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# Distinguished Sports Writing

## *The Recorder*, Amsterdam

4 — August 27, 2011

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL 2011

Supplement to Recorder



The 1986 Amsterdam football team celebrates following a late-season win. The Rugged Rams finished with a 10-0 record.

Photo submitted

## A season to remember

### Unbeaten 1986 team left its mark at Amsterdam

By ADAM SHINDER  
Recorder Sports Staff

There are good teams, there are great teams and then, there are the perfect teams.

Perfection is often an all too unrealistic goal, one that can be tripped up by the slightest vari-

ride downstate the night before. Like a diving mersman against a bitter rival with the league championship on the line.

In 1986, when Justice Smith was a grade schooler, Josh Beckman was a toddler and T.J. Creski hadn't even been born, the Amsterdam Rugged Rams

They were a family, forged through their mutual struggles and triumphs, that remains bonded together to this day.

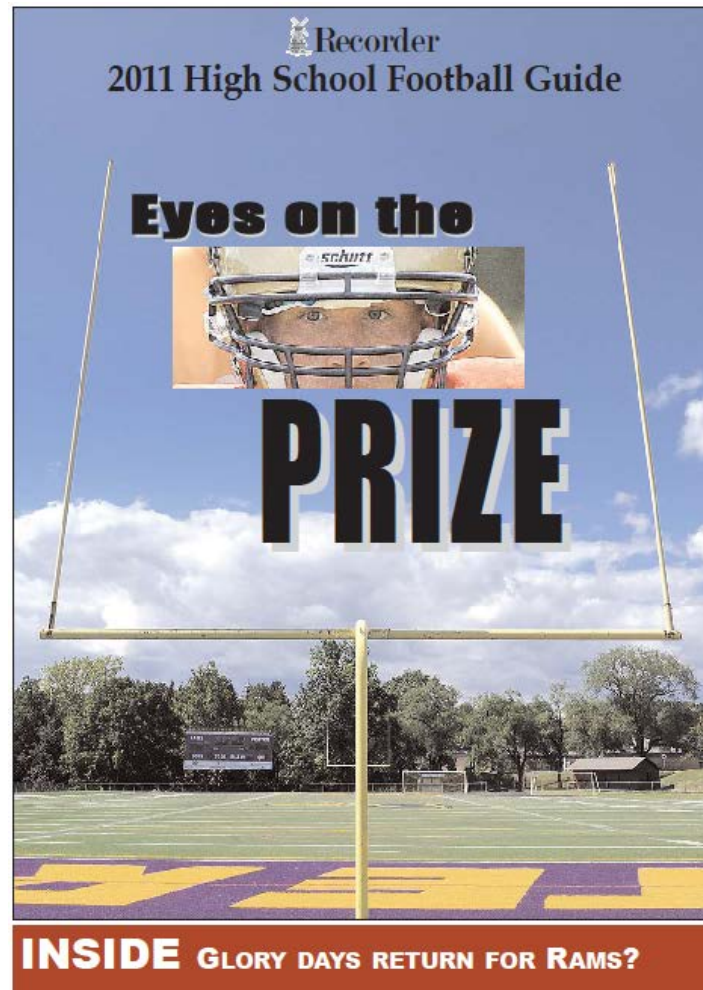
"It wasn't for trophies and it wasn't for rings," said Chris Iorio, a senior tight end for the '86 Rams. "That wasn't our goal down the road. It was for each





# Distinguished Sports Coverage

## *The Recorder*, Amsterdam



### **BRAVES**

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- Fonda-Fultonville looks to erase last year's playoff loss.
- Braves use unique entrance when walking onto field.
- RB Kowalski has big numbers to match.

### **PATRIOTS**

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- New coach takes over Patriots program.
- Ortiz enjoys hitting the opposition with intensity.

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- Youth movement takes over Canajoharie varsity football program.
- Natti picked up pointers watching on the sidelines; will start at quarterback.

# Distinguished Headline Writing

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**It takes talent to be a dummy**

August 5, 2011  
The OBSERVER

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By DIANE R. CHODAN  
OBSERVER Staff Writer

Sylvia Fletcher's website is [www.mylipsdontmove.com](#). That was true and it was a good thing; Fletcher is a ventriloquist. She uses dummies, also known as vents (which she says is more politically correct). She also uses a variety of puppets. One puppet, Smolder, a wise-cracking musical dragon, can even produce smoke.

Sponsored by Bert Weidner BBQ, her show, Sylvia & The Magic Trunk, delighted audiences at the Chautauqua County Fair. An energetic performer, she performed three times a day over the seven-day run of the fair.

She drew her audience into the show. At one point, she chose audience members to become dummies. At one show, she selected

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# Distinguished Breaking News Coverage

## *The Malone Telegram*



# The Malone Telegram

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Malone, New York 12953, Tuesday, July 26, 2011

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## Historic building collapses

**Nicci's Place  
demolished  
after partial  
collapse  
overnight**

**TRICIA LIVERNOIS**  
*The Telegram*

The village of Malone and Franklin County declared a state of emergency when the long-standing building, Nicci's Place, suffered a partial collapse early Monday morning on the corner of Main Street and Academy Street, spilling debris onto Academy Street.

Local authorities received the emergency call at 3 a.m. Monday. The Department of Transportation blocked traffic through U.S. Route 11, and the Malone Village Police and the County Sheriff secured the site, as the unstable structure presented a safety issue to the immediate area. Authorities soon came to the conclusion that the structure needed to be demolished as soon as possible.

"The fire chief said that it needs to be knocked down," said Ricky Provost, emergency services director.



Nicci's Place, formerly the Tavern Arms, is brought down in a controlled demolition shortly after 8 p.m. Monday as EMS personnel look on. Officials hope to have U.S. Route 11 reopened before the end of the day today.

were on the scene by 6:30 a.m., watering down the building debris to keep the contents wet, in order to

gether," said Provost.

A total of 10 to 15 agencies held a special meeting in the Legislative Chambers

Legislature, the village and town of Malone, Franklin County

Department, Malone town

work hours to eliminate the number of people in the area. Provost said he planned to put the building

**Former  
resident  
has fond  
memories**

**ANDY GARDNER**  
*The Telegram*

Nowadays, many see Nicci's Place, the building demolished Monday in downtown Malone, as nothing more than a dilapidated eyesore. But this was not always so.

Holding a tissue damp with tears of sorrow and joy Monday, local resident Mildred (Badore) Manley fondly and emotionally recalled a childhood in the 1950s spent living in the downstairs apartment of what was then a thriving hotel, tavern, and dining hall called the Tavern Arms.

"It's nothing like it was," she said. "It was beautiful when we were there."

From about age nine, Manley's mother, Martha Badore, along with business partner Robert Newell, owned the establishment. The name Tavern Arms came from the gunshop that was in the basement years



# Distinguished Business Reporting

## *Adirondack Daily Enterprise, Saranac Lake*

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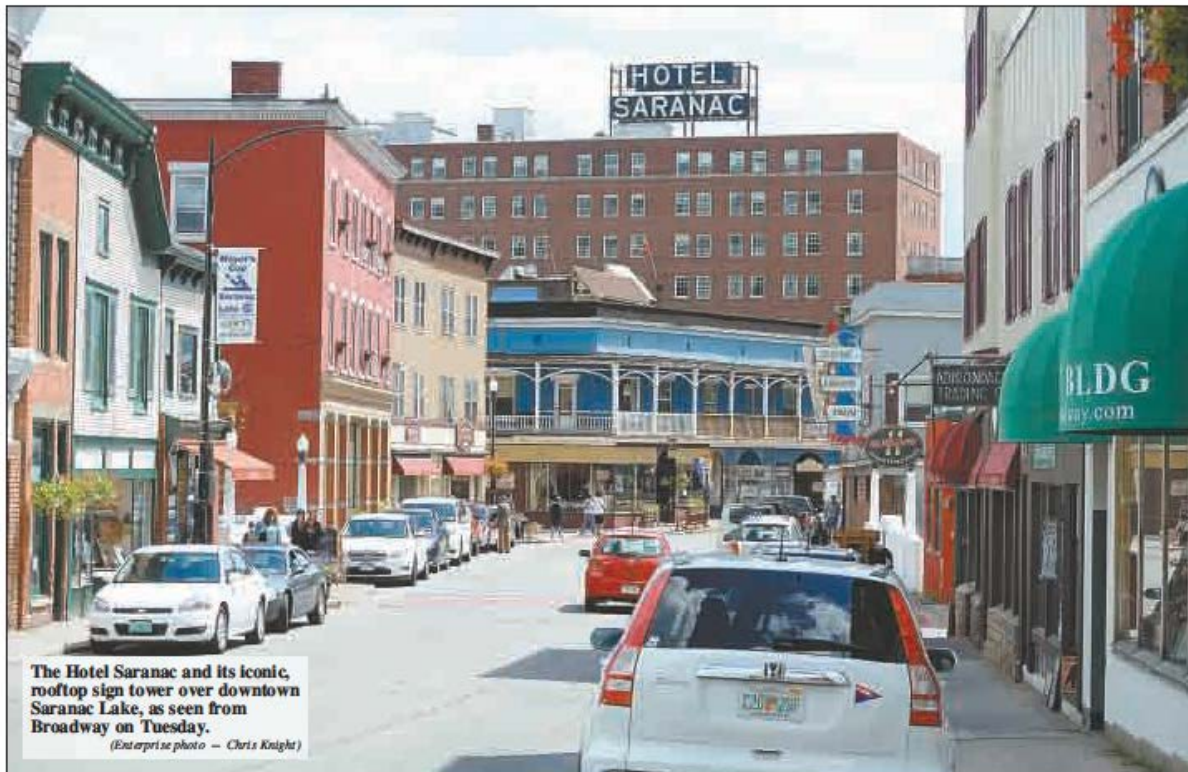
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## Lost icon?

*Local residents decry decline of Hotel Saranac;  
owner says community is against him*



The Hotel Saranac and its iconic, rooftop sign tower over downtown Saranac Lake, as seen from Broadway on Tuesday.  
(Enterprise photo — Chris Knight)



# Distinguished Editorial Writing

## *Adirondack Daily Enterprise*, Saranac Lake

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#### **Editorial**

## **Don't cheer for a killing**

**W**e have been disturbed all week by the joy expressed over the U.S. military's killing of Osama bin Laden on Sunday. We are troubled that so many of our fellow Americans see it as sweet revenge.

Justice, perhaps. Everyone must die sometime, and this man who inspired the deaths of thousands might have caused more if he hadn't been stopped.

# Distinguished Column Writing

## *Adirondack Daily Enterprise*, Saranac Lake

### Not that much has changed in the last century

**Adirondack  
Gadabout**

By Joe Hackett  
tahawus@northnet.org



As I wait with increasing impatience for winter's hardtop to lift from the local lakes and ponds, I've decided to drift through the dusty, musty recesses of a box of old books.

Given a choice between the books and the brook out back, I dived for the hard cover. While I was tempted to take to the stream and be buffeted by the cold breeze, it was difficult to escape the suspense of cracking the cover of an old book.

The choice for an afternoon of repose was an old dog-eared copy of the Official Report of Forest, Fish and Game Commission for New York, for the year ending September 30, 1901.

The tome promised a choice of articles on a variety of subjects relating to forests, fish and game, including a complete set of engraved plates featuring the fauna and flora of New York.

What I found most interesting, as I flipped through the large, brittle pages were the glaring similarities between the New York of 1901 and the state of the state a hundred and 10 years beyond, in 2011.

One article details, "the destruc-



There have been numerous unsuccessful efforts to restore moose to the Adirondacks since the 1890s. Eventually, the largest animals in North America have returned to the region on their own accord.

(Photo provided)

# Distinguished Investigative Reporting

## *Adirondack Daily Enterprise, Saranac Lake*



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Charity organization hires Cassini as long-term director

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Deep freeze, and how to handle sporting events on state land

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## Get ready for 40 below

Be prepared for a cold weekend in the Adirondacks

# After 40 years, DEC orders camps removed



The modest Belden camp, built a century ago on state land with permission from the Clinton prison warden, is located right on the Chazy Lake shoreline, a few hundred feet from a house on private land.

(Enterprise photos — Mike Lynch)

By MIKE LYNCH  
Enterprise Outdoors Writer  
CHAZY LAKE —

Owners of two camps on state land on Chazy Lake have until Sept. 1 to remove their buildings



## DEC has reopened Old Mtn. Road case

By CHRIS KNIGHT  
Enterprise Senior Staff Writer

LAKE PLACID — The state Department of Environmental Conservation is wading back into the Old Mountain Road case.

Former acting DEC Commissioner Peter M. Iwanowicz, in a Dec. 30, 2010 ruling, granted the request of a DEC Region 6 attorney to clarify a May 2009 decision in the case by former DEC Commissioner Pete Gramis. Iwanowicz also granted the petitions of the

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Martens becomes acting DEC commissioner  
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## County to try home monitoring for inmates



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# Distinguished State Government Coverage

## *Adirondack Daily Enterprise*, Saranac Lake

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# Adirondack Daily Enterprise

## Communication breakdown

### Emails show Adirondack DEC workers have reasons to doubt Albany dispatching

By **MIKE LYNCH**  
Outdoors Writer

RAY BROOK —

**F**orest rangers and other state Department of Environmental Conservation employees in the Adirondacks believe that relying on a central dispatch system in Albany puts them and the public at risk, according to documents obtained by the Enterprise.

"Based on what is being demonstrated, central dispatch has no business being the life link for the rangers in the field," forest ranger Lt. John Solan wrote in a Feb. 1 email. "We have enough examples of the inability of central dispatch to function effectively. We are very fortunate to not have examples of how central has fallen short in a true emergency. There are numerous examples of routine dispatch failures, but so far we have been lucky."

The DEC is currently in the process of transferring dispatching responsibilities from its Region 5 headquarters in Ray Brook to a central

dispatch center in Albany, although the DEC softened its stance on the move when questioned about it Thursday and Friday.

The Enterprise has obtained documents detailing a pattern of failure with the central dispatch system, at least in the eyes of some Adirondack DEC staff.

