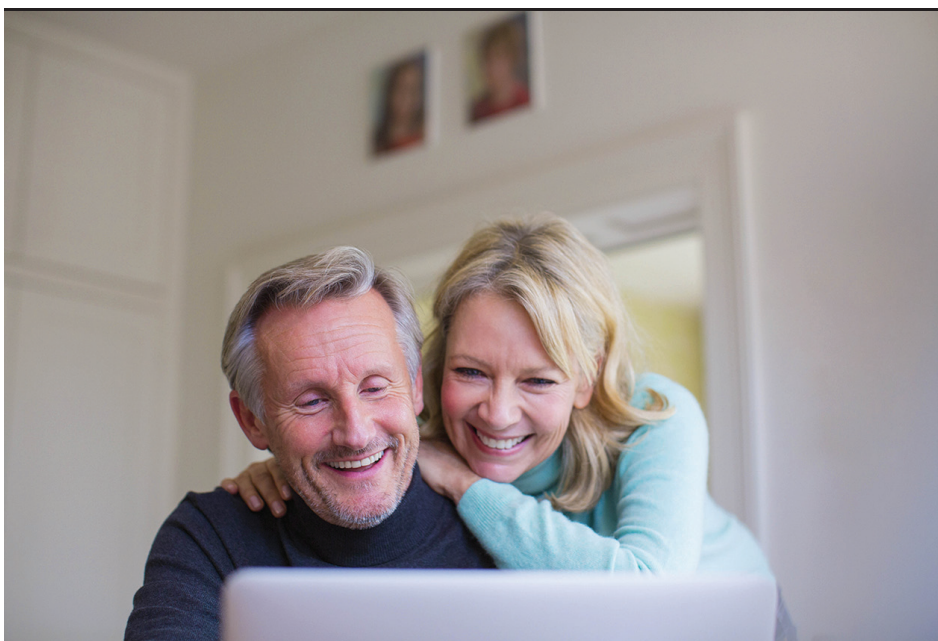
Pew data from 2019 indicates that 46 percent of individuals 65 and older use Facebook. Social media platforms like Facebook and Instagram can be a great way to stay connected with family and friends and stay up-to-date on community events. But social media usage is not without risks, especially in regard to users' safety. Seniors without much social media experience can heed these safety tips as they navigate popular platforms and discover all they have to offer.

- Examine your account settings. Social media users can control their privacy settings so they can decide who can (and can't)

view their online activity. Each platform is different, but profiles set to public generally allow anyone to view individuals' activity, so seniors should set their profiles to private to limit access to their information.

- Be mindful of your social media social circle. It's easy to make virtual friends via social media, but seniors should be mindful of who they accept as online friends. Carefully consider each friend request and decide just how big or small you want your social media community to be. Many individuals prefer to limit their online social circles to individuals they know well and want to stay in touch with, and that can serve as a good measuring stick when deciding whether or not to accept a friend request.

- Avoid sharing personal information. Seniors are no doubt aware that they should never share especially personal information, such as their Social Security number. However,



seniors also should hesitate to share personal information like vacation plans. Seniors who post about upcoming trips could return home to find they've been victimized by criminals who scoured their social media accounts and learned when they were going to be away. A good rule of thumb is to keep personal information private and limit posts to information that is not overly

specific or sensitive.

- Recognize the threat



posed by scammers. Social media platforms have had varying degrees of success in regard to keeping their sites scam-free. But scammers find a way, and users must take steps to avoid be-

ing victimized. Never click on a link within a post from someone you don't know and avoid anyone soliciting donations through social media platforms.

Seniors are engaging with social media more than ever. Such engagement requires seniors to be mindful of the many ways to protect their privacy when spending time online.

Getting out is key to health

Getting out and about is a vital component of many seniors' daily lives, but it's important that aging men and women recognize how much exercise is healthy for them.

The Department of Health & Human Services notes that adults need a mix of physical activity to stay healthy. That mix should be a combination of moderate-intensity aerobic activities, which can include golfing, swimming and even gardening, and muscle strengthening activities like weightlifting that make the muscles work harder than usual.

