

# AMW fugitive caught in Elmira

THE LEADER STAFF

**ELMIRA** | One of "America's Most Wanted" fugitives was captured Wednesday in Elmira after a family member helped police track him down, the show's Web site said.

Jamal "J.B." McFadden, 31, of Brooklyn, was wanted in connection with a January 2007 murder of a 15-year-old in New York City.

He was found hiding in a home on East Clinton Street.

Elmira and New York City Police made the arrest.

McFadden was found with a loaded handgun and four pounds of marijuana, AMW said.

He will face gun and drug charges in Elmira, but the New York City case will take precedence.

McFadden was featured twice on the Fox TV show, the Web site said.

**IN BRIEF**

## Nominations for award accepted

**BATH** | Nominations are being accepted for the 2008 "Outstanding Rural Health Award" by Steuben Rural Health Network. The award is given to Steuben county individuals, programs and organizations who have made a profound difference in rural health care. There are two categories: individual and program/organization. Individual award recipients will be selected based on their creativity, passion and compassion and cooperative attitude in seeking ways to make lasting contributions to rural health care. The nominee's work should have made a positive impact in Steuben County and have demonstrated effect on rural health. This category includes, but is not limited to, contributions to rural health policy, legislation, health care and health programs. Programs or organizations serving Steuben County will be awarded based on profound improvement to access health services and information for rural people through innovative, comprehensive approaches. Factors considered include outreach, preventive health and education, quality and efficiency of care, and strong community support and involvement. For more information, call 776-9467, Ext. 226 or visit Web site [www.SteubenRHN.org](http://www.SteubenRHN.org).

## Credit/ debt workshop slated

**ELMIRA** | An "Exploring Credit/Debt Management Issues" workshop will be held from 1-3 p.m. Wednesday at the Cooperative Extension of Chemung County, 425 Pennsylvania Ave. For more information or to register, call 734-4453.

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# Railway to provide round-trip rides to Festival, Regatta

BY KIM PRICE  
The Leader staff

**WATKINS GLEN** | Take a ride on the rails this weekend, and travel to your destination in style as folks did long ago.

The Finger Lakes Railway will be providing round-trip rides to the 15th annual Waterfront Festival and Cardboard Boat Regatta at Seneca Harbor Park on Saturday. This is the only event in the Southern Tier to which people can travel by rail. It is being hosted by the Schuyler County Chamber of Commerce/Watkins Glen Promotions.

The passenger-filled train will depart from Himrod,

just north of Watkins Glen, at 8 a.m., and will return from Seneca Harbor Park at 5:30 p.m. Mini-rides will be offered at 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m., traveling 8 miles up Seneca Lake. In between the mini-runs, a shuttle to and from the Tiki Bar in Watkins Glen will be available.

Ticket prices range from \$10 to \$25. For tickets or more information, contact the Finger Lakes Railway at (315) 374-4994, or visit <http://fingerlakessceni railway.com/>. Tickets will also be available Saturday at Seneca Harbor Park.

The festival will feature live entertainment and vendors today from 6-9 p.m. at

Seneca Harbor Park. The "Moving Display of Cardboard Boats" parade will begin at noon Saturday. The traditional boat regatta will follow the parade.

LaFayette Park, on 4th Street and Decatur, will serve as the starting point for this year's parade, heading North up Decatur Street to arrive at Seneca Harbor Park. The line-up on the street will begin at 11 a.m.

Boaters can register for the regatta from 6-9 p.m. today at Seneca Harbor Park.

Visit [www.watkinsglen.com/festival](http://www.watkinsglen.com/festival) for more details on the festival, or contact Watkins Glen Promotion at (607) 535-3003.

# Kuhl, Massa disagree on oil issues

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**WASHINGTON, D.C.** | U.S. Rep. John R. "Randy" Kuhl Jr., R-Hammondsport, and his Democratic opponent, Eric Massa, continue to have very different ideas on how to ease the pain at the gas pump.

In his weekly press call Thursday, Kuhl continued to advocate the Republicans' energy agenda, which he said will help end America's dependence on foreign oil while also promoting alternative forms of energy.

Kuhl backs a plan that would allow for domestic drilling of oil and cut the red tape that prevents building refineries in the United States.

