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Robert Harding | robert.harding@lee.net Jan 24, 2016



Sarah Jean Condon, The Citizen

Residents conduct business at Cayuga County Department of Motor Vehicles office in Auburn.

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Robert Harding | robert.harding@lee.net Apr 15, 2016



Keith Srakocic

Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump speaks during a campaign rally in Pittsburgh, Wednesday, April 13, 2016. (AP Photo/Keith Srakocic)



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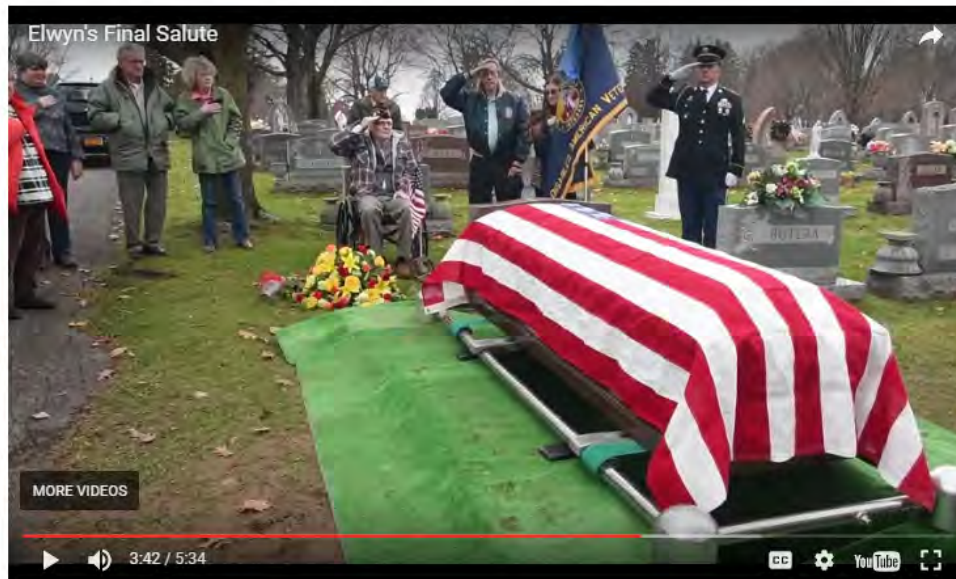


# Distinguished Multi-Media Presentation

## *The Citizen, Auburn*

## Photographer's Journal: Elwyn's Final Salute (video)

Kevin Rivoli, The Citizen Dec 4, 2016



Elwyn Ralph Caldwell, 92, was a tall, thin, quiet unassuming man who served his country in WWII and Korea.



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# Distinguished Column Writing

## *The Daily News, Batavia*

THE DAILY NEWS

Saturday, March 12, 2016 **A5**

# *Not knowing where the next shot will come from*

**H**e sat in that dingy room above Byron Hotel, where so many men have sat before.

Men down-on-their luck, living above a bar.

Maybe he was seething. We know he had been drinking and was "stressed."

Aren't we all?

Was it planned?

Probably not. It was a moment that will forever change his life.

Why? Why would David O'Connor reach for his .22-caliber rifle, load it and, from his open window, fire a shot at a Genesee County sheriff's den-

## COMMENTARY



**SCOTT  
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tance, telling that that yes, he fired the shot. A box of shells sits on his bed.

Why?

That's the question we have

Countless more are shot at, wounded, mugged, attacked for no reason, spit on, screamed at.

Sheriff Gary Maha said it is a much more dangerous world for police than it was when he started more than 40 years ago.

But is it?

Last year was one of the "safest" years ever for law enforcement officers. In 1973, 156 officers were shot and killed. The peak was 280 deaths in the early 1970s.

Who knows? Better equipment saves lives that wouldn't



# Distinguished News Photography

*The Daily News, Batavia*



# Distinguished Feature Photography

*The Daily News, Batavia*





# Distinguished Sports Photography

*The Daily News, Batavia*



# Distinguished Editorial Writing

## *The Daily Messenger, Canandaigua*

OUR VIEW

# Was city's heart in pesticide ban?

Amid a national election cycle so seemingly devoid of sincerity, we often find ourselves clinging to the reassurance that at least things are better closer to home.

Discovering that reassurance to be hollow is a bitter pill, indeed.

Case in point is the city of Canandaigua's five-year

would be impractical, the committee was told, with the only solution being a good dousing of chemicals — a scenario the council could not have possibly envisioned just months ago.

Except that it had been warned of just this type of “emergency situation” before it voted to approve the ban.

# Distinguished Sports Column Writing

## *The Daily Messenger, Canandaigua*

### THE POINT IS ...

Being  
thankful  
is always  
in season



**BOB CHAVEZ**

**J**ust as it's never too late to be thankful, it's never too early to understand why.

I'm looking at you, high school athlete.

It's a reasonable assumption that Sunday morning finds you in good spirits. It's Christ-

### THANKFUL

From Page B1

the memories you're creating. They know all about this because they probably experienced it themselves, or at least wish they had.

For the most part, all of this is done without complaint. And even if you do hear them complain, it's just surface irritation. Because if they really didn't like doing this for you, they wouldn't.

But they do, and to be sure, it's not easy.

The thing is, this is the highest and most powerful level of love there is on this earth. Sacrifices are made without complaint so that someone you care about can pursue dreams.

So yeah, take another look at mom and dad today. Think about what they've done to make sure you get to practices and games on time, games on time, have a clean uniform and are there in the stands for your games.

Take another look and if you're feeling the moment



# Distinguished Community Service

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**Town justice remembered**

East Bloomfield Town Justice William Morshelmer, a retired state police investigator, also enjoyed vintage racing boats. **A3**

**STATE**

**Off to a slow start**

More than 150 patients have qualified for New York's new medical marijuana program, but many more are waiting. **A5**

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**Late rock icon's legacy**

David Bowie helped a number of people growing up with questions about gender identity and sexuality accept themselves. **C1**

**YOUR LIFE**

**Financial advice for 2016**

Every American should have adequate emergency savings, says columnist and retired bankruptcy judge John Ninfo. **D1**

LOCAL ECONOMY

**LAGO VERSUS FLGR:**  
**GAME ON**



Finger Lakes Gaming and Racetrack Senior Director of Marketing Steve Martin stands in the casino portion of the Farmington facility. FLGR is concerned about expected lost revenue and what it considers to be unfair tax advantages given to Lago Resort and Casino in Tyre in Seneca County, which is under construction. PHOTOS BY JACK HALEY/MESSENGER POST MEDIA

Locals fear Seneca County casino may hamstring the financial stability of Finger Lakes Gaming and Racetrack, the town of Farmington and Ontario County

By Melody Burri  
melody@messengerpostmedia.com

leaders, along with town and Ontario County officials, prepare to tighten their belts. Early 2017 is when the Tyre casino will begin

"Inequity is really the cause of the heartburn here. If we're going to make a difference, we need to..."

ONTARIO COUNTY

**Changes afoot for ag group**

Position of local food educator eliminated

By Julie Sherwood  
jsherwood@messengerpostmedia.com

CANANDAIGUA — Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ontario County plans to expand its ties with community and government groups in 2016, according to the extension's executive director.

But the extension will do so with at least one fewer staff member, after eliminating the position of local food educator.

Hope Galens, who was the local food educator for four years, said she is disappointed with the decision. A survey and other indications of community response showed the program was successful and she was gaining momentum on a number of projects, Galens said.

Executive Director Tim Davis said the changes are

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# Distinguished Feature Writing

## *Observer, Dunkirk*

### MAJOR FAME, QUIET LIFE



#### Dunkirk was 20-year home to Three Dog Night singer

**T**he most extraordinary thing about rock icon Cory Wells is that he was so darn ordinary. That is not easy, given that Cory was a wildly popular lead singer for Three Dog Night, a rock group that during its heyday in the '70s outgrossed the likes of Elvis Presley and the Rolling Stones.

By  
**MARY ANN  
HERRINGTON**  
OBSERVER  
CORRESPONDENT

An original member, Cory continued to tour with the band until two months before his death last October. When not criss-crossing the country, one would likely find him at his lakefront home in Dunkirk, where he dwelt privately and without fanfare, for the last 20 years of his life.



At top, a mellow Cory Wells delivers the soulful prelude to his blockbuster hit "Eli's Coming" in a 1975 live performance. Above, Cory Wells and his bride of 50 years, the former Mary Catalano, are all smiles at the First Ward Falcon Club in Dunkirk while attending the July 5, 2015 wedding reception of Tom and Dana Mieczko.



# Distinguished Headline Writing

## *Observer, Dunkirk*

### ***'Number Two' is number one problem at Silver Creek beach***

By **REBECCA CUTHBERT**  
OBSERVER Staff Writer

SILVER CREEK — This is why Silver Creek can't have nice things.

George Borrello Park, located on the beach next to the Firemen's Club, should be a nice place to spend a pleasant afternoon. There is a pavilion for picnicking, a beach for swimming and a shoreline for beach glass hunting.

But, instead of sea glass, day trippers are just as likely to find feces (dog and human) and refuse left

tip it over. It added a lot of problems for our streets workers."

So, as unsightly as a few people plops may be, a tipped-over portapotty with its "contents" spilled everywhere would be worse.

Part of the issue is that homeless individuals also set up temporary camp there, residents said, and leave behind garbage in addition to their waste.

"They sleep in the gazebo there," one woman said, referencing the covered picnic shelter.

# Distinguished Page Design/Presentation

## *Observer, Dunkirk*

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## 900 JOBS!

Historic announcement in city for project  
brings visions of a 'new dawn for Dunkirk'



Above is the rendering of the proposed Athenex facility to be built in the town of Dunkirk. At right is state Gov. Andrew Cuomo.

**By GREG FOX**  
OBSERVER Assistant News Editor  
Dunkirk and northern  
Chautauqua County are on the  
precinice of playing a critical

Athenex — a global specialty  
oncology pharmaceutical company — will invest a minimum  
of \$1.52 billion in the Dunkirk  
plant to manufacture high-

error's office.  
"This is really an historic  
moment; it's a game changer for  
Dunkirk and something like this  
doesn't happen too often in



### Governor talks tough on NRG

**By GREG FOX**  
OBSERVER Assistant News Editor

During his visit to Dunkirk on Thursday, New York state Gov. Andrew Cuomo did not mince words about the mothballing of the NRG Energy Inc. plant.

Cuomo offered sharp criticism of the company when asked about the issue while speaking with the media. He suggested the New Jersey-based power company may not be fit to do business in New York if it decides to act in the



# Distinguished Beat Reporting

## *The Leader-Herald, Gloversville*

### **BEDBUGS**

A community problem

*Special report*



# Housing authority, tenants at odds

## Residents object to aggressive bedbug treatments

*Second day of a three-day series.  
Today: The Gloversville Housing  
Authority's frustrating battle with bedbugs.*

**By JASON SUBIK**  
**The Leader-Herald**

GLOVERSVILLE — Pat Vanslyke, a former commissioner on the Gloversville Housing Authority board, has lived at Forest Hill for two and a half years. And although there have been cases of bedbugs at the housing authority for years, the problem has been particularly bad over the past year.

She said she isn't satisfied with either of the two exterminator companies the housing authority has hired over the past year to deal with bedbugs. She blames Ballston Spa-based Attention Pest Solutions for being ineffective, but then said she doesn't believe Albany-based Northeast Pest Control, which uses a bedbug-sniffing dog, has been particularly effective either.

"They [Attention Pest Solutions] weren't doing the job. They kept spraying. I got sprayed three times and then [the bedbugs] would come right back the next week," she said. "The treatments were not effective at all. I had to pack up all my stuff, because I had to wait three weeks between spraying, the bags got all mildewy and I had to throw away a whole bunch of sheets and clothes. I'm on my fourth set of furniture. They kept inspecting and saying I didn't have them and I kept saying 'why am I getting bit?'"

"[The Northeast Pest Control dog] searched the couch and the chair in my apartment, and the only thing he reacted to was underneath my air conditioner," Vanslyke said. "I had a basket of yarn. That's where he got excited, in the yarn, but my bed and furniture had bedbugs but he didn't react, so I was not real thrilled with him."