The DHHS recommends adults combine 150 minutes of moderate-intensity aerobic activity per week with at least two days of muscle-strengthening activities.

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Time to downsize?

Many factors help decide if it is time to make the move to a new living space

Individuals work hard to save enough money to purchase their homes. And the hard work doesn't end there. Once homeowners settle into a new home, they may set their sights on renovations that suit their individual needs. And even when buyers find a home that needs no such work, maintenance requires homeowners' utmost attention.

All that hard work is perhaps one reason why seniors may be a little reluctant to downsize as they advance through their golden years. In addition to the sweat equity homeowners put into their homes, all the memories they've made within their walls can make it harder to put a home on the market.

Downsizing is a difficult decision that's unique to each homeowner. Seniors who aren't quite certain if downsizing is

right for them can consider three key factors to make a decision that's in their best interests.

- **Cost:** Perhaps no variable affects senior homeowners' decisions to downsize their homes as much as cost. No one wants to outlive their money, and downsizing to a smaller

of the ways downsizing can save seniors money.

- **Space:** Many people love the extra space that single-family homes provide. But seniors can take a walk through their homes and see how many rooms they still use on a consistent basis. If much of the home is unused, seniors

can probably downsize without adversely affecting their daily lives.

- **Market:**

The real estate market is another factor to consider when deciding if the time is right to downsize. A seller's market can help seniors get the biggest return on their real estate investment, potentially helping them make up for meager retirement savings. For example, home prices skyrocketed across the country during the COVID-19 pandemic, making that a great time for sellers to put their homes

home can help seniors reduce their monthly expenses by a significant margin. Even homeowners who have long since paid off their mortgages can save substantial amounts of money by downsizing to a smaller home or even an apartment or condominium. Lower property taxes, reduced insurance premiums and the need to pay for fewer repairs are just some



on the market. Seniors selling to downsize may capitalize on such spikes since they won't be looking to turn around and buy larger, equally expensive homes once they sell their current

place. If the market is down and seniors can withstand the work and cost a little longer, it may be best to wait until things bounce back in sellers' favor.

Downsizing requires

careful consideration of a host of variables. No two situations are the same, so seniors should exercise due diligence to determine if downsizing is right for them.

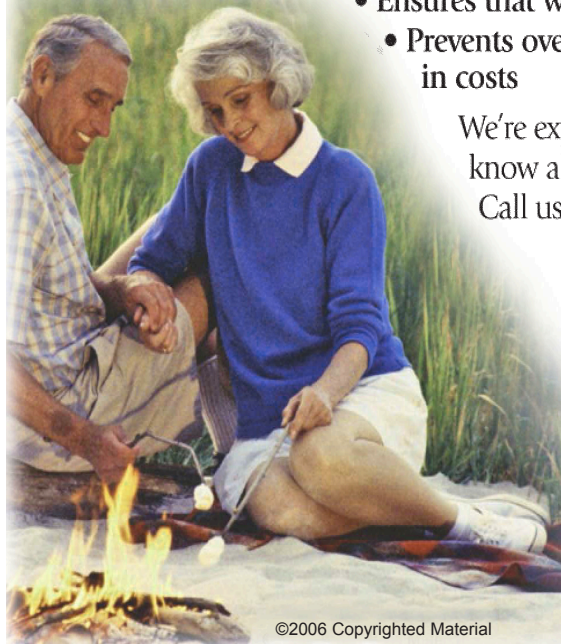


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This recipe for "Philly Cheesesteak Dumplings" from "Judy Joo's Korean Soul Food" (White Lion Publishing) makes for a great addition to any game watch party table. These crispy appetizers meld Korean and American flavors together for a truly unique offering.