He said Republicans are trying to get enough signatures

to bring the energy agenda to the House floor for a vote.

Massa said the Republican approach does little more than mortgage the country's future.

"My opponent announced, if we would only drill in Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR), somehow this problem would go away," Massa said. "He makes the statement drilling in ANWR is the solution. The Arctic National Wildlife Refuge is the last accessible strategic petroleum deposit in the United States of America. I will not support a policy of bleed and greed that ultimately will make life on my children harder."

Massa pointed to a report released Tuesday by the Energy Information Administration that stated that if Congress opened ANWR to drilling, the oil would not begin flowing

until 2013 and would not hit a peak of 876,000 barrels a day until 2025.

Even at peak production, the report stated it would only reduce the cost of a barrel of oil by less than 50 cents.

Kuhl countered that, if former President Bill Clinton had not vetoed a provision in 1995 to open ANWR to drilling, the country would be reaping the benefits today, instead of paying record prices for gasoline.

"There is a real need for some legislative action," Kuhl said. "There doesn't appear to be any desire from the majority to move on any pieces offered up. That's a great concern to us and we will continue to bring that issue to the forefront."

Massa pointed to the war in Iraq as one

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# Senate passes 2 bills to ease tax burden

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**ALBANY** | The state Senate passed two bills Thursday designed to ease the tax burden on New York residents.

The first bill would authorize the cities of Corning, Hornell and Elmira to offer a property tax exemption to encourage the conversion of multiple-dwelling residences into single-family homes or duplexes.

The bill, which was co-sponsored by Sen. George Winner, R-Elmira, received unanimous support in the Senate.

In a press release, Winner said the bill would provide a tax exemption equal to 50 percent of the assessed value of the property in the first year following the capital improvement.

The exemption would decrease by 5 percent annually for the subsequent 10 years.

"City officials believe that having the ability to offer this property tax exemption will be an effective tool in encouraging a revival of owner-occupied homes," Winner said. "That's a very desirable community development initiative and could spark a truly positive turnaround in many neighborhoods."

The Senate also approved legislation that would provide a tax deduction to help homeowners offset home heating fuel costs this coming winter.

The legislation calls for providing a \$1,000 tax deduction for the costs of heating oil, natural gas and propane.

Individual taxpayers earning less than \$75,000 or couples earning less than \$150,000 would be eligible for the deduction.

**IN BRIEF**

## Park pools set to open June 20

**CORNING** | Stewart Park pool and Denison Park pool will open for the summer on June 20 in the City of Corning. The Denison Park pool will be open to the public from noon-6 p.m., with family and adult swimming from 6-8 p.m. Monday, Wednesdays and Fridays. Stewart Park pool will be open from 1-6 p.m. for public swimming weekdays and from noon-5 p.m.

weekends. Family and adult swimming will be available from 6-8 p.m. Tuesdays. Admission prices are 75 cents for tots, \$1 for youth (ages 5-17), \$1.50 for adults and \$1.25 for senior citizens. Pools will be closed during inclement weather. Also being offered are swimming lessons in two-week sessions and private lessons for all levels at Stewart Pool. For more information or to register, call 962-0340, Ext. 7.

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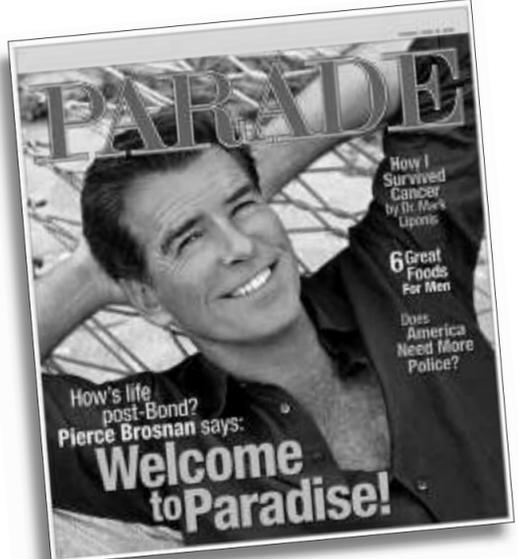
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