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JOINT VENTURE WITH KOREA

Corning to buy out Samsung

Company releases preliminary Q3 report

By **Derrick Ek**
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Corning Inc. announced Tuesday that it has reached a deal to take over full ownership of its joint venture in Korea with Samsung Display that makes LCD glass

for televisions.

In a move related to the agreement with Samsung, Corning Inc. also released a preliminary third-quarter earnings report Tuesday.

The joint venture is known as Samsung Corning Precision Materials Co.,

of which Samsung Display owns 43 percent.

The deal is worth about \$2 billion. The buyout from Samsung Display is expected to be completed in the first quarter of 2014.

As part of the deal, Corning Inc. has an agreement in place to supply LCD glass to Samsung Display

through 2023.

The joint venture was limited to making LCD glass for televisions for customers in Korea, primarily Samsung and LG, explained Corning Inc. spokesman Dan Collins.

Once the buyout is completed, the manufacturing facilities in Korea owned

by the joint venture will become part of Corning Inc.'s Display Technologies business, and can be used to make LCD glass for any customer, Collins said.

As part of informing investors of the joint venture buyout, Corning Inc.

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CORNING CANDIDATES DISCUSS ISSUES



Corning Mayor Rich Negri answers a question during the Meet the Candidates forum as opponent Darin Robbins looks on at the Southeast Steuben County Library Tuesday night in Corning. ERIC WENSEL/THE LEADER

Jobs a top priority

By The Leader staff

CORNING | About 100 community members gathered Tuesday to hear how candidates for city and county governments would address local, state and federal issues during a candidate forum hosted by the Steuben League of Women Voters.

Incumbent Corning Mayor Richard Negri, R, and his Green Party opponent Darin Robbins, First Ward candidates Democrat Steve Maio and Republican Donald Strong and Third Ward council member Hilda Lando, D, and her opponent Christopher



Candidates Donald Strong, Christopher Karam, Hilda Lando and Joseph Ferratella wait to answer a question at the Meet the Candidates forum Tuesday night at the Southeast Steuben County Library in Corning. ERIC WENSEL/THE LEADER

Karam, all discussed their priorities for the city.

Lando pulled double duty at Tuesday's forum. In addition to her position representing

the Third Ward, Lando is defending her seat representing the City of Corning on the Steuben County Legislature. She is being challenged by Republican Joseph

Ferratella.

Not surprisingly, jobs and economic development were the hot topics of the forum. All the candidates said they would make bringing well-paying jobs to the city and the county one of their top priorities.

Where the candidates differed, however, was their approaches.

Robbins said the city's fiscal well being is too tied to Corning Inc. and the tourist industry. He said he would direct the city to prioritize cooperative businesses when giving out start-up loans.

"We need to build our

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LOCAL OFFICIALS:

New tax cap big help to farmer

By **Derrick Ek**
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Local officials are touting a new state law signed



Palmesano



O'Mara

Tuesday by Gov. Andrew Cuomo that puts a cap of two percent per year on increases in property tax assessments for agricultural land.

The cap will help not just farmers, but also grape growers and wineries, officials say.

The New York Farm Bureau and other agricultural organizations had been

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FORMER LOCAL PRINCIPAL

Trial opens in super's slaying

By **Carolyn Thompson**
The Associated Press

MAYVILLE | Enraged by an email between his



Reed

wife and a man with whom she'd been involved, Anthony Taglianetti drove 350 miles from his Virginia home to rural upstate New York and shot the man dead, Chautauqua County District Attorney David Foley said Tuesday as Taglianetti went on trial for murder.

"Unfortunately, infidelity is not uncommon. Many marriages end because of an unfaithful spouse," Foley told jurors during his opening statement in Taglianetti's second-degree murder trial. "However we cannot condone the killing of a man based on his involvement with a married woman."

Taglianetti's attorney,

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ENTERTAINMENT CONCERNS

Theaters: Limit casino venues

By **George M. Walsh**
The Associated Press

ALBANY | A group of upstate New York arts and entertainment venues has asked the state for help protecting their ability to attract acts and audiences if voters approve a plan for four new casinos.

Marcia White, executive director of the not-for-profit Saratoga

Performing Arts Center, said Tuesday the Upstate NY Arts and Entertainment Venues isn't opposing casinos, but are concerned deep-pocketed gambling facilities could outbid them for entertainers who would then be off the local market because of exclusivity contracts.

"If they book Bruce Springsteen, we wouldn't have that opportunity for

several months or up to a year," said White, whose Saratoga Springs venue can hold an audience of 25,000.