Philly Cheesesteak Dumplings

INGREDIENTS: Makes about 45

- 50 thin square eggless wonton wrappers (around 4 inches in size)
- Vegetable oil, for frying

Filling:

- 5 ounces shiitake mushrooms, stems removed and finely chopped
- 1 tablespoon roasted sesame oil
- 1 pound, 2 ounces cooked, shredded beef short ribs
- 11 ounces cabbage kimchi, drained and finely chopped
- 3 1/2 ounces spring onions, finely chopped
- 3 ounces pickled jalapeños, finely chopped
- 1 pound, 2 ounces mature cheddar cheese, grated
- Sea salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste

To serve:

- Silgochu (dried chilli threads)
- 1 spring onion, julienned and soaked in ice water until curled, then drained

Sriracha

INSTRUCTIONS

For the filling, first sauté the mushrooms in the sesame oil in a large nonstick frying pan over medium-low heat until just softened. Remove from the heat and set aside. In a large bowl, combine the rest of the filling ingredients with the mushrooms. Mix together using your hands, really breaking up the short rib meat to make a uniform texture.

For the dumplings, line a couple of baking sheets with parchment and set aside. Fill a small bowl with water. Unwrap the wonton wrappers and cover lightly with a piece of clingfilm to keep them moist. Lay a wrapper on a clean work surface and put 1 ounce of the meat filling in the center. Dip a forefinger into the water and run it along the edges of the wrapper to moisten the surface. Now bring the open edges to the center, and pinch where the edges meet each other, creating four seams in a cross shape. Set aside and cover with clingfilm or a damp tea towel while you shape the rest. Repeat with the remaining wrappers and filling, making sure the dumplings are not touching on the baking sheets.

To a medium saucepan, add the vegetable oil and heat to 340 F (170 C). Working in batches, place the dumplings on their sides in the pan in a single layer without crowding. Cook for 3 to 4 minutes until golden brown. Transfer the fried dumplings to a wire rack or kitchen paper-lined plate to drain. Repeat with the remaining dumplings. If you don't plan on cooking them straight away, you can freeze them on the baking sheets, then bag them up and store in the freezer.

Top with some of the silgochu and curly spring onion and serve immediately with the sriracha.



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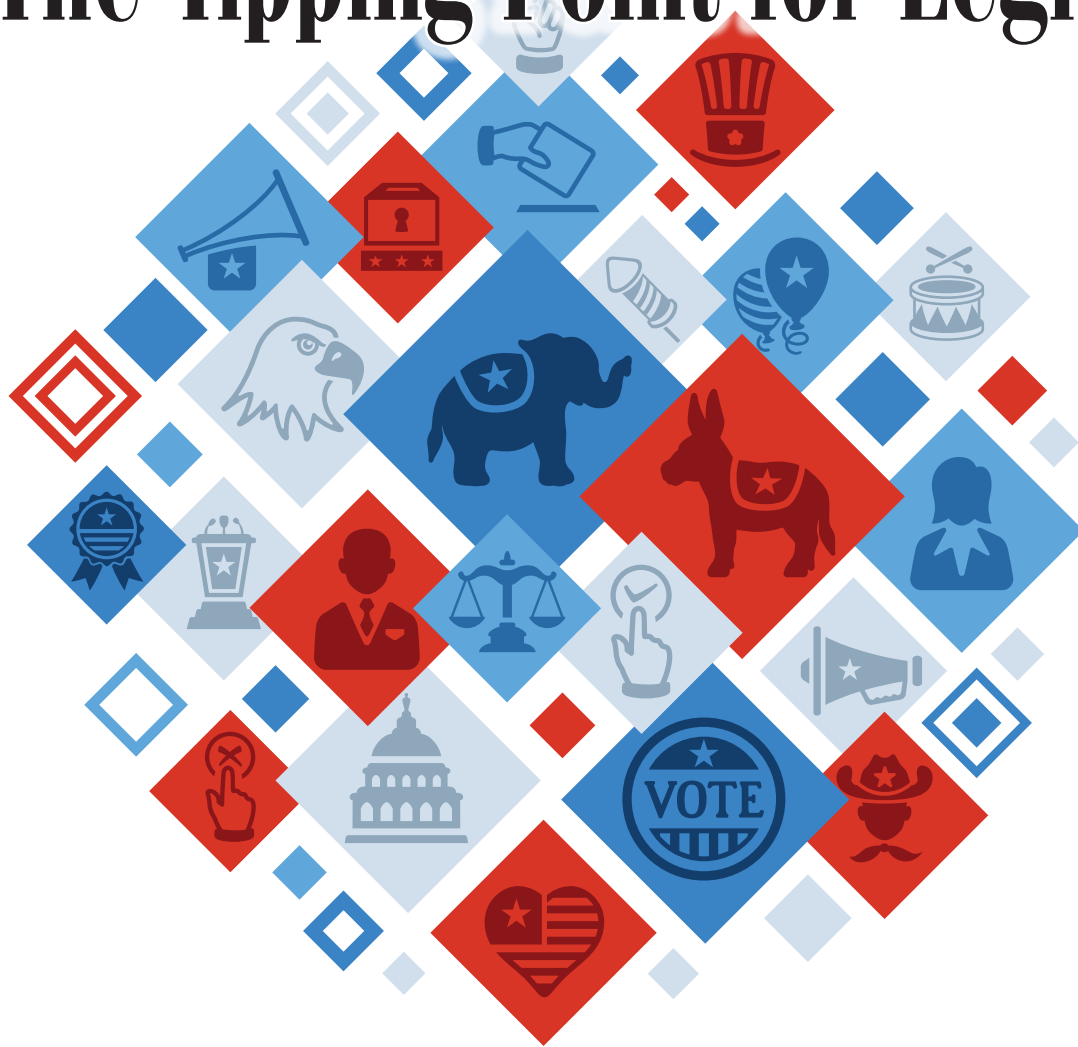
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CULTURE

