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Tim Piltz, second from right, is honored with the Amsterdam Recreation Softball League's annual Statline achievement award at Sept. 8's Recorder/Robert Piltz Memorial Post Piltz Softball Tournament in Amsterdam. Piltz has played in the league for more than 30 years and was diagnosed with cancer in April. Pictured with Piltz are, from left, his brother, Matt Piltz, his father, Laurie Olney, his daughter, Natalie Piltz and his sister, Maria Kurensky.

## Taking his base

### Softball stalwart hit with cancer battles on

By MICHAEL KELLY  
Recorder Sports Staff

**I**ust last year, Tim Piltz was your classic weekend warrior. A busy man with a booming smile, Tim was one of the fiercest competitors in the Amsterdam Recreation Softball League. A longtime member of the league's Midstate, Tim's 2010 season ended with his team opening in early September as champions in the event named for his father, the Recorder/Robert Piltz Memorial Post Piltz Softball Tournament.

Life was good. Life was normal. Piltz turned 49 in April. After feeling sick to his stomach for a spell, Tim headed to the doctor's office to figure out what was wrong with him. After initial tests came back inconclusive, he got sent to a new doctor for an MRI.

The big deal, Tim thought, was that what ever ailment he had would be easily cured or fixed with a surgery. In no time, he would be back to feeling good and picking the Midstate to victory in the team's last-approaching season in the Amsterdam Recreation Softball League, the 50-year-

old's 22nd campaign with the club.

Roughly 17,000 new cases of esophageal cancer were diagnosed in the United States as far as 2011, according to the National Cancer Institute. The cancer is a killer — the NCI estimates 15,000 have died from the rare cancer this year — and it often goes undetected until it is in its later stages.

Tim — "Pilk" to his softball buddies — is one of those 17,000. That diagnosis ended in Tim, faced at his wife, being told that his illness was his body's response to

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### Blast levels Corning home



### Two men pulled from wreckage alive

BY CORYNNE EK  
AND KERRY SMITH  
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**CORNING** | A massive explosion leveled a home on Wilson Street on Friday morning, and two men were pulled from the wreckage alive by bystanders who rushed to their aid.

The blast occurred at approximately 11 a.m. on 48 Wilson Street in the city's Longfellow Park neighborhood, sending a shock wave that badly damaged nearby homes and was heard for miles all over the city.

Several bystanders who arrived on the scene

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shortly after the blast, heard yelling and pulled two older men from the wreckage, beneath a huge, burning pile of debris. Both men had been badly burned and

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**Main** | Firefighters dig through the rubble after Friday's home explosion on Wilson Street in Corning. A car is seen buried by debris. Inset | A photo of the home before the blast taken from the City of Corning website. Above | Police Chief Sal Tricimelli, City Manager Mark Byckman, Fire Chief John Taylor and Gang 181A-1000 View Fire Chief Pete Warbler coordinate the response.

### Bystanders rush to help victims

BY KERRY SMITH  
psmith@the-leader.com

**CORNING** | John Abidin and Josh Hunt of Elmira, two co-workers for Thomas and Thomas moving company, had stopped at Black's Chops on the corner of Cadaver and West Palmyra Streets when they heard a tremendous boom and saw smoke rising into the air over Longfellow Park.

Right away, they knew something horrible had happened. They jumped at their vehicle and headed that way, arriving to find a scene of utter devastation on Wilson

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CORTLAND, N.Y.

## Possible meth lab found after fire call

By ANTHONY ROSELLI  
Staff Reporter

CORTLAND — Authorities are responding to a possible house fire Friday evening at 81 Maple Ave., where a possible methamphetamine lab inside the residence.

Cortland firefighters searched the residence, located a "strong chemical odor," and found several chemical ingredients used to make meth, Cortland Police Lt. Richard Troner said.

"There were materials in the house that seemed suspicious," Troner said.

Firefighters and police had responded to 81 Maple Ave. at about 7:30 p.m. Friday.

Police have arrested at least two "persons of interest" in the Maple Avenue case and remain on pending, Troner said. A state police RACIALIST team continues to search the residence today.

It would be the second meth lab found in the city of Cortland in a week. On July 13, authorities seized 78 Lenoire Ave., after a 911 call reported a suspicious odor from the house.

See POSSIBLE, page 1

## LOCAL

**FDIC reviewing Greek Peak loan**  
The FDIC says the Greek Peak loan review will be a "time consuming" process that could take weeks or months.

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## SPORTS

**Tebow's use a big issue for Jets**  
How the New York Jets use new offensive star Tim Tebow will be a focal point when preseason camp opens next week at SUNY Cortland.

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## WEATHER

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Tomorrow's Weather:  
A chance of showers and thunderstorms.  
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"I was a 10th grade high school dropout. The job they gave me was the start I needed. It made a person out of me. I learned how to deal with people, got an education and made something of myself. ... When Smith Corona was here, you didn't need anything else."

— George Totman

## Remembering Smith Corona



The former Smith Corona typewriter factory on Route 13 in South Cortland, pictured Tuesday, is now called Cortland Commerce Center.

Twenty years ago today, the company announced it was moving production to Mexico. Some local former workers share memories.

By MATTHEW NOBIS  
Staff Reporter

SOUTH CORTLAND — George Totman, 62, is a reflective man who has lived his life in the shadows of the business of his childhood home in Cortland.

Totman is 62, but his full head of hair makes him look a few years younger. He is the type of person who holds onto memories and pictures, and right now he is looking at a photo of himself from his days at Smith Corona.

He is a former typewriter salesman and a former typewriter repairman. He is a former typewriter salesman and a former typewriter repairman. He is a former typewriter salesman and a former typewriter repairman.



"I miss the company picnics, and I miss the second shift. If the company hadn't folded I would be one of those people still holding on. You just couldn't find that kind of money and benefits."

— Mike Bidwell

I don't think it's a person out of it. I learned how to deal with people, got an education and made something of myself. ... When Smith Corona was here, you didn't need anything else."

— George Totman



An old Smith Corona typewriter is on display in 2008 at the Cortland Historical Society.



Lu Harris, right, and Cindy Terberry, of the Smith Corona consumer affairs department, were the first to be laid off when the company closed its Cortland plant in 1982.

It was the kind of company that could support its own community. Totman said.

"When Smith Corona was here, you didn't need anything else," Totman said.

If you wanted a good job, you went to Smith Corona. If you wanted a good job, you went to Smith Corona. If you wanted a good job, you went to Smith Corona.

"I loved working on the line. I loved about it when I got home," said Mike Bidwell, who is now 60, but was 17 when he started at Smith Corona. "It was such a first place. The work was tedious and stressful."

Bidwell worked for Smith Corona for about 10 years and left his job when he got married. He said he never could find a job like that again.

The area who remembered the typewriter company here in Mexico is actually still in Cortland.

Michael Dorelli had done several years at Smith Corona. He directed the company's European operations until 1984 and returned in 1992 as vice president of operations and engineering. He left again in 1993 before coming back to a consultant and chief executive officer in 1997 and 1998.

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## The Sixth Man

By: [Patrick Newell](#), Sports Editor  
Published: March 7th, 2012

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The unspeakable grief of the Collier family was alleviated for a few hours. Norwich head basketball coach, Tom Collier, raised the warmup shirt of his late daughter Krissie toward his wife and family after the Tornado made a miraculous comeback Friday night at the Broome County Veterans Memorial Arena to win the

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Special report on Trudeau Institute, Part 1 of 2

## What really happened at Trudeau

Secret effort to move bioscience lab from Saranac Lake began in 2008

*(Editor's note: This is the first of a two-part investigative report on the on-going crisis at Trudeau Institute, one of Saranac Lake's most important employers. The project is a collaboration between the Adirondack Daily Enterprise and North Country Public Radio. Tomorrow, Chris Knight will report on the future of Trudeau.)*

By BRIAN MANN  
Special to the Enterprise

SARANAC LAKE — Top executives and a small group of scientists and board members at Trudeau Institute began working aggressively and in secret to relocate the facility outside of Saranac Lake as early as 2008, accord-

ing to documents leaked recently by a former employee.

The effort, led by then-Director David Woodland with the close involvement of current board Chairman Benjamin Brewster, produced a tentative deal that would have moved the research laboratory to a new research park under development in Port St. Lucie, Fla.

Trudeau officials have acknowledged in the past that they undertook a planning process that included the option of relocating some or all of the laboratory's research teams. In



Woodland



Brewster

January 2011, the board of directors firmly rejected the idea, voting in a closed-door session in New York City to remain permanently in Saranac Lake. However, newly disclosed internal memos and a series of detailed interviews suggest that negotiations to move the laboratory went much further than was previously disclosed.

During an extensive interview, Woodland, who now works for a research group in Colorado, said he became convinced early in his tenure as the institute's director (fall 2007

to fall 2011) that Saranac Lake was no longer a viable location for a modern, top-tier research facility because of its remoteness from major universities, hospitals and other bio-research facilities.

Woodland said Trudeau submitted a formal application in March 2010 to the state of Florida, hoping to secure funding to help pay for a potential move.

"This was a document that allowed the Florida state government to start putting in place the money," Woodland said. He noted that a consortium of philanthropists, scientists, state and local officials in Florida was expected to put together an incentive package worth roughly \$88 million, in an effort to woo the institute away from Saranac Lake.

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## Adirondack Daily Enterprise, Saranac Lake

### A prescription for trouble



Bottles of hydrocodone, a prescription narcotic that's often abused, sit on a shelf behind the counter at Kinney Drugs in Saranac Lake.

(Enterprise photo by Chris Knight)

#### Police, doctors, pharmacists say prescription drug abuse is on the rise

By CHRIS KNIGHT  
Senior Staff Writer

SARANAC LAKE — Two years ago, the Franklin County Drug Task Force received a tip that a house in Malone was being used as a hot-flicking center for prescription narcotic drugs.

"It was a house that had no other traffic," said Franklin County District Attorney David Champagne.

"It came to the attention of neighbors as well as law enforcement, and we were able to purchase a number of prescription drugs out of the house (through a police informant)."

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Baggies of prescription narcotic drugs that were seized by state police during a recent drug sweep.

(Photo by New York State Police)

But this wasn't just a case of the mill drug house, the DA said. Police set up a sting of the house's phone lines and learned that these dealers weren't just doling out drugs, they were also passing along advice.

"The phones were basically a hot-spot for people on which doctors to

go to, how to go to different pharmacies, and what to say to which doctor to get hydrocodone and oxycodone."

Champagne said.

The extent of the operation surprised law enforcement, but is not unexpected, he said.

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# Adirondack Daily Enterprise 50¢

## State reaches deal to buy 69,000 acres

By CHRIS MORRIS  
Staff Writer

LAKE PLACID — The biggest addition to the Adirondack State Forest Preserve in more than 100 years was made official during a press conference here Sunday afternoon.