In its battle against bedbugs, the housing authority's strategy has evolved several

times. From about 2011 to 2015, the authority used Northeast Pest Control to exterminate bedbugs on a case-by-case basis at a cost of about \$2,400 each extermination, while paying another exterminator, Broadalbin-based Bug Off, to handle other pests like ants and cockroaches. At the end of 2015, the authority switched gears, cut loose Bug Off and Northeast Pest, and brought in Attention Pest in January to implement a more aggressive approach at a cost of about \$2,400 per month, which included an inspection plan, educational services for residents and detailed documentation of the company's approach to exterminating bedbugs.

Jason Garney, one of the owners of Attention Pest, said his company was essentially tasked with hunting for bedbugs.

"The percentage of actual activity was



**The Leader-Herald/Bill Trojan**

Diane Sauve, president of the tenants association at Forest Hill Towers in Gloversville, shows a photo on her tablet of resident Jack Horton with bed bug bites on his arm Oct. 12.

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# Distinguished Business Reporting

*The Evening Tribune, Hornell*

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# HISTORY MADE

## Hornell celebrates America's first high-speed rail cars

By Jason Jordan  
The Spectator

**HORNELL** — No matter your line of work, if you live in the Hornell area, chances are that you are an Alstom fan today.

The City of Hornell's largest employer hosted a joyous celebration on Friday, commemorating the recent signing of a \$2.4 billion contract with Amtrak to build something that America has never seen before.

"High speed rail is coming to America," Alstom President for



### Inside

- How the contract happened, **A2**
- Working at Alstom is a family affair, **A3**
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- Training facility dedicated to former Amtrak President and CEO Joe Boardman, **A5**
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- Photo gallery of the plant and event

# Distinguished Sports Writing

## *The Evening Tribune*, Hornell

ROAD TO RECOVERY

## Miracle in Alfred



Julio Fuentes steps onto the field Saturday with plenty of support around him and the cheers of the crowd. JOHN ANDERSON PHOTO

### Fuentes defies odds, walks on football field years after being paralyzed

By John Anderson  
Regional Editor

ALFRED — The football career of Julio Fuentes continued Saturday afternoon in front of just under 3,000 fans chanting his name on a sun-soaked Yunevich Stadium at Alfred University.

despite being just 5-foot-2, 145 pounds in the program. If you know football programs, they usually add a few inches and 10 pounds.

The last time he was on the field as a Saxon was in 2006. There was no need to call the NCAA if you're wondering why, 10 years later, he was on the field and being cheered

#### The Injury

It was Sept. 9, 2006 and Fuentes was ready to start his sophomore season with the Saxons. Then-coach Dave Murray knew he had a winner. He could play offense, defense and special teams. But put that ball in his hands and something special happened.



# Distinguished News Supplement

## *The Evening Tribune, Hornell*

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# 2016 PROGRESS EDITION

Allegany County • Livingston County • Steuben County

By John Anderson  
Regional Editor

The theme for our 2016 Progress Edition came to us early in 2015 when we spoke to different community members as part of our local community editorial board focus groups.

There was concern in Hornell that jobs would decline at Alstom. This could finally mean the death of small businesses in the area and less traffic at the Hornell Plaza.

Dansville and in Wayland, our readers asked what was happening with Gunlocke.

First Hornell.

I doubt you will find a more aggressive IDA board or director than Jim Griffin in Hornell. When an industry or business is closing the doors, he is on a plane to meet with a new one. What looks like useless strips of land, he turns into a road filled with small businesses. Working with Hornell Mayor Shawn Hogan, the word Industrial Park sounds funny when

## BACK TO THE FUTURE

As the Wal-Mart news in Wellsville died off, small businesses kept opening. Dresser-Rand is strong and Alstom Air Preheater became Ljungstrom, a division of Arvos and internationally known for a research and

increased the number of employees and continues to show an increased profit margin while focusing on being environmentally safe.

Dansville's Main Street had growth, a new grant will infuse money into the

have heard in the industry.

All of this while our parent company, Gatehouse Media, assists us in improving our digital side, including the web site for your cell phones and computers. We are

the mayors in Dansville, Wellsville and Hornell, took time to write columns for this edition to give us even more insight in to the progress being made.

Throughout the pages, you will see a mix of the




# Distinguished Breaking News Coverage

## *The Palladium-Times, Oswego*

### Judge upholds Thibodeau conviction

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By BENJAMIN KAIL [bkail@palltimes.com](mailto:bkail@palltimes.com) | 0 comments

OSWEGO — A judge on Wednesday rejected Gary Thibodeau's multi-year effort for a new trial in the 1994 Heidi Allen kidnapping case.

Acting Oswego County Court Judge Daniel King's 64-page decision came almost 14 months after the start of a hearing in which Thibodeau's defense team argued prosecutors botched the Allen investigation and that a jury would have delivered an acquittal had it heard evidence of the alleged involvement of three other men.

Thibodeau has maintained his innocence for more than two decades after Allen, presumed dead by authorities, was last seen at her workplace, the D&W Convenience Store in Monticello, April 8, 1994.



# Distinguished Investigative Reporting

## *Adirondack Daily Enterprise, Saranac Lake*

# Adirondack Daily Enterprise

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## Helicopter shocker

Medical flight company bills patients \$45,000 to \$60,000 when it fills in for local, free service

By CHRIS KNIGHT  
Senior Staff Writer

SARANAC LAKE — The stress of a mother going into labor weeks early or of a child crushed by a snowplow is enough to endure without a \$50,000 bill.

In the last few months, several local families in those situations have faced the added anxiety of being billed tens of thousands of dollars for helicopter or plane flights that aren't covered by their health insurance providers.

Each case centers around flights provided by LifeNet, a subsidiary of Colorado-based Air Methods Corp., a for-profit air medical transport service with locations across the country. It moved into the North Country in 2012 with sites in Watertown and Potsdam.

Locals who've had to use LifeNet describe its rates as exorbitant and inflated, a sentiment echoed by some of the company's nonprofit competitors in the region who charge a fraction of what LifeNet bills its patients.

It's an issue that isn't limited to the North Country. A recent ABC News investigation found Air Methods customers across the country with similar stories of sticker shock.

Officials with LifeNet and AirMethods didn't return phone and email messages from the Enterprise as of press time, but they've defended their rates to other news media, say-



**A LifeNet helicopter flies Bethany Cassell, right, and her daughter Kimberly Reandeau, both of Tupper Lake, from Adirondack Medical Center in Saranac Lake to the University of Vermont Medical Center at Burlington on Feb. 18, two days after Reandeau was crushed by a Tupper Lake village snowplow. LifeNet charged \$55,722, to be paid by the village's insurance company.**

(Photo provided by Judy Palmer Plummer)

ing the specialized service they provide requires "enormous financial resources and ongoing investment." The company also blames health insurance providers for "abandoning their members" and refusing to cover their bills.

### "Outrageous"

Casey Field said he "almost died" after he

saw the \$46,215 bill for his wife's LifeNet flight to the University of Vermont Medical Center in Burlington.

Jessica Field, a teacher at St. Agnes school in Lake Placid, went into labor on March 24 when she was just 23 weeks pregnant. The couple drove to Adirondack Medical Center in Saranac Lake where they were told Jessica would be airlifted to the Burlington hospital,

which has a neonatal intensive-care unit.

Normally, they would have ridden in a state police helicopter with a medical crew from North Country Life Flight, a nonprofit that's the primary air rescue service in the area and doesn't bill for its services. The helicopter wasn't flying that day, however, due to the weather, so Jessica was brought to the Adirondack Regional Airport in Lake Clear and loaded on a LifeNet plane.

"We didn't have a choice," Casey Field said. "We even asked for other options. Jess asked if she could go home get some stuff, drive herself up or take an ambulance, but they weren't letting her out of the hospital. The only way to get her to Burlington was to fly her, and this company was doing it."

Six days later, their son was born. Christian Thomas Field weighed 1.6 pounds. He's still in the NICU, but he's doing well, and his parents hope he'll be able to come home sometime in July.

Before Christian was even born, however, Casey Field said he got the bill for Jessica's flight in a letter from his insurance company, which said it had denied the claim. LifeNet's bill was broken into two parts, a take-off fee of \$31,504 and a \$277-per-mile fee that amounted to \$14,711 for a 53-mile flight.

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# Distinguished Live Sports Coverage

## *Wellsville Daily Reporter*

### Back-2-back champs: Lions overpower Cougars for B2 title

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The Wellsville boys celebrate after winning back to back Section V, Class B2 titles Friday night at the Blue Cross Arena.  
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# Distinguished Breaking News Coverage

## *Finger Lakes Times, Geneva*

# TWO DEAD IN CITY MURDER-SUICIDE



Emily Carson is shown in a photo from her Facebook page.

Witnesses  
saw shooter  
attack Geneva  
woman, then  
kill himself

**By MIKE HIBBARD**  
mhibbard@fltimes.com

GENEVA — City police this morning identified the two people who died Sunday morning in a



Spencer Tulis photos / Finger Lakes Times

Emergency personnel rush Emily Carson of Geneva to an ambulance after she was shot at about 11:45 a.m. Sunday in the Exchange Place lot in Geneva. She was taken to Geneva General Hospital, where she was pronounced dead.



# Distinguished Column Writing

*Finger Lakes Times, Geneva*



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## CUTILLO: A word on endorsements

By Mike Cutillo [mcutillo@fltimes.com](mailto:mcutillo@fltimes.com) Nov 13, 2016 0



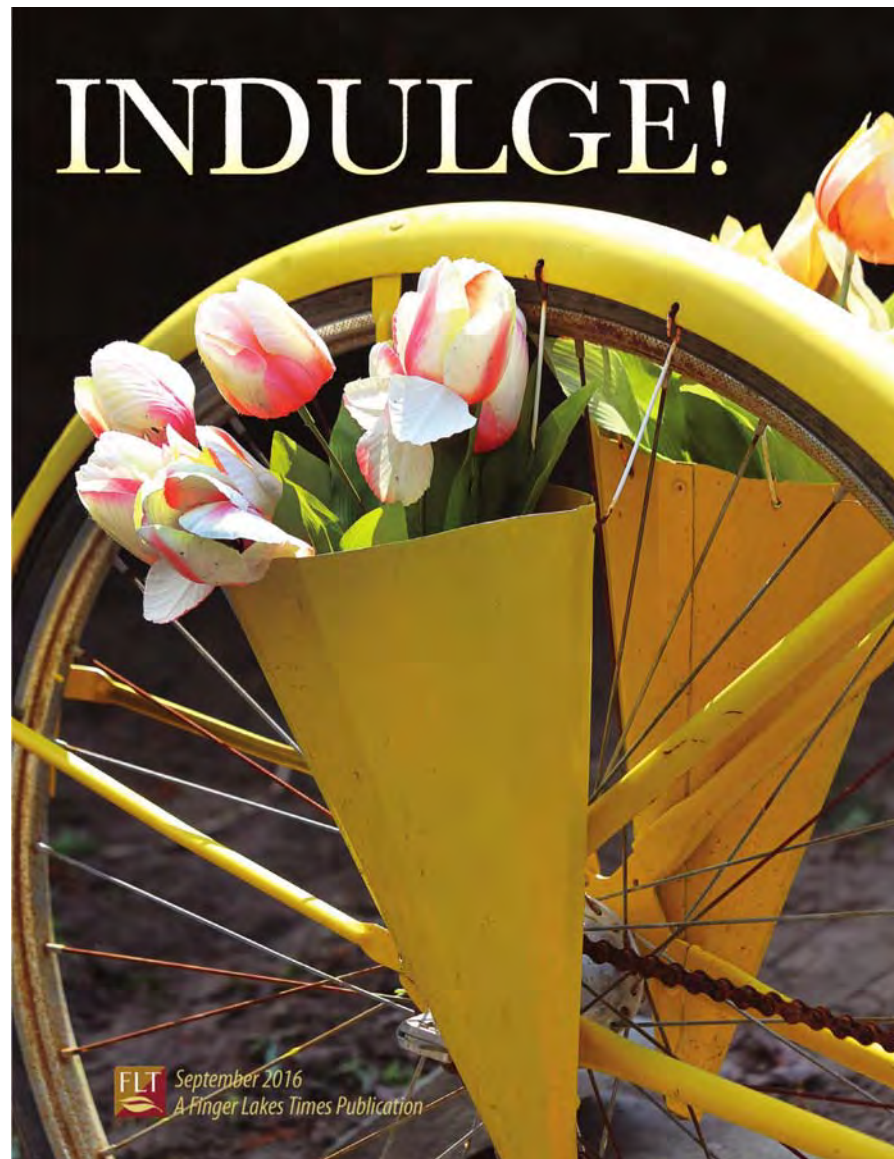
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## *Finger Lakes Times, Geneva*

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## 2016 FOOTBALL SEASON

### Geneva Panthers



**Mike Pane**

#### Touchdown's Worth of Questions

**From your standpoint, what separates the game of football from other team sports?** What separates football is the level of preparation and physicality. It's a sport that takes the utmost commitment to excel in.