The Tipping Point for Legislative Polarization



New model identifies a symptom of dangerously high levels of polarization

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TROY — A predictive model of a polarized group, similar to the current U.S. Senate, demonstrates that when an outside threat — like war or a pandemic — fails to unite the group, the divide may be irreversible through democratic means.

Published this month in the *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences* as part of a Dynamics of Political Polarization Special Feature, the model identifies such atypical behavior among the political elite as a powerful symptom of dangerously high levels of polarization.

“We see this very disturbing pattern in which a shock brings people a little bit closer initially, but if polarization is too extreme, eventually the effects of a shared

fate are swamped by the existing divisions and people become even more divided even on the shock issue,” said network scientist Boleslaw Szymanski, a professor of computer science and director of the Army Research Laboratory Network Science and Technology Center at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. “If we reach that point, we cannot unite even in the face of war, climate change, pandemics, or other challenges to the survival of our society.”

The model — essentially a game that simulates the views of 100 theoretical legislators over time — allowed researchers to dial up party identity, intolerance for disagreement, and extremism to levels such that almost no degree of shock could unite the legislative group. In some situations, the simulation revealed that even the strongest shock fails to reverse the self-reinforcing dynamics of political polarization.

Szymanski worked with fellow network scientists Jianxi Gao, a Rensselaer assistant professor of computer science and member of NeST, and Michael Macy of Cornell University. NeST

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America is no stranger to political polarization, but the recent phenomenon that plagues the country has experts worried it won't be able to come back together to respond to outside threats.

is actively engaged in research on network polarization, with findings that include a study on how improved search algorithms could reduce polarization, and a pending-publication analysis of news shared on Twitter during the 2016 and 2020 presidential elections.

The work builds on an earlier general model Szymanski developed to study the interactions of legislators in a two-party political system. Although the model isn't specifically tuned to distinctive practices, customs, and rules of the U.S. Congress, it was trained using data, and previous research comparing model outcomes to 30 years of Congressional voting records demonstrated strong predictive power. In one finding from that work, the model accurately predicted the shift in polarization in 28 of 30 U.S. Congresses.

To simulate the behavior of a group as complex as a legislative body, the model creates 100 members of a legislature, with varying positions on 10 divisive issues (such as gun control or abortion) and a fixed level of party loyalty. Over time, the model tracks each member's position on the 10 issues as they interact with network neighbors with similar positions, and even form small groups among like-minded members. The team manipulates a group of "control parameters" to test how intolerance, party identity, extremism, and the strength of an outside threat might impact polarization.