Gov. Andrew Cuomo joined environmental leaders and elected officials at Lake Placid's Conference Center to sign and announce the state's deal to

acquire some 69,000 acres of former Finch, Pruyn and Co. timberland from The Nature Conservancy. Rather than one contiguous block of land, it consists of many, widely dispersed parcels. The bulk of the land is in the central Adirondacks around Newcomb, but some parcels are even outside the Adirondack Park boundary to the southeast.

The state will purchase the land

over a five-year period for a total of \$49.8 million, using funds set aside in the Environmental Protection Fund. The first payment of \$1.3 million will be made in this fiscal year, and the final one will be made by 2016-17. The state will pay local property and school taxes on the land, as it does for the Forest Preserve in general.

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Gov. Andrew Cuomo discusses a land purchase that will add 69,000 acres to the Adirondack Forest Preserve during a press conference in Lake Placid on Sunday.

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## Adirondack Daily Enterprise, Saranac Lake

### MYSTERY OF THE MONUMENT IN A MARSH



By  
**JOE HACKETT**  
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I've been fortunate to have spent the majority of my professional career wandering about the woods and waters of the vast Adirondack Park.

I chose the title, "Adirondack Gadabout," for my newspaper column in homage to R. V. "Gadabout" Gladdis, the host of "The Flying Fisherman," a popular television show that ran during 1950s and '60s.

Gladdis once claimed he was the luckiest man on earth because he spent most of his time "gadabouting about the country" while piloting a small Piper Cherokee airplane.

Although most of my time has been spent in the sporting company of good friends and longtime guests, I often enjoy traveling alone, gadabouting, for trout.

Over the past 35 years, I've covered quite a bit of ground as I've rowed over and paddled through a whole lot of water. I've also snowshoed, skied, biked and hiked many more miles than I'd care to admit, and yet my sore back and tired legs can account for most of them.

I'll readily confess to having been turned around more than once, and yet I've never experienced the occasion where I couldn't find my way home ... yet.

I recall the words of former State ranger Gary Hodgson, who told me, "You're only lost if someone has to come and find you."

And I firmly believe in an admonition offered by the late Dick Himpesic, a former game protector from Saranac Lake who once explained, "Any man who claims he's never been lost has never traveled very far back into the woods."

During my time on the trail, I've encountered a fair share of bad weather, good company, wild animals, rough country and just a few characters of the questionable sort to



PHOTO BY JOE HACKETT

The stone sits alone, at rest beside a secluded pond, where good times were shared and laughter once rang out. Today it remains a silent place, interrupted only by the wail of a loon and the blip of a trout sipping a fly from the water's surface.

I knew the marker was special to someone, but it's not likely to be seen by most, since it sits off the beaten path. Surely it was intended as a monument to a man, and certainly it is a monument to his life.

Yet as I read the first line of his letter, a lump again developed in my throat. There was no introduction and no explanation, yet I knew I finally had the answer to the mystery of the monument. I read it aloud.

years. I built a lifetime of memories having him as my father.

The stone was placed in that pond to mark the spot where he died May 9th, 1967, leaving behind a wife and four kids. That stone

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OPINION

### Editorial: Scrap Saratoga Springs Housing Authority director's contract ... now

Published: Sunday, March 11, 2012



Getting rid of Ed Spychalski as executive director of the Saratoga Springs Housing Authority is going to cost taxpayers a lot more than it cost to get rid of the bedbugs in the public apartments he oversees.

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



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# Missing teen Jesse Cale's body found in Hudson River (with video)

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GREENWICH — The search for missing Schuylerville High School senior has reached a grim conclusion: state police confirmed



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**BLOGS > CITY DESK**

Welcome to the City Desk, your one stop for all the political news affecting Saratoga Springs and Saratoga County.

Tuesday, March 20

### Sounds like Brunelle is being told "thanks, but no thanks."

Saratoga Springs Housing Authority Board of Commissioner Chairman Dennis Brunelle's (That's not a title. Now THAT'S a title) ears must be ringing after the City Council meeting Tuesday night.

Read about the full discussion in tomorrow's Saratogian. For now, I'm just going to put up this little tidbit because I've been sort of following Brunelle's imminent reappointment (or lack thereof) in the blog as of late.

**Now if you'll recall, Mayor Scott Johnson said he does not expect Brunelle to request re-appointment to the Housing Authority board when his term expires in April.**

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**SPORTS**




## Saratoga Race Course Live Blog (Travers Saturday): 11 a.m.

Published: Friday, August 24, 2012




Follow along as Andrew Champagne takes you through the Travers Saturday card at the special time of 11 a.m.!




Hi everyone! Andrew Champagne here live from Saratoga here on Travers Saturday.

by Emily Donohue August 25, 2012 at 11:09 AM



We're fast and firm, and you couldn't have asked for better weather.

by Emily Donohue August 25, 2012 at 11:10 AM




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













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## Siobhan Connally: She's still my mother, and she's still in the game

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Something was wrong. I was playing Words With Friends with my mother and I was winning.

We'd been playing the game together ... at night ... in our separate houses ... 11 miles apart ... for more than a year. It was always the same. I would come up with words like "Pro" for six points and she would counter with "Pyxes" for 104 points ... and then she would send me a note over the game's little messaging system with an apology.

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CENTENARIAN HOPS ON A HARLEY



Margaret Weimer waits for her 100th birthday present — a ride on Rich Saupe's motorcycle Tuesday afternoon. The Highland Nursing Home resident turns 100 today. PHOTO PROVIDED

## Born (100 years ago) to be wild

By Brian Quinn  
Daily Reporter

WELLSVILLE — Riding a motorcycle wasn't a lifelong dream of Margaret Weimer's according to her family, but something she decided she recently decided she wanted to do.

Weimer, a Highland Healthcare Center resident who turns 100 today, got her wish this week thanks to her

family and Wellsville resident Rich Saupe. Saupe came to the nursing home Tuesday afternoon and picked up Weimer, who was waiting outside for him with family and friends.

Weimer's daughter-in-law, Joyce Weimer, said Margaret's motorcycle ride lasted about 15 minutes. She put on a helmet and leather jacket and rode off with Saupe.

"He blazed down Main St. with her on his Harley," Joyce Weimer said. "He went down by Steuben Trust bank and down the corner by North Main and up through town. He went through the Alfred State College Wellsville campus and then brought her back down past Memorial Park and brought her back to Highland."

According to Joyce

Weimer, Margaret's question was, "When am I going to get a real motorcycle ride?"

"I said, 'For your next birthday,'" Joyce Weimer said.

"It's all been since my son, Ryan Weimer, bought a motorcycle last summer," she said. "I thought she was joking. She kept telling people at the nursing

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### 2012 DOUBLEDAYS PREVIEW

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**Washington, Auburn get more comfortable with partnership in second year:**  
The last remnant of the old regime has been swept away, and in its place is a sign representing the strong affiliation between the Auburn Doubledays and the Washington Nationals. The two clubs hope to build on a successful 2011 season for years to come, while fans at Falcon Park get more accustomed to the parent club that helps make up the Doubledays. *More on C3*



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clockwise: The Auburn Doubledays recently replaced their "Hinsberg Way" sign entering the driveway behind the clubhouse to "Nationals Way." Doubledays manager Gary Laffoon directs practice in his second season with the team. Auburn players practice at Falcon Park.



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### Closed for business - eight Victor merchants shut their doors

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The former Historic Dryer House Emporium, next door to Trailblazers Bike Shop, is also vacant. Shop owners closed it down in late August.

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Victor, N.Y. — For some local retailers, the sweet sound of “ka-ching” is the only Christmas present they’re hoping for this season. They know that with the holidays come shoppers — many armed with long lists, expensive tastes and gold cards. And for one glorious month, business might be good — it might be very good.

But as some merchants work to leverage the season, at least eight Victor mainstays are closing their doors and turning out the lights for good. Another four have changed hands and are moving ahead under new management.

Why? Was it the result of poor business decisions? A less than ideal location? The sagging economy? Big box store competition?

#### In their words

“You can have wonderful stuff in your stores but if they’re not going to buy it, you can’t keep the store open.” —Nancy Noonan, owner of Gatherings

“Retail’s a grind, and you’ve got to be open when people are ready to shop.” —Mitch Donovan, Victor Chamber of Commerce

“Nobody ever opens a business with the idea that they are going to fail. You have constantly be looking at your business.” —Tim Maher, Downtown Merchants Association president, owner of Apparel Printers Plus

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### The scoop on local poop

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Canandaigua, N.Y. — A girl with shovel in hand has plenty of time to think when she's cleaning up grandma's farm animal pen.




OK, when you're shoveling manure you're trying to think about most anything else except what you're doing.

Anyway, that's how, one day, a bright idea came to Meghan Geer, who as an active 4H Club member and having performed farm chores for a good chunk of her 13 years knows a thing or two about the positive uses of manure.

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**Clarence Day**  
In addition to being involved in the local chapter of the NAACP and a president of the Geneva African-American Men's Association in the 1960s, Clarence Day and his wife helped establish the Center of Concern in 1970.

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# INSIDE S-COMM

What Secure Communities is and what it means for undocumented immigrants in the Finger Lakes region

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**By HEATHER SWANSON**  
hswanson@flltimes.com

**About this series**  
Secure Communities, introduced in 2008, releases near instantaneous electronic data sharing between local law enforcement and Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

## Vote on Waterloo school closing set for Monday

**By DAVID L. SHAW**  
dshaw@flltimes.com

**WATERLOO** — The school board is poised to vote Monday night on closing Main Street Elementary School for educational purposes at the end of the current school year.

The closing of the state-ly three-story school, built in 1928, has been recommended by an elementary configuration study committee.

The committee first concluded that the district can no longer financially sustain three elementary schools. Then it said it makes the most sense to close Main Street, which

**Coming Monday ...**

**A call to the White House**  
Twenty-two years ago this week, news of an urgent mail alert interrupted a high school basketball game. Geneva's town Albert Thomas Jr. — standout star

**A** controversial immigration agreement, now enforced in New York state has raised hackles.



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## *Finger Lakes Times, Geneva*

### Gorham caught in world's bright spotlight

**T**he emails have come from Australia, all over Europe, Asia, Africa. At last count, says Fred Lightfoote, 22 counties are represented and each of the world's continents ... except Antarctica.

So many emails have been received by the Town of Gorham's website — at least 5,000 by Lightfoote's estimation — that it crashed for two days last week.

Phone calls have been pouring in, too, some from as far away as Newfoundland.

It's something that Lightfoote, newly sworn in as town supervisor in January, never envisioned.

"I never dreamed that we would be the worldwide focus of *anything*," Lightfoote said when I spoke with him by

**MIKE  
CUTILLO**

*Executive  
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phone Friday.

