

Senate OKs anti-bullying legislation

THE LEADER STAFF

ALBANY | A bill that addresses bullying in New York state schools passed the state Senate Thursday.

"Too many young lives are destroyed by bullying and the Legislature should stay as vigilant as possible to secure schools as safe harbors for every student. If there's a way to help stop it, we should try," said Sen. Tom O'Mara, R-Big Flats, who sponsored the bill.

The bill (S.4921) would, among other things:

- Require school districts to include methods for discouraging acts of bullying and cyber-bullying within the required instruction in civility, citizenship, and character education;

- Define bullying and cyber-bullying and add these acts to the list of

incidents for which disciplinary measures must be taken pursuant to the school district's code of conduct;

- Require all school employees to report incidents of bullying and cyber-bullying;

- Enhance the state's school training requirements to include bullying prevention.

O'Mara said that comprehensive anti-bullying legislation has been introduced in the Senate over the past few years in the wake of a series of tragic bullying incidents in New York, Massachusetts, and elsewhere across the nation.

Statistics show that efforts are working in states where bullying prevention is taught in schools.

The bill now goes to the Assembly.



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PHOTOS BY JASON COX | THE LEADER

Rolex Series Driver Scott Pruett answers questions from the front of a school bus as it makes its way around Watkins Glen International Thursday afternoon. Pruett and other Rolex drivers talked to Watkins Glen Elementary School students about their racing experiences as part of the Read for Speed program.

Read for Speed

Students compete to meet drivers

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WATKINS GLEN | Scott Pruett took what was probably the slowest lap of his career at Watkins Glen International Thursday.

Pruett and other drivers in town for Saturday's Sahlen's Six Hours at the Glen race greeted second- and fourth-graders from Watkins Glen Elementary School as part of the Read for Speed program.

The drivers then took two laps around the track in school buses. The buses averaged 35 mph.

Students were challenged at the beginning of the school year to read as many books as possible. The students accumulated points according to the books they read and online quizzes they took.

As the two classes with the most points, the second- and



Above | Children from Watkins Glen Elementary School cheer at the end of the two-lap bus ride around Watkins Glen International race track Thursday.

Below | A school bus is reflected in a side mirror as it makes its way around Watkins Glen International Thursday.



fourth-graders were able to take two laps around the track while Pruett and the other

drivers provided commentary.

Pruett, a father of two children, ages 11 and 13, was a natural with the kids. He joked, asked them about their interests and entertained them with stories and facts about racing the

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Wanted man arrested after short foot chase

BY JOHN ZICK
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RATHBONE | A Rathbone man wanted on several charges was arrested Wednesday after a brief foot chase with police.

Eric B. Freeland, 28, was taken into custody in a pasture near a home on County Route 10 in Rathbone, the Steuben County Sheriff's Office said. He was arraigned and ordered held on \$2,000 cash bail.

According to deputies, Freeland was wanted on a Bath Police Department warrant alleging that he violated a restraining order and choked the victim in front of a child. The alleged incident occurred earlier this week in the Village of Bath.

Deputies developed information that Freeland was located at a home on County Route 10 on

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Howard, Odessa Projects to get state aid

BY THE LEADER STAFF

ALBANY | A pair of local renewable energy projects will receive part of \$191 million from New York state.

The Howard wind farm and the anaerobic digestion project at Bergen Farms in Odessa are among 17 projects that will receive funds from the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority and the Public Service Commission.



NYSERDA officials said these 17 projects will produce nearly \$500 million in economic benefits over the next 20 years. The projects will be funded through the state's Renewable Portfolio Standard, which was tasked with obtaining at least 30 percent of the state's electricity from renewable sources by 2015.

It's estimated the projects will produce about 1 million megawatt-hours of clean, renewable energy per year.

"For New York to lead the way in innovation and technology, we must provide the resources and support necessary to enhance clean energy projects today," Gov. Andrew Cuomo said. "New York has one of the most ambitious and responsible renewable energy targets in the nation."

Corrections

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Police blotter

Steuben Sheriff DWI MVA

WAYLAND | Lindsay B. Mochol, 27, of South Lackawanna Street, Wayland, was charged Thursday with felony driving while intoxicated, leaving the scene of a property-damage accident and moving from a lane unsafely. She was charged after a one-car accident Thursday in Wayland. There were no injuries.



DISORDERLY CONDUCT COOPERS PLAINS

A 16-year-old Elmira boy was charged Wednesday with disorderly conduct for allegedly using inappropriate language in the main office of the Coopers Plains BOCES. The boy's name was withheld because of his age.

Painted Post Village

UNLAWFUL FLEEING PAINTED POST

Samuel K. Byler, 19, of Hardscrabble Road, Addison, was charged May 14 with third-degree unlawful fleeing of a police officer in a motor vehicle, reckless driving and vehicle and traffic violations. He was jailed on \$500 cash bail.

Addison Village

MULTIPLE CHARGES ADDISON

Robert Ross, 34, of Painted Post, was charged May 27 with second-degree obstructing governmental administration, resisting arrest, unlawful possession of marijuana and petit larceny.

Yates Sheriff

CONTEMPT POTTER

Donald G. Petrie Jr., 43, of Middlesex, was charged Wednesday with second-degree criminal contempt and second-degree aggravated harassment. He allegedly violated an order of protection. He was jailed on \$1,000 cash bail.

Mansfield State

DISORDERLY CONDUCT COVINGTON, PA.

Melissa M. Smith, 26, and Michelle K. Smith, 23, both of Covington, were charged Tuesday with disorderly conduct.

Corning City

DWI

Jason R. Dates,

39, of West Third Street, Corning, was charged Wednesday with driving while intoxicated, driving while ability impaired by drugs and driving under the combined effects of alcohol and drugs.

CORNING

Jessica L. Spencer, 21, of Meadow Drive, Horseheads, was charged Wednesday with driving while intoxicated, driving with a blood-alcohol content of 0.08 percent and failure to keep right.

POT POSSESSION CORNING

Raymond F. Fratarcangelo, 64, of West Third Street, Corning, was charged Wednesday with unlawful possession of marijuana.

PETIT LARCENY CORNING

Christopher B. Campbell, 27, of East Denison Parkway, Corning, was charged Wednesday with petit larceny.

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Gerald K. Lapp, 60, of Addison Road, Painted Post, was charged Wednesday with petit larceny.

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2:29 a.m. A caller said an older man with a walker appeared to be in distress on Tioga Avenue.

10:04 a.m. A Florentia Lane man said someone tried to break into his safe.

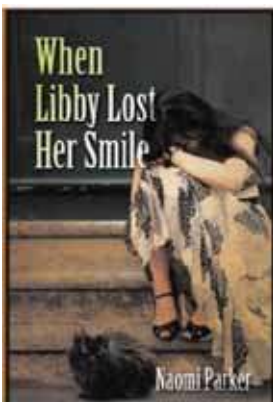
10:42 a.m. A Columbia Street woman said a man harassed her.

3:52 p.m. A man turned in a camera he found in Denison Park.

6:24 p.m. A man said someone stole his handicapped parking permit at Wegmans.

10:29 p.m. A First Street woman said her neighbor was playing loud music and refused to turn it down.

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