In the month of April alone, DEC records show that its employees working in 10 Adirondack counties had at least 70 documented problems with Albany dispatch. Fifteen of those

**'Based on what is  
being demonstrated,  
central dispatch has  
no business being the  
life link for the  
rangers in the field.'**

*Forest ranger Lt. John Solan,  
Ray Brook*

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# Distinguished Online Blog

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The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the Adirondack Daily Enterprise website. The browser's address bar shows the URL <http://www.adirondackdailyenterprise.com/page/blogs.detail>. The website's header features the newspaper's name, "The only daily newspaper published in the Adirondack Park", and a subscription offer: "Click here to subscribe for only \$13 a Month". A navigation menu includes links for News, Opinions, Columns, Sports, People, Guides, Extras, Archives, CU, Ads, Classifieds, Jobs, Calendar, and Blogs. A yellow banner for "BREAKING NEWS" reads "Fire danger is high today". On the left, a "Blog List" sidebar contains links to "Adk Biz Today", "Big Deal @ Big Tupper", "Left of Center", "News Notebook", "Right of Center", and "True North". The main content area displays a blog post titled "Amateur lawyers" by "Big Deal @ Big Tupper", dated March 23, 2011, by Jessica Collier. The post text discusses a legal process involving a witness and several objections. A sidebar on the right shows the local weather for Saranac Lake, NY, as 30°F, and lists "News, Blogs & Events" with links to a lawsuit, legal news, a cabin in the woods, and a DWI lawyer. A yellow advertisement on the left promotes a "Limited-Time Sale" for booking a getaway today, starting at an unspecified price. The Windows taskbar at the bottom shows the date as 12:40 PM on 3/27/2012.

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## Amateur lawyers

**Big Deal @ Big Tupper**  
March 23, 2011 - Jessica Collier

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This whole process is very interesting. So much of it is very lawyerly, which most of the major parties using lawyers to represent them. The format is like an informal court session, with pre-filed testimony, cross-examination of the witness who testified, objections and those sorts of things.

But there are a number of parties who are not lawyers who have the right to participate. For the most part, the individual parties are deferring to lawyers on the sides they are aligned with, but not all the time.

B.G. Read is now questioning APA staff member Colleen Parker, and there have been several objections. Yesterday, Fred Schuller tried to make a comment about some testimony, but he didn't reserve the right to question and didn't submit pre-file testimony, so he wasn't allowed to. Also yesterday, Carol Richer tried to submit concerns about some testimony before the time was appropriate, and when she was allowed to make an objection, she tried to question it rather

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benfromschuylerville wrote:  
"Let's call this what it is -- an

#### SCHUYLerville

## To be, or not to be

Schuylerville voters hit polls Tuesday to decide dissolution

By LUCIAN McCARTY  
The Saratogian

**SCHUYLerville** — Village of Schuylerville residents go to the polls Tuesday to decide whether they want to remain village residents or dissolve the village government.

If the village dissolves, most of its government functions would be absorbed by the town of Saratoga government.

Saratoga Town Supervisor Thomas N. Wood III said village residents would not see any interruption to essential services, such as fire protection, road and highway maintenance and sewer and water services.

That is contrary to some of the information circulating around Schuylerville. "We are concerned about the inaccuracies and misinformation out there," Wood said.

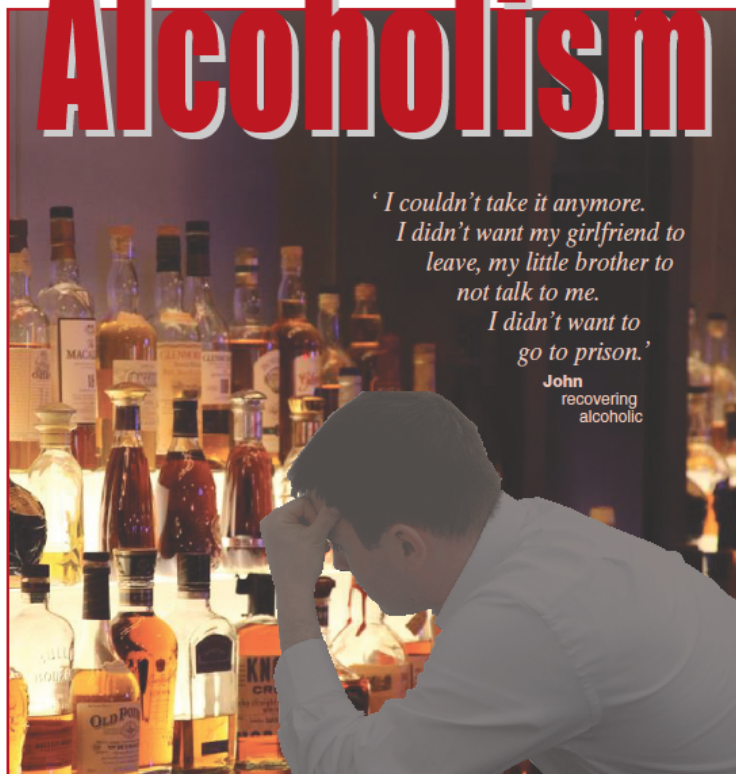
He said a document recently circulated in the village that falsely indicated the Schuylerville

Corrosive culture of

# Alcoholism

*'I couldn't take it anymore.  
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not talk to me.  
I didn't want to  
go to prison.'*

John  
recovering  
alcoholic



# Distinguished Community Service

## *The Saratogian*, Saratoga Springs

### CORROSIVE CULTURE OF alcoholism

THE SARATOGIAN, Sunday, March 13, 2011 — 5A

## A family addiction

By PATRICK H. DONGES  
*The Saratogian*

Today, Saratoga Springs resident Linda Wilkes considers herself lucky, despite having been surrounded by alcoholics throughout her adolescence.

"Everybody, going back as far as I know, were either drinkers or crazy," she said of her family.

While never an alcoholic herself, Wilkes and her younger brother spent their childhood in a two-bedroom apartment in downtown Boston, hiding from the dysfunction created by her alcoholic mother, father and grandmother.

"My poor mother," she said. "My grandmother would start to pick on her, and it would be pretty ugly." There was shouting and breaking furniture.

Her father smoked cigarettes as he drank and did crossword puzzles during the day, then left at night for a security job in south Boston.

Her parents, she said, "were physically present, but they weren't there."

The social anxiety and fear of home translated to avoidance and extreme anxiety at school, making it even harder to face her peers. She was both on the edge of the

poverty line and at the top of her class.

"I wouldn't talk to anyone. I was petrified of everybody," she said, calling herself an introverted nerd. "I didn't have clothes; I had whatever we could get. I was picked on and tormented."

She found solace in talks with teachers and through ballet. When she was 13, she got a job working with animals at the Boston Museum of Science, where she met other young people escaping their own regrettable social situations.

"I think that and the dancing saved me," she said, not knowing at the time that the real test would come when she left home.

At 17, she started classes at the University of Massachusetts Amherst, where her anxiety was amplified. After years of escape only to return home and hide from the maddening grind of alcoholism, she was suddenly thrust into a stable situation with absolutely no idea how to handle it.

"That was the start of finding out that life wasn't all crazy like at home, and it was worse, because I didn't learn to function outside," she said. "I really fell apart when I was in this normal kind of life — I just kept waiting for the other shoe to drop."

At 21, she called her mother, who had been sober since starting Alcoholics Anonymous, and told her she was falling apart because she felt she could not function in sober society. Her mother suggested Al Anon, a support group for families of

alcoholics, and accompanied her to her first meeting.

"I was so desperate, I said, all right, I'll go. I remember walking in there and hearing these people tell their stories, and thinking, 'Oh, it's not just me.' Hearing that just made me feel so much better because I really thought I was losing my mind," she said.

She stayed with Al Anon for 15 years, eventually sponsoring an Alateen group and working with other alcoholic families. "It changed me in so many ways. It helped me to really live one day at a time. When you have others around, you gain their hope, and that's what makes all the difference," she said.

While she and her two grown daughters escaped the hereditary predisposition to alcoholism, she does not speak to her younger brother, who is still fighting his own battles against substance abuse and alcohol.

"It was probably way worse for him than it was for me," she said of their childhoods. "I think he really got the disease. I think he blames me for a lot of his ills because I left."

The last time they spoke was a "really bad" phone conversation four years ago.

"It's just too painful. Maybe in the future it will change, but right now I just kind of have to take care of myself. If he wants to give me a call I'm here," Wilkes said. "I haven't changed."



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**Home, sweet home**  
Local trainer Chad Brown enjoys a great summer, makes first Travers start  
By MICOL RUSKO  
mrusko@saratogian.com  
Mechanicville native and Saratoga Springs resident Chad Brown will make his first start in his native region's biggest race — the Grade 1, \$1 million Travers Stakes, today.  
Judging by the way Brown has been going, you can bet it won't be his last.  
Brown's rise to the top of the training ranks since he went out on his own in late 2007 has been nothing short of remarkable. He's saddled more winners each year since opening his stable, and this summer is second in the Saratoga trainer standings behind only megastar Todd Pletcher. Brown, 50, coached his first Grade 1 winner, Tapeta, in the China Seas on July 30; two weeks later, he followed up with Stacelina's victory in the Grade 1 Beverly D at Arlington. Today — another two weeks later — Brown will send out intriguing Travers longshot Browner's Choice, who ran creditably in two legs of the Canadian Triple Crown.  
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The Grade 1 Ballerina Stakes (Race 10)  
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Morning line favorite: Althea's Princess, 2-1  
**5:13 p.m.**  
The Grade 1 King's Bishop Stakes (Race 11)  
7 furlongs, 3-year-olds and up, fillies and mares, maid turf  
Morning line favorite: Uncle Moe, 6-5  
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Paul Newman and Charley Wood, founders of Double H



### At Double H Ranch, the impossible is possible

story by PAUL POST

Morgan McCarthy walks with crutches and gets around Saratoga Springs High School with an electric scooter.

But at the Double H Ranch, the 16-year-old has felt what it's like to fly by tackling the camp's challenging ropes course — 25 feet high in the trees — and breezing downhill on skis.

Even more important, she's gained something every young person yearns for — acceptance.

"Once you're up there, things change," McCarthy said. "It's a week where we can be who we are, not judged, taunted, looked at. For me, I feel popular there. You make friends based on personality, not by what people see on the outside."

McCarthy, challenged by spastic diplegia cerebral palsy, is among the hundreds of boys and girls who experience the Lake Luzerne camp's transforming powers each year. The facility, for children and teens with

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If anyone is supposed to profit from Cayuga County's proposed biogas pipeline, it's the seven farmers to whose farms it would attach.

They have money: more than \$5.4 million in public funds already committed to their individual digesters, with more expected.

They have cows: a combined 29,691 of them, according to state Department of Environmental Conservation records, which means a lot of raw material from which to create cheap natural gas and a powerful economy of scale.

They have political backing: a fat packet of letters of



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Auburn Correctional Facility prisoner Bernard Hatch has been incarcerated since 1973. At 71 years old, Hatch

AUBURN — One hundred ninety-two-year-old Auburn Correctional Facility is graying, and it's not just the weather-worn stone walls.

In New York as across the country, the inmate population is aging rapidly. The trend mirrors what's happening among the country's free population and creates many of the same fiscal dilemmas due to rising health care costs.

Take Bernard Hatch, a 71-year-old ACF inmate whose gray beard reaches his navel.

He suffered his first heart attack in 1979 and has lost track of how many came after that. He's had two quadruple-bypass surgeries and a stroke and sports two stents in his heart.

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Rep. Richard Hanna is back to work Washington D.C., but he stayed busy while back in the district during the August recess.

During the recess, Rep. Richard Hanna, R-Barneveld, embarked on his "Hanna Means Business" tour around the 24th Congressional District. The tour included a stop in Cayuga County. He toured North Brook Farms in Auburn.

After that tour, Hanna discussed the recent debt ceiling debate, along with other issues and priorities for the rest of the year.

On the debt ceiling debate, Hanna said he believed it was something that needed to get done and did not

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**Finger Lakes Flavors**  
The Irish and potatoes go hand in hand, so it's not surprising this is the time of year many cooks want to expand beyond mashed potatoes.

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#### Village election

Four candidates are running for two at-large trustee seats on the five-member Waterloo Village Board in Tuesday's election.

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#### Misconduct alleged

The Red Jacket school board has charged one of its members with misconduct.

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#### Assault guilty plea

A second man accused of beating another man at the Wendy's restaurant in Newark last year will serve three years in prison.

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## LESS AID CUTS DEEPER FOR SOME

Education  
groups say  
poorer school  
districts  
suffer more

By SUSAN CLARK PORTER  
[sporter@fltimes.com](mailto:sporter@fltimes.com)

The drumbeat about inequitable school funding is getting louder, but whether the noise will lead to real change remains to be seen.

Several educational groups — including the Four County School Boards Association and the Statewide School Finance Consortium — have been compiling data to illustrate how education aid cuts vary across the state and have a greater impact on poorer districts that are much more



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Michelle Bibby / Finger Lakes Times

Midlakes school district Superintendent Mike Ford addresses a packed house during Wednesday's board of education meeting, which had to be moved to the Intermediate School gymnasium because of the number of people who attended. Ford has been outspoken about the difficult situations faced by rural districts like Phelps-Clifton Springs when compared to some wealthier downstate districts.



# Distinguished Column Writing

## *Finger Lakes Times, Geneva*

### Never yell 'Squirrel!' at a crowded dog show

With the 34th annual Wine Country Dog Show wrapping up at Sampson State Park today, it's only appropriate that I tell a dog story of my own.

I've written about our dog Mr. Whiskers many times before, but this time — just a few days ago — our scrappy cheese-loving dachshund did something I never thought he would.

He called my bluff.

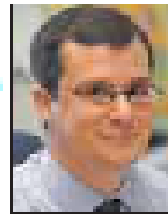
With a chest that rises only 3 inches off the ground and paws made of nothing but the finest, most delicate silk — or so he apparently thinks — Mr. Whiskers hates venturing outside if the weather is anything but 80 and sunny and the grass has been freshly cut. The slightest hint of rain, snow or ice — heck, even what the rest of us might consider a refreshing summer breeze — and he's reluctant to head out onto the lawn to answer nature's call. Unless, of course, I yell:

"Squirrel!"

Then he's off like Mercury himself, an Olympian of Lilliputian proportions. Torrential downpours are irrelevant. Snow banks are merely obstacles to be plowed through,

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Ice-covered stairs appear to be skipped entirely as he hurtles his sausage-like body through the air like a superhero heading off to save the world.

Of course, 99 percent of the time there is no squirrel.