The coalition's other theaters are Proctors in Schenectady, The Clemens Center in Elmira, the Ulster Performing Arts Center in Kingston, the Landmark Theater in Syracuse, the Palace Theater and Times Union Center

in Albany, the Saratoga City Center, the State Theatre in Ithaca, Shea's Performing Arts Center in Buffalo, and the Stanley Center for the Arts in Utica.

White said they collectively account for budgets of almost \$100 million, employ more than 600 people and are

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released a preliminary Q3 earnings report. Core earnings per share were 33 cents per share, an 18 percent increase over last year's Q3. Core sales were \$2.1 billion, up 10 percent year-over-year, according to a summary of

the report. Prices declines in the LCD glass market remained moderate, as expected, and glass volume was up slightly from last quarter, according to the report. Sales in Corning Inc.'s other business segments were in line with expectations, the report says. The full Q3 report will be released on Oct. 30.

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pushing for such a measure for many years. The new law was sponsored in the state Senate by Sen. Tom O'Mara, R-Big Flats, and in the Assembly by Assemblyman Phil Palmesano, R-Corning. The cap is "a big step forward in reducing the increasing property tax burden that has limited our farmers' ability to grow," said Dean Norton, president of the New York Farm Bureau, in a statement. "It will also help young and beginning farmers as they endeavor to provide locally grown food, fuel and fiber." "Like other farmers, New York grape growers and wineries will benefit from this, and we are very grateful to the legislature and Governor for creating this new law," added Jim Trezise, president of the Canandaigua-based New York Wine and Grape Foundation.

According to O'Mara, property taxes on farmland have essentially doubled since 2006 due to rising land values. New York farmers pay an average of \$38.41 per acre in property taxes - second-highest in the country and \$25 higher than the national average - putting them at a significant competitive disadvantage, said O'Mara, who serves on the Legislature's joint, bipartisan Commission on Rural Resources. According to Palmesano, the sharp increase in property taxes for farmers over the past decade has coincided with pronounced increases to the cost of essential materials such as fuel and feed, as well as increases to labor and health care costs. That ultimately means higher food prices for New Yorkers, Palmesano noted. "This is also a victory for consumers who buy our farmers' produce every day at the grocery store," Palmesano said.

CASINOS

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major educational and cultural resources in their communities. In addition to some agreement on exclusivity, the group is also asking for a 1,000-seat limit on casino theaters and limits on their future expansion. "This isn't an anti-casino or anti-gambling thing," she said. "It's about keeping our communities vibrant."

Saratoga Springs, known for its summer thoroughbred racing season, also has a harness racing track with slot machines that could become home to a casino. Jeff Gural, the owner of the Tioga Downs "racino" in the Southern Tier, said he will bid for one of the casino sites if they are approved in a Nov. 5 referendum. He said shows, including outdoor acts that draw 2,000 to 4,000 people, have been staged for six years at the track.

IRAN

Nuclear overture: More a promise than an offer

By George Jahn
The Associated Press



Araghchi

VIENNA — Iran nuclear talks ended last week with enthusiastic pronouncements of progress from negotiators. Tehran's willingness to engage is a big step, but diplomats familiar with the meeting also say significant gaps remain between what the Iranians offered and what the six negotiating powers seek in order to reduce fears Iran wants to build nuclear weapons. Details of the Iranian offer remain confidential, but two diplomats agreed to give The Associated Press some insight. They demanded anonymity because they are under orders not to discuss the issue. The diplomats said the chief advance achieved at Geneva was not detailed Iranian concessions, but Tehran's apparent willingness to engage the six powers on their concerns — a departure from previous Iranian refusal to even

discuss most of the other side's demands. Differences remain over the size and output of Iran's enrichment program, which can create both reactor fuel and weapons-grade material suitable for a nuclear bomb. Abbas Araghchi, Iran's deputy foreign minister, refused to confirm the characterization of negotiations, saying only that his country "introduced the framework for the talks" during the meeting and that they were welcomed. He said that Iran and the six powers had agreed to keep details confidential. Iran, which denies any interest in such weapons, currently runs over 10,000 centrifuges that have created tons of fuel-grade material that can be further enriched to arm nuclear warheads. That's a relatively slow

process with such reactor-grade material. But Tehran also has nearly 440 pounds of higher-enriched uranium in a form that can be turned into weapons much more quickly. Experts say 550 pounds of 20 percent-enriched uranium are needed to produce a single warhead. The following is a list of demands on Iran from the six powers — the United States, Russia, China, Britain, France and Germany — and what the diplomats say Tehran offered at the Geneva talks:

Suspension of enrichment above reactor fuel-grade levels

■ The six want Iran to stop enriching uranium to 20 percent. The diplomats say Iran offered to halt 20-percent enrichment at the Geneva talks, which ended Wednesday. They had already proposed this at the round preceding the Geneva talks.