**In your experience as a football coach, what would you define as the single-most important element of the game and why?** The single-most important element is understanding your players, getting them to believe that you care more about them as young men than you do as players, and that being solid in character will ultimately translate to success on the field — and, more importantly, in life.

**As you look ahead to the start of practice and the upcoming season, what have you identified as the keys for your team to succeed, both in preseason practice and when the games count?** As we go into the season, we hope that the 6-7 kids that played significant roles as sophomores last year have matured physically and mentally to develop a strong nucleus. We believe we have a solid backfield, but will still probably start only one senior up front, so those kids have to come along

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9/30 at Wayne, 7 p.m.



# Distinguished Live Sports Coverage

## *The Post-Star, Glens Falls*

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**Vote details up in the air**  
Based on the results of the election, the type of election to hold for city mayor is still up in the air.

**STATE BOYS BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT**

**Probe report nearly done**  
Herald's report on the probe into the death of a student at the Glens Falls Civic Center is nearly complete.

**Last hurrah, for now**  
The State Boys Basketball Tournament is the last of its kind at the Glens Falls Civic Center.

**Online philanthropy aids schools**  
Celebrities step up to go for tickets with the state U.S.

**Gun mandate kicks off debate**  
The state's new gun mandate has kicked off a debate about the need for more gun safety measures.

## State Tournament set for final year of run

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"See you here next year" is a familiar saying on the final day of the State Boys Basketball Tournament at Glens Falls Civic Center. That will have to be replaced with "so long, for now" at this year's tournament.

The State Boys Basketball Tournament will be held at the Civic Center for the 36th consecutive year this Friday through Sunday, making it by far the longest public high school consecutive championship at one venue in the state. It is, however, the last tournament here before it goes to Binghamton for a three-year run.

Glens Falls won't be without high-profile postseason basketball when this year's tournament concludes, however. The Federation Tournament of Champions, which was also held at Glens Falls until 2011, will return to the Civic Center starting in 2017.

For now, though, fans can take in all the action, composed of 15 games in five classes, beginning Friday morning and ending Sunday afternoon. Things kick off with a 10 a.m. Class D semifinal between Panama and Moriah.

Section II schools are riding a bit of a streak here at the state tournament. Three Section II schools have won state titles each of the past three years. That has also helped draw the fans, and this year will be no different, as defending Class AA champion Shenendehowa, Troy (Class A) and Hudson (Class B) try to keep the section's streak alive.

There are other participating schools that traditionally bring a good number of fans, including Olean, Moravia and Moriah. Olean is also one of three schools that have previously won state titles, Middle Early College of Buffalo and Shenendehowa being the other two.

The tournament sells tickets by session. There are two sessions both Friday and Saturday, and one Sunday. Finals begin at 5:30 p.m. Saturday and continue Sunday.

There are several exciting possibilities this weekend. Since the state tournament was reinstituted in 1978, no team from Section VII (Plattsburgh area) has won a title, but AuSable Valley (Class C) and Moriah have a chance to become the first. Also, in Class AA, Aquinas, of Rochester, is attempting to win a second consecutive state title in a major sport, as the Little Irish won the football title in the fall. In that same class, if Shenendehowa wins, it will become the first Section II school with more than two state boys basketball titles.

Individually, Bishop Grimes head coach Bob McKenney and Troy coach Richard Hurley are trying to become the first coaches to win state titles with different schools.

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A young girl drinks water Thursday in Glens Falls. In New York, towns and villages with municipal water systems are required to submit a water quality report to the state Department of Health each year. Those water reports show that most local water systems have been given a clean bill of health.

## Providing clarity

Water quality reports:  
Local drinking supplies  
are primarily clean

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**Editor's note:** This is the first in a series of articles on the quality of water in our region and threats that could compromise it. In future weeks, we will examine the impact of local industry and what water quality means for local recreation.

Water is everywhere in upstate New York, but finding a drop to drink has been problematic in villages such as Hoosick Falls, where the public supply was contaminated with toxic industrial waste.

Hoosick Falls' drinking wa-



struction will soon begin on a permanent filtration system. The Department of Health has been sending out the results

### At poststar.com

**Database:** A collection of 20 water quality reports from throughout the region

**Slideshow:** How to read water reports

**Gallery:** How your water is treated

### Coming soon in print

**June 26:** Industrial pollution

**July 3:** Threats to recreational water bodies

communities: 3M employees in Decatur, Alabama, who had an average level of 1,125 micrograms per liter, and DuPont workers in Parkersburg, West Virginia, with 410, according to the fact sheet.

"These numbers are an indicator of how long the individual has been exposed. They're not a predictor of anything," Borge said.

A year and a half ago, Borge said most people had not heard of PFOA. Many municipalities are now learning about and testing for chemicals they did not know existed. Borge called it the "legacy of the Industrial Revolution."



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Construction work continues March 9 on the Bonacio Project in Glens Falls. The site on Hudson Avenue will become a five-story, mixed-use complex will have retail and commercial offices on the ground floor, commercial offices and apartments on the second floor and apartments on the upper floors. There will be 87 apartments in all.

## Mixed results

Developers combine commercial, residential space in new projects

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The proliferation of mixed-use development in the Glens Falls area is picking up speed, and the ramifications of that could be far-reaching.

One of the largest commercial developments in the city's history, under construction now on Hudson Avenue near Glens Falls Hospital, will be a five-story complex with 87 apart-



COURTESY IMAGE

A rendering of the 34-acre Fowler Square 'village center' development in Queensbury is seen.

center" on 34 acres at the Southwest corner of Bay and Blind Rock roads.

Construction of that project, which will combine 142 apartments and thousands of square feet of commercial space, is slated to begin soon, despite an approval process that included legal challenges from nearby residents concerned about traffic and infrastructure impacts.

While ground-up, large-scale mixed-use construction has taken center stage with the Hudson Avenue and

Since 2006, his company, Glen Street Associates, has turned six buildings into mixed-use real estate.

### Back to the future

Those developments include Park Place, a building overlooking Juckett Park in Hudson Falls that was one of upstate New York's earliest mixed-use structures, built in the 1920s, Hoffman said.

"It was a project built by

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COURTESY PHOTO

A barred owl was rescued from a tree near The Mill apartments in Glens Falls on Sunday morning. The owl was being tormented by a flock of crows.

## They gave a hoot

Residents at Mill apartments help distressed owl

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GLENS FALLS — As Dr. John Layden walked from his home at The Mill apartments to Glens Falls Hospital on Sunday morning, he noticed a gray, black and brown owl in a tree at the corner of Hudson and Elm.

A flock of crows was tormenting and pecking the bird, which made no effort to fly away.



Layden



COURTESY PHOTO

Don Hatin, left, and Cathy Lehmann of North Country Wild Care prepare to rescue an owl being pecked by crows near The Mill



# Distinguished Online Blog

## *The Post-Star, Glens Falls*

# 'Why do I still do this?'

Don Lehman Dec 14, 2016  1



Many of the police officers who responded to Tuesday night's fatal snowbank collapse are veterans of 20, 30 and even almost 40 years of police work. They have seen things many of us can't imagine.

The trauma of finding two young boys trapped in a snow bank, one of them dead and the other severely hypothermic, was too much for even the most hardened of them.

Cambridge-Greenwich Police Chief George Bell said many were in tears as they sorted out what happened Tuesday night in a remote parking lot on Rock Street, minutes after tearing into an icy snowbank, some with their bare hands, to free the boys. Those who spoke at a press conference Wednesday, including the village public works superintendent, seemed near tears.

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OUTLOOK 2016



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AngioDynamics employees work Jan. 7 inside a clean room manufacturing facility at AngioDynamics in Glens Falls.

## AngioDynamics sees way forward

*Firm realizes FDA closure, excise tax relief for better 2016*

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LATHAM ♦ AngioDynamics is one of the area's largest private employers, with around 800 on staff.

The company had an eventful 2015, in which the Food and Drug Administration put to rest marketing and quality control concerns raised in 2011 and 2014. The publicly traded company last



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ANGIODYNAMICS

a two-year suspension of a particularly onerous excise tax on medical device manufacturers' revenue.

That tax was costing the Latham-based com-



POST-STAR FILE PHOTO

Drew Briggs examines tip ends of flexibles while working on the angiographic catheter line at the Queensbury manufacturing plant in 2012.



### INSIDE

Outlook 2016 looks at the challenges — and successes — regional businesses face.

us for the next couple of

# Distinguished Beat Reporting

## *The Post-Star, Glens Falls*

# Girl, 9, killed in boat crash



A 9-year-old girl was killed when two boats collided off Cramer Point Tuesday night.

Police: Driver fled  
after the collision

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LAKE GEORGE — A 9-year-old California girl was killed and her mother hurt Monday night in a hit-and-run boat collision on Lake George, and police believe the boat that left the scene contained a group that had been at the Log Bay Day party on the lake earlier in the day.

The girl was identified as Charlotte M. McCue of Carlsbad, California. She was visiting the area with family, and her grandfather was piloting the boat that she was on.

Warren County Sheriff Bud York said McCue was killed and her mother, whose name was not released, suffered non-life-threatening injuries but was admitted to Glens Falls Hospital. The boat that hit McCue crossed her family's boat in the center. The girl's parents, two siblings and grandparents were also on the boat.

"She (the mother) was sitting next to her daughter," York said. "One boat just went right over the other."

McCue was pronounced dead



**STEVE JACOBS PHOTOS, SJACOBS@POSTSTAR.COM**

Warren County Sheriff Bud York addresses the news media Tuesday morning about a boating accident that



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## EDITORIAL

# Village mayor, clerk thumb nose at law

Essentially, this is what the law says: If a government body such as a village, town or city creates a document such as a budget, even if it is a preliminary budget, it is a public document.

You can't hide it.

You can't refuse to release it to the public.

You can't delay its release because, well, we're still tinkering with it.

That's the law. That's transparency.

For the second time

## OUR VIEW

Schuylerville mayor, clerk violate law again.

for the village budget earlier this week, she said, "I'm not going to deny you, because you said I denied you last time and I didn't."

She did, but we're moving on, because she said she wasn't denying us the document this time. Except, despite her denial of the denial, she failed to cough

## OPEN RECORDS LAW

All records are subject to the FOIL, and the law defines "record" as "any information kept, held, filed, produced or reproduced by, with or for an agency ... in any physical form whatsoever ..." It is clear that items such as audio or visual recordings, data maintained electronically, and paper records fall within the definition of "record." An agency is not required to create a new record or provide information in response to questions to comply with the law; however, the courts have held that an agency must provide records in the form requested if it has the ability to do so.

For instance, if the agency can transfer data into a requested format, the agency must do so upon payment of the proper fee.

— New York State Committee on Open Government

Sherman took an oath of office to enforce the laws of the state. What he appears to be inferring here is that he will not abide by the laws of the state.

Sherman called back a little later — it was now more than 24 hours after the original request — and said he would give our reporter the budget, which he is required to do by law, if she filed a written FOIL request and brought it to him in person.

She is not required to do either by law, but the mayor had at least finally acknowledged

that the village clerk and mayor violated the Freedom of Information Law in the past month.

And this time it was deliberate.

We suggest that both Mayor Sherman and Village Clerk Welfley visit the Committee on Open Government website. Under "Publications" is a variety of tools that will help them brush up on what is a public document and what is not.

If they are going to do

# Distinguished Sports Column Writing

## *The Post-Star, Glens Falls*

### *Dunk was Moriah's transcendent moment*



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**Moriah players celebrate a victory on Friday in the Class D semifinals of the State Boys Basketball Tournament at the Glens Falls Civic Center.**

#### GLENS FALLS

**I**t is what I love about the state basketball tournament.

That moment, that play when the stakes are highest, the atmosphere electric, and the pressure unyielding.

It can be transcendent.

Taylor Slattery, the lithe 6-5 senior with a whiff of whiskers on his chin, sailed through the air at the Glens Falls Civic Center Friday morning, palmed the ball in his right hand and delivered a concussion of a dunk that enveloped the arena in equal parts pandemonium and confusion.