But quiet little Gorham, N.Y. — population, about 4,300; size, about 53 square miles — is indeed in the spotlight thanks to Curtis and Jolene Martin who brought a request to the town's Planning Board for a special-use permit to build a large-scale dog-breeding kennel on Route 247.

The Planning Board, its hands basically tied by local zoning laws with precious lit-

tle about kennels, almost had to approve the Martins' request.

How precious little, you might ask? The town's municipal code is 139 pages long; half of one of those pages has a section titled "Kennel, Veterinary Clinic or Animal Hospital."

It comes right before a section on yacht clubs.

That's how little.

And what a lot of people don't understand is that just because the Planning Board OK'd the request, that did not give the Martins permission to start building.

"There's a lot of confusion out there right now," Lightfoote said.

Count among the confused those who run a website called Life With Dogs. They headlined a Feb. 6 story this way: "Gorham, NY Welcomes New

Puppy Mill."

Nothing could be further from the truth. As Lightfoote has been reminding folks, the Planning Board's approval was only *one* step in the process, not the *final* one.

"What the town has done so far, basically, has been prescribed by law," Lightfoote said. "This is an issue where most everyone has a personal opinion, but I am very proud of the Planning Board and the Town Board because they have personal opinions, too, but they have been able to compartmentalize those and do things as prescribed by law."

What followed after the permit request approval was an informational meeting that drew about 400 people by Lightfoote's count. Then there

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# Distinguished Sports Writing

## *Finger Lakes Times, Geneva*



Geneva native sits on

Student assistant Rick by Geneva Jr. talks to a St. John Fisher football player during practice Tuesday at the college's complex in Pittsford. A Geneva native, Greco suffers from arthrogryposis, a rare congenital disorder characterized by multiple joint contractures, muscle weakness and fibrosis.

## ‘HE KNEW HIS PATH FROM EARLY ON’

### Geneva native overcomes disability to coach football

By CHRIS MAQUART

Finger Lakes Times

**P**ITTSFORD — Rick Greco Jr. coaches the sidelines, periodically barking out commands to the players on the field. Between series, he puffs out his chest and tells them what he likes and what they need to do better.

In most ways, the Geneva native is like any other coach.

Except he's never played.

For that he never will.

Greco, 22, is a student assistant with the St. John Fisher football team.

With a rare congenital disease, Arthrogryposis, also known as arthrogryposis multiplex congenita, he is a life-long person with multiple joint contractures, muscle weakness and fibrosis. Ligaments don't take him as they should.



Greco

The name is derived from Greek. In a literal translation, it means twisted or curved joints.

Football in Geneva. He went on to coach at the junior varsity and varsity levels — as a coach he was part of a Panthers team that won a state championship in 2006 before moving on to the Cardinals following his graduation from 2012.

"Since I could remember, I have always loved football," Greco Jr. said. "When I got into middle school and got into coaching, it was what I wanted to do. It started at age 5. I'd say I knew I loved it. Then, I thought I could still play it."

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It has been more than two years since a scandal involving exorbitant bonus payments to Fulton County Economic Development Corp. officials became public.

The scandal prompted Fulton County to lower its contribution to the group, from \$75,000 per year to \$25,000.

Recently, it was revealed the Fulton County Center for Regional Growth - which was formed in March as the new parent corporation for the Crossroads Incubator Corp. and the EDC - requested the county restore the funding for 2013 to \$75,000.

Despite the time that has passed, there are still too many unanswered questions for Fulton County to give more money to the organization.

The EDC and CIC were hit by the scandal in spring 2010, when it was made public former EDC Senior Vice President Jeff Bray and

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# WALLENDABWATCH: Leaders hope 'Wallenda fever' is contagious

By Michele Deluca  
Niagara Gazette

NIAGARA FALLS — It has begun.

And while Nik Wallenda may not be walking that high wire across the falls just yet, this city has already stepped onto the tightrope.

As Wallenda watchers begin to gather in the days leading up to his daredevil attempt to walk over the water, Niagara Falls has already begun the precarious balancing act of standing gracefully in the international spotlight.

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Nik Wallenda talks to media on Friday before his practice sessions along 3rd Street begin at the Seneca Niagara Casino at 10:30 a.m. Saturday morning.  
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### Man rescued from submerged tractor-trailer

By **KIM SMITH DEDAM**  
Press-Republican

TICONDEROGA — Steve Stubing found the overturned tractor-trailer mostly submerged in Eagle Lake; noise from the cab told him someone was trapped inside.

A loud crash and blasting truck horn had drawn the off-duty State Department of Environmental Conservation officer from sleep, then from his summer camp at about 1 a.m. Tuesday. Flashlight and cellphone in hand, he set out on the lake in his boat, thinking there'd been an accident of some kind.

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## Local kids give advice on love, marriage

**ASHLEIGH LIVINGSTON**  
Press-Republican

PLATTSBURGH — Though she's just 10 years old, Isabel Yu has already decided being single can be tough.

Not just on Valentine's Day, but every day.

"I don't want to be single because then I'll be all lonely," said Isabel, a student at Momot Elementary School. "I don't like being lonely."

In fact, many students at Momot who shared relationship advice with the Press-Republican agree that it's better to be married than remain single, whether it be for companionship or simply for extra help around the house.

"I think it's better to be married because someone can help you with your chores," said Lily Clermont, 7.

But even if it is better not to go it alone, the fact remains that dating, love and marriage can be tricky.

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Binghamton, N.Y.

A defenseless inmate was beaten by Tioga County Jail's top administrator, David Monell, after being pepper-sprayed and handcuffed to a wooden bench by other officers. But the Commission of Correction ended its investigation and Tioga's district attorney decided not to prosecute after Monell resigned.

## WHY WASN'T THIS A CRIME?



### Tioga County taxpayers now will pay the price to settle a civil suit

By Steve Rolly  
srolly@gannett.com

OWEGO — Although the beating was captured on videotape and brought to the attention of Tioga County's top law enforcement officer and its chief prosecutor, charges were never filed following the 2010 assault of a defenseless man at the Tioga County Jail.

On June 21, 2010, inmate David Coffey had been pepper-sprayed and was

handcuffed to a wooden bench, records show, when Tioga County Jail Administrator David Monell threw at least six blows at him. Coffey was left with cuts and abrasions to his face and mouth, and has since accused Monell of permanently damaging his eyesight.

The very next day, Monell was honored on the floor of the New York State Senate as the "2010 Correction Officer



COFFEY

of the Year." The legislators who honored him had no idea what had happened only hours before.

The day after that, Monell resigned. Coffey chose not to file criminal charges, and Tioga County District Attorney Gerald Keene decided Monell's resignation was punishment enough.

"As far as I was concerned at the time, Monell was a lieutenant, and he

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Review the documents in this case, obtained by this newspaper through a Freedom of Information Law request, with this story on [pressconnects.com](http://pressconnects.com).

was resigning his position as a result of the incident," Keene said. "I was of the opinion that that was enough —

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## CONCUSSIONS



### What is a concussion?

Side of the human head is protected by six bones: skin, arachnoid, dura mater, the falx, the pterion, and the occipital bone. The falx, however, is not a bone, but a fold of the dura mater.

• **2.2** **Turns the head** catches the train to pull, twist or swing the axle. There is about "10°" of slack between the head and the axle.

► **Flu immunization** ■ Studies in most age groups, the Department of Health reports, have shown that immunizing kids may prevent 100,000 flu cases and 10,000 deaths, and prevent 100,000 hospitalizations and 10,000 deaths.



Further below, the big garbage trail is a relatively recent discovery, which means it's **new** to, and from the body, it is not in their immediate surroundings. The body is not going to find and the trail of the body.

JOSEPH W. LUTHE, JR., Editor, *Journal of Management Education*, 1000 University Drive, University of Maryland, College Park, MD 20742



A barrier to an even earlier conclusion. The still-unsettling question remains: How many conclusions are too many? ■

### When does the risk exceed the athletic reward?

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By Andrew Leggett

**D**ani Mickelthie, 31, of Spencer had stepped away from her spot in the crowd for only a minute

By the time she returned, she was greeted by the frightening sight of her son, John, lying on the ground. The sophomore at Illinois North (Juniata) High School had been cross-checked in a lacrosse game and suffered a head injury.

Peitl Mickelinc had seen this before. Four years earlier, John had lost his vision for 63 consecutive days.

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## CONCLUSION GRADES

A grading scale is used to determine the severity of a concussion. Concussions are low-grade, according to low, sometimes asymptomatic

- **Other conditions** related to cardiovascular disease, such as hypertension, may also contribute to the development of heart failure.

- **stroke** is condition, not event

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# 2 MARIST STUDENTS, FRIEND MOURNED

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The house at 112 Fairview Ave. in the Town of Poughkeepsie on Saturday afternoon is the site of a fatal fire.

## Devastated neighbors tried rescue

*By Sarah Hershman  
(Poughkeepsie Journal)*

Hours after a fatal blaze engulfed a Marist off-campus residence, Ashley Pastore sat in her Jerry Grossi Chevrolet with her hand clasped over her mouth, watching.

At 11:20 a.m. on Saturday morning, she stood at the charred remains of a Town of Poughkeepsie home where three people had died: two female Marist students and a male who did not attend the Poughkeepsie college.

She had just witnessed the "most devastating thing [in my life]," she said.

About 1:30 a.m., roughly 15 minutes before Pastore's fire-fighters arrived, Pastore, 21, who lives nearby, saw flames burst out of windows while friends of those who lived there frantically tried to rescue them, she said.

Pastore, her boyfriend, Lloyd L. Lopez, and friends John and Mike Hackett later were driving down Fairview Avenue when they saw an orange, smoky cloud coming from the olive green home at 112 Fairview Ave. She said a fire engine followed.

**"All she kept saying was that her best friend was in there."**  
**ASHLEY PASTORE, only 21**

*By Larry Hertz  
(Poughkeepsie Journal)*

The identities of two female Marist College students and a male friend who died in an early morning fire were expected to be revealed late today or Monday as police continued their investigation of the blaze.

Town of Poughkeepsie Police Chief Thomas Mauro said authorities were considering releasing family members of the three who failed to escape from the burning home at 112 Fairview Ave. early Sunday morning.

Four other Marist students, two females who lived there and two male friends, jumped through windows as flames engulfed the 40-year-old house.

Though police withheld the names of all three victims, they said the fire started in the kitchen.



Town of Poughkeepsie Police Chief Thomas Mauro

SEE NEWSDEVELOP, PAGE 4A



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## *Poughkeepsie Journal*

### Editorial

# MTA audits nothing new

**H**ow many supervisors in the private sector get to approve their own pay cards, one wonders?

Well, up until recently it was fairly commonplace at the Metropolitan Transportation Authority, according to a recent state audit.

It's the latest in a series of outrages related to the MTA, which has been criticized for years for lax financial practices and internal controls. Yet, despite all the evidence of largesse and poor oversight, the authority keeps insisting it's running a tight, efficient operation.