And the other 1 percent of the time the squirrel is gone before Whiskers can get even halfway through the door. But that glimpse — and the chattering, taunt from the top of the fence that follows — is all it takes to keep Mr. Whiskers from believing me time and time again.

Trying to steal the boys' cookies? "Squirrel!"

Barking during "The Office"? "Squirrel!"

Being a pest during dinner? "Squirrel!"

It's been so successful, I've even tried it on the boys from time to time. (It even worked

once or twice.)

Over the past few months, we've made a concerted effort to teach our boys about the value of all life, from people to pets to squirrels to spiders. We've had some successes, from the disgusting but very successful snail garden they kept on the back porch all summer ("Daddy, why don't you want to hold Smokey?") to our preschooler demanding that we pray upon finding a dead bird and scolding us for not doing it reverently enough ("Daddy, I said put your hands together like this!"). Yet the ant slaughter continues.

So when we found what appeared to be an injured juvenile squirrel on our back porch the other day, my natural inclination was to think, "Hey, this is a teachable moment!" About a minute and a half later, I was yelling, "Don't let the kids come back out here!" and answering questions like, "Daddy, what are you doing with that box and duct tape?"

Yes, Mr. Whiskers had caught a squirrel.

When I finally got the dog back in the house, he looked at

me as if to say, "Hey, man, what did I do wrong? Day in, day out you keep telling me 'Squirrel!' I finally do it, and what do I get? Heartache?"

The whole episode got me thinking about a couple of points: 1) Never yell "Squirrel!" unless you're prepared to deal with the consequences and 2) Always be prepared to lie to children at a moment's notice.

The truth is I don't know what happened to that little squirrel, but I do know he was the recipient of the greatest act of motherhood I've ever witnessed and may have actually survived after she carried him in her mouth up a tree, across a garage roof, back through our yard, up our back porch and back into the safety of their nest in a neighbor's tree.

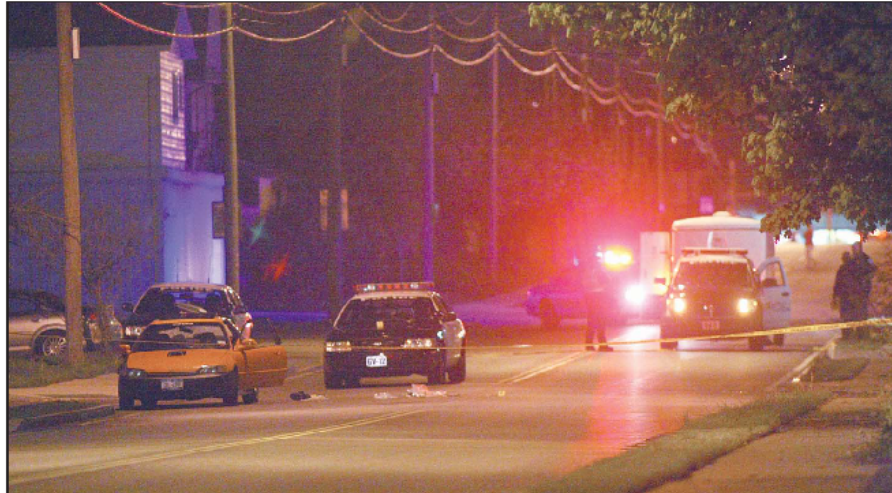
But as far as the kids know — and now you — that perfectly healthy, perfectly happy squirrel is storing nuts for the coming winter. And waiting for the cardinal we rescued last winter to finally return from Boca Raton.

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# Distinguished Community Service

## *Finger Lakes Times, Geneva*

### Suspect shot by cop in guarded condition



Spencer Tullis / Finger Lakes Times

A back-seat passenger in the vehicle at left (with door open) was shot by a Geneva police officer Friday night on North Exchange Street. Police say the shooting occurred after the man refused to get out of the car and reached for what the officer thought was a weapon.

Man wounded  
in head during  
traffic stop;  
Geneva police  
were seeking  
him as part of  
robbery  
investigation

By MIKE HIBBARD  
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GENEVA — Residents of North Exchange Street were still rattled Saturday afternoon following a Friday-night incident where a city man was shot by a police officer.

As of Saturday night, William C. "Corey" Jackson was listed in guarded condition at Strong Memorial Hospital in Rochester with a gunshot wound to his head. Jackson, whose address was not disclosed by police, turns 34 today.

Geneva Police Department Chief Frank Pane said Jackson was in a vehicle that was stopped about 10:30 p.m. Friday on North Exchange Street near Buffalo Street and Tracey Lane. Three people were in the two-door vehicle, including Jackson in the back seat.

Police said Jackson was being

sought in the investigation of a robbery that occurred at about 3 a.m. Friday in the city.

During the course of the traffic stop, the driver and a front-seat passenger got out of the car after being ordered to by police, but Jackson did not. Pane said as officers approached the vehicle to take Jackson into custody, an officer saw him repeatedly reach under the seat.



Pane

Pane said the officer then saw Jackson turn toward another officer with what appeared to be a weapon. The officer then fired his gun, shooting through the rear window and hitting Jackson in the head.

Pane contacted the Ontario County Sheriff's Department to conduct an independent investigation into the shooting. The results will be turned over to the county District Attorney's Office for review.

Pane declined to give further information, including the name of the officer who shot Jackson, until the investigation is complete.

Police said a knife and two cell phones were found near Jackson.

A woman who lives at the corner of North Exchange Street and Tracey Lane said the two front-seat passengers exited the car shortly after being told to by police, but Jackson refused to get out.

"They kept telling the guy to get out of the car, but he didn't move," said the woman, who asked not to

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**Out & About**  
The Schenckel Art Center, in partnership with Cayuga Community College, will offer an art-based community education this fall. These new classes are open to all art lovers of all ages and are free of charge.

**Police contract**  
The City of Geneva's 25 police officers would receive a 2 percent salary increase for each of the next three years under the terms of a new contract to be voted on by City Council tonight.

**Site plan review**  
Bill Crum Chartered has submitted a site plan calling for demolition of its current auto showroom and sales offices on Route 54/20 in Seneca Falls to make room for a new fitness and spa.

**Kauka ceremony**  
Kauka County emergency personnel are invited to a Friday ceremony at Kauka College marking the 100th anniversary of 9/11.

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**‘FRUITFUL DIALOGUE’**  
City, community reps sign agreement to improve relations

By HEATHER SWANSON  
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GENEVA — City and community representatives signed an agreement Tuesday evening and plans to reduce racial tensions in Geneva.

The memorandum of understanding, signed by city officials, leaders of the local community and members of the Human Rights Commission, was created with the help of the U.S. Department of Justice's Community Relations Service (CRS).

Signatories included Mayor Rita Harkin, City Manager Matt Horn, Police Chief Jeff Tricker, Karen Bar of the Human Rights Commission, Lucie Mallard of the NAACP, Richard Thomas of the African American Men's Association, Patricia Blum of the Concerned Citizens of Geneva, Councilman James L. Smith, Councilman David Martin, Councilman James L. Smith, Councilman David Martin, Councilman James L. Smith, Councilman David Martin.

The agreement is part of the city's "Summer of Healing" effort that focused the field shooting of 24-year-old William "Cherry" Zuckerman by city police officer Sgt. Carlos "Cherry" Zuckerman during a traffic stop in May.

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At the onset, I had my reservations, but we did manage to come up with something that all parties could agree to that I believe will make Geneva a better place."

— PATRISHA BLUM  
Concerned Citizens of Geneva

On the Web  
Read the entire memorandum of understanding on the Times' website at [www.fltimes.com](http://www.fltimes.com).

The Rev. Montrose Hester, assistant vice president of student affairs at Hiram and William Smith Colleges, contacted the CRS to ask for its assistance in the "Summer of Healing."

Speaking Tuesday, Linda Ortiz, communications specialist from the CRS, stressed that while she facilitated the agreement, the ideas and plans it contains were created by city officials and community members.

Ortiz said the first goal was to establish a dialogue between the city and the community. "We had a very difficult dialogue, but they understood what the common view and they were deeply impacted by this dialogue and not only," said Ortiz.

Individually, all of the signatories voted similar concerns and

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**Police make second arrest in Lyons burglaries**

By MIKE HIBBARD  
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LYONS — A second person has been arrested in connection with the series of burglaries in the village during the last week of August.

Village police charged Benjamin Hunt, 36, of 147 Canal St., Lyons, Tuesday with third-degree burglary, fourth-degree grand larceny and third-degree criminal mischief, all felonies.

Hunt and another teen, Joshua M. Lander, 16, of 116 Phelps St., are accused of breaking into several businesses. Last week, Lander was charged with four counts of third-degree burglary.

Lyons Police Chief Richard Regan said several merchandise stores were burglarized during the last week of August.

Lander was arrested after police were alerted of a suspicious transaction last Wednesday at Lyons National Bank. He was taken into custody that night, and police recovered some of the property taken in the burglaries.

Regan said some of the stolen property also was recovered from Hunt. He was arraigned in village court and taken to the county jail on \$10,000 cash bail or \$250,000 bond, the same bail set for Lander.

Regan said the department is now looking at some old cases similar to the recent burglaries.

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# Distinguished Feature Writing

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# YEARLY MIGRATION: BROTHERS-IN-LAW AT WORK

By **HEATHER SWANSON**  
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SENECA CASTLE — Every spring, Manuel Garcia and Juan Aguilera leave behind their wives and children and travel to the Finger Lakes for work.

The men are brothers-in-law, both from Guanajuato, Mexico. They have been coming to the U.S. legally, on H-2A visas, for three years.

Garcia has spent all three at Hemdale Farms in Seneca Castle. Aguilera spent the first in Florida picking oranges, though he has joined his brother-in-law for the last two, picking cabbage.

The pair took an hour off on a recent, scorching afternoon to talk to a *Times* reporter and Spanish-language interpreter Sally (Howe) Espinosa, meeting in the air-conditioned office near their employer-provided housing.

The men found their current work through family and friends who had worked in the area before.

"My dad's a lawful permanent resident," said Aguilera, explaining that his father told Finger Lakes growers his son was looking for work.

Though he came to the country illegally, Aguilera's father was given amnesty in the first U.S. immigration amnesty in 1990.

## LA EXPERIENCIA

### MIGRANTS IN THE FINGER LAKES

This is Part 5 in the *Times*' new Sunday series looking at life in the Finger Lakes for migrant workers and their families. The stories will include interviews with those who work in the fields, families who have been torn apart by deportation and immigrants who have fought the odds and been granted legal residency, as well as the perspective of police and border patrol agents.

**Next week:**  
*Times* reporter Heather Swanson and photographer Spencer Tullis spend a day riding along with a border patrol officer.

get ahead and have a better future for my children," Aguilera explained.



Photos by Spencer Tullis / Finger Lakes Times

Quality control workers at Hemdale Farms in Seneca Castle follow behind a seedling transplanter to ensure that cabbage seedlings are planted into the ground correctly. The transplanter drops one plant every 20 inches. **BELOW:** Manuel Garcia (left) and Juan Aguilera sit in the moving transplanter and ready the seedlings for planting.

# Distinguished Sports Writing

## *Finger Lakes Times, Geneva*

## LOOKING FOR GAIN FROM A LIFETIME OF PAIN

Boxing concussed Ray Ciancaglini's brain more than he knew, and he wants young athletes to avoid his fate

By CHRIS MARQUART  
FINGER LAKES TIMES

**V**ARICK — Ray Ciancaglini can look at his trophy case and tell you incredible stories from his boxing career, even though he might not remember your name. He can hand you medals, awards and newspaper clippings, even though his hands shake from uncontrollable tremors.

Ciancaglini suffers from pugilistic dementia, leaving him alternately confused, forgetful and trembling with Parkinson's Syndrome-like shudders. It's the lasting mark of his star-crossed time in the ring, the result of layered head injuries that accumulated before the initial one had healed.

Now, 40 years after he left boxing behind, Ciancaglini is stepping into a new ring. He's trying to spread the word and fight back against the dis-



Ciancaglini

order that has so deeply affected his life.

Ciancaglini has founded a website, "The

Second Impact," at [www.thesecondimpact.com](http://www.thesecondimpact.com). With the assistance of Dr. Jason Peinberg, the Varick resident is visiting local schools and talking with athletes. Not only is he addressing the severity of his own concussions, Ciancaglini is stressing the importance of treating the initial head injury and making sure it is fully healed before going back to the playing field.

"The gains you sit out today could be the career you save tomorrow," Ciancaglini says. "All my life, in boxing, the old-timers at Singer's Gym told me to gut it up, to

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Ray Ciancaglini was dubbed "The Paladin Kid" during his time in the ring. This picture is on the home page of [TheSecondImpact.com](http://TheSecondImpact.com), a Ciancaglini-founded portal devoted to concussion awareness.

Nozzolio co-sponsors a bill aimed at concussions

By CHRIS MARQUART  
FINGER LAKES TIMES

VARICK — From the beginning, Ray Ciancaglini's vision was to take "Second Impact" beyond the Finger Lakes region.

Already, his message is being heard in Albany.

Sen. Michael Nozzolio, R-54 of Fayette, is among a group of six state senators sponsoring a bill (S.3953) to help Ciancaglini's initiative reach athletes and coaching staffs throughout New York.

The legislation would require all athletes participating in activities sanctioned by the New York State Public High School Athletic Association to forgo any athletic activities for a minimum of 24 hours after a concussion is diagnosed.

"Ray is an outstanding

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### Being holy can make you roly-poly, study says

By Denise Richardson  
Staff Writer

ONEONTA \_ The Rev. Don Yarborough practices what he preaches about weight loss and exercise.

He has lost more than 100 pounds in the past year, he said, which has restored his health and verve for life, and it is a message he shares with parishioners.

"I have energy. I'm stronger. I'm more alert," Yarborough, 64, pastor of Community Gospel Church in Oneonta, said. "My memory is better; life is so much greater."

A connection between age, religious involvement and weight gain recently was presented in a Northwestern Medicine study at an American Heart Association conference. Three local religious leaders noted interest in the study about obesity and agreed that fellowship and food go together. But they didn't cite issues specific to their

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### Toddler dies in Plattsburgh blaze

By **DAN HEATH**  
Staff Writer  
and **GABE DICKENS**  
P-R Photographer

**PLATTSBURGH** — A raging house fire claimed the life of a Plattsburgh toddler early Wednesday.

Firefighters and State Police were called to 2 Summer Drive in the Maple Pond Mobile Home Community at about 6 a.m. after Phillip Guastella and his girlfriend, Katrina LaForest, smelled smoke inside the residence.