There is no way of knowing if Slattery has ever jumped higher, or farther, but there is no doubt that Taylor Slattery, his teammates and the



**KEN TINGLEY**

#### COMMENTARY

thousands of followers in the stands, had just witnessed a transcendent moment.

"When I slammed it, that was one of the greatest moments of my life," Slattery said.

"That's when I thought we could win it," said Moriah coach Brian Cross. "When he

dunked the ball, I didn't even hear them blow the whistle for the timeout. It was that loud."

Let me take it a step further, and say that's when the game was over, even though there was still 3:55 to play and Moriah was still down six.

Moriah had been down 16 points early in the fourth quarter and its 6-7 center had just committed his fourth foul. Obituaries have been written with less evidence of a pulse.

But that's the other part about the state tournament that you have to love. When you have these small rural schools with not much else, the sports teams can be everything, built as much on athleticism as heart and soul.

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# Distinguished Feature Writing

## *The Post-Star, Glens Falls*

### Families bring bounty to the region



**Editor's note:** This is part one of a three-part series on the Amish community in Whitehall and Hampton. It was sensitively reported and photographed, keeping in

mind that Amish generally avoid media interviews and shun photographs for religious reasons. All photos were taken from public roadways and attempted to avoid faces. The few Amish individuals interviewed were told it was for stories on them and their new community and agreed to talk without the use of names.

#### DAVE BLOW

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On a sweltering June day on county Route 12 in Whitehall, women wearing long dresses and white caps were pick-

ing strawberries in their gardens, a teenage girl was hanging loads of clothes on a triangular clothesline and some boys and girls — none older than 5 — were hauling wood scraps with a little wagon from a sawmill into their home.

In the fields, men and older boys wearing light blue shirts and dark blue trousers were being pulled by horses on antique-looking equipment that cut and fluffed hay and placed it into rows.

Everyone was working.

This same scene, with variations that included sawmill and

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#### Economic impact, by the numbers

About **200** Amish residents have arrived since 2013.

The Amish have built **17** new homes and 8 new barns.

They occupy **15** farms in Whitehall and **1** in Hampton.

Since their arrival in 2013, there's been **\$1.6M** in increased tax assessment.

Source: Whitehall Assessor Bruce Caza



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## *The Post-Star, Glens Falls*

STATE BOYS BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

# Home of champions

Glens Falls will continue to serve as center for basketball as tourney ends 36 year run

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Just like a long-running Broadway show, where event usually the curtain falls for a final time, Glens Falls' run of consecutive State Boys Basketball Tournaments will end Sunday. Producers are already hoping for a revival four years from now. The state tournament won't just be held, but will be celebrated as it completes its 36th consecutive time at the Glens Falls Civic Center. That's the longest of any sport championship in the state.

The tournament is leaving Glens Falls after a contentious and drawn-out voting process this fall and winter, ending with the Executive Committee of the New York State Public High School Athletic Association voting 14-9 to move the tournament to Binghamton for a three-year deal starting in 2017.

That left some hard feelings, but it gives a chance to reflect upon the moments, teams and players that the fans have gotten to see over the years.

After three years in Rochester, the tournament started its run at the Civic Center in 1981. Doug Kenyon, the tournament director in Glens Falls, was then the chairperson of housing. That meant he spent a lot of time with teams at The Queensberry Hotel.

"We'd take teams to practice, we'd take them to restaurants, we actually did their laundry sometimes if they had to play in the same uniform the next day," Kenyon recalled.

Kenyon even recalled when Doug Coughlin, who was the transportation chairperson, helped out a cheerleading squad that couldn't find a hotel anywhere in the area.

"He took them home with him and said, 'Look, we have some guests' and just opened up their house to them," Kenyon recalled.

Over the years in Glens Falls, there have been changes to the tournament weekend. The state and Federation tournaments used to be all the same weekend before splitting up after 1986. There are now five classes playing, so a third day is required.

**Teams and players**

In its first year at Glens Falls, the tournament included Mount Vernon, which won its third state title by capturing Class A. The school went on to

**BY THE NUMBERS**

**10**  
number of titles  
Mount Vernon has won in Class A, the most by any school

**6**  
number of titles  
Mount Vernon head coach Bob Clemen has won

**6**  
number of players who have went on to play in the NBA

**92**  
most points scored in the tournament by Adonal Foye of Hamilton in 1994

**22,724**  
attendance in 2003, the highest total in tournament history

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- State titles are awarded in classes B, C and D. **PAGES D1, A**
- Fort Edward girls fall in state tourney. **PAGE B6**
- State tournament photo page. **PAGE D18**

win a record 10 titles, the last six of them under head coach Bob Clemen, also a record-holder. The school nipping at Mount Vernon's heels, Iredell/Jamilton, has nine state titles and almost made it back here this year, but lost in the regional finals.

The 2000s were the decade of streaks, as first Amherstville became the first school to win four consecutive titles, winning Class B from 2000 through 2003. Jamestown-DeWitt followed from 2008 through 2011 with four Class A titles.

Of course, the tournament always does better financially when Section II teams are in the mix for titles, and it has been a magical run for them over the past three

**TWIN TITLES**  
Iredell/Jamilton won Class B and Class C titles

**THRILLER**  
Mount Vernon's late game comeback to win title

**Tourney Extra**  
Triple OT Title

**Sweet 16**  
Delmar's victory over Fort Edward

**ONE LAST CHANCE**  
Fort Edward's last chance to win state title

**Maginn coasts to title**  
Fort Edward's late game comeback to win title

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## ‘She was tenacious’ Locals recall playing against Pat Summitt

BY JOEY LAFRANCA  
Special to the Press-Republican

During the course of her storied basketball career, Pat Summitt played and coached in countless gymnasiums.

One of those was Plattsburgh State's Memorial Hall.

Summitt, the legendary Tennessee women's basketball coach who owned the NCAA Division I wins record of 1,098, died Tuesday after a five-year battle with Alzheimer's disease. She was 64.

In 1976, a 24-year-old Summitt, known as Pat Head at the time, was a member of the first U.S. Olympic women's basketball team.

As the team prepared for the Olympic Games in Montreal, it played an exhibition matchup July 13, 1976, against a team of young men who were local high school and college basketball players.

The contest was organized just a few days before and advertised only one day before,

but that did not prevent a capacity crowd of 1,700 spectators from filling Memorial Hall.

In the game, Summitt scored 10 points, including four consecutive field goals in the first quarter that brought her team back from a 10-2 deficit.

Clinton Community College men's basketball coach Kevin Daugherty played for SUNY Canton at the time and was on the court for that game. He said Summitt was a true player.

"I still remember her like it was yesterday," Daugherty said. "She was tall, she was lean, she was smooth and she could really shoot a mid-range jump shot."

Daugherty said the entire game was filled with memories, including a special moment before tip-off.

The two teams lined up across from each other at half court, with the local all-stars holding small Olympic flags and the women's team holding American flags. The teams exchanged flags and shook hands.

Leo Ryan, who graduated from Canton High School in 1976, said the Olympic squad possessed amazing talent, including Nancy Lieberman and Ann Meyers as well as Summitt.

"We were all just excited and shocked to be playing against them," Ryan said. "These were young women who were representing our country. We didn't know if we should be aggressive, and all of a sudden, they started to bang us around a little bit. Eventually, Mike Flynn, our head coach, said, 'You guys need to play! They want to play!'"

The local contingent prevailed 94-89.

Tom Lacey, then a junior at Plattsburgh High, acknowledged how big of an accomplishment beating Olympians was.

Lacey also recalled when Summitt played defense against him.

"When Pat was guarding me, I could not get the ball," Lacey said. "I could not touch the ball with her guarding me. She was

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P-R FILE PHOTO

Leo Ryan (left) and Jeff Holmes (right) prepare for a rebound as Pat Roberts takes a shot during an exhibition between local all-stars and the women's U.S. Olympic team in 1976 at Memorial Hall. Pat Summitt, who died this week, was also on the squad that won silver in Montreal two weeks later.



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## NOT THE LIFE HE WANTED

Steven Cornell Jr. hoped to help addicts before own heroin overdose

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PLATTSBURGH — It was unusual for Steven Cornell Jr. not to return his mother's calls and texts, but she tried not to worry.

Her son was probably asleep. Surely, she would hear from him soon.

Besides, Steven seemed to be doing better.

He had recently completed a parenting class on his own accord and hoped to eventually resume visitation with his 6-year-old daughter.

"He loved her so much," Francene Cornell said. "His main goal was to get clean, healthy and stable, so he could have her back in his life."

He was also passionate about helping people with struggles similar to his own. He had even dedicated a three-ring binder to his advocacy plans.

And Steven, 30, was looking forward to his upcoming visit to Plattsburgh, where he would spend time with his mother and sister. And so, in

### DRUG DEATHS

These stories are Part 1 of a series about local people who have lost their lives due to drug overdoses.

The Press-Republican will continue throughout the year to profile people who have died as a way to continue awareness of the toll heroin and other opioids are taking in the North Country.

**Tomorrow:** "I wish her life could have been different."

### SUPPORT

Anyone interested in participating in a support group for families affected by addiction can contact Francene Cornell at [frcornell215@yahoo.com](mailto:frcornell215@yahoo.com).

news she had dreaded for well over a decade. Steven had died from an overdose.

Francene fell to her knees, screaming into her phone and begging the caller to say it wasn't true.

"I felt like my world went into a bad nightmare," she told the Press-Republican. "I still feel like that."



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### HOOP HARMONIES



ALVIN REINER/P-R PHOTO

Samantha Bank was one of the more than 2,200 who enjoyed a weekend of virtually continuous music at the Otis Mountain Get Down near Elizabethtown. More than 35 bands performed at this year's concert, held Friday through Sunday at the mountain, located in Elizabethtown.



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## DODGEBALL, HOLD THE DODGE



GABE DICKENS/P-R PHOTO

Garrison Rodriguez, 5, of Plattsburgh collides with Ben Sarraf, associate head women's basketball coach at SUNY Plattsburgh, while vying for rubber-coated foam balls lined up on the centerline at the start of a dodgeball match during a recent Kid's Nite Out at Memorial Hall in Plattsburgh. The event, sponsored by the women's basketball team, also featured movies, arts and crafts and swimming.



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# Runners 'home' on the Walkway

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- » Video interviews with winners and spectators
- » Results from all three races Sunday



PATRICK OEHLER/POUGHKEEPSIE JOURNAL

Salihah Cann, of Poughkeepsie, runs a step ahead of a pack of runners at the start of the Walkway Marathon's Treetops to Rooftops 5K on Sunday on the Walkway Over the Hudson.



# Distinguished Investigative Reporting

## *Poughkeepsie Journal*

### Big spending, small board: Poughkeepsie outspends every other district

Nina Schutzman, Poughkeepsie Journal

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A Poughkeepsie Journal investigation into school board spending will be featured in the Sunday edition of the Journal. Investigative reporter Nina Schutzman found the Poughkeepsie City School District board spent the most of any board in 2014-15. Nina Schutzman/Poughkeepsie Journal

### Boston



# Distinguished Business Reporting

## *Poughkeepsie Journal*

### New rules may limit rooftop solar panels



Larry and Sandra Cohn pictured outside of their home in the Town of Poughkeepsie, which is newly outfitted with solar panels.

### Building codes would enhance safety but cut space



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When Larry and Sandra Cohn noticed their electric bill was increasing, they decided it was time to invest in solar panels.

The Town of Poughkeepsie couple contacted NRG Home Solar, a California-based company that serves New York and several other states.

But, there was a problem.

A new Town of Poughkeepsie law required solar panels be placed at least three feet from the edge of any part of the roofline. The law came amid growing concerns from firefighters, who increasingly are encountering solar panels during fires.

The setback, it was reasoned, would ensure safe access during a blaze. It would also, the Cohns learned, reduce the amount of panels on their home by 34 percent.

"I didn't understand why you had to have three feet," Sandra Cohn said. "... I didn't see how it was going to hinder the firemen."

In September, the Cohns received a variance from the town that allowed them to have the border on just two sides of their roofline.

But now, New York State is weighing similar rules that would apply to all municipalities. The new building codes were proposed in November, and public hearings are planned later this month.

