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Repairs to sewage plant to start in fall

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CORNING | More than two years after receiving a federal grant to upgrade Corning's sewage treatment plant, work on the project is expected to begin this fall.

City Manager Mark Ryckman said improvements can soon begin now that federal guidelines have been fulfilled.

The city received a \$750,000 grant in November 2005 obtained by U.S. Rep. John R. "Randy" Kuhl Jr., R-Hammondsport. The grant will pay 60 percent of the \$1.3 million that will be spent upgrading the sewer plant. The city will pay the remaining costs.

Mike Harris, city public works superintendent, said replacing old parts and machinery will make the plant more efficient. The plant's primary and secondary digestion domes will be replaced as will the heat exchange unit.

The plant will also be getting an automated bar screen rake with replaces one that operated manually.

Ryckman said work at the plant will likely begin this fall.

3 dead in boat crash on Lake Ontario

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ROCHESTER | Three people are dead following a boat crash at a pier on Lake Ontario in the Rochester neighborhood of Charlotte.

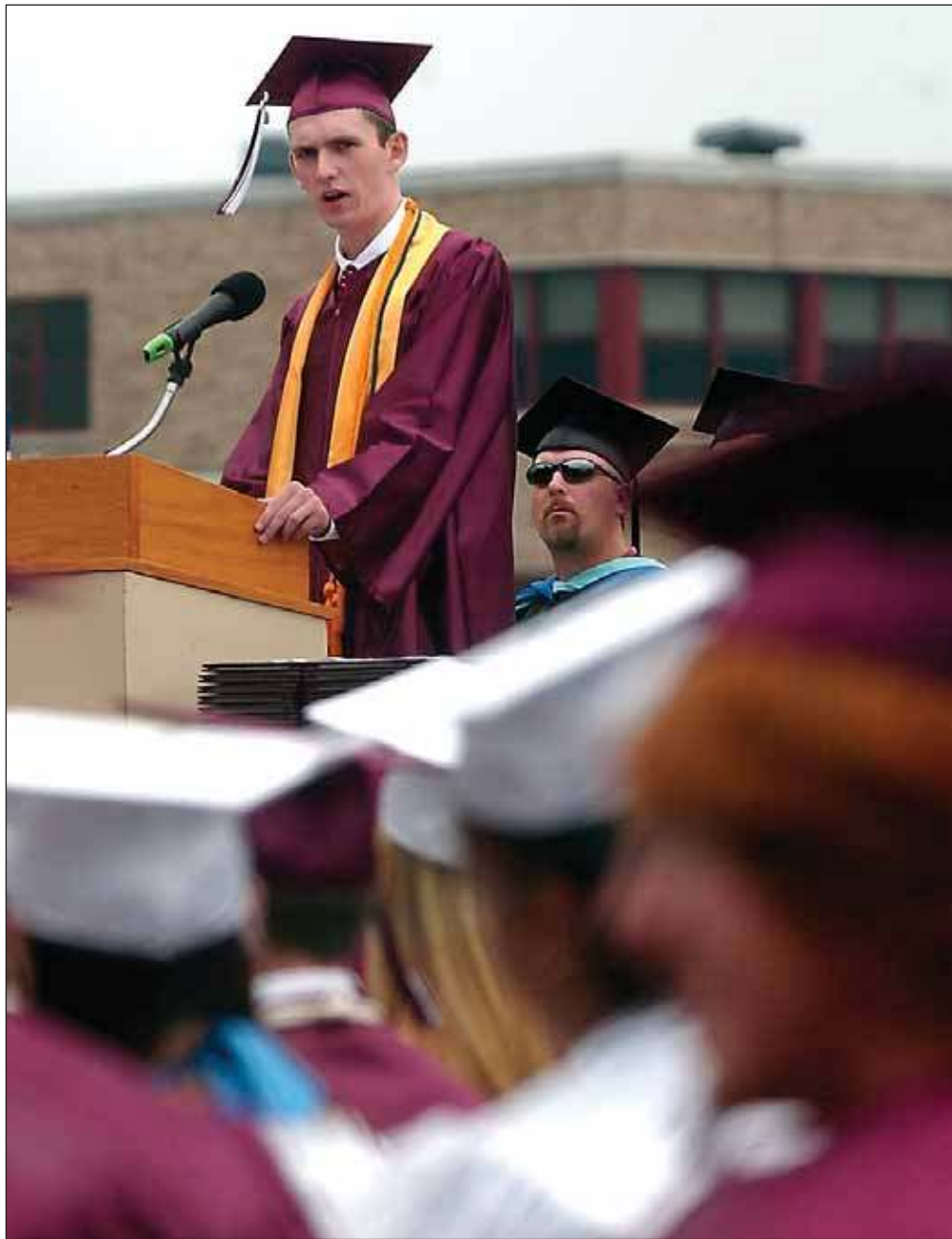
According to Monroe County deputies, killed were Michele Ciaccia, 33, of Penfield; Jennifer Lee Leasure, 30, of Boulder, Colo.; and Cori L. Mitchell, 28, of Rochester.