As District 3 and Beekmantown firefighters responded to the call, Guastella and LaForest were able to flee to safety with their 4-month-old infant, Lilly Ann Guastella.

But they were unable to save LaForest's daughter, 22-month-old Tori O'Neil. The toddler died inside the home before crews were able to douse the flames.

#### INTENSE HEAT

District 3 Second Assistant Fire Chief Steve Fuller said he was the first emergency-responder to arrive.

"There was fire coming out of every window and door of the residence," he said.

Fuller was told there was a toddler still inside.

One crew went in the door to the west to attempt to knock down the flames and conduct a search. They were driven back by the intense heat and flames. One firefighter fell through the



P-R Photos/Gabe Dickens

**Phillip Guastella (middle, kneeling) is comforted** by his brother, Richard (left), and his aunt Linda Beckwith, after he returned to his home Wednesday afternoon.

#### TRIED TO GET CHILD

Guastella said he and LaForest were sleeping in their bed when the fire started.

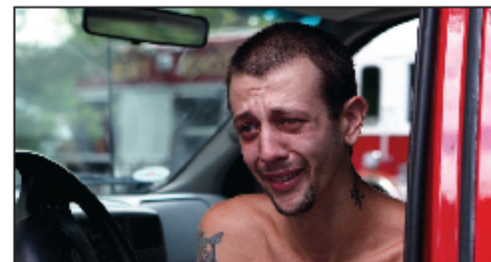
"Trina woke me up and said, 'Hey honey, do you smell smoke?'"

Guastella told her he smelled a little smoke and looked out a window but didn't see any.

"I opened the bedroom door, and the whole house

#### SEE THE VIDEO

Phillip Guastella talks about the tragic fire that killed his girlfriend's daughter and his attempts to save the child, in a video by P-R Photographer Gabe Dickens. See it online with this article at [www.press-republican.com](http://www.press-republican.com).





# Distinguished Editorial Writing

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### VIEWPOINT

## It's a matter of civil rights

**I**t is time for New York state to approve same-sex marriage. We say that in full understanding of the fact that some people have firm moral objections to the idea.

Think back over time about the many strong beliefs that Americans have held.

For many years, the majority of people in the United States did not think women should have the right to vote. They thought the structure of our country would collapse if women were allowed to weigh in on political issues. Now, women are a strong force on the political front.

ware, Hawaii, Illinois and New Jersey allow civil unions, providing state-level spousal rights to same-sex couples.

As states begin to debate the issue and more gay couples feel comfortable in stepping forward, the view of gender issues in the United States is changing. Many people have family members who are gay, and a good number of them have found a place in their hearts for the partners of their loved ones.

For better or worse, television and movies are contributing to the cultural change. Gay characters, once rare on the

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### College football ready for reform?

To paraphrase what a famously crooked alderman once said about politics in Chicago, "College football ain't ready for reform."

But it could be in short order.

Like a fugitive on the run, the game and its handlers can't catch their breath and don't dare quit peeking over their shoulders. If the nearly dozen scandals uncovered in just the past season or so failed to remind us how widespread corruption is, well, soon come the games themselves. Those begin in earnest with Oregon vs. LSU in Cowboys Stadium, a Sept. 3 contest in which local prosecutors reviewing arrest reports could have a bigger say about who lines up for either side than the coaches. Two weeks later, Ohio State is at Miami, a matchup so tarnished that NCAA investigators probably will enjoy it more than fans. Considering the history of college football reform, all could be forgiven by season's end and fans' anger trained once more on the sidelines that is the Bowl Championship Series.

But for the moment, it's the cops and not the robbers who have momentum on their side. Granted, NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell is not going to be mistaken for Eliot Ness. But his decision to make disgraced former OSU star Terrelle Pryor sit out five games — the same penalty the NCAA imposed, but was powerless to enforce once he crossed the line.



**Dick Nephew speaks to a crowd gathered around him at Airborne Speedway in the 1960s. Nephew is a former NASCAR Sportsman series champion.**

## Birth of Airborne

Dirt days of the 1950s led to glory days of the 1960s

By **MATTHEW HAMILTON**  
Contributing Writer

**PLATTSBURGH** — Maurice Broderick made his living in the automobile business.

So when he saw the success of Moffitt Park race track in Plattsburgh, expanding his living to include automobile racing seemed to make perfect sense.

"It ran in the late '40s and early '50s, and that's what gave Maurice the impetus to put a track together."



**Jimmy LeClair (left) surveys his car after it apparently blew a tire during the 1960s at Airborne Speedway.**

life in those days either; it was simply a hobby. Gary Nephew of Moores Forks recalls when his father, Dick, would work full time and still race four nights a week.

But drivers were not deterred from working 40 hours per week and still working on a car then driving anywhere a race was being held. One of the drivers to come to the infant track is former NASCAR Sportsman Division champion Bill Wimble. He recalls coming in 1954 with a full bodied coupe and running against cut downs (weighted down

### Pryor taken with 3rd round pick

Raiders select ex-Buckeye QB

By **JOSH DUBOW**  
AP Sports Writer

**NAPA, Calif.** — The Oakland Raiders used a third-round pick Monday in the NFL's supplemental draft to select former Ohio State quarterback Terrelle Pryor. The Raiders and the league announced that Oakland used the 18th selection of the round for Pryor. Oakland forfeits its third-round selection in the 2012 draft.

Pryor's agent, Drew Rosenhaus, said his client was excited about going in the third round after waiting until last Thursday to find out he'd even be eligible for the supplemental draft and not working out for teams until Saturday.

"We're tickled and thrilled that Terrelle went in the third round and to the Raiders," Rosenhaus said. "The third round is quite an accomplishment for a young man who had his pro day 48 hours ago and didn't know he would be in the draft until Thursday morning and wasn't able to meet with any decision makers."



**Terrelle Pryor**

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### Stepping up to the plate

When a grandchild has a long-term illness,  
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By James V. Franco  
The Record

TROY — People lined the banks of Riverfront Park to check out the rapidly moving and rapidly swelling Hudson River pretty much all day Monday and into the night.

"I've never seen anything like this in South Troy or up here so we'll have and see. The tide still has to come up at 2 p.m." said Joe

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### After Vietnam, veterans fought battles at home

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COURTESY GARY RODD Gary Rodd served in Vietnam and was wounded three times during a battle on Palm Sunday. He kept bullet fragments removed from his body after that battle.

No celebration was held on Palm Sunday 1968 in Khe Sanh, a remote outpost in Vietnam with a name meaning red clay.

On the day before the Christian holy day associated with triumph, a Roman Catholic priest from France came through and administered last rites to Gary Rodd and his fellow Marines, before they headed out for combat in an area that had already been the setting of bloody battle for days.

Rodd survived the Palm Sunday battle, barely, with wounds in three places.

Today, he still carries with him - in a little plastic box - bullet fragments surgeons removed from his body.

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The screenshot shows a web browser window with the address bar displaying <http://poststar.com/news/opinion/columns/ktingley/silence->. The browser has multiple tabs open, including "Better Newspaper Contest :: En..." and "Silence instead of justice". The PostStar.com website is the active page, featuring a navigation bar with links like Home, News, Opinion, Sports, Life, Entertainment, Community, Obits, and Multimedia. The article title is "Silence instead of justice" by Ken Tingley. The article text discusses a case involving Melanie J. Brown, a 31-year-old woman who was sentenced to 5 years probation for a crime involving a stolen trust. The article is dated Monday, November 1, 2010, at 8:00 am. On the right side of the page, there is a weather widget showing 37° F and a Verizon FiOS advertisement for TV and Internet services starting at \$79.99 per month. At the bottom, there is a list of "Most Read" articles, including "Inmate hospitalized after jail suicide attempt" and "Twelve arrested at Fort Edward underage drinking party". The Windows taskbar at the bottom shows the date as 3/29/2012 and the time as 2:46 PM.

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Maybe it is enough that Melanie J. Brown has been exposed.  
That her friends, neighbors and acquaintances know the 31-year-old carried on a reprehensible charade for years and pretended to have cancer.  
Maybe it is enough that all those she knows, all those whose good intentions and good hearts she preyed upon for money and support will remember her as the "cancer faker" for the rest of her life.  
Her lies and deceit led to tens of thousands of dollars in sympathy from friends and strangers alike. But that is not the worst of it.  
How do you put a price on someone's concern and prayers?  
How do you put a value on worry?  
Warren County Judge John Hall sentenced Brown to 5 years probation Wednesday. Judge Hall said she has admitted guilt, showed remorse and agreed to pay restitution so he did not impose jail time.  
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## THE MOST PUZZLING DIVISION

*The 3-year-old race is so up in the air, even the Travers may not sort it out*

By WILL SPRINGSTEAD  
springstead@poststar.com

**SARATOGA SPRINGS**

**I**t seems like every year, fans want to see two types of races at Saratoga Race Course. One is a steadier supply of races for 2-year-olds, to help identify possible future stars. The second is the Grade I, \$1 million Travers Stakes to help sort out the 3-year-old picture.

One can safely guarantee the former. The latter? Oh, it will be run, but whether anything is clearer afterward is up for debate.

At first, Kentucky Derby winner and Preakness second-place finisher Animal Kingdom was thought to be the top 3-year-old. But an injury has sidelined him for the rest of the year, so one would think that makes him vulnerable in the eyes of year-end honors voters who tend to put more weight on summer and fall races.

Then again, maybe not.

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Jockey: Victor Espinoza  
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• 2010 Preakness Stakes winner  
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• 2010 Belmont Stakes runner-up

**ANIMAL KINGDOM**  
Trainer: Zayat Stables  
Jockey: Victor Espinoza  
• 2010 Kentucky Derby winner  
• 2010 Preakness Stakes winner  
• 2010 Belmont Stakes winner

**SHACKLEFORD**  
Trainer: Zayat Stables  
Jockey: Victor Espinoza  
• 2010 Kentucky Derby runner-up  
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• 2010 Belmont Stakes runner-up

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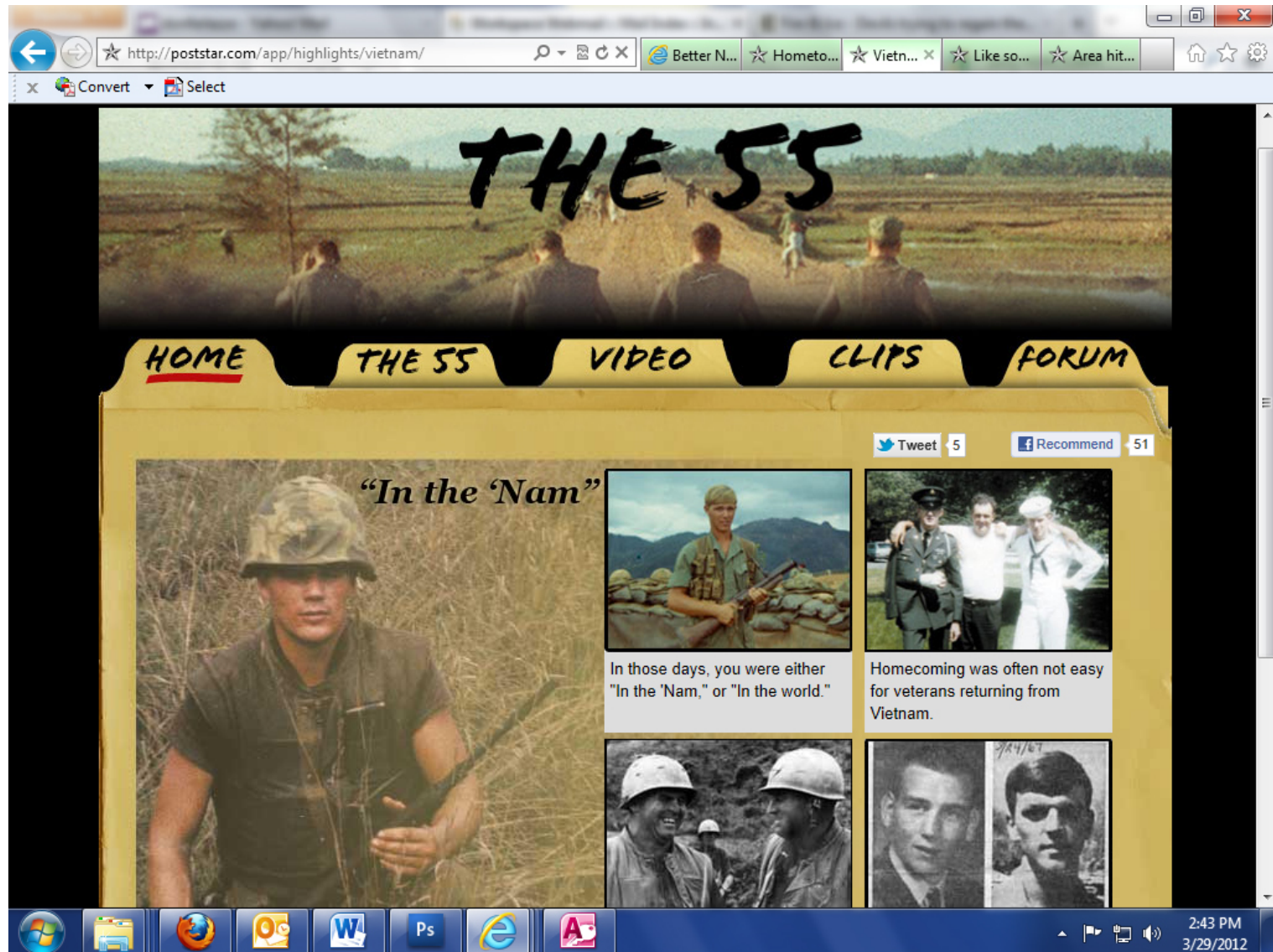
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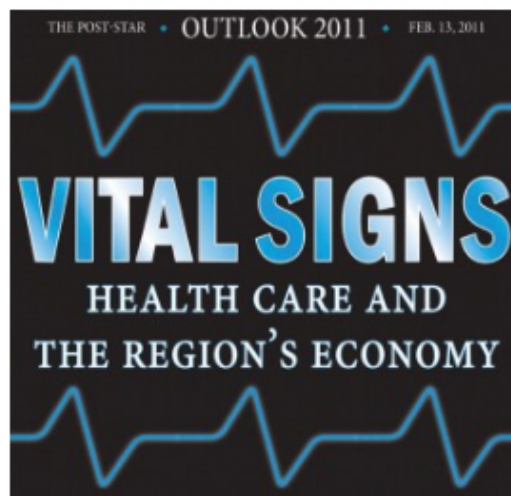
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It's hard to overestimate the impact of the health care industry on our region's economy.