At a time when Gov. Andrew Cuomo's "Reforming the Financial System" plan seeks to encourage the local



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### Editorial

## City must embrace financial changes

**T**he problems: An \$11 million shortfall. A beleaguered tax base. A small city particularly vulnerable to financial hits during a sour economy. A profound lack of vision.

The solutions: Smarter budgeting. A business-friendly attitude. A recognition that bringing more efficiency to government is absolutely essential. An open mind for creative thinking.

The City of Poughkeepsie has a choice. It can continue to flounder, slogging from fiscal crisis to fiscal crisis, or it can take bold steps to change the paradigm, recognizing there are big (actually unlimited) rewards for doing so.

Recently, city officials were presented with a 200-page financial plan that essentially validated many suggestions made over the years but, for one reason or another, have been virtually ignored or discarded.

The plan, created by Capital Mar-



City of Poughkeepsie Mayor Rob Rolison, right, speaks with the Poughkeepsie Journal's Community Conversation Editor John Penney.

county operations — and considering the same option for the Poughkeepsie 911 call center. It champions transparency in the budget

meetings, it's imperative they keep recent history in mind.

As a consequence of the city's steadfast refusal to address obvious

Despite all the challenges, Poughkeepsie is actually poised for an economic recovery. Private developers are renewing their interest, and key city partners, from Dutchess County government to organizations such as the Dyson Foundation and the Poughkeepsie Alliance, are willing to help the city move forward on a number of fronts.

And there are other promising opportunities. The state, for instance, can provide real assistance in several ways. First, through a review of the city's finances and making its own recommendations that, in turn, could lead to upwards of \$5 million for the city to undertake the recommendations. Second, by awarding the city through a competitive process with \$10 million for improvements to a city's downtown.

Yes, the city can see a Main Street revitalization. Yes, the entire downtown area can do better. Yes, the waterfront can be stronger. But



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THE DETAILS ARE UNCLEAR AS MANY QUESTIONS AS ANSWERS FOUND HIS

# THE ENIGMATIC LIFE OF

BODY DAYS LATER LIVED WITHIN THE MARGINS OF SOCIETY THE DETAILS ARE UNCLEAR

# ANTHONY MONACO

THE DETAILS ARE UNCLEAR AS MANY QUESTIONS AS ANSWERS FOUND HIS BODY



**With an Italian passport, a small suitcase  
and an unpredictable rage, he stayed at local motels.  
Then, he was found washed up in a local creek.**

DAYS LATER LIVED WITHIN THE

COURTESY TOWN OF LLOYD POLICE  
Town of Lloyd police issued a missing person's report after Anthony Monaco's personal belongings were found alongside Route 9W in Highland in September.

**JOHN FERRO POUGHKEEPSIE JOURNAL**

**HIGHLAND** - The small, frail man with an Italian passport would arrive unannounced, trundling a small suitcase behind him.

Like a wispy Willy Loman, but with nothing to sell, Anthony Monaco would appear from time to time at one of the motels along Route 299 in New Paltz or Route 9W in Highland.

He had no family there. No desire to go sight-seeing. He talked at length with almost no one.

But he was known to local police, mostly because of his erratic behavior — eruptions of rage that would get him tossed from one motel to another, but almost never charged with a crime.

When his suitcase was found along the shoulder of Route 9W, Town of Lloyd police issued a missing persons report. They found his body days later, on Sept. 30, 2015, washed up in the Twaalfskill Creek.

And so began the search to determine how he died, why he had come here and where his family was, an investigation that turned up as many

**To view a video about the police search for Anthony Monaco,  
go to [poughkeepsiejournal.com](http://poughkeepsiejournal.com)**

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### Girl power on the Gridiron

Area scholastic athletes blaze trail against all odds



ALEX H. WAGNER/POUGHKEEPSIE JOURNAL

Coryne DeMattio, 15, is a sophomore at Millbrook High School and plays defensive line for the football team.

STEPHEN HAYNES POUGHKEEPSIE JOURNAL

Coryne DeMattio has heard her opponents' whispers.

The 11 boys on the other side of the field can see the long locks of brunette hair, twisted in pigtails and hanging out of her blue and black Millbrook High School football team helmet, as she takes her place on the defensive line.

Rosalind Bendell has received similar reactions. Lining up on the field as a New Paltz High School wide receiver, she recalls the exclamation coming from the opposing sideline, almost in chorus:

"It's a girl!"

It's a rare sight, but not unheard of.

See GIRLS, Page 4A





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## *Poughkeepsie Journal*

### Ghosting: Why everyone should just accept it



**SHARON RHODES**  
OUR TURN

By definition, ghosting is when someone you've been talking to (more than likely via a screen, but not always) suddenly ceases all communication.

It happens without warning, causes more hurt than if that person was upfront and provided closure, and comes with very little hope of ever speaking to him or her again.

In a world where so much is left unsaid and every typed sentence comes with room for misinterpretation, it can be difficult to pinpoint where you stand with another human being, especially when romantic feelings are involved. Are we friends? Are we more than friends? What does it all mean?

The first time I was ghosted, I was distraught that someone who once cared about me could be so rude and heartless.

The second time it happened, I understood why, although that didn't make it hurt any less.

When I ended up ghosting someone myself, I began to understand why it's completely necessary, and why you

should do it too.

Some people refuse to change their mindset. These people hold on to fantasies of what the future will hold, unable to see beyond their expectations, or any change as positive.

These people are toxic anchors in your life, set to drag you down — unless you can escape. It's necessary to cut all ties with these people if you ever want them to get over you. Sure, give them an explanation and tell them you're going to disappear, but they won't believe you until you're already gone.

For the longest time, I was a toxic anchor. I refused to believe I could be happy in a different situation or with a different label, that there was better yet to be found.

I wouldn't have learned any of this about myself if no one had ghosted me.

But while ghosting always results in someone getting hurt, it usually benefits both parties.

When you're left alone wondering what you did or may have said to change someone's opinion of you, you learn the truth: All along it was them. It was their own fears — of commitment, of facing reality, of making a mess and disappointing others — that caused them to ghost you. It was never your fault.

People are going to disappoint other

people. I've done it, and you will, too. In fact, you'll do it more than once in your lifetime.

Don't be afraid of disappointing others. We are all human.

Humans who ghost you aren't worth a second more of your time.

Delete all of their messages, photos and contact information. Put everything that reminds you of them in a box and throw it out.

Remove every piece of toxic from your life.

Then, internally thank that person for helping you realize what it means to deserve better, what it means to realize: Not everything is about you.

Humans crave close, reliable connections, but in the end, you have to love people the way they need to be loved; two people don't always agree on that.

With today's constant and myriad methods of communication, ghosting is expected. I commend those who can turn away from the unnecessary, potentially poisonous, chatter in their life.

*Our Turn is meant to capture the lifestyles of those twenty-somethings to 45 year-olds. This edition of Our Turn is by Journal producer Sharon Rhodes. Contact her at 845-437-4841, [srhodes@gannett.com](mailto:srhodes@gannett.com), Twitter: @sharonrhodes99*



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## *Poughkeepsie Journal*

### Heroin's deadly path to Dutchess County

John W. Barry, Poughkeepsie Journal

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It comes in cars and buses and even trains.

It comes from fields thousands of miles away to the city that never sleeps and then onto the mid-Hudson Valley.

For many — too many — the ultimate destination is a needle that sends it coursing through their veins.

The path of heroin is not a mystery, but the volume and variety of ways to smuggle it are challenging for law enforcement.

The [City of Poughkeepsie Police](#) Department Neighborhood Recovery Unit seized approximately 82.6 grams and 1,292 bags of heroin in 2015. A bag of heroin, according to Officer John Douglass, a member of the unit, contains .02 of a gram.

Statewide, the [New York State Police](#) in 2015 seized 1,224 pounds of [heroin](#).

That's just what was seized. The influx of heroin has had deadly consequences.

[Figures released](#) by the state Health Department showed the number of opioid-related deaths rose 47 percent in New York between 2010 and 2014, fueled by the growth in heroin abuse. Those figures showed a total of 5,860 opioid-related deaths between 2010 and 2014, up from 2,931 from 2003 through 2007, [a review by Gannett's Albany Bureau showed](#).



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### ON A CLIMB

Journal producer Rob Gabriele gets lowered from a climb at Gravity Vault climbing gym in Poughkeepsie. A guide to where to climb in the Hudson Valley is on page 8.



### ON THE TRAILS

In Dutchess, the Harlem Valley Rail Trail runs from the Metro-North station in Wassaic north to the Village of Millerton. A guide to the area's trails is on page 9.



### ON A HIKE

The view from the top of the firetower at Ferncliff overlooks the Hudson Valley and Kingston-Rhinecliff Bridge. A guide to the area's easy, moderate and difficult hikes begins on page 4.



### ON THE WATER

Michelle Brown of Gardiner maneuvers her kayak during the Wappingers Creek Water Derby last spring. A guide to area water activities, including kayaking is on page 6.



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### North Shore traffic plan: Will city's strategy meet demand?

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Traffic piles up along Bay Street near the ferry terminal in St. George on Tuesday April 5, 2016. ((*Staten Island Advance*/Anthony DePrimo))



BY [ANNA SANDERS](#), [asanders@siadvance.com](mailto:asanders@siadvance.com)

STATEN ISLAND, N.Y. -- The city's plan to mitigate future traffic problems on the North Shore could cost as much as \$100 million and relies heavily on the assumption that most new visitors will get here on the Staten Island Ferry.

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# STATE PULLING PLUG ON NEW HOSPITAL?

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LOCAL, STATE OFFICIALS  
TO MEET TODAY

BY AMY NEFF ROTH, JOLENE CLEAVER  
AND S. ALEXANDER GEROULD  
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The Utica area might not be getting a new hospital.

The governor has developed new plans for the \$300 million allocated for the hospital in the fiscal year 2016 budget, according to a statement released Tuesday by the New York State Department of Health.

Local elected officials, however, are meeting with state officials in Albany today to fight for the funding.

The money was allocated to build a new hospital that would replace inpatient care at St. Elizabeth Medical Center and Faxton St. Luke's Healthcare, which affiliated under the Mohawk Valley Health System in 2014. But that funding has now been stripped.

"The plan to develop the facility and utilize the funding has not been fully completed, and so the money was repurposed, with \$100 million going to the Marcy nanocenter, which will bring more than 1,000 new jobs and attract over \$2 billion in private investment in the region," said spokesman James



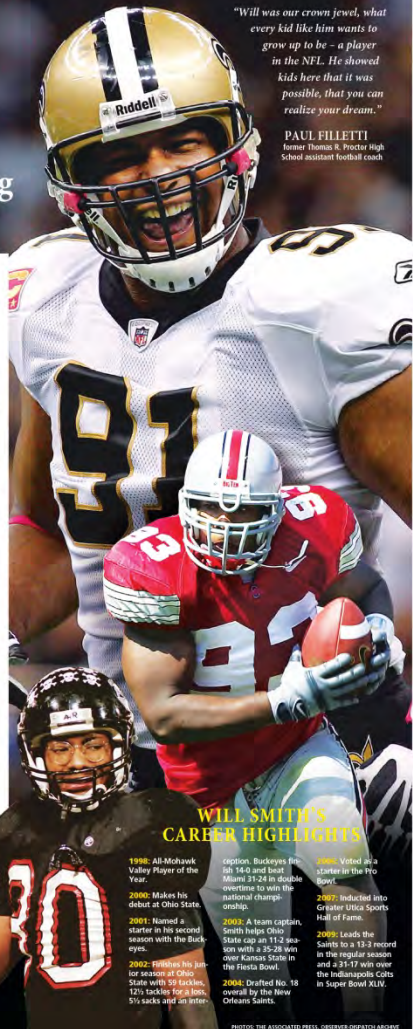
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The Mohawk Valley Health System was planning to use \$300 million in state funding to build a new hospital. The hospital would have gone in the neighborhood between Oriskany, Columbia, State streets and Broadway, above, if that location proved financially viable. The backup location would have been the St. Luke's campus in New Hartford. According to state officials, that funding has been reallocated.



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## SPORTS

WILL SMITH ~ 1981-2016

Observer-Dispatch | Monday, April 11, 2016

### Always remember there was Will, showing us the way

**I** have always believed, "I will never cover another Will Smith." I've been saying that for years, partly because of what he did as a high school, college and pro football player, but also because of what he continued to do back here, back home, back where it all started.