At each time step, the model records two measures of polarization: party polarization is measured as the expected difference between one member of each party on a randomly chosen issue; and

a statistical method is used to calculate extremism based on a randomly chosen issue.

And then, into this game, the research team dropped a new issue, the outside threat, and recorded how the group behaved. Graphs depicting the relationship between polarization and the control parameters show that some situations reach the tipping point, which researchers call a "phase transition," in which measures of polarization begin to inexorably climb. In some cases, by dialing down the control parameters, the trend can be reversed. But in others, no recovery is possible.

"Although political polarization is nothing new, expanding political division is creating an unpredictable environment that threatens the capacity of government to respond rationally in a crisis," said Curt Breneman, dean of the Rensselaer School of Science. "This research is designed to enhance societal resilience by predicting when the level of political polarization within an influential group is nearing the point where a sudden threat will no longer produce collective action."

At Rensselaer, Szymanski and Gao were joined in the research by Manqing Ma and Daniel Tabin. "Polarization and Tipping Points" was supported by the U.S. Army Combat Capabilities Development Command's Army Research Laboratory, the National Science Foundation, and the Rensselaer-IBM Artificial Intelligence Research Collaboration.

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Marquee Day

ALBANY — The city's skyline has a new look as of Friday, Jan. 21. MVP Arena's marquee letters have been placed on top of the region's premiere sports and entertainment venue. County Executive Daniel P. McCoy and Deputy County Executive Daniel Lynch were joined by MVP Health Care's Sr. Leader, Marketing & Communications Mollie Rooney and VP of Community Engagement Ellen Sax. MVP Health Care President and CEO Chris Del Vecchio and County Executive McCoy got a preview of the marquee letters at AJ Sign Co. before they were placed on top of the MVP Arena. An official ribbon cutting and an unveiling of other great visual changes at MVP Arena will take place this week.

Office of Albany County Executive Daniel P. McCoy

CONCERT REVIEW

Bill Staines tribute concert unites artists, fans at Lena

By LAURA DAPOLITO

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SARATOGA SPRINGS —

Sometimes a musician brings so many special ties to Nippertown that it feels like he's local. He becomes an honorary local through this friendships and connections to the area. Singer-songwriter Bill Staines was such an artist, and as so local musicians gathered at Caffe Lena on Saturday, January 22, to celebrate his life and legacy through story and song.

On our way to the venue, Jim asked me if I liked Bill Staines. I wasn't sure if I knew his music, frankly, because I typically don't recall specific artists as much as specific songs. So he put Staines on the radio, and immediately I knew I not only knew of Staines, but I loved him. I recalled singing his songs with my father, and could hear his voice singing with me although my father was long deceased. I was immediately excited to have a night to listen to Staines with others joining in the sing a long, and became impatient to get to Saratoga.

Bill Staines was a Boston-born musician who first performed at Caffe Lena in 1968 and visited the listening room twice a year between then and his final performance last September. As such, the room was filled with those whose lives he touched: musicians, songwriters, and

friends.

Chris Shaw, our Nippertown Adirondack musician and food expert, greeted us with a warm hug as we walked into Caffe Lena for the event. The Master of Ceremonies for the night, Shaw was a good friend and mentee of Staines, and he cleverly wove stories about their escapades together crossing the country and back performing folk music between performances. Shaw was the perfect emcee, making everyone feel at home and comfortable while also pulling laughter from the audience with his memories of the musicians' antics together.

Shaw's role was complicated by frequent stage changes, as each performer came on stage truly for only two songs. This was a benefit concert for Staine's wife Karen, and also was streamed to over 300 households across the country. People were present to honor Staines, and also present to grieve the loss.

First on stage was Caffe Lena's Director of the Music School Vivian Nesbith. Joined by her husband John Dillon and fiddler Taylor Whiteside, they played a beautiful "Canadian Winds" and "Come to Need an Angel." The crowd sang along on choruses just as Staines had encouraged audiences to do, and before long the room was swaying as singing Staine's memorable and poetic lyrics.