From local hospitals to medical device manufacturers, health care is a major provider of jobs and capital investment in Warren, Washington and Saratoga counties. The need for local governments and businesses to provide health care benefits to workers - and to themselves - is growing in both scope and cost as new laws take effect. And the nation's growing health woes, whether because of an aging population or the obesity epidemic, promises to increase health care's impact going forward.

An annual report released Feb. 3 by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services showed health care spending - the total amount spent by

consumers, private businesses, hospitals, physicians, private insurance providers and programs like Medicare and Medicaid - grew by 4 percent in the U.S. in 2009, to \$2.5 trillion, or \$8,086 per person.



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Above, Janice Hall's simple granite marker at Valley View Cemetery in Dover Plains, where a portion of land is reserved for residents of the Wassaic campus of the state institution for the developmentally disabled. Right, a photo of Hall taken in the 1990s.

### Janice Hall's poignant story, 'neglect' revealed in reports; Journal probe gets action

By Mary Beth Pfeiffer  
Poughkeepsie Journal

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for officials to cite the exact error or event that cascaded to her death. What is clear, a Poughkeepsie Journal investi-

DETAILS OF AN  
INSTITUTIONAL DEATH



Derek Jeter, right, hugs Yankees teammate Jorge Posada after hitting a home run for his 3,000th career hit Saturday at Yankee Stadium. FRANK FRANKLIN/RYN. ASSOCIATED PRESS

## Jeter crushes 3,000th hit

Local fans embrace  
longtime Yankee  
as team legend

By Chris Perez  
For the Poughkeepsie Journal

Derek Jeter has never been one to dwell on the plethora of accomplishments he's picked up during his 17-year career.

As the New York Yankees' shortstop, he has amassed dozens of awards, set several records and compiled a highlight reel of plays that would make any fan pick his jaw off the floor.

With a home run off Tampa Bay ace David Price in the third inning Saturday, he marked a new milestone: the first New York Yankees player to reach 3,000 hits. He became the 28th major leaguer to reach 3,000 and joined former teammate Wade Boggs as the only player to do so with a Yankees uniform.



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# FIRE DISTRICTS LEAD PUBLIC PAY WITH AVERAGE \$92,000 PER YEAR



**GOVERNMENT SALARIES FAR ECLIPSE PRIVATE SECTOR; STATE UNION BACKS FIREFIGHTERS**

Mary Beth Pfeiffer  
*Poughkeepsie Journal*

**F**irefighters in the Arlington, LaGrange and Fairview fire districts are the highest-paid workers among nearly 11,000 employees in 108 local governments and authorities, averaging gross pay of \$92,353 in fiscal year 2010.

At that rate, the 114 employees of the fire districts earned more than double the average of all local government workers in Dutchess and Ulster counties — \$45,382 — according to a Poughkeepsie Journal database analysis of payroll records obtained from the Office of the State Comptroller. The computer-assisted analysis included county, town, village and other local government workers with at least one "service credit," generally equal to a year, in the 1.1 million-member New York State and Local Retirement System. It did not include state workers or teachers.

"I really can't put a worth on the life and property that our people protect 24/7," said Michael McManus, president of the 18,000-member New York State Professional Fire Fighters Association.

While fire districts — which will hold elections for commissioners Dec. 14 — led the ranking, they had good company. Placing fourth with an average municipal salary of \$75,180 was the City of Beacon — where a single police officer made \$173,364. Its sister city on the

**SEE PAY, 2A**

Joe Kile, 24, a LaGrange Fire District probationary firefighter, is blindfolded as he rappels from a window at the Dutchess County Fire Training Academy in the Town of Poughkeepsie during an exercise Thursday. LaGrange district workers placed second in a ranking of average salaries among 108 governments and authorities. Lee Ferris/Poughkeepsie Journal

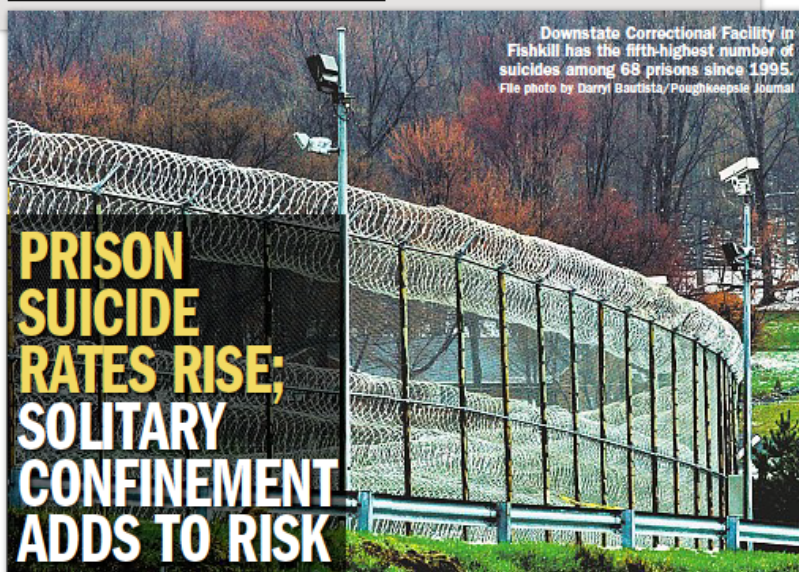


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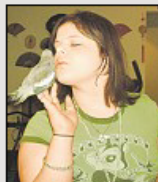
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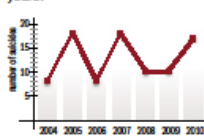
Mary Beth Pfeiffer  
Poughkeepsie Journal

Just days from her 23rd birthday in June and six months before possible release from prison, Danaroy Countryman did something that an unusually high number of state prison inmates have



#### Suicides increase ...

With three months to go in 2010, suicides in New York's prisons were up by 70 percent over the previous two years.



#### SIMILARITIES MARK TWO NON-SUICIDE DEATHS

Mary Beth Pfeiffer  
Poughkeepsie Journal

"Bradley Caesar was a 52-year-old male who died from hypoxia

## Economists debate crisis, Cuomo's role

Paladino: Democrat's decisions  
at HUD directly led to fallout

Joseph Spector  
Journal Albany bureau

ALBANY — In 1999, Andrew Cuomo, then secretary of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, announced an expansion of homeownership targets, saying "this action will transform the lives of millions of families across our country."

He said the government-sponsored Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac programs would increase their percentage of mortgage loans for low- and moderate-income families from 42 percent to 50 percent, a policy to buy \$2.4 trillion in mortgages over 10 years.

Cuomo said in a news release at the time that the goal would "strengthen our economy and create new jobs by stimulating more home construction" and boost affordable housing in the

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## WALKWAY NEIGHBORS WARNED

People who live within 500 feet told to evacuate

By Michael Valkys  
Poughkeepsie Journal

With Hurricane Irene on its way, City of Poughkeepsie and state Bridge Authority officials are asking city residents who live within 500 feet of the Walkway Over the Hudson to evacuate their homes by 7 a.m. Sunday after a study found the pedestrian span might not be able to handle winds higher than 80 mph.

Officials said city police officers and firefighters began notifying residents in the affected area Friday evening.

At a news conference at City Hall, Mayor John Thanyik said the evacuation is voluntary and officials do not believe the Walkway faces an imminent danger of collapse. He said about 130 families could be affected by the evacuation.

Thanyik, who lives under the Walkway and whose family operates Andy's Place restaurant there, said he would be among the evacuees.

While the measure is not mandatory, Thanyik and residents "are strongly urged to evacuate their homes."

There are no affected residences or businesses on the Ulster County side of the span, officials said.

City resident Frances



## 7 INCHES OF RAIN, HIGH WINDS LIKELY

By Emily Stewart  
Poughkeepsie Journal

As Hurricane Irene approaches, residents in the mid-Hudson Valley can expect flooded basements, closed roads and downed trees, forecasters said.

The storm is expected to drop 6 to 7 inches of rain on the region tonight and into Sunday, with sustained winds of about 50 mph and gusts up to 63 mph, said the National Weather Service in Albany.

Showers are likely by this afternoon. By evening, winds will pick up and rain will get heavier, the weather service said.

As of Friday, Irene was expected to travel north along the East Coast. But a shift in Irene's track by 100 miles could make a big difference — for better or worse. Forecasters should have a better idea of that by this morning, said Vasil Kociak, a meteorologist with weather service.

"The thing is, you just want to be prepared ahead of time," he said.

Six to 7 inches of rain, on top of already wet ground, could loosen tree roots, making it easier for winds to topple them. It also likely will flood some basements and

roads, he said.

"Anything with poor drainage or clogs — it's just going to flood," he said. "The ground is only going to be able to absorb so much."

"Not only do we have rain, but sustained winds of 40 to 50 mph with gusts," he said.

The top rain fall in the Poughkeepsie area for one day was 7.57 inches Oct. 8, 2005. The rain was caused by a cold front and remnants of Hurricane Tammy, according to Northeast Regional Climate Center, using data going back to 1893, though some periods are missing. The second-highest amount was Sept. 16, 1980, when Hurricane No. 2 dropped 6.65 inches on Poughkeepsie.

The modern convention of naming hurricanes did not begin until the 1950s. They are named by the World Meteorological Organization. For Atlantic hurricanes, a permanent six-year storm name list was created in 1979. When a storm is very deadly or costly, its name is retired. The names Katrina and Rita were retired in 2005, the weather service said.

Reach Emily Stewart at 845-437-4882 or emstewart@poughkeepsiejournal.com or 845-437-4882.

# Distinguished Business Reporting

## *Poughkeepsie Journal*

### SPECIAL REPORT: A POUGHKEEPSIE JOURNAL ANALYSIS

## Chiefs' pay hikes dwarf teachers'



Poughkeepsie Superintendent Laval S. Wilson attends an August meeting held by school administrators in the City of Poughkeepsie. FILE PHOTO BY KARL RABIS/POUGHKEEPSIE JOURNAL

**Superintendents' salaries up 21%; teachers' up 5.1%**

By Michael Valkys  
Poughkeepsie Journal

School administrators' average salaries in New York over the past three years have increased more than four times those of public school teachers in the Empire State.

For this school year, wages for administrators jumped to \$146,652—a boost of about 21 percent from 2008-

09. The average teacher salary is \$72,708 this year, a 5.1 percent increase.

Meanwhile, average wages for the state's private-sector workers dropped from \$61,455 per year in 2007 to \$58,881 in 2009, the most recent full-year data available from the state Department of Labor said.

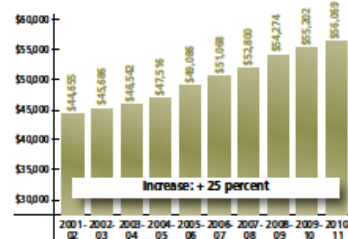
The differences were found during a Poughkeepsie Journal analysis of state Education Department and other data. Increases in average salaries for public school administrators and teachers each outpaced growth in private-sector wages in Dutchess County.

Taxpayer anger over salaries paid

to some administrators, and raises they receive, comes as districts face declining state aid, which often requires cuts in staff and programs. Recently, Gov. Andrew Cuomo proposed capping salaries of school superintendents based on student enrollment in the districts they lead.

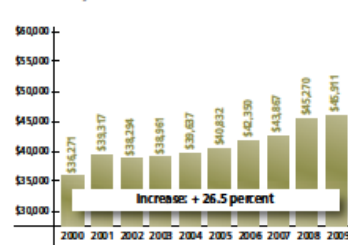
However, some argue administrators have complex, time-consuming jobs, have advanced degrees and are in demand. These supporters claim competitive salaries are needed to attract top candidates for the important job of overseeing districts with thousands of students, high academic expectations and multimillion-dollar budgets.

#### AVERAGE SALARIES FOR PUBLIC CLASSROOM TEACHERS in the United States, since 2001.



SOURCE: National Education Association

#### DUTCHESS COUNTY AVERAGE WAGES, PRIVATE SECTOR



SOURCE: New York state Department of Labor

School administrators include superintendents, assistant superintendents, principals, assistant principals and other posts. Examples of other administrative posts that are reported to the state can be found in the Arlington and Red Hook school districts. In Arlington, the district has a K-8 English language arts director and an athletic director. In Red Hook, officials also listed the director of pupil personnel services among administrative positions.

Journal research found:  
» Administrator salaries from the state Education Department show

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Joseph Phelan

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## A city mourns

OFFICER JOHN FALCONE



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### Anguish over officer's death spreads throughout community

*Journal staff*

As the investigation into Friday's tragedy reveals new details, the City of Poughkeepsie mourns the loss of a decorated police officer.

The death of police Officer John Falcone after he pursued a gunman who had just fatally shot his wife, shocked city residents, veterans of law enforcement and elected leaders. Falcone was described with love by those who knew him. Loved for his sense of duty, his compassion and selflessness.

In the hours before his death, he comforted a 92-year-old man who feared a burglar was at his door. He stayed with the man until family arrived.

Falcone's death rippled through the community that was riveted to the unfolding news of the shootings that left the officer and an estranged couple dead and three children orphans.

Friday offered another deadly example of the threat of domestic violence. In less than a year, Dutchess County has seen four women killed by domestic partners.

But amid the tragedy, there was a sign of hope.

A Town of Poughkeepsie man firing by the scene stopped to rescue the terrified 3-year-old girl who had just seen her mother shot by her father.

Like John Falcone, George Siegrist Jr. saw someone in need and stepped forward, without regard for his own safety.

Today, even as they mourn, City of Poughkeepsie police continue to investigate the circumstances that took their friend and brother officer.

These and other stories are inside today's Journal.

The flag in front of the Poughkeepsie Police Department flies at half-staff in strong winds Saturday after the shooting death of Officer John Falcone, 44, an 18-year veteran of the department.  
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## Tegeler should sit out New Paltz's next game

For better or worse, high school football coaches are role models for their players and the young faces watching in the stands.