State audits continue to demonstrate otherwise, revealing profound problems that shouldn't have existed in the first place.

The most recent audit by the state comptroller shows construction workers MTA's Metro-North Railroad received more than \$1 million last year in "avoidable" overtime, in part, by abusing the rules to inflate their salaries and pensions.

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### 5D Players



"A hunter wants to get as close as possible (to the target). An archer wants to get as far away as possible,"  
**RON HOWARTHILL**  
 club member

## TAKING AIM

### HYDE PARK'S TI YOGI BOWMEN ARCHERY CLUB BUILDING ON HALF-CENTURY OF HISTORY

By Nancy Ruggery  
 For the Poughkeepsie Journal

The club's name has nothing to do with the sport, but, as it might sound, anything New Age. Simply, it was the unusual name of one member's unusual pet. Even there, there's a story.

Ti Yogi Bowmen, the Hyde Park archery club founded in 1955, has a rich past. But, reaching out to everyone from kids to military vets to grandmothers, it's also working hard to secure a solid future. "If you're tall or small, with a little training, you can shoot a target," said club President Bob Cohen of Poughkeepsie, a 20-plus-year life member.

Hyde Park's Gail Lowe, 61, a club newcomer, can claim a "Tribble

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To watch a video interview with youth education director Tom Friedman, or to see a photo gallery from a recent 3D competition, visit [www.poughkeepsiejournal.com/players](http://www.poughkeepsiejournal.com/players)

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**'Get hooked' again**

This weekend of 3 mark the 35th anniversary of the "Get Hooked on Archery" program. 3D Competition has the details in Columns, B2.

**Personal benefits**

Having difficulty getting into the exercise groove? In House Room, 22 lower upstairs, how a personal trainer may be the answer. 1D

**Scaling the world**

In the week Without limits column, Nancy Ruggery tells the tale of how Helen Wilson, a 100-year-old woman, is scaling the world. 1D

**Balancing attention**

In her Youth Sports column, Nancy Ruggery explains the importance of giving equal attention to your active youngsters. 3D

See **ARCHERY**, Page B2

Tom Friedman, 61, of Hyde Park, aims at an infection black laser target during a 3D shoot at the Ti Yogi Bowmen club in Hyde Park on April 15. One participant is a 10-year-old boy.



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### Town, county weigh claims in fatal Jan. 21 fire

Town of Poughkeepsie officials will meet with attorneys this week to discuss allegations that both the town and Dutchess County allowed unsafe conditions at a home destroyed by a fatal fire on Fairview Avenue in January.

Apr 24, 2012

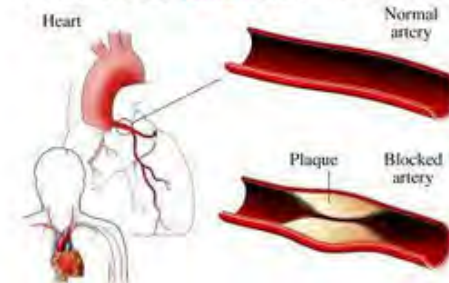
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### Editorial: Fatal fire's cause elusive; safety tips apparent

It is a bit haunting and frustrating that the cause of a January fire that claimed the lives of three local college students cannot be determined.

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### Weird Food **Kills** Blood Pressure



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### Wellness

## Starting a new life takes work



Dancing the zumba are Carmen La Serna, far right, owner of Spice Dance and Fitness in Poughkeepsie, along with her brother, center, and two friends. La Serna, who is from Peru, said she's made fast friends of her students. COURTESY PHOTO

**By Karen Maserjian Shan**

For Living & Being

Sometimes, Carmen La Serna would cry at night.

"I used to write letters to my friends because I had so many friends

mourning is partial, multiple and recurrent, Ferrer said. Partial refers to that which is lost in the move but still remains, such as friends who've become out of reach.

"The things that you left behind ... are still there," Ferrer said. "They

opportunities awaited her outside Peru's uncertain job market and sometimes dangerous streets, leaving her country was very hard.

"(The) most part of me wanted to stay because I loved it there," she said of Peru. "I have my friends there; I

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**Niki Mitchell**

20-YEARS-OLD and DIAGNOSED WITH LYME DISEASE

### LYME DISEASE - Flunking the Lyme test

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## Observer-Dispatch, Utica

PART 1 OF A 3-DAY SERIES



### As bath salts use spikes, officials search for solutions

BY AMY NGT BOTH  
10/10/2012 10:00 AM

Half-naked, weapon-wielding drug users who see things that aren't there. Residents so high that they attack their neighbors and threaten their families. Growing suspects whose superhuman strength makes them hard to restrain or sedate.

The use of bath salts—a class of synthetic drugs that mimic the effects of amphetamines, cocaine, LSD or ecstasy — has exploded in recent months in Central New York.

"It's unbelievable the irrational, emotional nature of these people," said Dr. Tim Page, director of the emergency department at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Utica. "There's no reasoning with these kids. They're aggressive... There's a tendency in hitting or self-harm or cannibalism, like chewing on somebody's flesh. It's not a good high."

"Until we educate the public, the threat we're going to still see this stuff."

Law enforcement, government officials and medical professionals have responded with new laws, informational seminars for the public, training sessions for police and medical personnel and drug busts.

But the efforts have been hampered by a lack of knowledge about the chemistry, effects and treatment of these synthetic drugs, as well as the limitations of attempts to ban them.

PLEASE SEE BATH SALTS, 1A

Bath salts suspected in Tarrant woman's death

New Hartford store sued over bath salts labeling

Sheriff: Bath salts fueled attack on neighbor

Police plan to seize more bath salts

City bans bath salts consumption

ABOUT THIS SERIES

The O-B is looking at the growing problem of bath salts in a three-day series that begins today.

**TUESDAY:** The use of bath salts has risen quickly in recent months in the area, and now these drugs and what is being done to address the threat.

**WEDNESDAY:** State legislators are being pressured to prohibit these substances or sell bath salts. But the battle is continuing local law enforcement.

**THURSDAY:** Area hospitals and treatment centers are searching for ways to help the increasing number of people they see who are high on bath salts.

It's unbelievable the irrational, emotional nature of these people.

ON THE PAGE  
on bath salts



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## Observer-Dispatch, Utica

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Country trio Gloriana returns to area for acoustic show at Capitol Theatre  
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PRIEST SELLING ASSETS TO PAY RESTITUTION » **6A**

**BLOCH 'A DECENT MAN'**

Former arts institute president dies at 74 » **3A**

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## Agritourism sprouts around the state

Growing sector includes tours of farms, businesses



Randy Rust assembles drawer drawers Wednesday at Harden Furniture Co. in McConnellsville. Agritourism includes traditional farm-based tours such as pick-your-own apples or strawberries, or seeing the dairy process. It also includes other businesses such as Harden Furniture, maple syrup producers, and even breweries and wineries.

BY KESHA CLUNY  
kcluny@uticaobserver.com

Joan Curtis and her husband, Alan, wanted to see how their furniture was made. The Morris couple looked online and found out the Harden Furniture Co. gives tours. They drove almost two hours to see

### ON PAGE 3A

- Agritourism by the numbers.
- AT [UTICA.OBSERVER.COM](http://uticaobserver.com)
- Legislation aimed to help craft brewers, farm wineries.
- View a photo gallery and hear video of furniture producer at Harden Furniture Co.

### EXAMPLES OF AGRITOURISM

- Tours of farms, food processing and dairies.
- Farm events such as corn mazes, hayrides or U-pick strawberries, apples, etc.
- Wineries, breweries and distilleries.



Ed Tengel, left, and Rob Portnowsky, of the Ed Tengel and the Ray Band, play tubas during last year's Utica Monday Nite. The summer concert series will not continue this year due to funding concerns.

## Finances close curtain on Utica Monday Nite

Funding decreased from city, state, county in 15 years

### BY THE NUMBERS

**\$50,000**

Utica Monday Nite's operating budget in 2011.

**\$10,000**

Funding received from Utica in 2011-12 budget.

**\$0**

Money received from Oswego County in 2011.

**\$0**

Funding proposed in the 2012-13 city budget.

**\$0**

Funding from county in 2011.

UTICA — Chang concerns about funding Utica Monday Nite Executive Director Lynne Mahan said Wednesday. "The climate is just too difficult for the arts."

Funding from the city, state and county has dwindled over the past

Rapidly. In 2006, the Utica Community Foundation received funding

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## Observer-Dispatch, Utica



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## Who We Are

*We live in an area rich with layers — of history, culture and traditions. Waves of eager immigrants, one group after another, have added their own flavors and sounds and colors to this vibrant landscape.*



**MORE THAN 40**  
languages are spoken in Utica City School District.

**MORE THAN 88**  
ethnicities are represented in Oneida County.

**WE ESTIMATED IN 500**  
immigrants have been resettled by the state's Refugee Resettlement Center for the past year.

**MORE THAN 16**  
religions are represented in Oneida County.

**18 PERCENT IN**  
of Utica's population is under the age of 18.

**T**he stories are everywhere. They're in the mingling of sweet and savory spices that drift from the ethnic restaurants formed from the hands of those seeking the American dream; and in the sound of many languages and in the eyes of those with hope and pride. This is who we are in the Mohawk Valley.

In recognition of the important role our immigrant culture plays, the Observer-Dispatch will spend the next year producing a project called Who We Are, an exploration of the people and cultures that have shaped the Mohawk Valley.

We expect to find the roots of Utica in the bricks of Historic Old St. John's Church, built with the hard hands of Irish immigrants in 1806 when their small church couldn't hold the exploding population any longer.



Who we are includes the jungle pad that served at Myoum's Cambodian Restaurant — the same recipe the Patti family brought with them more than 30 years ago as one of the first Cambodian refugee families to be resettled in Utica.

It's in the elementary schools in Utica, where more than 40 languages are spoken and where Albany Street teacher Lili Pappas — once a refugee herself — teaches English to immigrant and refugee students.

It's in the basements and back yards of Utica homes, where Italian immigrants welded, gave grapes, built wine cellars and raised their families.

SOURCE: U.S. CENSUS BUREAU, AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY, 2007-2010

**INSIDE NEWS**  
Consideration will be made when repeat candidates will be the village's next...

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## *Observer-Dispatch, Utica*



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DAN BADER

*A reporter's adventures in fatherhood*

## Guilt over hurt finger scars dad for life

I may have scarred my newborn son for life.

For those who read my piece in December called "A father's letter to his unborn son" here's an update and a quick catch-me-up for everyone else.

It's a boy — Hudson Daniel Bader. He wasn't born before Christmas for Mrs. Bader. He wasn't even born before Jan. 1, so I don't get a tax break. Despite naysayers, I'm getting a lot of sleep.

He's the perfect kid: Cute, reasonable in his demands, smiles all the time.