Enrichment at Fordo

■ The six demand that

enrichment operations at Fordo, an underground bunker believed to be impervious to air strikes, be disabled to the point where they would be difficult to restart. The diplomats say Iran offered only to discuss the status of Fordo.

Limits on all Iranian enrichment

■ The six powers want a cap on how much enriched material Iran can produce and stockpile. With some of Iran's enriching centrifuges more efficient than others, this would mean tough negotiations on the number and type of machines it has installed and is operating. The diplomats say Iran has signaled it is open to discussing numbers.

Uranium stockpiles

■ The six powers want Tehran to ship out most of its supply of 20-percent enriched uranium or blend it down into reactor fuel. They also want Iran to agree to stricter U.N. supervision of its lower-grade enriched uranium stockpile. The diplomats said the Iranians did not substantially address these demands.

MIDDLE SCHOOL SHOOTING

Police: Nevada shooter, 12, got gun from home

By Scott Sonner
The Associated Press

SPARKS, Nev. — The 12-year-old student who opened fire on a Nevada middle school campus, wounding two classmates and killing a teacher before he turned the gun on himself, got the weapon from his home, authorities said Tuesday. Washoe County School District police said they are still working to determine how the boy obtained the 9mm semi-automatic Ruger handgun used in the Monday morning spree at Sparks Middle School. The

boy's parents are cooperating with authorities and could face charges in the case, police said. Authorities say they're withholding the seventh-grader's name out of respect for his family. At a news conference Tuesday, law enforcement and school officials again lauded the actions of 45-year-old math teacher and former Marine Michael Landsberry, who tried to stop the rampage before he was killed. "I cannot express enough appreciation for Mr. Landsberry," Washoe County School District

Superintendent Pedro Martinez said. "He truly is a hero." The violence started before the first bell of the day rang, as students filed off buses and gathered for class. The boy opened fire outside a school building, hitting one 12-year-old student in the shoulder. He then headed toward a basketball court, where he encountered Landsberry. The teacher walked calmly toward the shooter and lifted his hands, asking the boy to hand over his weapon. "He was telling him to stop and put the gun

down," student Jose Cazares told NBC's "Today" show Tuesday. "Then the kid, he yelled out 'No!' Like, he was yelling at him, and he shot him." Landsberry suffered a fatal gunshot wound to the chest. Still, his actions gave students enough time to run to safety, according to Washoe County School District Police Chief Mike Mieras. Police said they believe the shooter at one point tried to enter the school but couldn't open the door because of emergency lockdown procedures.

FORUM

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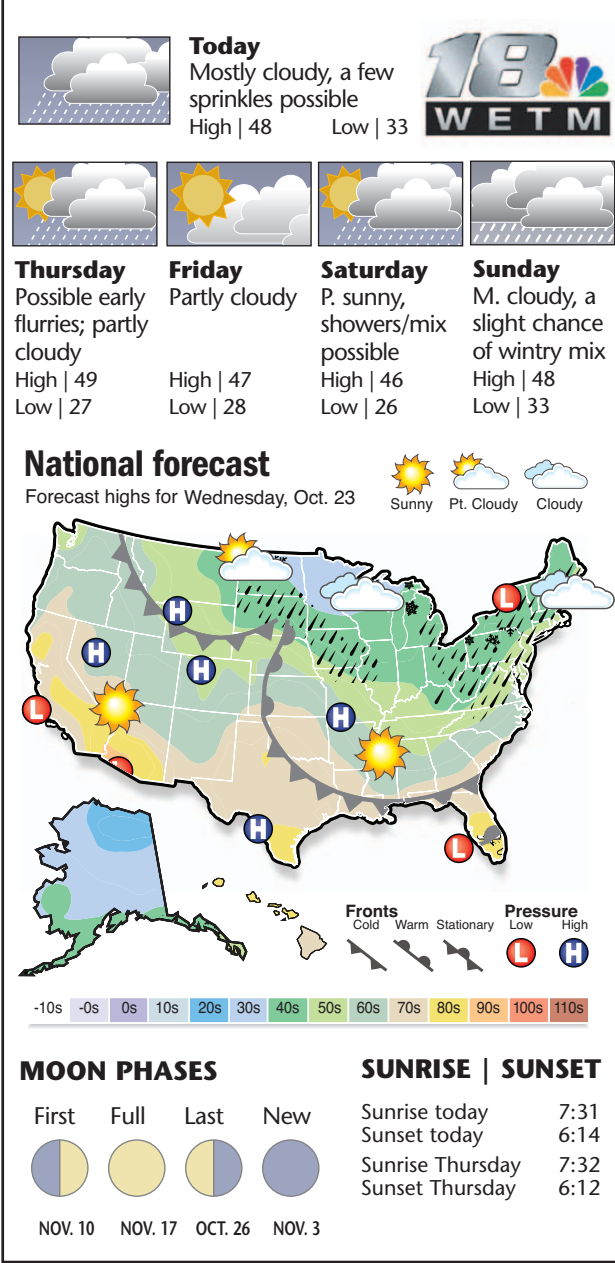
own businesses," Robbins said. "Cooperative businesses have the best track record of surviving economic downturns." Negri said he would continue to work with City Manager Mark Ryckman and the city's various committees to implement the strategic plan for the city. He cited the \$65 million expansion planned by the Corning Museum of Glass as one of the signs that economic development is continuing within the city. Negri said the city's fiscal health would further improve if the cities like Corning weren't burdened by unfunded mandates