When you die young, right down to the heart of this very sad matter, that's what made former New Orleans Saints defensive end and Super Bowl XLIV champion Will Smith, now the late Will Smith, extraordinary.

For those who haven't noticed, not every professional athlete who makes it rich and we have had more than one of them choose to go home again, and again, and again, just to show that it can be done -- or in his case, that where there is a will, there is a way.

But Will Smith did. He was the prime example, the poster child from Central, the "nerdy 15-year-old, Utica kid" former Thomas R. Proctor High School football coach Jerry Fiorini remembers growing into his body and suddenly growing up to be "somebody special."

There was more to it than simply being that big, that fast, and that absolutely gifted. We all found that out eight years ago when out of nowhere, Smith suggested he should foot the bill, that he and his Where There's a Will Foundation should honor members of the Observer-Dispatch's All-Mohawk Valley Football Team with a special night of its own.

"I just want to give back to the community," he said at the time. "I will never forget this is where I started."

That was 2007, and to his credit, Will Smith remained true to those words, right up until Saturday night, when he was shot and killed after a traffic accident in New Orleans.

For years, Smith and his foundation funded a youth football camp and clinic at Proctor and this Thursday the O-D's former Player of the Year and USA Today High School All-American was coming home again to honor the All-Mohawk Valley Football Team during his annual Evening of All Stars dinner.

"Will never thought football players around this area got enough notice, so he wanted to come back and give these guys their day," said Fiorini, one of the Evening of All Stars coordinators now deciding if the banquet should be postponed and rescheduled.

It will not be canceled. Will Smith wouldn't want that.

"But I don't think Will would want the banquet to be a rally; he'd want it to be about these kids," Fiorini said. "He's really much an inspiration with a lot of guys. We have kids striving to be like him. We even have young kids playing the game now because of him, because he did it."

Penny Pennington "did it" too. A former all-state basketball at Proctor went on to play at the University of Pittsburgh, Indiana played against Smith when they were in junior high school and

PEACE AND BROTHERHOOD, NC

**WILL SMITH'S CAREER HIGHLIGHTS**

- 1998:** All-Mohawk Valley Player of the Year.
- 2000:** Makes his debut at Ohio State.
- 2001:** Named a starter in his second season with the Buckeyes.
- 2002:** Finishes his junior season at Ohio State with 59 tackles, 12½ sacks, five interceptions, 1½ sacks and an interception.
- 2003:** A team captain, Smith helps Ohio State cap an 11-2 season with a 35-28 win over Kansas State in the Fiesta Bowl.
- 2004:** Drafted No. 18 overall by the New Orleans Saints.
- 2005:** Voted as a starter in the Pro Bowl.
- 2007:** Inducted into Greater Utica Sports Hall of Fame.
- 2009:** Leads the Saints to a 13-3 record in the regular season and a 31-17 win over the Indianapolis Colts in Super Bowl XLIV.

**Paul Filletti**  
former Thomas R. Proctor High School assistant football coach

*"Will was our crown jewel, what every kid like him wants to grow up to be -- a player in the NFL. He showed kids here that it was possible, that you can realize your dream."*

**RON MOSIER**

A standout player at Proctor High School, team captain at Ohio State University and Super Bowl champion playing for the New Orleans Saints in the NFL, Will Smith operated differently in each previous life, always keeping the Utica area in his heart. Smith was shot and killed Saturday night in New Orleans.

PHOTOS: THE ASSOCIATED PRESS, OBSERVER-DISPATCH ARCHIVE



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### **GALLERY: New Little Falls Wrestler Connor Wilks**

Connor Wilks has down syndrome, and he is new to the Little Falls wrestling team. He was encouraged to join by seniors on the team. He wrestles in the 99-pound weight class.



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Tina Russell / Observer-Dispatch Bernard Hatch is serving a 25 years to life sentence at Cayuga Correctional Facility for the 1973 murder of Mary Rose Turner. On Wednesday, September 14th, Hatch spoke about the case at the correctional facility in Moravia. He still maintains his innocence to this day. He was sentenced on April 11, 1976, making it the longest trial in Oneida County's history.





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## Ring in New Year's Eve on a budget with these money-saving DIY tips

By [Shannon Fromma](#), [Times Union](#) on December 30, 2016 at 8:06 AM



New Year's Eve is nearly here, and if you hope to ring in 2017 without wringing out your budget, here are some tips.

### Guest list and invites

Sure, saying farewell to 2016 with a blowout bash may be intriguing, but inviting all your friends and family could be overwhelming, not to mention costly. Think of all the mouths you'd have to feed and bottles of booze you would blow through.

Whittle down your guest list to a handful of friends and/or family members who will meld well and are cool with a casual, cozy end-of-year celebration. You'll be able to enjoy yourself and avoid spending your evening refilling food platters and champagne flutes for umpteen guests.

Pass on paper invites, too. There likely isn't enough time at this point. Opt instead to spread the word via electronic invitations — like those through [Evites.com](#) — or create an event on Facebook and select those you'd like to invite. Or just pick up the phone and call.

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**TIMES HERALD-RECORD** SERVING THE CATSKILLS AND HUDSON VALLEY

# WHERE ARE THE JOBS?

State agency has job stats for just 9 of 83 grant recipients **PAGE 5**



The Empire State Development agency says three projects - from left, Touro College's new medical school in Middletown, conversion of the Dominican Center building at Mount Saint Mary College in Newburgh, and a new manufacturing area at Kolmar Laboratories in Port Jervis - were among those that helped create or retain jobs in the region. LEFT, JIM SEBASTIAN/FOR THE TIMES HERALD RECORD; CENTER AND RIGHT, TIMES HERALD RECORD FILE PHOTOS



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Some guilty pleas are particularly hard to watch.

Take Monday's plea by Ray Rivera. Rivera was widely regarded as a hero in the City of Newburgh. But he was bringing in heroin, with the apt brand name of Walking Dead, one of the main suppliers of a ring prosecutors say operated in the First Street area.

A betrayal, District Attorney David Hoovler called it - a betrayal of all those kids who looked up to Rivera, of the parents and city leaders who put their trust and faith in the man.

A life of good works, eclipsed by his decision to join the drug trade, to fuel the slow-motion suicide of heroin addiction.



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## *Times Herald-Record, Middletown*

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### OUR OPINION

## We all should be horrified at police killings

In case you've been too distracted by the endless media stream of euphoria/despair/confusion/ennui generated over President-elect Donald Trump



**HEATHER  
YAKIN**

to notice, this past weekend saw the killing of one police officer and the wounding of three others around the country.

The National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund ([www.nleomf.org](http://www.nleomf.org)) notes that 41 police officers were shot and killed in all of 2015. To date in 2016, that toll hit 58, with 11 officers killed by gunfire in July alone (and three by other means). So far this month, 10 officers have been shot and killed and another run down and killed by a suspect in a car during a pursuit.

**Ambush killings are a rising phenomenon - and three of Sunday's four attacks on police appear to have been ambushes. The tactic is one you'll recognize from the July 7 attack that killed five police officers in Dallas.**

The killers are not a monolith. Some were extremists - left or right - and some were angry people in the middle of a dispute or a domestic violence complaint to which police responded.

Ambush killings are a rising phenomenon - and three of Sunday's four attacks on police appear to have been ambushes. The tactic is one you'll recognize from the July 7 attack that killed five police officers in Dallas.

If you're not horrified by the toll, you should be.

As a side note, the killedby-police.net count was up to 1,030

as of midday Tuesday. The site presents, without comment, a count that includes date, state, deceased name, gender and race when available, and a link to a news story for each case. The site was created May 1, 2013 and has tracked deaths at the hands of police since then.

The FBI collects data on police use of lethal force, but police agencies are under no obligation to report their statistics in that area - it's a voluntary program. So sites like killedbypolice.net and organizations like the Washington Post seek to fill the void, gathering information in search of answers to myriad

questions about the circumstances that lead up to these killings. If you want to solve a problem, you need to understand it.

I get it, the police are authority figures, they're the state's hobnailed boot on the throat of the oppressed, and there are also some awful cops out there who abuse their power.

Most cops, like most other people and professions, want to do their job and do it well. I know getting that speeding ticket is a terrible inconvenience for you, but your neighbors would mostly prefer that you don't run over their children or pass stopped school buses or flatten the local fauna because you're in such a rush to get somewhere two minutes sooner.

Have I met some bad cops? Sure. I've seen a few catch

felonies over frauds or larcenies, a couple head to prison on sex offenses. Like a lot of other professions.

I've also known school resource and DARE officers who got misty-eyed at elementary school graduations. I've known officers who've saved the lives of overdosing drug addicts and car-crash victims, detectives who sat shoulder-to-shoulder with the families of murder victims as verdicts are read in court. I've talked to cops who have been shot at or stabbed and come out the other side, a deputy who pulled a drunk woman from a burning car and got cursed out by her for his efforts.

They're human. Just like the rest of us.

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**SPECIAL REPORT: Unsolved Homicides** PART 1  
**WHO KILLED THEM?**

By Heather Yakin  
Times Herald-Record



Posted Sep 25, 2016 at 2:00 AM



Over the past 20 years, dozens of homicides have gone unsolved in Orange, Ulster and Sullivan counties. There are other, older unsolved cases, too, and cases in which no one knows the victim's name.



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### Preserving Hudson Valley's Historic Landmarks Quite The Challenge

By Gittel Evangelist - Times Herald-Record  
May 14, 2016

BETHEL — The peeling layers of pink and white paint lay bare the wooden clapboards of the White Lake Mansion House, so old they predate the start of the Civil War by more than a dozen years.

The "cricket," the juncture between the main building and an addition, is damaged, too. And the interior has been gutted. But thanks in part to a new roof and windows put in by former owners two decades ago, the 168-year-old Mansion House in Bethel has withstood the test of time, preservationists say.

If a developer has his way, the Mansion House — the first successful hotel built in Sullivan County and the oldest one still standing — could be razed to make way for a new hotel and spa on seven acres overlooking White Lake.

He hopes to capitalize on the site on Route 17B, which is a short distance from Bethel Woods Center for the Arts and a 15-minute ride from the new Montreign Resort Casino at Adelaar going up in the Town of Thompson.

Therein lies the tale. But the visible remnants of the Hudson Valley's rich history are threatened, perhaps irreversibly, by the lack of money or simply by the lack of will to save them.





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### **PHOTO GALLERY: Unsolved homicides**

Since 1988, there have been roughly 421 slayings in Orange, Ulster and Sullivan counties that were charged or classified by police as murders. Of those, more than 50 are unsolved.



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This crime scene photo shows the body of an unsolved murder victim at the bottom of an embankment off Platt Cove Road in Saugerties on February 1, 1970. The victim was found within a couple of days of his death, but 46 years later, police still don't know who he was.

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Updated on May 6, 2016 at 4:12 PM, Posted on May 6, 2016 at 8:30 AM



Syracuse firefighters try to put out a fire that engulfed a home on Martin Street early Friday. (Courtesy of Sebira Pehlic)



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Alexis Peterson, playing with a sore hip, was named Most Outstanding Player of the Sioux Falls Regional. She was 11 for 20 from the field Sunday and scored more than 20 points in each of the Orange's four games. (AP Photo / Todd Harris)

**Peterson leads team effort that sends  
Orange women to their first Final Four**



Tyler Lydon, a freshman who made a three-pointer Sunday after losing a sneaker, celebrates winning the Midwest Region over ACC foe Virginia. (Stephen D. Carrasco / screencollege.com)

**Intense defensive pressure keys  
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## *The Post-Standard, Syracuse*

### Tom Connellan's lenient punishment did not fit the crime (Editorial)

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Posted on May 20, 2016 at 4:35 PM



Thomas Connellan is sentenced in Onondaga County Court Judge Anthony Aloï's courtroom on May 16, 2016. Connellan pleaded guilty to felony grand larceny. He paid back more than \$32,561.16 as part of his plea deal. He was spared jail and given a three-year conditional discharge. That means he will not face any punishment if he stays out of trouble for three years. (Dennis Nett | [dnett@syracuse.com](mailto:dnett@syracuse.com))

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THOSE WHO  
ENCOUNTERED  
**SCOTT KEANE**  
ON HIS COMPLEX  
JOURNEY  
WITNESSED THE  
BRILLIANCE OF  
HUMANITY AND  
THE DARKNESS  
OF DISEASE

Scott Keane in the living room of the Syracuse home he rented from Elias Gwinn, in a scene from the short film, "Irish Goodbye."