# Distinguished Headline Writing

## *Observer-Dispatch, Utica*

### Remington fires warning shot

Company threatens to leave NY if gun law passes



O-D ARCHIVE

Remington Arms officials are threatening to pull the company out of New York if the state Legislature passes a bill mandating that guns carry tiny identifying stamps. Remington's flagship plant in Ilion employs more than 1,000 people.

BY ELIZABETH COOPER  
ecooper@uticaod.com

ILION — Top Remington Arms officials are threatening to pull out of New York if the state Legislature passes a bill mandating that guns carry tiny identifying stamps.

"Mandating firearms micro-stamping will restrict the ability of Remington to expand business in the Empire State," wrote Stephen Jackson, Remington chief executive

"It would be just short of devastating for our entire area," Ilion Mayor John Stephens said. "Anything that will affect the operations of Remington in a negative way is not good. It's extremely important to Ilion."

A year ago, Remington Arms announced it would hire about 150 new employees in order to fold operations previously performed at other plants owned by its parent company Freedom Group.

#### AT ISSUE: MICROSTAMPING

■ Microstamping is a process by which firing pins are engraved with a gun's make, model and serial number so any bullet fired is imprinted with that information.

■ Microstamping legislation is part of the state Assembly's version of the 2012-13 budget. State officials said chances are slim it will make it into the final version.

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## *Times Union, Albany*

### Secrets of NXIVM

Some experts say Keith Raniere, the guru behind an unusual training business, is really a cult leader

By James M. Odat and Jennifer Gish

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GlobalFoundries sent the bills for a first-class chip plant — and state officials supplied cash



**AGOSTINI BUZZ**, who was CEO of Advanced Micro Devices Inc., center, former Gov. George Pataki, right, and former Majority Senate Leader Joseph L. Bruno were instrumental in putting together the incentive package that led to the Fab 18 project.

BY LARRY DULISON AND SARAH WINMAN BYAN  
STAFF WRITERS

**MALTA** — Corporate apartments with luxury amenities. Flat-screen TVs. Supermarket gift cards. T-shirts and covered meals to celebrate special occasions. Lunch meetings for business groups. Rental water and coffee.

These are some of the expenses that New York taxpayers footed for GlobalFoundries as part of a \$1.4 billion subsidy promised the company five years ago to build a computer chip factory in Saratoga County — including \$66.5 million in cash.

Although most of the taxpayer dollars have gone for tangible expenses — construction materials, engineering services, security and labor costs — a Times Union investigation has found areas of thousands of dollars in expenses not normally associated with a publicly funded project.

Getting access to the information required using Empire State Development Corp., the state's economic development arm, for when submitted in 14,000 paper copies of invoices and other documents that GlobalFoundries submitted to the state.

Please see **GLOBAL AL**

### Inside

**AL** — Who got the money?

**AB** — An inside look at the story.

**EL** — The state's payout is a big investment — and a big risk.

### On the Web

For video on following the money, PDFs of invoices, photos and past GlobalFoundries coverage, go to <http://www.timesunion.com/globalfoundries>.



A report on the state's role in ongoing review of documents relating to the construction of the semiconductor chip fabrication plant in Saratoga County, with articles in fact, with no or partial access to coming, months.



# Distinguished Editorial Writing

## *Times Union, Albany*

### EDITORIALS

## Occupy Albany's right to protest

**C**urfews are tricky things. They require balancing the desire for public safety with the freedom people ought to have to use their public places in an otherwise legal, peaceful way.

That balance, it seems, eludes Gov. Andrew Cuomo and Albany Mayor Jerry Jennings. Fortunately, Albany has a police chief and a district attorney who get it.

It's hard to imagine how a governor who has scored so many political victories this year could be so wrong on so straightforward an issue as the Occupy Albany protest, now entering its fifth day in Academy Park. Sure, Mr. Cuomo can send in the troopers to enforce a curfew. Just because he can doesn't mean he should.

It's disappointing, too, that Mr. Jennings, for all his one-time may-

crick ways and years in politics, would fail to respect the difference between the rowdy students he disciplined back in his vice principal days and adult citizens exercising their right to assemble and petition government for a redress of grievances.

And really, what better place to do that than a public park within view, even shouting distance, of the offices

Credit Albany Police Chief Steven Krokoff, perhaps emboldened by a hiring process that now allows Albany chiefs to be independent of the mayor, for not being so rash. Credit, too, Albany County District Attorney David Soares for refusing to prosecute peaceful protesters. Maybe they recall their oath of office better than the governor and the mayor do theirs. First and foremost, they swore to uphold the Constitution — a reminder to not abuse their power.

Mr. Cuomo seemed all too ready to do so by using armed officers to silence people critical of, among

other things, his own policies. Among the issues at the heart of the Occupy Wall Street protest and its offshoots around the country is higher taxation of the rich, a matter on which Mr. Cuomo may be rather sensitive.

While most New Yorkers favor such taxes, Mr. Cuomo contends that continuing an income tax surcharge on millionaire earners would drive them out of New York.

#### THE ISSUE:

The governor and mayor try to use law enforcement to stifle peaceful protest.

#### THE STAKES:

How much of the First Amendment can they trash at once?

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# Gunman shot dead in M'town courthouse

Former landlord had grudge against mayor **PAGES 3-6**

CATSKILLS



One court officer was grazed by a shot as a gunman with a history of anger at the mayor fired a shotgun toward officers Wednesday at Middletown City Court. Officers managed to kill the gunman and prevent what some believe could have been a bloodbath. An injured man is moved from court to an ambulance after the shootings.

TOM BUSHEY/Times Herald-Record



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## Times Herald-Record, Middletown

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SPORTS AND ABUSE | HOW SAFE ARE OUR CHILDREN?

## Athletes a target for sexual

### Sandusky case at Penn State has impact in Hudson Valley

**S**hawn Myers coaches varsity girls' soccer and softball at Warwick, but he means so much more to his players. Myers is a mentor, a role model, a sounding board. Sometimes, he's a shoulder to cry on. Almost like a big brother.

Yes, Myers loves his girls — he would tell you that. However, this year, Myers presides over his teams differently because of an incident that happened on another campus hundreds of miles away.

Call it the Jerry Sandusky effect. Sandusky, a former high-profile football assistant at Penn State University, faces 52 criminal charges accusing him of sexually abusing 10 boys on and off campus over a 15-year period. Sandusky denies the allegations.

"It's disgusting what happened, it's hard to think about it," said Myers, 30. "You have to nurture these kids and you don't ever want to see a parent or coach do that. I think it just makes everyone more aware. You are more sensitive, you re-check what you do and say. Everybody is on high alert."

Talk to any coach or administrator in Section 9 and

**"It would be naive to think it couldn't or wouldn't happen here."**

**COACH BILL STEELE**  
S.S. Seward High School

baseball coach Bill Steele said. "A predator is a predator. You see what happened with Sandusky. ... If someone really wants to take advantage of a Boy Scout, an altar boy or a player, they can."

**Inappropriate behavior**  
New Paltz nordic ski coach Steve Axelsson and former Port Jervis volunteer wrestling coach Kerry Sauer were both arrested for inappropriate sexual behavior with athletes. Axelsson, 62, was sentenced to six years in prison followed by 10 years' probation in January 2006 for raping a 16-year-old female member of his team.

axelsson is a registered Level 2 sex offender — regarded by the law as someone at moderate risk of a repeat offense. Axelsson, who still lives in Ulster County, could not be reached for comment for this story.

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### SEX OFFENDER LEVELS

**Level 1:** Risk of offender repeating crime is "low" and is not a risk to public safety.

**Level 2:** Risk of repeating crime is "moderate" and there is a moderate degree of danger posed to the public.

**Level 3:** Risk of repeating crime is high and there is a substantial public safety risk.

Source: New York State Criminal Justice Services

## predators

### ABOUT THIS SPECIAL REPORT

The Times Herald-Record's three-part series on sports and abuse begins today and continues on Monday and Tuesday. Here are the topics covered:

#### TODAY

■ The issue: An overview of sexual predators: Could it happen here?

■ Protecting your children: Experts talk about keeping young athletes safe.

■ The predators: Those who prey on children are often difficult to identify.

#### MONDAY

■ Recreation leagues: What do youth sports leagues do to ensure the safety of participants? What are the roles of parents?

■ Youth hockey: Known for considerable travel, these leagues follow strict regulations.

■ Coaches: Times have changed on how coaches interact with their athletes.

#### TUESDAY

■ Gleason comments: The man lurking in the park is not always the one to worry about.

■ High school coaches: Approaches have changed on area school teams.

■ The athletes: Teens have very few concerns regarding sexual predators.

■ A father's mission: One dad takes extraordinary measure to ensure his daughter's safety.

stringent to lax.

"Anyone who wants to be in the program as a coach, in the concession stand, a manager, field maintenance, anyone who deals with the children in the program, regardless of what their position is, has to have a volunteer form filled out," said John Lacey, president of District 19 Little League.

### Leagues take action

District 19 oversees Little League teams in Orange and Sullivan counties. Meanwhile, in AAU basketball there are no background check requirements on the national level. Local AAU teams can ask coaches, assistant coaches and other personnel to have a background check.

As far as recreation leagues in the mid-Hudson, the scope of background checks range from

## Be involved, talk to your kids

BY KEN MCILLIAN  
Times Herald-Record

When it comes to protecting our children from sexual predators, it is far better to be open, upfront and err on the side of caution rather than allow for a suspected incident to go unchallenged.

That is the belief of Marist College psychology professor Linda Dunlap.

"Talk about it, talk about it, talk about it," Dunlap insists. "I tell parents, I am telling you this stuff is yucky stuff, but I want to keep you safe and I want to keep your friends safe."

You can't take back the damage that is done. We have to be inconvenient.

In light of the recent sexual scandals at Penn State University and Syracuse University, more attention is being brought to the issue.

"Organizations are beginning to do that, from private organizations to sports teams and sports national governing associations," Dunlap said. "They are responding to the issues. Every organization, no matter how formal it is, should talk about policies related to the issue. They should have signs that people are aware of."

### Raising awareness

The Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association has not done anything formal with regard to new programs or rules, said spokesman Paul Wetzel, but the topic of sexual abuse has been discussed with coaches.

"It has raised awareness," Wetzel said. "I know guys are talking. Some coaches have changed their behavior."

Wetzel said lacrosse coach he spoke with said in the past he would offer a student a ride home if he or she was left alone after practice but now he won't. "I will stay with them, but I am not going to be alone in a car with my student," the coach told Wetzel.

Parents and coaches should



TOM BUSHEY/Times Herald-Record

take a proactive approach when addressing behavior that may seem harmless to some and invasive to others. Be open about whether hugs are appropriate or even "high-five" handshakes. Ask if it's all right to wrap an arm around an injured player.

