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## BRIEFLY IN TOMPKINS

### ITHACA

#### Sciencenter debuts exhibit on nanoscience today

The Sciencenter, 601 First St., will show the exhibition "Too Small to See," which was developed and built in Ithaca.

The event today begins a summer exploration of things at the atomic scale. The opening event at 11 a.m. features a special presentation, "What is the Big Deal About Things That are Too Small to See?" by Professor Carl Batt of Cornell University. He will discuss how scientists use nanotechnology to develop new tools and materials.

Visitors may attend a short presentation at 2 p.m. about carbon nanotubes and then participate in the creation of a giant model of a carbon nanotube made out of balloons.

There will be many other hands-on activities throughout the afternoon, from noon to 4 p.m., including exploring memory metal, liquid crystals, magnetic fluid, an "Atom Transporter," virtual RNA activity and an opportunity to dress up like nano scientists in "bunny suits."