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Massa, Tonello to appear at forum

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BATH | Eric Massa and John Tonello will appear at a public candidates' forum in early October.



MASSA

Massa and Tonello will answer questions from area residents at 7 p.m. Oct. 2 at St. Thomas Church, located at 122 Liberty St. in the village of Bath, according to a release from the Bath Peace and Justice Group, which is sponsoring the event.

IF YOU GO

WHAT | Bath candidate forum
WHEN | 7 p.m. Oct. 2
WHERE | St. Thomas Church, Liberty Street

Massa is the Democratic candidate for the 29th Congressional District. Tonello is the Democratic candidate for the state's 53rd Senate District.



TONELLO

The incumbents that Massa and Tonello are challenging in November's election — U.S. Rep. John R. "Randy" Kuhl Jr., R-Hammondsport, and state Sen. George Winner, R-Elmira, respectively — have also been invited, but have yet to commit, said David Walczak, a spokesman for Bath Peace and Justice Group.

Although all the details haven't been finalized, the forum will likely include opening statements by Massa and Tonello, after which the candidates will answer written questions as well as questions from the audience, Walczak said.

The forum, scheduled to last an hour and 15 minutes, is the only such event scheduled to be held in Bath, he said.

Admission is free. The forum was originally planned by another group, the Steuben League of Women Voters, which withdrew last week from sponsoring the event, Walczak said. Bath Peace and Justice Group then took over sponsorship.

CITY AUCTION



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A pair of blue velvet ropes, a number of chairs and some computers are among items to be auctioned by the city.

Notable items up for bids

BY JEFFERY SMITH
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CORNING | The controversial pair of blue velvet ropes will be one of many items auctioned by the city Saturday morning.

The ropes had hung in the City Council chambers between the public and the council for more than a year starting in 2006.

They were taken down by Mayor Tom Reed in early January, the day he was sworn into office.

The ropes were purchased by the council while former mayor Frank Coccho was in

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Computer equipment and chairs are among items that will be auctioned Saturday by the city.

Steuben sheriff race

Results expected today

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BATH | County Board of Elections officials Thursday refused to comment on rumors claiming Joel Ordway is the winner of the Steuben County sheriff's Republican primary, saying the final, accurate tally would be not be made public until today.

County Board of Elections Democratic Commissioner Sandra Dennison refused to confirm an anonymous call to *The Leader* Thursday morning claiming Ordway had won the primary by a 68-vote margin.

"All I can tell you is the mar-

gins are razor thin, in all the primaries," Dennison said. "We want to be absolutely sure this time."

Election board officials later rescheduled a press conference set for Thursday to announce the results of the absentee ballot count. The press conference was delayed in order to ensure all counts in the Republican, Conservative and Independent primaries held Sept. 9 are accurate, according to Dennison.

William Pulos, attorney for Ordway's campaign committee, said all parties had an

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Houghton: Corning stock still good buy

BY BOB RECOTTA
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EAST CORNING | Despite the chaos surrounding the country's financial market, former Corning Inc. CEO Jamie Houghton said there's no reason to sell Corning Inc. stock.

Houghton spoke Thursday at a Corning Rotary Club

luncheon. He said, despite the dip in Corning Inc. stock, the company is in good shape for the long term.

"I'm extraordinarily impressed with the job Wendell (Weeks, Corning Inc.'s CEO) and the rest of the management is doing," Houghton said. "It's no secret what happened to our

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Dick Pope, of the Corning Rotary, awards former Corning Inc. CEO Jamie Houghton the Paul Harris award. Houghton spoke during a Rotary luncheon about the long-term outlook of Corning Inc.

REPORT ON WALL STREET CRISIS:

N.Y. could lose up to 40,000 jobs

BY MICHAEL GORMLEY
Associated Press Writer

ALBANY | A new projection shows Wall Street's meltdown could cost New York state up to 40,000 private sector jobs and \$3 billion in tax revenues over the next two years, two state officials said Thursday.

The revised numbers in the snapshot of worst case estimates was done Wednesday at the highest levels of New York's state government. The internal projection stated that



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New York job losses could reach between 25,000 and 40,000 private sector jobs and tax revenues could drop as much as \$2 billion to \$3 billion over the next two years.

The numbers are worse than Gov. David Paterson predicted just Tuesday when he said the state could lose some \$1 billion in revenue because of upheaval in the financial sector.

Wall Street is a major economic force in New York state, generating one-fifth of the state's revenues each year.

The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they weren't authorized to comment on the fiscal analysis.

Gov. David Paterson's office issued a statement later Thursday saying that there is no new projection for public release.

"It will be simply impossible to know the potential impact

the crisis will have on employment or state revenues until it becomes more clear how recent events affect the economy as a whole, especially in the midst of such widespread reconfiguration of financial institutions," said Paterson spokesman Errol Cockfield. "We will continue to review and report on revenues coming into the state, and will adjust the State Financial Plan next month to reflect updated information."

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Horse farm operator faces cruelty charges

BY ROB PRICE
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BATH | The operator of a Troupsburg horse breeding farm where 82 horses were seized last month is facing five counts of misdemeanor animal cruelty.

Geraldine Trupia, operator of Middle Crest Farm, located at 4512 county Route 82 in

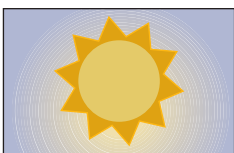
Troupsburg, will be arraigned at 9 a.m. Wednesday in Troupsburg Town Court on charges she neglected 82 horses.

Horses and five cats were seized Aug. 30 at the farm after SPCA Animal Cruelty Officer Scott Mazza served a search warrant.

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