"Everyone needs to feel comfortable with it," Dunlap said. "That serves two things (for a coach): It acknowledges my tendencies, and if I do something you feel uncomfortable with you should tell me right away and I will try to adjust my behavior."

Children should not be left alone with any coach, teacher or guidance counselor said Dunlap. She has an open-door policy in her office when a student comes for a discussion. On athletic fields, a coach should be in the presence of another adult when addressing children, or at worst, have another child present. Another way is to have some parents at practice to monitor. "Parents who are on the sidelines, their kids are less likely to become victims," Dunlap said.

"If you have a suspicion, you curtail the relationship," said Paul Schwartz, psychology professor at Mount Saint Mary College. "If you have hard evidence, obviously you would go to the authorities."

"We want early reporting of things that are suspicious or things that make people feel uncomfortable," Dunlap said. "We will be vigilant on complaints. We won't crucify just on the accusation."

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**That is a first stop-gap."**

**LINDA DUNLAP**  
Marist College

it's not uncommon for a child to resist telling an uncomfortable parent.

"Often times it has to be someone besides a parent: an uncle, an aunt or an older sibling," she said. "Ask someone else who the child is comfortable with to get the child to confide."

"Your child has to be willing to talk to you — that's the tricky part," said Brad Garrett, a former FBI agent and terrorism consultant for ABC News.

"You have to have a relationship where your child can communicate with you. You might want to talk to one of their friends about it."

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### WHAT THE LAW SAYS

■ There is no statute of limitations for the most heinous sexual abuse cases against children in New York. Time limit varies for lesser crimes, but the clock doesn't begin in some cases until the victim turns 18.

■ State lawmakers are currently pushing a bill that would extend

the statute of limitations for victims of sexual abuse to file a civil lawsuit.

■ A state law requires that individuals report any suspicions that a child is being abused, sexually or otherwise. Parents, teachers and guidance counselors are all specifically named in the law.

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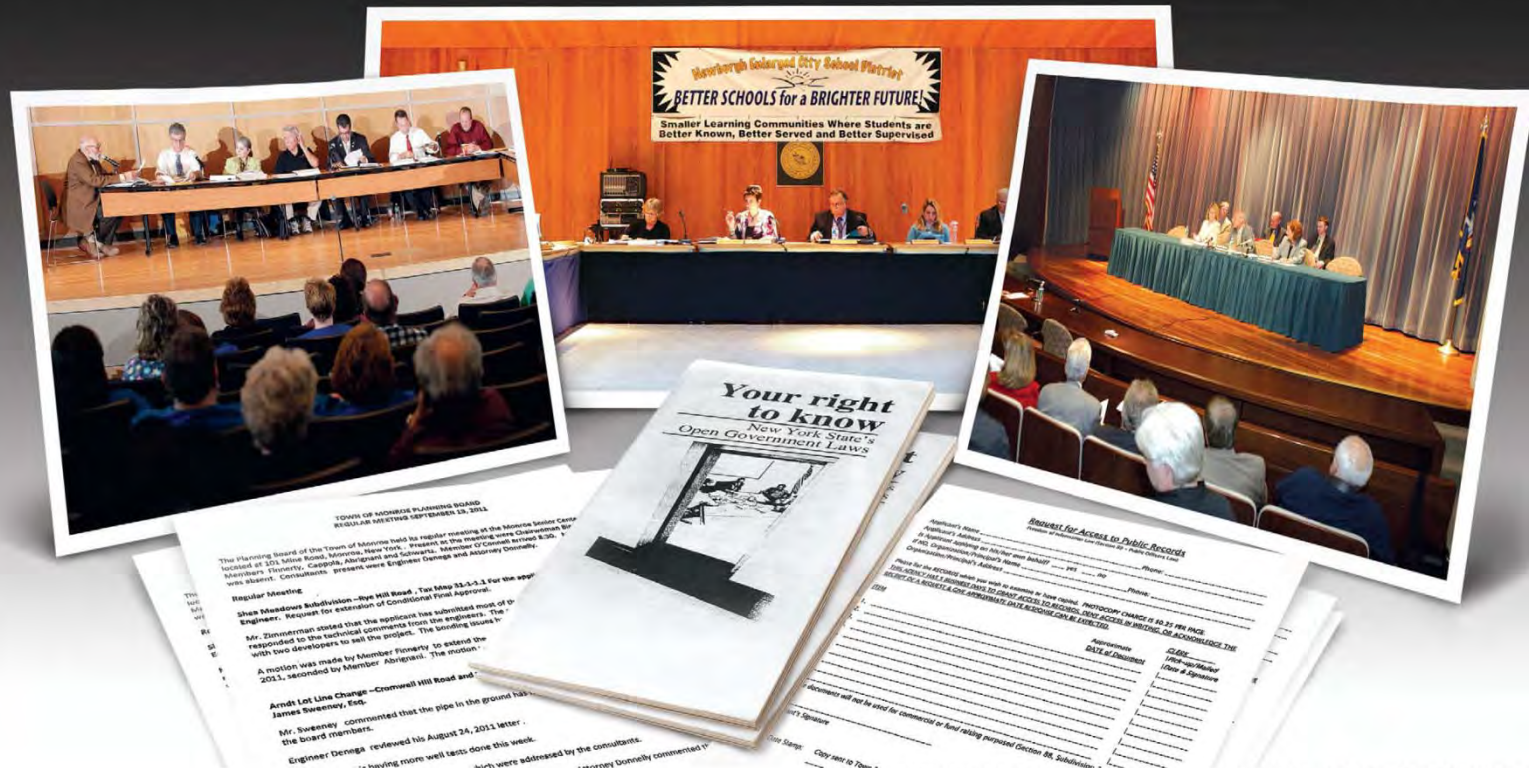
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# HOW OPEN IS GOVERNMENT?

## Access to info varies widely among towns, schools



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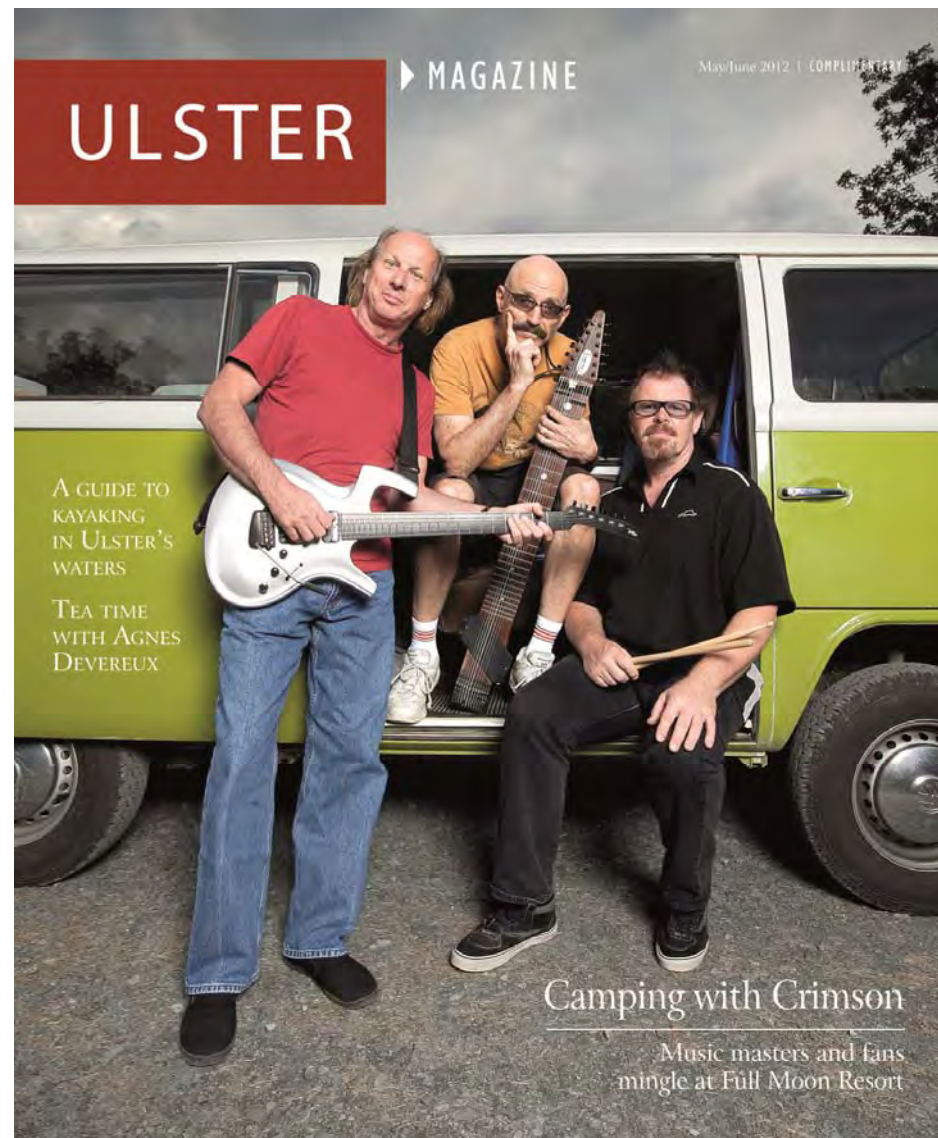
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# Sunday Life

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The Journal News



## Mother lode of musicals

17 shows set to open this week on stages from Yorktown to Suffern, Harrison to Tappan Zee

This is the start of the season's hottest week at high schools across the lower Hudson Valley, with 17 musicals opening.

Their titles include Production Week, or Tech Week, or Field Work.

By whichever name, it will involve the same thing: every talented high school or college student, of training and details, rolling costumes and set changes, making sure the curtains are just right, that stage lights glow, that the make-up is just what the doctor ordered.

The end result — same with all is music, where with talent, professional — will take their place, their own here, keeping one eye on the score and another on the conductor, while trying to make a grade at what's happening on stage.

Curtains will get going — who knew what, and when — in order to have production week off with a bang.

Y is a word you want to know in a musical production. And it's one for the curtain call.

And before you know it: Opening Night.

And it's a complete list of the shows — from "Mamma Mia!" to "Grease" to "The Sound of Music" — and interviews with actors from several of the musicals.

READ ABOUT THE ACTORS, SEE PAGES 48, 50

**High School Musicals**

By Peter D. Krasner  
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**FOLLOW THE SEASON**

See a review of "Grease" in the "Stage" blog at JournalNews.com. Follow the all the high school musicals and see the "Stage" blog.

Coming Monday: "Grease" — don't miss the "Stage" blog at JournalNews.com.




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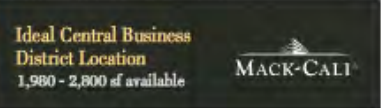
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## Small Bites

Restaurants and recipes in Westchester, Rockland and the Lower Hudson Valley

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### Restaurant Deals in Westchester and Rockland

22 August 2012 by Liz Johnson in [Restaurants](#) - No Comments



Now that the late-summer doldrums are upon us, we know what you're thinking: Why go out to eat now? You have back-to-school on your mind, and the budget needs to go for other expenses, like backpacks and books. Plus, who goes out in late August? If you're not back-to-school shopping, you're on vacation, right?