from the state and federal governments. Lando said that the potential for growth within the city is limited by geography. "We are landlocked," Lando said. "If we are going to bring industry to the city, we have to figure out where to do it." Strong and other candidates pointed to the redevelopment of the Corning Hospital property as having the potential to bring new jobs to the city, while Karam said he favored a more regional approach to development. Maio said the city should do more to sell Corning's strong points. "One thing we need to do is let the whole county know we have opportunities here,"

Maio said. "We have a well-educated work force and we have places to build." Eventually state and federal issues also crept into the forum. The candidates were asked about their position on hydrofracking. Robbins took the most definitive stance, saying he would push for a local ban on fracking and work toward a community bill of rights guaranteeing clean water and air for its citizens. The other candidates' answers were variations of the argument that fracking should only be allowed if it's safe. "Whether it's approved or not is out of our hands," Karam said. "We have to make sure the city's infrastructure is prepared." Ferratella took an

opportunity to speak out against the Affordable Care Act, or Obamacare. He said a provision in the ACA would prohibit municipalities from scaling back on benefits currently offered to residents. "We are giving a solid gold Cadillac of benefits to Medicaid recipients," Ferratella said. "It's a real factor to county budgets." Other candidates said ACA presented a dilemma for cities and counties. Negri acknowledged that the city might have to cut back on workers' hours so they wouldn't have to insure them, while Lando and Maio said that everyone deserved access to health insurance. Residents will go to the polls on Nov. 5.

FIVE-DAY FORECAST



TRIAL

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however, appeared headed in that direction in his turn before jurors, describing sexually explicit text messages and emails between Taglianetti's wife, Mary, and victim Keith Reed Jr., which the attorney said continued even during a vacation the Taglianettis took with their four children. "This isn't a love triangle gone bad. It's all about sex," defense attorney Nathaniel Barone said. "It's about (Mary) using Keith Reed and Keith Reed using Mary Taglianetti for selfish means."

Taglianetti, 43, an ex-Marine, is accused of shooting Reed, the superintendent of the Clymer Central School District and a former assistant principal in the Campbell-Savona and Horseheads school districts, once in the chest and twice in the back outside the Clymer home where Reed lived alone in September 2012. The 51-year-old's body was found more than two days later after his failure to show up at a superintendent's conference near Albany raised alarms. Authorities, pointed toward Taglianetti by his wife several days later, arrested him eight days after

the shooting near a campsite in Virginia. The handgun used to kill Reed was wrapped in an explicit August 2012 email that Foley said had driven Taglianetti to kill. "A single email in 2012 resulted in the shooting death of Keith Reed," Foley said. Taglianetti, an oral historian at the Marine Corps Museum in Quantico, Va., sat straight up in his chair through the prosecutor's account of the shooting, and as his own attorney placed blame for Reed's death on Mary Taglianetti, describing her as a liar and master manipulator who was sexually involved

not only with Taglianetti but a second man in North Carolina. "It's not as simple as Rob Taglianetti driving up to kill Keith Reed because of an email," Barone said, referring to Taglianetti by the middle name by which he is known. "That's not what happened. Rob Taglianetti did not murder Keith Reed. Rob Taglianetti, as he sits there, is innocent." Foley said Mary Taglianetti and Reed had met through an online dating service in 2010 when the Taglianettis were estranged and were briefly involved. The two renewed their acquaintance online in 2012, Foley said.

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