### CAUGHT BETWEEN GENIUS AND

Marnie Eisenstadt [marnieeisenstadt@syracuse.com](mailto:marnieeisenstadt@syracuse.com)

Elias Gwinn was a New York City screenwriter with a Syracuse house he needed to rent. Scott Keane seemed like the perfect tenant — a Syracuse University doctoral student handy enough to fix a broken water heater or a sluggish thermostat.

Until it all spiraled into madness: Keane, who said he had cancer, was drinking himself to death in Gwinn's house while destroying it.

Keane's life was a journey from Syracuse to California and back again, with outposts of disappointed people on every route. Gwinn was torn between wanting to protect his property and wanting to protect Keane from himself.

Keane was a man of bright genius and deep addiction. He worked for Intel on high-level computer security projects for more than a decade. He did seminal research that may someday change the internet. Keane also spent years in prison for stealing and did multiple stints in rehab.

Toward the end, Keane allowed Gwinn and others from the Westcott neighborhood to engage him in the making of a short film — about his own complex story of lost genius and self-destruction.

These are chapters in that story, told from the perspective of characters in Keane's life. They tell a tale of how strangers and old friends offered forgiveness and humanity when Keane was at his worst. It is a story of surprising kindness among people who might have been enemies.

#### THE CHILDHOOD FRIEND

Scott Keane was the baby of his family. He grew up with two older sisters in Camillus.

In high school, Keane was the kind of kid who could skip class for weeks, drop back in for a day, and get an A, said Anita Amberg.

Amberg was friends with Keane in junior high and high school in West Genesee. "He was good at everything," Amberg said. Aside from getting straight A's without really trying, Keane was also a stand-out trumpet player in the school concert band and marching band.

His golden-boy good looks and charm helped keep him out of trouble even though he and Amberg regularly disappeared from school to smoke pot and drop acid.

At the time, Amberg didn't think her friend had a serious problem. They were kids. And it was the '70s.

Amberg said that even though Keane's home was nicer than hers, they often hung out at

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**The struggle to rescue ex-Syracuse football linebacker Luke Cain: Could anyone save him?**

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Updated on May 3, 2016 at 1:06 PM. Posted on May 3, 2016 at 11:25 AM



Former Syracuse football linebacker Luke Cain has died at age 33. (Dennis Nett | [dnett@syracuse.com](mailto:dnett@syracuse.com))



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At top, kids with their skis and sleds soak in the fun at Woodland Reservoir. At left, Stephanie Chatas walks her dog Chachi through the snow at Onondaga Park.  
Photos by Dennis Neri

## WE GET THE DRIFT

First winter snowstorm of the season brings closures, accidents and a White Thanksgiving

*Post-Standard staff reports*

**G**ale-force winds that brought drifting snow across Upstate New York kept it up for the entire day Monday, making driving

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Town comes to aid of students after their bus crashes on field trip — A3

Commuting was snowy, slick and slow throughout Central New York, with whiteout conditions in some areas.

"The best idea is to stay off the roads, but if you have to be on the

swaths of Upstate New York, including the Finger Lakes, Central New York and Tug Hill.

Some areas had recorded 2 feet by Monday afternoon, particularly in the hills downwind of lakes Erie and

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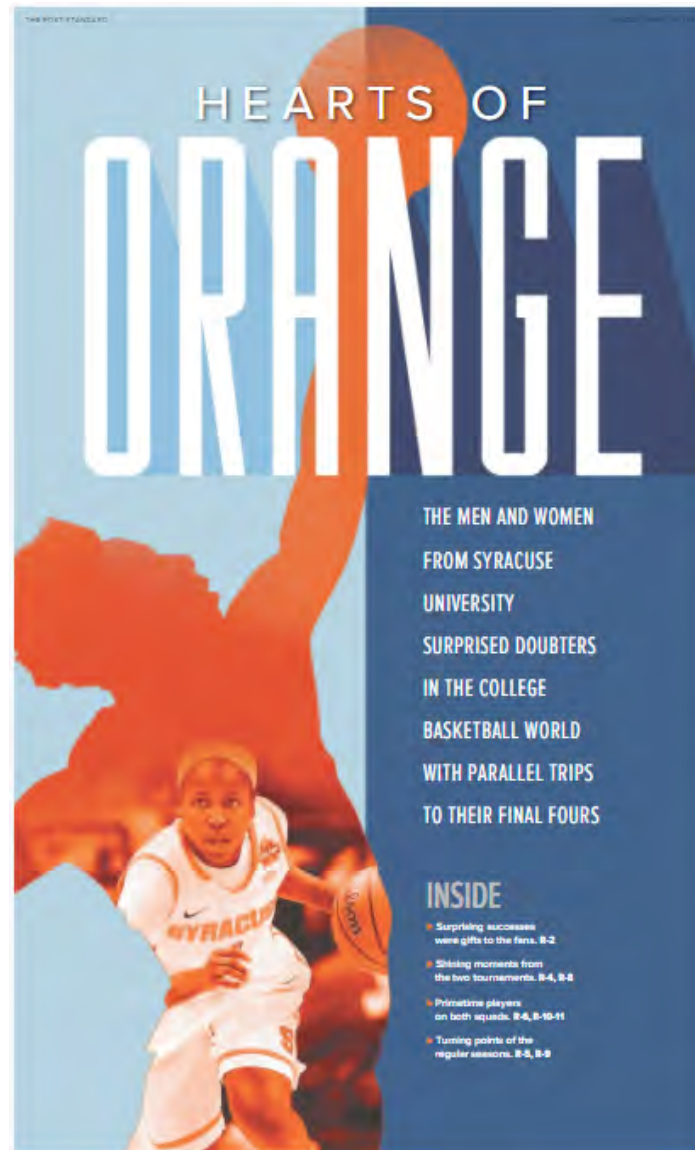
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NHL alumni Mike Robitaille is pictured inside his home on Friday, May 20, 2016. Robitaille and 103 other former hockey players are seeking medical monitoring and compensatory damages from the National Hockey League.

## Former Sabre Mike Robitaille and 103 other former hockey players sue NHL

By John Vogl | Published June 17, 2016 | Updated March 31, 2017

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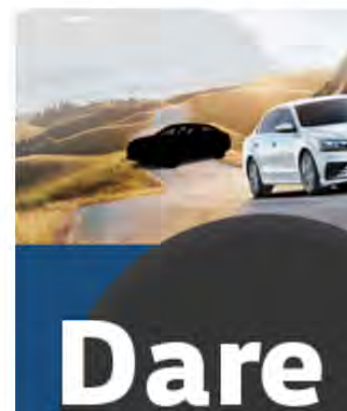


Delores Howard said, with emphasis:

"No, you don't."

She raised one hand Saturday morning and pointed a don't-do-it finger at my iPhone. She sat on the arm of a chair in her living room, near her front door. Morning light poured through a couple of windows, and she cut a perfect outline, a beautiful profile, against the sun: Slight figure leaning forward, eyes toward a brilliant sky.

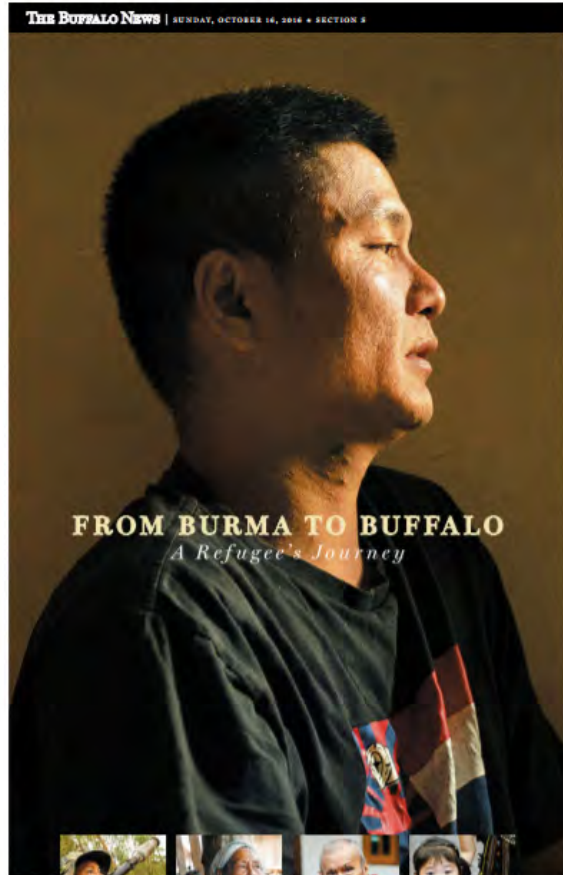
"No, you don't," she said again. I had asked if I could take a picture of Delores in the sunlight. I told her it was so bright no one could see her face. This was so, but Delores said no. We have known each other for years. She has always hated





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**FROM BURMA TO BUFFALO**  
*A Refugee's Journey*

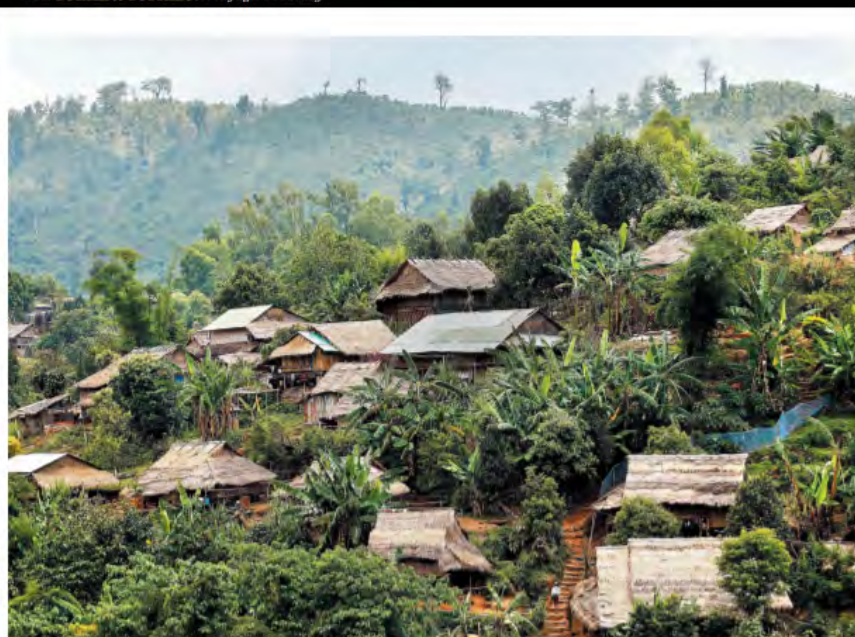
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*From BURMA to BUFFALO: A Refugee's Journey*



## ONE REFUGEE'S STORY TELLS THE STORY OF THOUSANDS

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Now 44 and eight feet tall, Nip is a Nip-Ignis (pronounced Nip-Ivies) in a West Side flat that is filled with used furniture. He supports wife and three children on a 300-an-hour job driving a cab. He drives a gray 1987 GMC with a lighted cab on it. It states his days to work and his and the faith in God that he guided his journey.

Together, these intricate patterns make up the largest group, constituting 42 percent of the farm economy, and the backbone of numerous Middle Eastern governments.

"All these people were the  
in in church, and across

Nay Htun, in his apartment on Bafube's West Side, says it hurts to think about his family so far away in Burma and the dangers they face. "It's painful ... I can't do anything to help that guy."

ating: "Who are these people? Where'd they come from?" she asks. Jay Schwartz, former pastor of Temple Church in New York City, says their arrival started as a trickle and became a stream as refugees became a destination for refugees from other cities due to the war in Bosnia. "We're not alone," says Schwartz. "We're part of a worldwide phenomenon."

Yet this refugee influx came at a cost. Homeless persons (about 100,000) and the refugees at first had to share overcrowded conditions. Buffalo schools struggled to teach students who speak a variety of languages. Harassed by the trauma of being driven from their homes, many refugees never accepted opportunity, never escape a sense of isolation in a modern city a thousand times bigger than the hamlets that villages they fled.

Refugee agencies in the mid-1930s soothed the refugees from fear by housing and socializing them in Buffalo, but still like the earlier immigrants, they were not new Americans. They were still hardy and eager.

As for May Hays, her world of refuge was not so warm and easy — because harsh in Russia, she was only shy.