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## *The Journal News, White Plains*

### Race is elephant in room

#### Police shooting brings tension to the forefront

Racial tension is Westchester County's elephant in the room.

Nobody wants to talk about it in public, but there it is, a mammoth subject that grows larger whenever an African-American citizen dies in a barrage of police gunfire.

The stories of Christopher Ridley, Danroy Henry and now Kenneth Chamberlain are factually different in important ways, yet they are beginning to merge into a single tragedy forged on a long-held suspicion, right or wrong, that justice in America is separate and unequal.

Grand juries meet and deliberate whether deaths such as these are legally justified.

painful obscenity.

You can hear the pain in the words of Kenneth Chamberlain Jr. Speaking at a news conference Sunday at the Abyssinian Baptist Church in Harlem, he choked back tears.

"My father is not here anymore," he said. "I refuse to mourn him until there is some justice for my father. And when I say that, I mean indictments. Criminal indictments."

The facts are still being sifted in the Chamberlain shooting, which has the feel of a tinderbox ready to blow. People have been comparing Chamberlain's death to the case of Trayvon Martin, the unarmed Florida teen who was shot by neighborhood watch volunteer George Zimmerman.

But it reminds me of an incident that happened 28 years ago — the



Phil Reisman

hatchet.

When he ignored orders to drop them, he was first shot with a stun gun and bean bags. According to the police, he was fatally shot with a handgun when he was about to stab one of the cops. This account is disputed by the family's attorney who says that Chamberlain had his hands at his sides and was not a threat to anyone.

Was this justified? Maybe in the technical sense of the law, which is what the grand jury must decide after hearing testimony and reviewing other evidence contained in videotape and audio recordings.

answer is, but let's face it. Too often this is an agenda item that's satisfied once a year with platitudes at a Martin Luther King Jr. birthday breakfast.

Chamberlain's death was off the political script. And it was handled, well, rather ham-handedly by White Plains Mayor Thomas Roach, who waited more than four months before expressing his condolences to the grieving family and only in a press release that was emailed to The Journal News.

But he did get one thing right. When Chamberlain's son and a number of other people wearing "Justice for Kenneth Chamberlain" T-shirts showed up at a Common Council meeting, Roach once again expressed his sorrow. He said he was confident that a full investigation was being conducted.



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### Woman who saved Elvis all shook up



Gloria Ehrlich, pictured, of New Rochelle has been reunited with Elvis, her parrot. Albina Miller of Dobbs Ferry found the bird. NED P. RAUCH/THE JOURNAL NEWS

### Bird rescuer gave whistle, got over her fear

By Ned P. Rauch  
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**DOBBS FERRY** — Ever wonder what it'd be like for Elvis to tousle your hair and then fall asleep on your shoulder?

Ask Dobbs Ferry resident Albina Miller.

"It's kind of disconcerting," she laughed.

She should know.

Miller played a key role in reuniting Elvis, a peripatetic parrot, and Gloria Ehrlich, his owner. Ehrlich had been grieving since the bird disappeared from her New Ro-

chelle home in mid-July.

The happy (and incredible) reunion happened Wednesday afternoon, but the chain of events that led to it began around 8 a.m., when Miller's daughter and her friend spotted Elvis on the neighbor's roof.

Miller went outside and started whistling in a way she thought the green bird might find appealing. It worked.

After a few passes, one of which included Elvis fluttering in Miller's hair, the parrot settled onto her shoulder, cozied up to her

cheek and fell asleep.

"We kind of became friends after I got over my fear of birds," Miller said Thursday.

She cited the Hitchcock film "The Birds" in describing her regard for winged creatures prior to her run-in with Elvis.

Greenburgh Animal Control arrived and took Elvis to the New Rochelle Humane Society where, in a twist of fate, Ehrlich soon stopped by on unrelated business.

"That's the story of Elvis," Miller said. "I'm happy they have him back."

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**TAX WATCH**

Private agencies spring up, let governments sidestep scrutiny

# SPENDING in SECRET

PROVIDENT BANK PARK COST 18 MAMMOTH LEADERS: **\$60M**



By Jorge Fier-Gibbins and Marlene Nicols  
HeraldExaminer.com

Local governments are creating private development corporations as a rapid route to spending tens of millions of dollars outside the public view and with minimal state oversight, a *Journal News* investigation shows.

It's alleged that local governments award contracts without public bidding, sell tax-exempt bonds and take public property for lease or development. Local development corporations, or LDCs, are booming because they sidestep state restrictions on tax breaks for nonprofit groups. Westchester County Executive Rob Astorino says that's exactly why he created the Lower Hudson Valley's second LDC.

There have been other levers. In Ramapo, taxpayers could be left with as much as \$60 million in debt after town officials created their own LDC, to bypass local and state laws in order to build an independent-league ballpark that had been soundly rejected by voters.

State law now requires LDCs to file bi-annual reports. But records shared by *The Journal News* show some flaws by the roughly 20 LDCs in the Lower Hudson Valley area, with one never filing since the disclosure rule became law in 2006.

"We have over 500 authorities and there's not two people that can look at it," said David Wilson, director of the Authority Budget Office, or ABO, which is charged with reviewing them. "So we're getting 2,000 reports a year. We're getting three or four from each authority. And again, sometimes we can't do things because we're aware of things where we go in to clean up the data."

Practically, under the state tax-for-profit corporation law that cre-

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**EXCLUSIVE PHOTOS AND VIDEO**




### Larchmont police captain, wife, teen daughters die in Carmel house fire; only 1 body found


A veteran Larchmont police captain, his wife and two daughters died in a house fire this morning, and his son was released from the hospital after being treated for smoke inhalation, authorities said.



Watch now: Larchmont woman recalls Thomas Sullivan



Watch video of news conference this morning in Carmel



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Photo gallery: Click through 29 photos from this fire

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## THE 'PATEL-MOTEL' PHENOMENON

Immigrant entrepreneurs from India, many with the same last name, now dominate the hospitality industry here and around the nation.

By Emma Saporito  
News Business Reporter

**D**uring the past 20 years, communities in the southern region of India—ones where the majority are Hindu—have grown to over 100,000 and are part of the country's economy and up to 40 percent of the state's working workforce, reports Robinson.

This union-organizing industry watchdog, under the "Fair Share" provisions, is sweeping through Wisconsin, New York, and standing as an arm of the hospitality industry.

From her husband, Corwin, she has two daughters, Tina and Corwin, and a son, Paul. Paul, who is self-employed, owns a business called Paul's Family, which provides services to families.

Waters grows a lot, claiming his mastery

**Out of India**  
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of properties, especially in the last half year," said Joseph Papp, whose firm owns 22 acres. "I don't know of any local building company. Building costs haven't risen that far and there is no sign of a building boom."

These incidents have put critics in a poor position of the speech makers, saying that they are no longer sincere, and that their words are only a charade in the current military situation, said Agnes Poon, vice president of the transnational director of the Asian American Women's Development Association.

In the past few years, local leaders have converted the new gH building, 10-room Hampton Inn in Niagara Falls and bought the gH building, 140-room Comfort Suites in Newburgh. Buffalo and the tri-county, plus leaders Hamilton and the Buffalo Niagara International Airport.

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## *The Buffalo News*

### Buffalo can do better

Improving dismal education system  
requires all sides to work together

*First of five editorials*

**I**t's bad and, what's worse, it never seems to get any better. The Buffalo School District operates in a pit of despair in which too many students will neither graduate nor have much hope that someday their children might.

But the problems — some of the district's own making, others beyond its control — are not insurmountable. Urban education may always face significant challenges, but the plain fact is that Buffalo can do much better.

Consider graduation rates, which remain abysmally low. The graduation rate for students who entered ninth grade in

2006 was just 47.4 percent. That was down from 53.1 percent for the previous year, making Buffalo the only one of the state's Big Five school districts to see its rate decline (though Rochester and Syracuse also remain below 50 percent). The statewide average was a healthier 73.4 percent.

Buffalo's children, of course, are the principal victims. The New York State Constitution entitles them to a "sound basic education" and they aren't getting it.

The consequences play out year after year, generation after generation. Buffalo is the nation's third-poorest city, and the surest route out of poverty is education. But that train has gone off the rails.

Buffalo's schoolchildren aren't alone in paying a steep price for the failure of education. The entire city suffers. In the short term, a poorly functioning school district drives some families out of the city and discourages others from moving in. Over the long haul, it condemns Buffalo to a substandard economy, makes it more difficult to deliver government services and sends a powerful message to the world outside: Stay away.

It doesn't have to be that way. Consider Columbus, Ohio

By disciplining itself and focusing its efforts, that city's school district was able to improve its graduation rate from an anemic 53.9 percent in 2003-04 to 77.6 percent in 2009-10. Like Buffalo, it is poor. Too many children arrive in their classrooms unprepared to learn. It has a strong teachers union.

Yet the grown-ups — school board members, administrators, teachers and, significantly, the union — figured out how to work together and made a difference not only for today's students, but those who will attend Columbus schools years and even decades from now.

The difference is expectations, leadership and accountability, and that doesn't mean just the superintendent. To turn Buffalo schools around will require leadership from the School Board, too, as well as principals, teachers, the teachers union and parents. All have critical roles to play and any one of them could sabotage the pace, or even the prospects, of improvement.

Perhaps the most important players in improving education, though, are the principals whose tone in their schools. Their example directly influences the performance of dozens of teachers and, therefore, the education of hundreds of students.

But if principals are the fulcrum in improving education, their ability to succeed is influenced along a continuum of oversight. To perform at a high level, principals need a district superintendent who encourages them to administer creatively and that, to a great extent, requires a School Board that establishes expectations of its superintendent but resists the urge to meddle.

Buffalo hasn't had anything like that in years, if ever. But that could change. It will start with the School Board making a wise choice for a new superintendent, whether that turns out to be acting Superintendent Amber Dixon, who has already taken important steps, or someone else. Dixon is already removing the shackles with which her predecessors had hobnobbed principals and teachers.

That's a start, and you don't get anywhere without a start.