The driver of the boat, Howard F. Eddy, 35, of Greece, was listed in guarded condition at Strong Memorial Hospital in Rochester. Two other people were treated and released.

Deputies tell the Rochester Democrat and Chronicle the accident occurred shortly before 2 a.m. Saturday, when the boat hit the Summerville pier.

Inside the piers, the speed limit for boats is 6 miles an hour, and follow no-wake restrictions.

CLASS OF 2008



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East High School Valedictorian Christopher Jakobson addresses fellow students, faculty, friends and family at the 45th Commencement at Memorial Stadium Saturday morning in Corning.

East High's graduates welcomed to world

BY JOHN ZICK
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CORNING | Welcome to the world, class of 2008. The journey is just beginning.

More than 150 graduates bid farewell to Corning East High School on Saturday during a ceremony at Memorial Stadium. During the ceremony, class leaders acknowledged the past, present and future, saying the journey doesn't end with graduation.

"Graduation is only a mile marker along the way," senior class President Eleanor McGrath explained to her peers. "It's your journey, and that's what makes it unique."

In all, 161 graduates received diplomas. Ten more students are expecting to graduate in August. Eighty-eight of the 171 students graduated, or will graduate, with honors.

"Though sometimes it's



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Amid a sea of maroon and white mortarboards, East High School Salutatorian Caitlin Woglom makes her way to the stage to deliver her student address at the 45th Commencement Saturday morning at Memorial Stadium.

been hard ... we've succeeded," said class Salutatorian Caitlin Woglom, who will attend the University of Delaware this fall. "Let the constant challenges ... give us the strength to be fearless in facing our future."

Class leaders kept an eye

toward the future as they recalled the past, relaying to their peers the importance of learning from their successes and failures.

"In reality, it's human nature that the bad comes

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Bath

Upgrade to raise cost of electric

BY ROB PRICE
GateHouse News Service

BATH | Bath village residents will see their electric bills rise if a \$7.1 million upgrade to the municipal electrical system moves forward.

Mayor David Wallace and representatives of Bath Electric Gas and Water Systems agreed last week to present a plan to improve the power system to the village board on July 21.

Wallace said the village would issue bonds to finance the project, and the utility would pay back the bonds with higher electric rates.

How much electric bills would rise for the utility's 3,000 customers isn't yet known, said Matt Benesh, director of utilities.

The capacity of the system needs to be increased to meet a growing demand, officials have said.

Wallace said the village will save about \$1 million by having the utility's employees do the work.

"We've got a good electric crew," Wallace said. "It's what they do, and I think they can save some money."

If the plan is approved by trustees, the village will bond to pay for the project. By law, the utility does not have the authority to borrow money.

To repay the debt, the utility will seek a rate increase from the New York State Public Service Commission.

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Pakistan strikes at Taliban hideouts

ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

KHYBER AGENCY, PAKISTAN | Pakistan's newly elected government launched the first major assault against militants in the country's volatile northwest on Saturday, destroying a militant leader's headquarters and shelling suspected hideouts of other fighters.

The offensive in the Khyber tribal region appeared to mark a refinement in strategy by the new government, backing its calls for peace deals in the tribal areas along the Afghan border with the threat of forceful action against militants who get out of line.

The United States said such

deals were giving militants the freedom to regroup for attacks on U.S. and NATO forces in Afghanistan. With growing militant threats to the nearby Pakistani city of Peshawar — and to the key Khyber supply route for U.S. forces in Afghanistan — Pakistan took action.

Late Friday, 700 troops from the paramilitary Frontier Corps moved into Kyber in preparation for the offensive, a round-the-clock curfew was imposed in the Bara area, and heavy contingents of troops blocked the main road from Peshawar into Kyber, local officials said.

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Haverling High Graduation

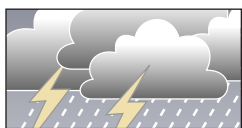


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Haverling High School Valedictorian Eric Argentiieri addresses the Class of 2008, faculty and family at the Commencement Saturday morning in the high school gymnasium.



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