Which is why Tom Tegeler should not be coaching his New Paltz High School football team in the state regional semifinals on Friday night.

Early Sunday morning, at 1:31 a.m., state police in Highland stopped Tegeler's car on Route 32 in New Paltz.

Four and a half hours after Tegeler walked off Middletown's Faller



MIKE BENISCHEK  
COMMENTARY

Field brandishing the Section 9 Class B trophy high above his head to the delight of the Huguenots' fans, the 37-year-old blew into a breathalyzer and scored above the

### Coming Friday

The Poughkeepsie Journal will be providing live Twitter updates from Friday's state regional football games involving Millbrook and New Paltz.

legal limit.

He was charged with a pair of misdemeanors — one for drunken driving and another for operating a vehicle with a blood alcohol content greater than .08 percent.

Tegeler's attorney, Joseph

O'Connor, said the alleged level was a shade below .09, and said the test has a .01 margin of error.

Tegeler has been the Huguenots' coach for a decade and has no previous incidents of this sort. He knows how to set an example. This was not how to do it.

Instead, the example has to be this: There are consequences for mistakes, no matter how important the next game is.

And, as far as games go, they don't get much more important than Friday's regional semifinal against

Croton-Harmon.

Make no mistake, New Paltz has its best chance to win if Tegeler is on the sideline. But it would not be in the best interest of his players, whether they know it or not.

Drunk driving is too serious an issue to send the wrong message to those 42 Huguenots and the rest of New Paltz's student body.

In 2009 alone, 321 of New York's 1,156 crash-related fatalities were the result of alcohol-impaired

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OUR VIEW

## Election Board commissioners need to go

**If they won't quit, governor  
should remove them**

Oneida County's two election commissioners – Republican Pamela Mandryk and Democrat Carolann Cardone – should resign their positions immediately. If they refuse, they should be removed by Gov. Andrew Cuomo.

Clearly the commissioners are incapable of running the county Board of Elections.

Tuesday's elections – a primary and special election for the 116th District Assembly seat – were confusing even before they began. After blowing off Oneida County Executive Anthony Picente's request for a procedural plan after a similar fiasco last November, the commissioners sent out a letter to con-

p.m. Nassau County, Picente said, had 803 elections and 100 percent results by morning.

Picente is rightfully frustrated – and every voter should be, too. While the election commissioners do not officially answer to the county executive, it was highly unprofessional of them to ignore his request several weeks ago for a plan outlining how they would carry out and

report results in Tuesday's elections. A solid strategy, with a back-up plan, could have short-circuited problems – and it should have been a high priority given a similar results reporting mess



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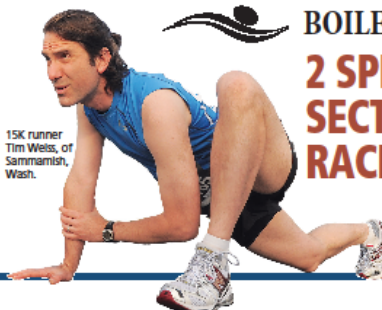
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Sandy Bunn, of Eden, dumps a cup of water over his head Sunday while running along the Patriotic Mile in Yorkville during the Utica Boilermaker Road Race. Ridouane Harroufi, of Morocco, won the men's title and Alice Timbillili, of Kenya, took the women's crown. **SEE PHOTO GALLERIES AT [UTICAOD.COM](http://UTICAOD.COM)**



**BOILERMAKER  
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### EAST UTICA

The International Mile is about "showcasing the variety of cultures that we have in our community," said Peter Vogelaar, Mohawk Valley Resource Center for Refugees executive director. **PAGE 3B**

### SOUTH UTICA

Whether remembering those who have passed on or those soon to arrive, family was a consistent theme from Shepherd Place to the top of Burrstone Road. **PAGE 4B**

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### PROPERTY TAX DATABASE

# New York's property tax nightmare

Overwhelmed homeowners cry out  
for an end to ballooning local levies

BY BOB PORT AND JAMES M. ODATO  
STAFF WRITERS

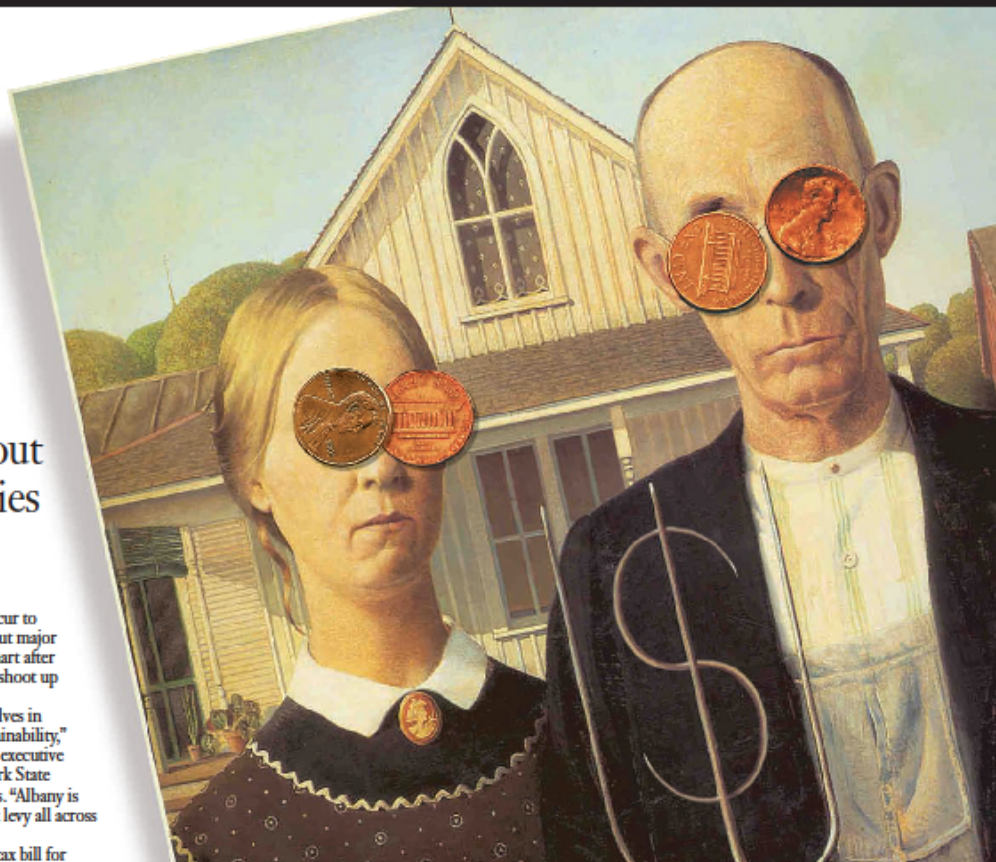
**S**lowly, over the last decade, the American Dream of homeownership has turned for many New Yorkers into a nightmare of property taxes growing out of control.

For three decades, private and public studies have identified high taxes on real estate as a major threat to the state's economy. Nationwide comparisons consistently put several New York counties, mostly upstate, among the most taxed anywhere. It's a distinction shared with some counties in New Jersey, where a taxpayer revolt has begun to shift the state's politics.

jections of what will occur to local tax burdens without major reform generate one chart after another with lines that shoot up geometrically vertical.

"We've gotten ourselves in this situation of unsustainability," said Stephen Acquario, executive director of the New York State Association of Counties. "Albany is setting the property tax levy all across the state."

The median annual tax bill for





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### So, just how hard are these schools getting hit?

Posted on March 17, 2011 at 4:19 pm by Jimmy Vielkind, Capitol bureau in Andrew Cuomo, Budget 2011, Shen Mafia, Tom DiNapoli

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Let's look at school cuts, using this handy spreadsheet the Office of the State Comptroller put out today.

Comptroller Tom DiNapoli released these data **along with a report that concluded**, according to DiNapoli, "Most districts have big enough reserves to cover the proposed cuts for one year... But after that, the reserves would be gone and without other actions, the expenses would still need to be addressed. And more than 100 districts across the state don't have enough reserves for even one year."

Gov. Andrew Cuomo said earlier today that suggestions his school cuts would hurt children are just **"a threat" in a "game."** The governor then issued a follow-up statement saying DiNapoli's report showed he was correct.

*"Today's report from the Comptroller's Office finds even more evidence to support the education budget I proposed. The report says all but roughly 100 of the State's 696 districts have enough reserves to cover the proposed reduction for this year. That's only reserves. This does not include any renegotiation of health benefits or salaries and it does not include rooting out waste or finding greater efficiencies. The oft-repeated scare tactic from various interest groups that teachers must be fired*



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## *Times Herald-Record*, Middletown

HURRICANE IRENE

## 'Historic' floods engulf mid-Hudson

Power out,  
roads closed  
all over region

BY JOHN SULLIVAN  
Times Herald-Record

Emergency officials in Ulster, Sullivan and Orange counties are declaring Hurricane Irene the most devastating weather event to have hit the region, surpassing even the 2006 floods.

And it's far from over.

"There's no doubt, looking at the flooding of many of our waterways in our county, that this is historic flooding," said Walter Koury, commissioner of the Orange County Department of Emergency Services.

A quick sketch of that toll by early Sunday evening included several hundred people evacuated from homes and sent to shelters; isolated counties, towns and subdivisions; waterlogged main streets in numerous towns and cities; storm-related house fires; tens of thousands of people without power; road and highway closures; and an un-



ROBERT G. BREESE/For the Times Herald-Record

Two New Jersey men are stranded on top of their pickup truck as water from the flooded Wawayanda Creek covers Blooms Corners Road on the border of Warwick, N.Y., and Vernon, N.J., Sunday. Firefighters eventually used a bucket loader to drive in and rescue the pair.



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Former NFA stars Michael McLeod, left, and Patrick Johnson, right, chatting recently with their former AAU coaches Harold Rayford, second from left, and Brian Sughrim at St. Mary's Church gym in Newburgh, were key players on the 2009 state championship team - but they did not graduate.

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**By Justin Rodriguez**  
Times Herald-Record  
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Newburgh Free Academy is a perennial state boys' basketball power, but all the wins and championships haven't translated into academic success for its players.

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**About 'Boomer Shock'**  
Within a few years, the flood of baby boomers entering the retirement arena will create enormous strains on public resources, our local economy, the job market, health care and families. The Times Herald-Record has undertaken a yearlong coverage campaign called "Bracing for the Boomer Boom." The year 2015, when a record number of local residents will retire, is pivotal. And there's little evidence we're prepared. Readers with feedback about this series should contact Adrienne Reilly at areilly@th-record.com.

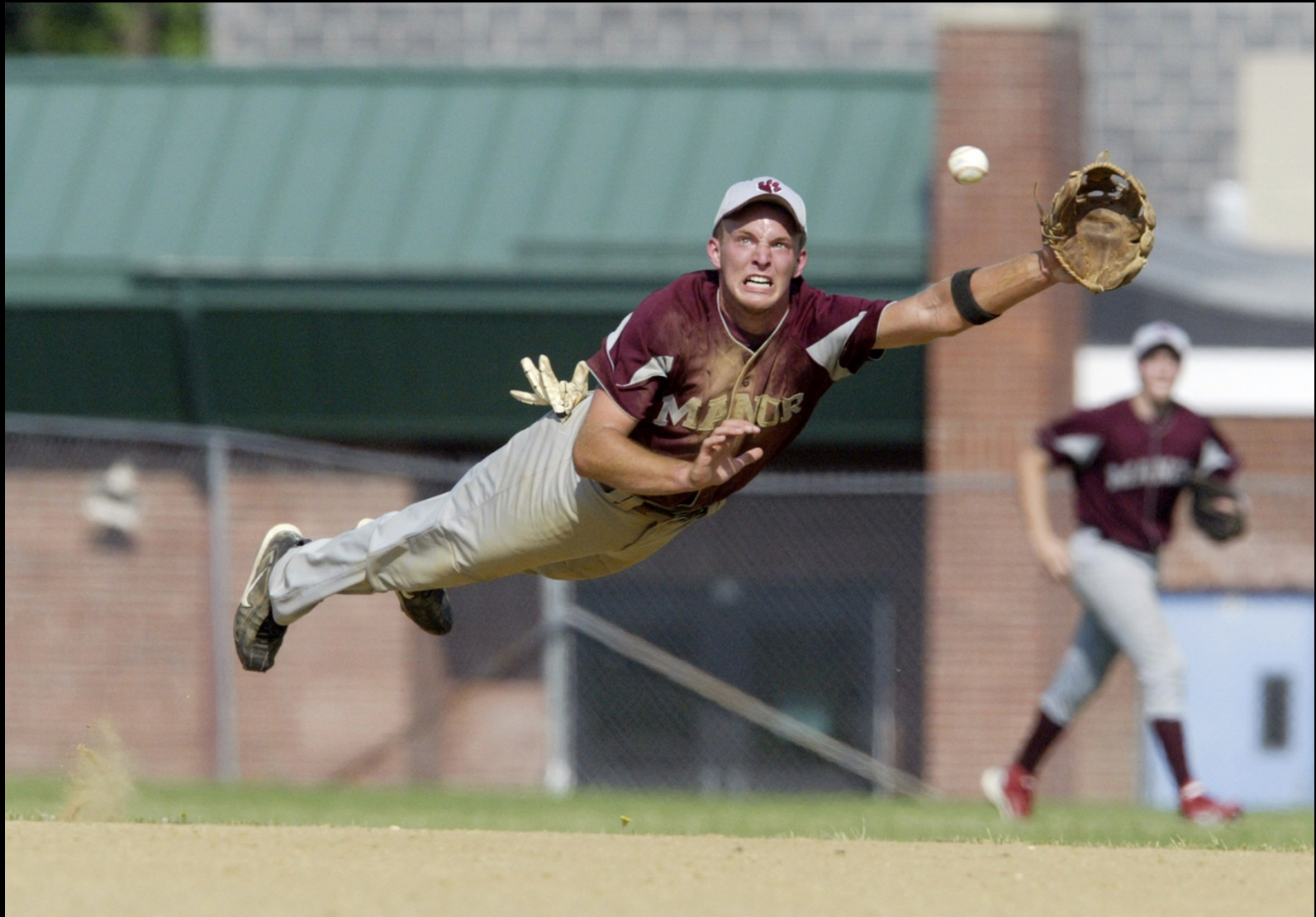
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*Times Herald-Record, Middletown*



# Distinguished Column Writing

## *Democrat and Chronicle, Rochester*

### Good riddance to absentee city landlords

Back during the housing bubble, the 19th Ward in southwest Rochester was an attractive spot for wanna-be real estate moguls looking to play Monopoly.