John Kirk and Trish Miller came on stage next and shared their joyful experiences of using Staines' music to teach children at music clinics throughout the

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years. Kirk and Miller performed an upstate New York version of "The Rivers of Texas," a song traditionally about Texas rivers, and then "The Sampler Song." Fabulous storytellers who could pace a lesson beautifully, Kirk and Miller had the audience singing along and sharing memories of earlier times. They also commented on how Staines clearly had "hundreds more songs in him," making our loss even greater in recognizing his profound impact on the folk community.

Sarah Craig read from Staine's memoirs next, including a story of Staine's audition at Lena in 1968. Due to a blizzard keeping the regular performer away, Staines was able to perform the very same day he auditioned and stayed for a four-day residence courtesy of the same storm. It was the same time that Shaw came to hear Staines at the Caffe, and offered glimpses into Staine's close friendship with writer Logan English as well. Poignant and powerfully personal, Staine's words transported the room to his interior experiences of losing his friend,

and how music would keep them united after the death through song memories. "When I sing, there is only one voice," Craig read, "but in my mind the memory of two."

This moment, of course, immediately pulled at the memory of what had just happened in the car for me en route to the concert. My father died over 30 years ago, and some days I strain to recall his voice. But singing "The Happy Wanderer" not only brought back the memory of hiking with him, but his vocals as we harmonized and walked through the woods together. Staine's music and art were deliberate in helping people to connect, even beyond death, to others.

Kate McDonnell entered the stage next clad in a cowboy hat and a guitar played upside down and backward, just like Staine did. McDonnell is an old colleague of mine and frankly shocked me with her sweet voice as she played her two songs. "January Snow" demonstrated the beauty of both her vocals and again the poetic lyrics that efficiently communicated

love.

Up next were Wanda Fischer and Jonny Rosen, who we quickly learned were neighbors. Fischer is the host of the Hudson River Sampler, and she proudly showed off Staine's first album (vinyl!) on stage. She recalled memories of first meeting Staine in a college coffee shop in Boston before playing "Traveling Shoes" followed by "Music to Me." The second song was so tender that the night could've stopped just there and been satisfying enough; as she sang with crowd participation, the sense of urgency to tell loved ones who they are to us was as clear as bell.

Husband and wife team Annie and Jonny Rosen played next "My Sweet Wyoming Home" and "Child of Mine." Their performance of "Child of Mine" included two fiddlers, calling Taylor up from the audience to join them on stage, for some improv harmonies. Especially sweet, it was a lovely and memorable moment that only could only happen at such a special time and place as this.

Kevin McKrell sang Staine's song "Where Shall I Go" (A Cowboy's Hard Times) with crowd support, needing a restart but chuckling at himself with humility. McKrell had bartended at the local pub The Parting Glass when Staine and Logan English had visited, and his memories were a bit different although equally fun. He won this dog lover's heart with "Old Dogs," reminding me to cherish my dogs for our short time together.

The final live performance of the night belonged to Dan Berggren, another Adirondack singer and storyteller. He shared how Staine wrote songs by "throwing songs to the wall," playing his guitar in close proximity to the wall, and working through lyrics until they hit him right. He ended the night with a rousing "Jubilee" with lots of crowd participation.

Caffe Lena and Chris Shaw wouldn't stop just yet, however, in honoring Staine. They finished with a video from Bill Staine's last performance at the venue.

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Bill Staines tribute

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When the lights came up, people were shuffling to get on their coats, wiping eyes, and offering each other bear hugs. A stranger at a table next to me complimented my singing before asking me if I enjoyed the concert; I had, I told her, and appreciated singing with her. She offered me a kind smile which felt warming on such a brutally cold night.

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There is a companionship to group singing that I had forgotten during COVID times, and for a brief moment I felt again in the presence of these musicians and friends of Bill Staines. And while it was hard to part at the doors at Caffe Lena, I know his music will always invoke the memory of the night, of the feelings of connection, when I sing them in my car or kitchen.

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