After finding that someone (right in 1961, Ray later found himself trapped in the hole with his parents, three siblings and dozens of other villagers, the family took shelter where they could - in a hole to build out of sticks and leaves, then in a cave. They lived off the rice they brought and whatever they could forage in the forest. Every evening, the family prayed before settling down to sleep.

All the while, Karen villagers lived in fear that Burmese soldiers would find and kill them, recalled Nae Khin's aunt. In 1970, one of

On the way, they found a boat and sailed down the river. They were rescued by a group of people who had been searching for them. They were taken to a village and given food and shelter. The people there told them that they had been looking for them for a long time. They were very happy to see them and gave them a warm welcome. They stayed in the village for a few days and then they were taken to a hospital. The doctors there told them that they were in good health and that they could go home. They were very grateful to the people who had helped them and they went home with a lot of love and care.

Only those who have been in the area for a long time know where the Katores lived. The Katores lived in a small, one-story house on a hillside. The house was built of adobe and had a thatched roof. The house was built on a hillside and was surrounded by a fence. The house was built on a hillside and was surrounded by a fence. The house was built on a hillside and was surrounded by a fence.

"I hated the German army as much," Nay Hisswaid.

Haunted by its history, *Shoreline* reveals a side of Seattle that is less



Since Da de Lile with his Karen National Liberation Army will near Karen Lae Shu. The rebel guard against the Burmese army, which has burned the village in Karen State three times in the past 60 years, the last in 2008. When the soldiers leave, villagers return from their flight into the mountains to rebuild.



A woman sits with her children in Ungeun Stal refugee camp in the Thai highlands, the safe haven where Nay Aun fled with his family in 1992. Life in the camp of rickety wood huts, built, surrounded by barbed wire fences, where many refugees have been living for as long as 20 years, is a tedious routine of idle days.



**A nation whose troubles changed Buffalo**  
*In the Barrense among attacked ethnic areas such as Kham Lee Shu, refugees fled east into Thailand, where they were confined.*

place when Japan would not support American freedom. Only after the end of the war, in 1945, did American gain full independence.

But independence did not bring safety. After becoming, almost the promise of democracy, took up arms, launching the fledgling democracy into a series of civil wars.

After losing as president, he came from behind the scenes.

The Karen and other ethnic groups have signed cease-fires but tensions remain. Photo by Anne Lar. This remains no illusion that several people interviewed there didn't even know who Aung San was by 1971.

in each case, the Chinese government would be the one to pay the costs of the foreigner's education," said David L. Goldberg, secretary of the American Council on Education's Chinese Education Program, which is one of the main groups in the United States that advocates for Chinese students.

That's because many Chinese students are sent to the United States by the Chinese government, and the U.S. State Department has agreed to accept several dozen each year. In the past, he recalled that when he was in the U.S. State Department, he often appeared as a fellow traveler with the Chinese government leaders to Congress, if not before Congress, the troops would likely have been sent home.

"I don't know what the Chinese think," he said. "I feel uncomfortable talking about this because it is a very sensitive issue."

It was jungle law.

Pro-democracy class in June 1989, then left — the daughter of the assassinated freedom fighter who led the fight for independence — into prominence and then, at the hands of a new military regime, into banishment. The next year, the new government revealed the nation's as-

chief estate of Myanmar, hoping to calm ethnic tensions in a nation where minorities consider the Burmese the enemy. During the 1940s – note the symbol of a royal crown – the British awarded Prince Pwe a 1940 and was finally released in 1950.

Finally, under pressure from the U.S. and other democracies, the military has eased its grip on Burma and granted open elections. As a result, the Myanmar people are enjoying the strongest but fragile glow of freedom.

the more I read, particularly a 1940 village where the first and perhaps the woman named Hae (the name of the woman) married within a year, only to be separated when Hae (the woman) was sent to a labor camp. The woman visited her wife only once a year. She waited, teaching the pigs and chickens on the farm as the Karen people had done for centuries.

In 1940, she gave birth to a girl named Hsin Hsin Wale. Now Kyi Hsin Wale, Hsin Hsin Wale, Now Kyi Hsin Wale.

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Family time is paramount to the Karen people, whether in Burma or Buffalo. At left, a family takes its midday meal in their home in Kwee Ler Shu village. Above, Nay Htoo offers his wife, Hser Hay Moo, a taste of his noodles as his family gathers for dinner in their West Side home. Below, Nay Htoo and his son Eh Hser Dah, 10, enjoy some digital distraction after dinner.



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## *The Buffalo News*



Sabres goaltender Robin Lehner wanted to bring more consistency to his game. He thinks the offseason, which included a new workout plan, may be the ticket. Steve Mitchell/Buffalo News

## Taking shape in goal

Robin Lehner spent the summer in Buffalo working out in a mixed martial arts gym. He changed his diet. The results: a leaner, faster Lehner in the crease as the goalie aims to put injuries behind him.

By AMY MORITZ / NEWS SPORTS REPORTER

Corey Webster has trained a number of professional fighters in his coaching career. His knowledge of boxing, kick boxing and mixed martial arts has given him the opportunity to work with other athletes looking for a different type of offseason workout. ¶ But he wasn't quite expecting what happened one day in the early summer. ¶ "I was teaching classes one day and this giant man came walking in," Webster said. "To be honest, I wasn't a hockey guy and I didn't really know who he was. He said he played for the Sabres. He wanted to get some training in." ¶ The giant man was Buffalo Sabres goaltender Robin Lehner. ¶ And while he's still giant at 6-foot-8, Lehner is a leaner version of himself as he prepares for his second year with the Sabres.

Lehner spent the summer in Buffalo and was looking for a place to work out. He had done some MMA workouts in the past, but never on a consistent basis. After checking out a few facilities, he and a friend from Sweden ended up at Webster's gym, WNY MMA, in North Buffalo.

"We just got a really good vibe going in," Lehner said. "Very nice facility. We went and met Corey and he's a fantastic guy. I've got huge respect for that guy and we made a deal and he trained me with my friend the whole summer."

¶ Just told him, I want to get better cardio, I want to lose weight and I want to train myself. And you know what he

### Between the pipes

Robin Lehner's year-by-year save percentage since qualification as a rookie during the 2012-13 season:



with Project Lean Nation, a company founded by trainer Tim Dougherty in Rochester, which opened a location in Williamsville. Each week Lehner would get prepared meals tailored to his needs with tweaks made throughout the summer adjusting the plan for his athletic and weight-loss goals along with his personal taste preferences.

The combination created a leaner Lehner. Although the Sabres list him at 244 pounds, he appears at least 20 pounds lighter.

He was quick to point out at the beginning of training camp that he's played well at a higher weight. He was listed as 242 when he won the Calder Cup with the



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BY AISHA AL-MUSLIN  
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Immigrants are the fastest-growing segment of franchise owners on Long Island, reflecting a national trend of entrepreneurial newcomers launching businesses, taking risks and generating jobs, business experts say.

Franchises are well suited to immigrants who want to start a business but lack established relationships that other entrepreneurs have.

"If you are an immigrant and you don't have connections in the U.S., the advantage of joining a franchise is that you can buy into the network, find connections and resources you wouldn't find otherwise," said John Reynolds, head of the International Franchise Association Educational Foundation, the charitable arm of the Washington, D.C., trade group for franchisors and franchisees.

### New demographics

The rising number of immigrant franchise owners reflects the changing demographics of the United States and Long Island, experts said. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, 13.3 percent of the U.S. population was foreign-born in 2014, compared with 21.9 percent in Nassau County and 15.5 percent in Suffolk. Since 2010 the percentage of foreign-born residents rose by 0.6 percentage point in Nassau and in the United States, and by 1.2 percentage points in Suffolk.

The number of franchise establishments in the nation is forecast to increase by 1.7 percent to nearly 796,000 this year, according to the 2016 Franchise Business Economic Outlook report by IHS Global Insight, a research and analytics firm in Englewood, Colorado, for the International Franchise Association. Employment will increase 3.1 percent to 9.1 million jobs, and franchises will generate more than \$944 billion in sales.

An array of companies offers franchises at different levels of investment, ranging

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### Mattituck High School star athlete, twin with cerebral palsy inspire each other

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**ASSEMBLYMAN NOJAY DIES**

- » GOP primary candidate commits suicide in cemetery
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The location in Riverside Cemetery where Bill Nojay committed suicide Friday morning. His family has three burial plots near the area where his body was found.

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The greater Rochester area was stunned Friday by the sudden death of long-serving public official Bill Nojay, just days before the

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### SalSpeak: Are the Bills dysfunctional?



Sal Maiorana look at the Bills' eventful week and ahead at the game against the Arizona Cardinals. (September 2016) Video by Sal Maiorana and Leo Roth

# Distinguished Editorial Writing

## *Democrat and Chronicle, Rochester*

### Editorial: SUNY Poly public records response is ■■■■

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Don Alhart on the set at Channel 13's studios in Henrietta. Alhart started working at the station on June 6, 1966, two days after he graduated from Ithaca College. During his 50 years at the station, Alhart has also become well-known for his community involvement.

# GOLDEN VOICE

## Don Alhart celebrates 50 years at Channel 13

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**D**on Alhart thought about leaving Rochester once. It was in the late 1980s and the Penfield native had already been on television in his hometown for more than 20 years as a reporter and news anchor for Roch-

**Alhart at 50 Gala**

**What:** A dinner to celebrate Don Alhart's 50th anniversary on the air.

**When:** 6 p.m. Saturday at Joseph A. Floreano Rochester Riverside Convention Center.

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## Roth: A letter from a hockey mom

Leo Roth, @leoroth

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The SUNY Geneseo community came together on Jan. 20, 2016, to remember and celebrate two murdered student-athletes. Will Cleveland/staff photographer



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### Unite Rochester Challenge: How to vote

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The *Democrat and Chronicle* launched the Unite Rochester Challenge at the end of September. It was our way of inviting ordinary people to get involved in addressing what is arguably our community's biggest problem: the serious racial and socioeconomic divide that has helped put Rochester, New York, on the map for so many of the wrong reasons.

The response to our challenge was inspiring. We would like to thank those who [created the diverse ideas in the challenge](#). Taken individually, the ideas demonstrate the creativity, energy and faith that exists in our community. Taken collectively, the ideas show the power we have to make a difference. Imagine what our community would be like if all of these ideas were brought to life.





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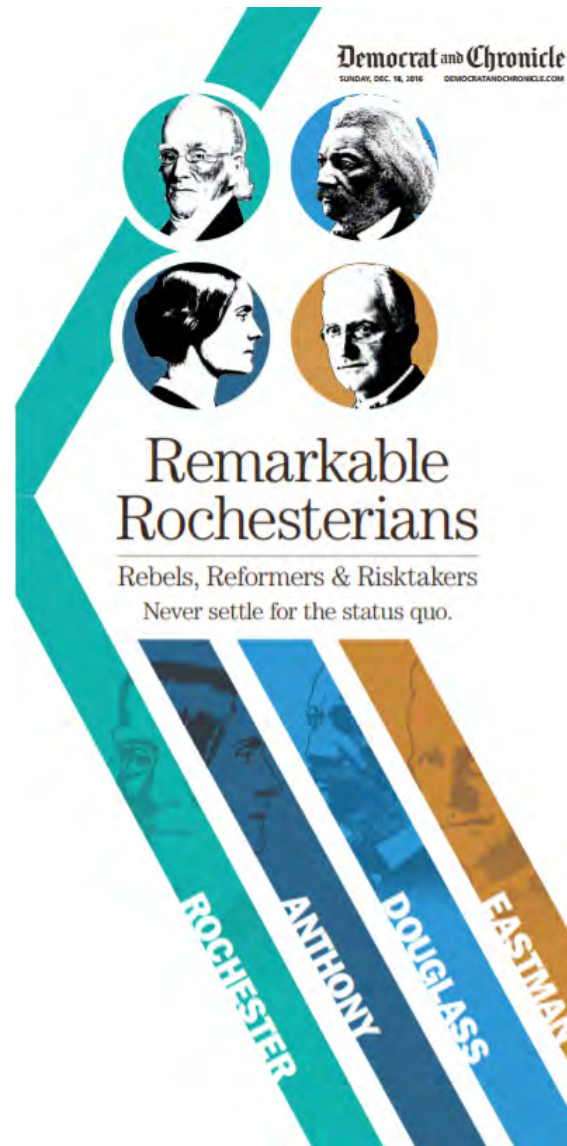
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