Perhaps they were armed with strategies from Tom Vu, the infomercial king who shouted "This is not a country club! This is my house!" while showing off riches gained investing in distressed property. They probably watched with envy as real estate values shot up across the United States.

Meanwhile in the 19th Ward and other parts of Rochester you could buy a building for about the cost of a new car. So people from California to the Czech Republic started snapping up properties on Genesee Street and Congress Avenue. By 2007, out-of-state buyers accounted for 23 percent of Rochester home purchases in which the residence of the buyer was reported. In 2001 the figure had been only 3 percent.

Some investors flew in for the weekend and bought multiple properties. Others purchased buildings sight unseen. Joe D'Alessandro of Greece (the suburb, not the country) bought a Genesee Street apartment building from a New York City-based investor in 2008. During price negotiations, he said it quickly became clear that the man had never set foot in his investment. The two-story apartment building, long vacant, had fallen into such bad shape, about all that was left to steal was the stairs. Eventually thieves took those, too. After D'Alessandro sent pictures, the owner sold it at a loss.



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### Attica Prison Riot

Memories strong after 40 years

Before the riot The riot breaks out The standoff The retaking The aftermath

The Attica prison riot in 1971 still stands as the nation's deadliest prison uprising: 39 men - 10 hostages and 29 inmates - were killed when State Police retook the prison; one corrections officer died from a beating by inmates when the riot broke out on Sept. 9; and inmates killed three other prisoners during the four-day standoff. With the 40th anniversary of the riot approaching, there continues to be constant historical analysis of the riot. Through historic photographs and video, and through multiple interviews with people connected to the riot, we explore how its impact continues to reverberate today in the regional, New York state and national conscience.


**Attica riot still under scrutiny 40 years later**

On its 40th anniversary, the nation's deadliest prison uprising is still the focus of historians, writers and filmmakers.

Many of state's files about riot still not available to public  
Some Attica survivors still seek apology from the state  
Attica Remembered... 40 Years Later

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# Distinguished Editorial Writing

## *The Post-Standard, Syracuse*

OUR OPINION

# Practice What You Preach

Syracuse Diocese morally obligated to respect gravediggers' rights

A few months after the U.S. Catholic bishops issued their 1986 letter on the U.S. economy and Catholic social teaching, Syracuse's bishop championed the importance of unions and called for cooperation between unions and management.

"The economy should serve people and not the other way around," Bishop Frank Harrison, the son of an early 1900s union activist, said at a public forum on the document.

"If there's a loss of unions, then there'll be no (balance) of power," said Harrison, who led the diocese from 1977



Ellen M. Blalock / The Post-Standard

**GRAVEDIGGER** Patrick Barrett mows the lawn at St. Agnes Cemetery in Syracuse.

gotiating the contract, the move is "not union busting." Maybe not literally, but it certainly is in

ported trade unions and collective bargaining.

"Let the working man and the employer make free agreements, and in particular let them agree freely as to the wages," he wrote.

In 1986, U.S. bishops underscored the church's support for unions. The document said justice calls for fair wages, adequate health care and pensions. It called on management to act ethically, urging

"commitment to the public good and not simply the private good of their firms."



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If it's true that a man is never  
**75** in his dreams, what is  
he in the imaginations of  
others? What is he now,  
thicker and slower and with nothing  
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that he shamed college teammates by  
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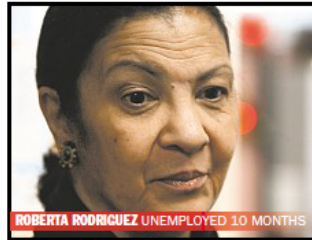
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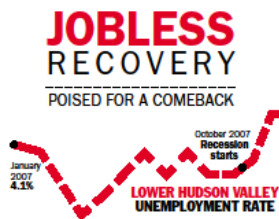
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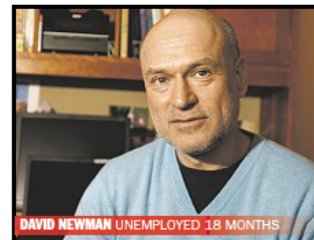
As job seekers are forced to consider sacrifices, the region's political tone is shifting in support of enterprise



With the local labor market shedding more jobs over the past year than anywhere else in New York, the region's tens of thousands of unemployed face an especially treacherous climb back up from the depths of the Great Recession. Yet no matter how aggressively they dig in their heels, it's going to take more than just personal resolve to find work in this economy. The Lower Hudson Valley unemployment rate remains stuck around 7 percent, which, despite consistently falling below state or national levels, still means 60,500 jobs have been lost in Westchester, Rockland and Putnam counties since jobs peaked in July 2008. And few industries have survived unscathed. In a special report over the next 11 weeks, *The Journal News* will explore the interconnected web of business, government and personal influences that are at the root of the unemployment crisis.

READ THE FULL STORY, PAGE 6A

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# Distinguished Feature Writing

## *The Journal News*, White Plains

# HATS OFF!



A look at six one-of-a-kind high school seniors  
in northern Westchester

By Chris Serico | [csarico@ohsu.com](mailto:csarico@ohsu.com)

**H**igh school graduation is a rite of passage, one that's packed with accolades and awards for many high-achieving students.

But often, there are outstanding seniors in a graduating class who aren't given medals or trophies. They aren't necessarily the No. 1 student giving a valedictory speech, or a

sports MVP whose athletic prowess is publicly applauded. (Or maybe they are, but have gone beyond good grades and goal-scoring to accomplish something else that's truly exceptional.)

So we found a group of soon-to-be grad-

uates from northern Westchester high schools, all of whom are standouts in their own way. Some overcame daunting physical, mental or emotional challenges to earn that diploma. Some became young entrepreneurs, while others took up a

cause close to their heart and raised thousands of dollars for charity.

Here, we celebrate these seniors and tell their inspiring stories. They're great examples of what hard work — and a whole lot of teen spirit — can accomplish.



# Distinguished Sports Writing

## *The Journal News*, White Plains

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COLLEGE ATHLETIC  
RECRUITING IS BIG  
BUSINESS, AND MANY  
YOUNG STARS AREN'T  
READY FOR ITS PITFALLS

## Playing a high-stakes GAME

By Josh Thomson  
[jthomson@lohud.com](mailto:jthomson@lohud.com)

More than four years had passed since the whirlwind started, and Joan Sheeran simply couldn't turn back to square one. Not again.

That was her thought when she picked up the call from her son Dan, who was once the Lower Hudson Valley's best high school receiver while at John Jay in Cross River. Three years into his career on the Syracuse University football team, a new coaching staff had moved him to linebacker — not the position he wanted.

When Sheeran told his mother he wanted to transfer, the memories flooded back. She remembered how much he had loved the University of Wisconsin, and how the school had reciprocated. And how a coaching change turned her son's commitment to that school into dust, leaving a 17-year-old — and his mother — to learn a harsh lesson.

"I could've been told 100 times that the colleges don't care about the kids, but I wouldn't have believed it," Joan Sheeran said.

For the Sheerans and other families who've

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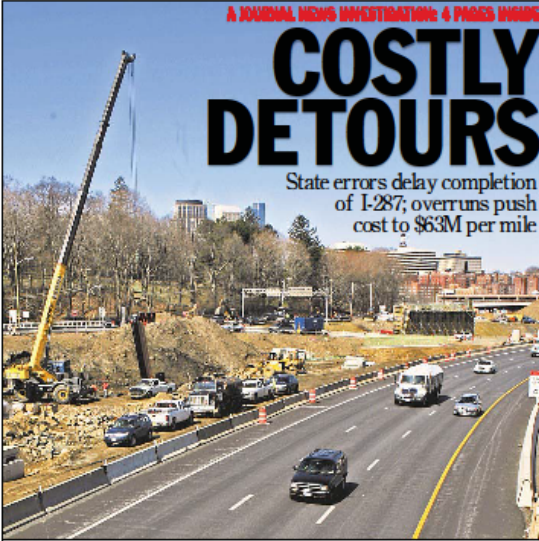


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# COSTLY DETOURS

State errors delay completion of I-287; overruns push cost to \$63M per mile



**By Joseph M. Conson**  
**Staff Writer**

What if you could see the future of a highway interchange? It would look like a giant construction site, with a massive crane lifting a large section of the road into place. The scene would be a mix of dirt, gravel, and steel, with a few cars and trucks parked nearby. The sky would be a clear blue, and the sun would be shining brightly. This is the future of the I-287 interchange, a project that has been delayed for years and is now costing \$63 million per mile.

The project, which is part of the I-287 interchange, has been delayed for years due to a series of errors by the state. The errors include delays in the design process, delays in the construction process, and delays in the funding process. The result is a project that is now costing \$63 million per mile, a significant increase from the original estimate of \$30 million per mile.

The project is a major transportation project that will improve the flow of traffic on I-287. It will also create jobs and stimulate the local economy. The project is a testament to the state's commitment to improving its infrastructure.

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### The tortoise and the care



Dr. Susan Hackner, right, chief medical officer at Cornell University Veterinary Specialists, and Dr. Jeremy Sabatini of Pleasantville Animal Hospital, left, prepare Arizona, a 300-pound endangered Galapagos tortoise, for a human-grade CT scan at the Cornell facility in Stamford, Conn. PHOTOS BY TANIA SAVAYAN/THE JOURNAL NEWS

#### Doctors try to help Pound Ridge owner's ailing Galapagos giant

By Swapna Venugopal Ramaswamy  
svenugop@icloud.com

**STAMFORD**— When one of Dr. Jeremy Sabatini's 20-year-old patients displayed signs of lameness in his right leg without any obvious injuries, he did what any doctor would do. He ordered a CT scan.

On Wednesday, Sabatini's charge, Arizona, a 300-pound endangered Galapagos tortoise, craned his neck out weakly as he was hoisted by the shell atop a CT scanner machine at the Cornell University Veterinary Specialists in Stamford.




Left: The test was performed to help diagnose why Arizona's right hind leg is not functioning.

Below: A look at the veterinary technician's screen.



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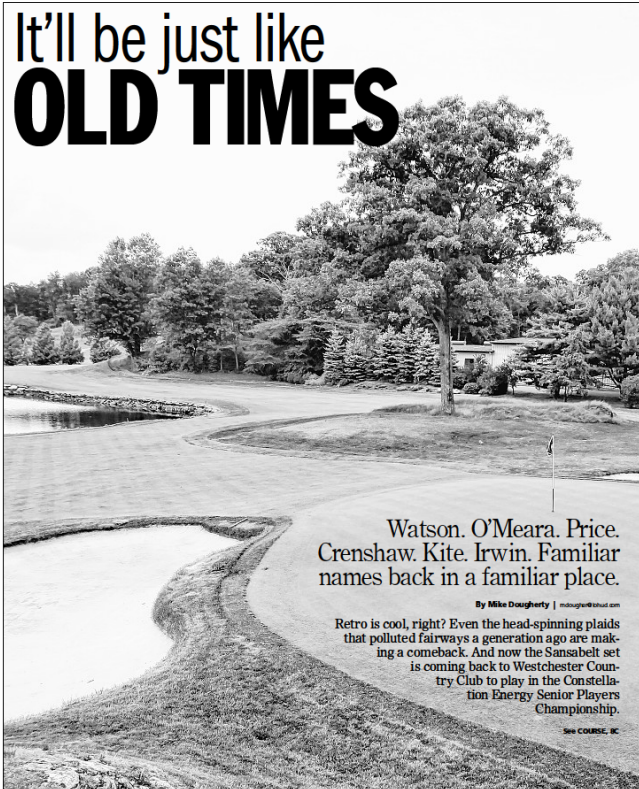
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By Mike Dougherty | [mdough@lohud.com](mailto:mdough@lohud.com)

Retro is cool, right? Even the head-spinning plaids that polluted fairways a generation ago are making a comeback. And now the Sansabelt set is coming back to Westchester Country Club to play in the Constellation Energy Senior Players Championship.

See COURSE, B.C.

## Champions Tour golfers too driven to retire

By Rick Capicciolo  
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In the final round of the Senior Open Championship, when it looked as if nobody was going to be able to catch Russ Cochran, legendary British broadcaster Peter Alliss said the others shouldn't give up.

Then he mentioned the prize money for the runner-up — in pounds, of course.

But these guys don't care about

pounds or dollars anymore, do they?

Hale Irwin cranked up a press room of reporters back at the Senior PGA when he answered a similar question Thursday.

"Well, can I bring you my stack of bills? That's a pretty good incentive right there."

Last month, Irwin — who won the Buick Classic in 1990 at Westchester Country Club, six days after winning a U.S. Open playoff over Mike Donald at Mo-

hams — was asked again: What drives Champions Tour players who have had so much success on the PGA Tour, who obviously don't need the money, to continue to compete at a high level?

"Well, I think it's an interesting question," Irwin said during the U.S. Senior Open, at which he shot his age (68). "I'm not sure that there is an absolute answer. But the thing I've noticed — it's not just golfers it could be any athlete, but any successful person: They're not

content, generally speaking, they're not content on, quite, retiring to the hammock or to the side lines."

"They've been type-A personalities; they've been successful people; they've been driven to great heights by their own motivation. And just retiring to the sidelines — I think we can all come up with examples of people that retired for a very short period of time, came back and went back to work. They didn't like that part. So they're

driven, they're motivated from within. It's not something else, generally that drives them."

"For me, I've enjoyed very much the competitive experience of these years, and that's what I seek. I'm always tickled when people say, 'You don't have to play anymore.' Well, yeah, you want to pay my bills! Go ahead. Obviously, there's the bill-paying, the money part; you can't forget that because

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## THE LION, THE FISH AND THE WARDROBE

FROM BELTS TO BEDDING, HAVE A WHALE OF  
A GOOD TIME WITH CRITTER MOTIFS

By SAMANTHA CRITCHELL / ASSOCIATED PRESS

**N**ot all critters are created equal: Dogs and waterfowl are popular, but cats barely make it onto the radar—at least when it comes to animals featured on the preppy clothes and accessories that seem synonymous with spring.