Tuesday: *The School Board*



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COMMENTARY

### *State hits a new low in DeJac case*

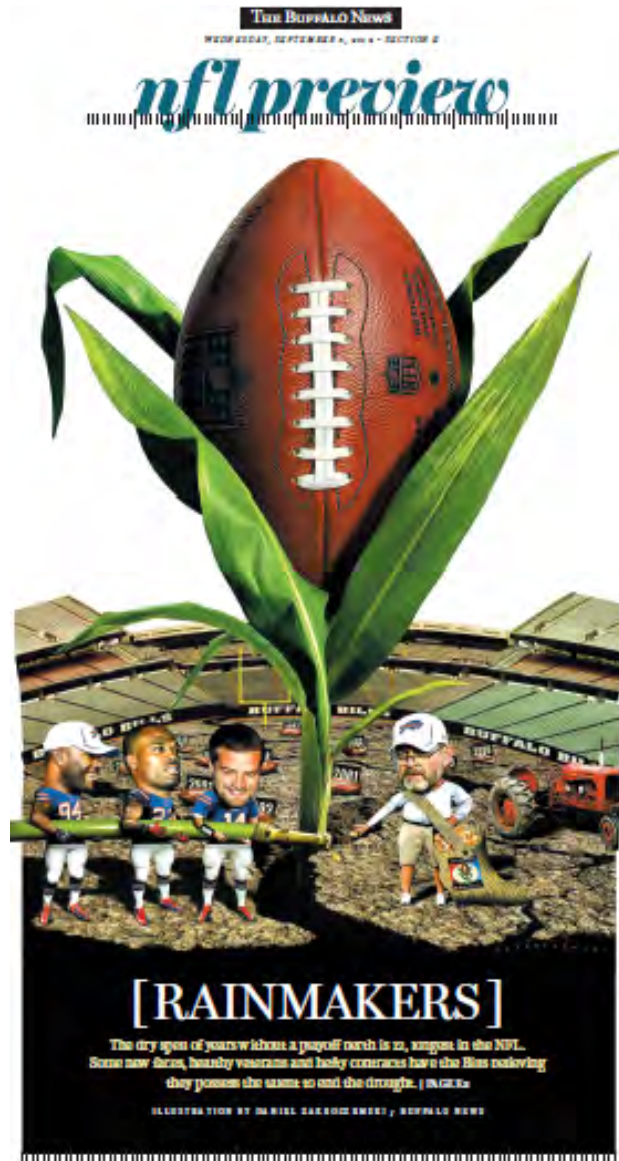
Now we know how cynical the state can be. A mammoth legal injustice cost Lynn DeJac-Peters nearly 14 years of her life. It branded her as the worst of human beings, a mother who killed her daughter. It pulled her newborn twins out of her arms and robbed her of the chance to watch her three children grow up.

The same justice system that wrongfully convicted DeJac-Peters of murder is again victimizing her.

DeJac-Peters was exonerated four years ago by DNA evidence in the 1993 death of her 13-year-old daughter, Crystallyn. She subsequently sued the state for \$14 million in damages. Instead of negotiating a settlement, Attorney General Eric Schneider-

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## HEMPSTEAD TURNPIKE | 16 DEADLY MILES RISKY TO CROSS

Design issues, human error make Hempstead Turnpike Long Island's most dangerous road for pedestrians

BY KATH HERBERT  
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The conflict between cars and pedestrians plays out more violently and more often along Hempstead Turnpike's 16 miles through Nassau County than anywhere else on Long Island.

Pedestrians are killed an average of more than five times a year, according to a Newsday analysis of pedestrian accidents: reports from 2005 through 2010.

Thirty-two people were killed and as least 437 injured in 457 pedestrian incidents on this east-west arterial road over those six years. Through last July, three more people died.

"It kills me to know that so many people keep dying," said Lisa Samuels, whose partner, Richard and Dorothy Cosulich, were struck down in 2006 when a multiple-vehicle crash sent a truck careening into them as they walked to a movie theater in Franklin Square. "Nothing has been done. Nothing has been changed."

Lupine Elmona, resident of Agnes Pemberton, 82, spoke of the turning vehicles that bear down on her as she tries to cross the turnpike at Meacham and Coven avenues.

"They don't even give you a chance," she said. "The lights

aren't long enough. Forty years ago, I was younger and didn't mind. I ran across and caught the bus. But now there are more drivers, more cars, more everything."

The human toll along one of the county's oldest and busiest roads is long-standing. The turnpike in Nassau has been ranked as the deadliest road for pedestrians in the metropolitan area since 2008 in annual findings by the TTS-Suse Transportation Campaign, a nonprofit advocacy group. It is exposed to remain at or near the top on this year's list.

### Findings of investigation

A Newsday investigation, which included analyzing 569 reports of accidents on the turnpike, obtained from Nassau County and Hempstead Village police through the Freedom of Information Law, revealed:

- Pedestrians crossing at intersections are in significant danger. More than half of the incidents examined occurred at intersections, and walkers were struck far more often by drivers turning left than turning right.

- Nearly half of all pedestrian deaths were in crashes away from intersections or crosswalks. Seventy percent of the pedestrians killed from 2005 through 2010 were not at intersections.

- Elmona, Franklin Square

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Catch News 12 Long Island's special report on Hempstead Turnpike with Newsday reporter Keith Herbert



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Safety solutions. Experts speak

and Hempstead Village have intersections with the highest number of pedestrian hits. On one stretch of less than two miles in Hempstead Village, there were 76 pedestrian strikes, including three that were fatal.

- Hempstead Turnpike, compared to Sunrise Highway, Hillside Avenue, Jericho Turnpike and Northern Boulevard, has the highest rate of pedestrian fatalities per vehi-

cle-miles-traveled, or VMT, a statistic that takes traffic volume into account.

- In some sections, long distances between crosswalks, ranging from 1,000 feet to a half-mile, encourage pedestrians to cross midblock.

"It seems like this is a broken record and no one's fixing it," said Ryan Lynch, senior planner with the transportation campaign. "Hempstead Turnpike is routinely the most dangerous road for pedestrians in the region. It's designed to move cars and trucks as fast as possible through downtowns and communities at the expense of the safety of pedestrians."

Portions of the road led the state Department of Transportation's own list of high-accident danger zones for both drivers and pedestrians as far back as the late 1980s. The department made changes in some spots in the 1990s and over the last two years, adding left-turn lanes, installing countdown clocks for pedestrians at some intersections, and increasing the crossing time allowed at some signals.

Despite the rankings and repeated calls from traffic safety and transportation experts for major design changes, there are no plans for comprehensive redesign to reduce pedestrian fatalities and injuries.

"There's nothing in the capital program," said Frank

Pearson, the DOT's chief traffic engineer on Long Island. "Our focus right now is on what we can do quickly."

State DOT officials said it's too soon to know whether changes made since 2000, which include some new traffic signals, intersection countdown clocks and updated crosswalk striping for greater visibility, will help reduce deaths and injuries.

### 'Stuttering' pedestrian toll

Manhattan-based traffic engineer Gary Toth, whose specialty is finding solutions to problems on congested arterial highways, had one word for the number of fatalities and injuries on Hempstead Turnpike: "Stuttering."

"You're just got to accept the fact that there are certain given, and people are not going to go walk 500 feet," he said of long distances between intersections with signals. "I've heard that story a thousand times. It's never going to go fixed. And so you're going to sit there and allow 25 more people to get killed in the next five years."

State Sen. Kemp Hannon (R-Garden City) is one of many elected officials and community leaders who have written the state Department of Transportation over more than a decade seeking pedestrian safety

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#### THE LADY JAGUARS; 'It Ain't About the Record'

By JOHN BRANCH

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HUNTINGDON, Tenn. — It was early on a Friday morning, and there was an emergency in Carroll Academy's Room 5. A student named Destiny was sitting alone, crying. With cameras in every classroom, she could be seen on the monitor in the security office.

The girls basketball team at Carroll Academy had lost the night before, 69-9, at home to University School of Jackson, a private college-preparatory school about 45 minutes away.

Destiny, a 17-year-old senior with a crossover dribble, a silky shooting touch and a habit of drug use, was the only one of the nine Carroll Academy players with any previous high school basketball experience. There were games this season when Destiny scored all the team's points. There were times in every game when her passes, delivered at the velocity of someone playing dodge ball, bounced off teammates' hands, leaving Destiny in a quiet fit of grimaces and upturned palms.



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#### **FULL COUNT; One Hard Way To Play Ball**

By DAVID WALDSTEIN

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It was a typical moment in an ordinary game on an average day for a major league catcher. This one happened to be May 30 in Anaheim, but it could have been August in Kansas City or March in Tampa.

The Yankees' Russell Martin, standing behind home plate armed with five pounds of equipment, known affectionately as the tools of ignorance, bent his knees and lowered his torso to the ground like a Transformer toy recoiling into its compact shape.

Balancing on his toes, he tilted his shoulders forward and placed his right hand behind his right leg to protect it from the hard white rock hurtling toward him. Behind the plate, he was, yet one more time, in his crouch. It is a distinctive bit of physical positioning for the men who play perhaps the sport's most important position.



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## *The Wall Street Journal*

### Covert FBI Power to Obtain Phone Data Faces Rare Test

By JENNIFER VALENTINO-DEVRIES

Early last year, the Federal Bureau of Investigation sent a secret letter to a phone company demanding that it turn over customer records for an investigation. The phone company then did something almost unheard of: It fought the letter in court.

The U.S. Department of Justice fired back with a serious accusation. It filed a civil complaint claiming that the company, by not handing over its files, was interfering "with the United States' sovereign interests" in national security.

The legal clash represents a rare and significant test of an investigative tool strengthened by the USA Patriot Act, the counterterrorism law enacted after the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

The case is shrouded in secrecy. The person at the company who received the government's request—known as a "national security letter," or NSL—is legally barred from acknowledging the case, or even the letter's existence, to almost anyone but company lawyers.

"This is the most important national security letter case" in years, said Stephen Vladeck, a professor and expert on terrorism law at the American University Washington College of Law. "It raises a question Congress has been trying to answer: How do you protect the First Amendment rights of an NSL recipient at the same time as you

protect the government's interest in secrecy?"

The confidentiality requirements make it impossible to definitively identify the company fighting the case. Its name and other identifying details have been redacted in court documents obtained by The Wall Street Journal.

The phone company's lawyer declined to name his client or respond to questions about its identity.

There are thousands of telecom companies in the U.S. However, the court papers offer clues that can be used to narrow down the list. The Journal cross-referenced the court papers against corporate websites and Federal Communications Commission records of telecom firms, and identified five firms that appeared to be possible matches with the company described in the case.

Four of the five companies denied any involvement in the case and declined to be interviewed about national security letters. At the fifth company, a top executive declined to confirm or deny, either on or off the record, whether his firm had received an NSL or is involved in the case.

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By Josh Dawsey

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After selling musical scores and Broadway memorabilia to New Yorkers and theater fans for more than six decades, Colony Records plans to shut down.

The Oct. 1 closing of the ground-floor shop at the Brill Building, where it moved in 1971 to inhabit a tower made famous by songwriters like Burt Bacharach, Neil Diamond and Carole King, will mark the demise of one of few remaining sheet-music retailers in the city.

Colony's owner, Richard Turk, confirmed on Thursday his decision to close the store his father founded in 1948, citing increased expenses and sales that he described as declining "exponentially" in recent years.

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