You also can't go wrong with a whale or crab; girls love their ponies and butterflies; and boys have a thing for sharks.

This is the season animal friends come out of hibernation and land on belts, bags, polos, chinos, bathing suits, flip-flops and anything else in your closet where an embroidered turtle or fish can be placed.

Other motifs work, too, especially easily shrunk flags, sailboats and palm trees, according to Shep and Ian Murny, the brothers who founded the Vineyard Vines brand that even makes fishbone-decorated collars for dogs.

The best critter candidates are things that have a defined silhouette, explains Jim Hauptman, director of design for L.L. Bean. A sea horse, for example, isn't an animal with a huge, passionate following, but it does really well as an embroidery because it's instantly recognizable from its shape and can be done in many color combinations. Whales work for the same reason—there's really no expectation of realism.

See Critters on Page C2

**Critter craze:** By-the-Sea bedding, above; accent pillows, right; and rug, top right, include lobster and minnow motifs as well as tines and suns. From [garnethill.com](#). Men anchor hose from a selection of Vineyard Vines neckties, top. The tie, bow tie, turtle boy bob and whale belt are from O'Connell's on Main Street. For kids, the crocodile twin jacket and turtle boots are from [ilbean.com](#) and the butterfly flip-flop is from [gap.com](#).

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**SUPER BOWL XXV:** *The football world remembers Buffalo's first Super Bowl appearance for Scott Norwood's coin, but the Bills want the emotional progress, the beginning of an unprecedented four-year run, an imperfect holdover the reception from their fans.*

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## *The Buffalo News*

# Rx FOR DANGER

*All too often, doctors and dealers converge in the illegal prescription drug marketplace — nationally and in Western New York*

By HENRY L. DAVIS, DAN HERRICK, LOU MICHEL  
AND SHERAN SCHEIDMAN

PHOTO BY DAVID GREEN

**A** Niagara Falls doctor stands accused of routinely prescribing powerful narcotic painkillers to just about any patient who walked into his office. A state staffer accused of dealing the drugs on the street.

And a Cheektowaga doctor accused of abusing legal prescription drug (and while a state medical board turned in his license to prevent him from practicing and then retired).

That's only the beginning.

A physician's assistant at a Wyoming County hospital. A receptionist at a plastic surgeon's office in West Seneca. A pharmacy assistant in Buffalo. A medical secretary in Amherst. All arrested on prescription drug charges.

"In the old days, you needed the Beach Connection. ... These days all you need is a prescription pad," said Erie County District Attorney Frank A. Sedita III.

Forget Colombian drug cartels and Afghan poppy fields. The latest explosion of powerful and addictive drugs to hit the streets is manufactured by American pharmaceuticals and

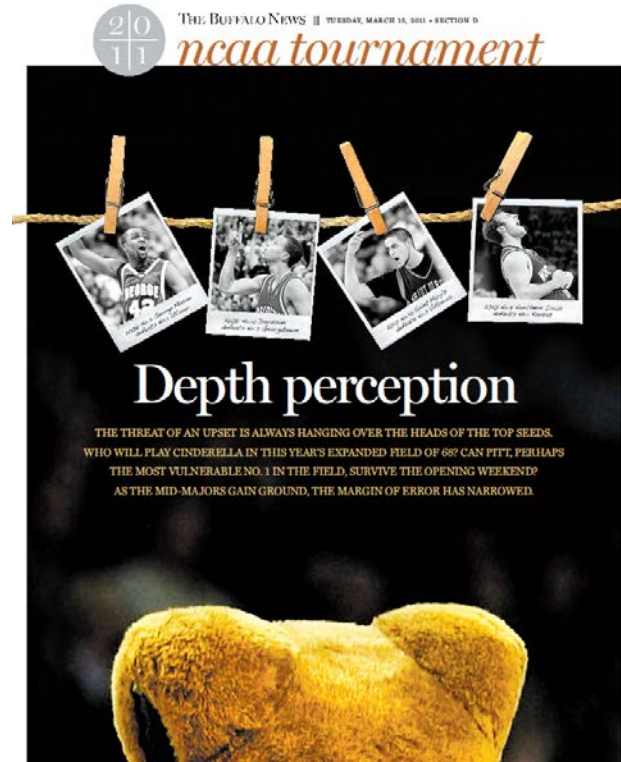


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The arrest in January of Frank Michel in Niagara Falls was the latest in a string of lesser arrests nationally related to illegal prescriptions for narcotic painkillers. Four of Michel's current and former office workers were also arrested.

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## *Carnage on Highway in Bronx After Crash Tears a Bus Apart*

By ROBERT D. McFADDEN

A tour bus barreling south for Manhattan overturned at high speed on a highway in the Bronx early Saturday and was sliced open by a sign stanchion in a shriek of rending metal that hurled riders about like rag dolls. Fourteen people were killed and 19 were injured, 5 of them critically, the authorities said.

Victims of the accident, which happened about 5:30 a.m. on Interstate 95 just across the Bronx line from Westchester County, were returning to Chinatown on a chartered bus from the Mohegan Sun casino in Uncasville, Conn. Some described grisly scenes of mayhem: at least one person decapitated, others maimed, people hanging upside down, victims gashed by flying glass, screaming in the darkness and struggling to get out. Some were thrown out on the ground, others

were trapped in a maze of metal.

The crash cast a grim light on a nocturnal New York City subculture of overnight gamblers, many of them older Asian and Hispanic people, who take cheap buses from Chinatown to casinos in Connecticut and New Jersey, play the slots and tables for a few hours and catch an after-midnight bus home, usually sleeping on the trip back and often arriving just in time to get to return to work.

The driver, Ophadell Williams, 40, survived. He told the authorities that his bus was clipped by a passing tractor-trailer, which sped away, an assertion that the police later said was under investigation.

Out of control, the bus began swerving, toppled on its right

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# Distinguished Investigative Reporting

## *The New York Times*

### At State-Run Homes, Abuse and Impunity

By DANNY HAKIM

Nearly 40 years after New York emptied its scandal-ridden warehouses for the developmentally disabled, the far-flung network of small group homes that replaced them operates with scant oversight and few consequences for employees who abuse the vulnerable population.

A New York Times investigation over the past year has found widespread problems in the more than 2,000 state-run homes. In hundreds of cases reviewed by The Times, employees who sexually abused, beat or taunted residents were rarely fired, even after repeated offenses, and in many cases, were simply transferred to other group homes run by the state.

And, despite a state law requiring that incidents in which a crime may have been committed be reported to law enforcement, such referrals are rare: State records show that of some 13,000 allegations of abuse in 2009 within state-operated and licensed homes, fewer than 5 percent were referred to law enforcement. The hundreds of files examined by The Times contained shocking

#### ABUSED AND USED

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examples of abuse of residents with conditions like Down syndrome, autism and cerebral palsy.

At a home upstate in Hudson Falls, two days before Christmas in 2006, an employee discovered her supervisor, Ricky W. Sousie, in the bedroom of a severely disabled, 54-year-old woman. Mr. Sousie, a stocky

man with wispy hair, was standing between the woman's legs. His pants were around his ankles, his hand was on her knee and her diaper was pulled down.

The police were called, and semen was found on the victim. But the state did not seek to discipline Mr. Sousie. Instead, it transferred him to work at another home.

Roger Macomber, an employee at a group home in west-

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A group home in Hudson Falls, N.Y., where a worker was said to have sexually assaulted a severely disabled woman.



# Distinguished Column Writing

## *The New York Times*

NEW YORK, SATURDAY, APRIL 30, 2011

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### As the Careless Order a Latte, Thieves Grab Something to Go

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Distraction and extraction.

These are the skills, timeless, of thousands of thieves who work in New York, without a weapon and without attracting notice.

**MICHAEL  
WILSON**

**CRIME  
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Where in the city can such a thief visit dozens of happy hunting spots on an afternoon's walk, finding rooms crowded with people staring at laptops or iPads, or texting or talking on phones, and ignoring their purses? A place so comfortable and familiar, with its jazz, leather chairs and Wi-Fi, that customers, otherwise savvy to the city's dangers, do not think twice about saving a round blond-wood table with a bag or a laptop while they stand in line?

You may be there now, with a

grande caffè mocha.

Starbucks shops are ubiquitous in New York, a respite for tourists and professionals young and old, and while the city's criminal trends come and go and ebb and flow, there remains a steady march of handbags from those shops in someone else's hands.

From Times Square to the Village to Brooklyn Heights, Starbucks pops up again and again on police blotters. Officers have set up stings in the chain's stores. A commander even asked one branch to put up a sign warning customers; the manager demurred, saying such a sign required corporate approval.

No doubt such a sign would dampen the mood.

"You can let your guard down

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# Distinguished State Government Coverage

## *The New York Times*

### ***Cuomo Vows Personal Push to Legalize Gay Marriage***

***Tells Gay Advocates  
He Is Set to Give Issue  
His 'Full Attention'***

By MICHAEL BARBARO  
and NICHOLAS CONFESSORE

In a closed-door meeting with gay advocates, Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo pledged on Wednesday to deploy his own political popularity and prestige to push for the legalization of same-sex marriage in New York, saying he was prepared to devote his "full attention" to the cause this spring.

"For me, this is personal," Mr. Cuomo said at one point, according to two people with direct knowledge of the session.

The governor's remarks, which participants in the meeting described as unexpectedly forceful



NATHANIEL BROOKS FOR THE NEW YORK TIMES

the governor that this state is going to lead on this issue — and he is going to lead it," said Richard Socarides, the president of the gay rights group Equality Matters who participated in the

Christine C. Quinn, the Council speaker, was among the advocates who met Wednesday with Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo.

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## Hurricane Irene: What You Need to Know

By DAVID M. HALBFINGER

**6:26 p.m. | Updated** What follows are the most important things to know about the state of preparations for Hurricane Irene in New York City and its immediate surroundings.

- 1. Evacuations:** A mandatory evacuation order, said to be the city's first ever, has been issued for low-lying coastal areas of all five boroughs, including the entire Rockaways, Governors Island, Battery Park City and much of the financial district in Lower Manhattan. [Details are here.](#)
- 2. Mass transit** is largely shutting down by Saturday afternoon. The city subways and buses will stop running at noon, as will PATH trains and commuter railroads connecting Manhattan to New Jersey, Long Island, Westchester County and Connecticut. New Jersey Transit's bus, light rail and paratransit rides, for people with disabilities, will stop at 6 p.m. Saturday. The

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## *The New York Times*

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### Signs of Beautiful Isolation, and Even Spring, on a Walk on Governors Island

By ANDY NEWMAN



Water Taxi Beach, slowly thawing. [See a Slide Show](#)

On a brisk morning on Governors Island, as winter begins to surrender to spring, the fake palm trees that greet the ferry on Water Taxi Beach appear even more surreal than usual, poking up out of snow above the empty picnic tables.

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Wednesday, September 1, 2010

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## New Breed of Patent Claim Bedevils Product Makers

By DIORNE SEABURY

Raymond E. Stauffer was shopping at a New Jersey mall when he noticed something peculiar about the bow ties on display at Brooks Brothers: They were labeled with old patent numbers.

Mr. Stauffer, who calls himself a "sharp-dressed man," also happens to be a patent lawyer. He sued Brooks Brothers Inc. in federal court, claiming it broke the law by marking its adjustable bow ties with patents that expired in the 1950s. He figured the retailer would have to pay a nominal amount for violating a law that bars companies from marking products with erroneous patent numbers.



Matthew Cole/The Wall Street Journal

A Brooks Brothers bow tie

for up to \$500 per offense.

Lawyers for product manufacturers now fear clients are liable for up to \$500 for every

filed since the December appellate court ruling.

Some of the suits have been dismissed. Many had been stayed, pending the outcome of Mr. Stauffer's case against Brooks Brothers. On Tuesday, the Federal Circuit Court of Appeals reversed a lower court ruling that had dismissed Mr. Stauffer's case saying he didn't have standing to bring it.

"Every plaintiff who brings one of these cases is a private attorney general who is doing a service to the United States, and I'm doing the same," says Mr. Stauffer, a lawyer in Roseland, N.J.

Brooks Brothers and a lawyer who represents it in the case didn't respond to requests for

# Distinguished Feature Writing

## *The Wall Street Journal*

### A Solitary Jailhouse Lawyer Argues His Way Out of Prison

By SEAN GARDNER

Each morning for 5,546 days, Jahbar Collins knew exactly what he'd wear when he awoke: a dark-green shirt with matching dark-green pants.

The prison greenies of a convicted murderer, he says, were "overly starched in the beginning, but as time wore on, and after repeated washes, they were worn and dull, like so many other things on the inside."

For most of those 15 years, Mr. Collins, who maintained his innocence, knew the only way his wardrobe would change was if he did something that's indescribably rare. He'd have to lawyer himself out of jail.

There was no crusading journalist, no nonprofit group taking up his cause, just inmate 95A2646, a high-school dropout from Brooklyn, alone in a computerless prison law library.

"Needle in a haystack' doesn't communicate it exactly. Is it more like lightning striking your house?" says Adele Bernard, who runs the Post-Conviction Project at Pace Law School in New York, which investigates claims of wrongful conviction. "It's so unbelievably hard...that it's almost

time.

To that point in his life, Mr. Collins had been drifting. His father died when he was 13 and his mother worked two jobs while also studying nursing. Under-supervised, he skipped school often, smoked a lot of pot and fathered the first of his children when he was 15.

When he was 16, he was arrested for a robbery. He says he was just waiting outside the store where a robbery took place. Mr. Collins accepted a youthful-offender adjudication under which he got probation and the arrest could eventually be purged.

Mr. Collins later obtained a general-equivalency diploma and took some classes at Long Island University. He was trying to transfer to John Jay College of Criminal Justice when he was

arrested again, this time on charges of possession of a controlled substance.

Finally succeeding in a request, gaining 239 pages of documents and 94 audio tapes, emboldened him. "It kind of refilled the tanks," he says, "gave me the confidence to fight on."

Over time, Mr. Collins would file a dizzying number of records requests. If they were denied, he appealed. If he lost, he'd add his requests to those he prepared for other inmates.

"The mosaic of intelligence gathering," Mr. Collins calls this. "You collect one item at a time and you add to the picture piece by piece until you create what is a stunning mosaic of what really happened."

He picked away at his case for eight years, but by the fall of 2003 he had hit a wall. That's when he carried out a ruse to trick Adrian Diaz, who had testi-



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