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## News

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Frederick Douglass Freedom Festival

### Freedom Fest Honors Local Past

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It was a weekend of learning about Rochester's past to make the future better.

Historic re-enactors brought an important part of Rochester's history to life Sunday afternoon. The Frederick Douglass Freedom Festival capped off the weekend-long conference on the Underground Railroad.

The conference brought together historians, librarians and other experts from across the country to promote Rochester's role in helping slaves escape to freedom.

"It's really important for our children. It's about the future. Our children are our visionaries. We should be planting the seed of knowledge; our rich cultural history that Rochester has, the more that our children understand our history the better leaders they can become in the future," said Alfreda Brown, Freedom Celebration Committee.

Rochester played a major part in the Underground

### • Freedom Fest Honors Local Past

Learning about Rochester's past to make the future better.

### • No Violence Sunday in Myanmar

The streets of Myanmar's biggest city were described as oddly normal Sunday.

### • Boat Launch Turns into Car Rescue

It was quite an effort Sunday by local authorities in Pittsford as they fished a car and trailer out of the Erie Canal.

### • Wambach Helps Score Win Over Norway

Mercy High grad Abby Wambach gave the U.S. women something more than just bad memories to take home from the women's World Cup.

### • SUNY Geneseo Student Stabbed

A SUNY Geneseo student is recovering from stab wounds after an altercation with another student Saturday night.

### • Church Draws All Week Long

Church used to be place to go on Sunday mornings. Some places of worship around the area, are drawing crowds all week long.

### • Thousands Take on Breast Cancer

It's estimated that in Monroe County alone, 587 women will be diagnosed with breast cancer this year.

### • Local Actor Part of 'Cavemen' Clan

A local actor has a role in one of the most talked-about new TV shows of the fall season.

### • U.N. Envoy in Burma to Talk Peace

A U.N. envoy is now in Myanmar, to talk peace with the country's military leaders.

### • Man Charged in Drug Death

A Manchester man has been charged with manslaughter in connection with the death of a woman in July.

### • Man Shot on Rochester Porch

Rochester police are investigating a shooting on Dr. Samuel McCree Way.

### • Saturday's Section V Rundown





Railroad. Slaves would go through Rochester to get to Canada.

Local leaders are now trying to do more to promote that history.

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Pittsford takes on Gates Chili and Pal-Mac at East Rochester for homecoming weekend.

#### • **Refugee Calls for Democracy**

Thousands forced to leave the county a decade ago are calling for freedom. One of these refugees, making a life for himself here in Rochester, says now is the time for democracy to finally take hold.

#### • **Police Identify Stabbing Victim**

A woman was killed on Rochester's northwest side Saturday evening.

#### • **Church Welcomes Burmese Refugees**

Rochester is opening its doors and hearts to those who are leaving Burma to escape military oppression.

#### • **Stolen Car Hits House, Injures 3**

Three people went to the hospital Saturday after police say a stolen car hit a pedestrian, a tree and then a house on Avenue C.

#### • **Motorcyclist Dies in Lake Ave Crash**

A motorcyclist died Saturday when police say he struck a car on Lake Avenue.

#### • **String of Car Vandalism Hits Greece**

Greece Police are investigating a string of car vandalism.

#### • **U of R Contract Resume Monday**

Contract negotiations between the University of Rochester and its service workers union will resume on Monday.

#### • **Winter Coats Help Kids 'Bundle Up'**

With winter quickly approaching, it's time to start thinking about getting dressed for the cold.

#### • **Service Honors Gandhi in Rochester**

Some University of Rochester students set off on a day of service Saturday, in honor of Mohandas Gandhi.

#### • **National Guard Soldiers Ready to Go**

Some National Guard soldiers said their goodbyes in Geneseo Saturday, as they deployed to Afghanistan.

#### • **Hannah Montana Tickets Go on Sale**

The hottest ticket in town had lots of kids and their parents up bright and early Saturday morning. Hundreds waited in line outside Rochester's Blue Cross Arena for a chance to buy tickets to the Miley Cyrus concert, otherwise known as Hannah Montana.

#### • **Project Exile Celebrates 10 Years**

A program that's been helping get illegal guns off the streets marked its 10-year anniversary.

#### • **Candlelight Vigil for Young Mother**

In Williamson, Wayne County, they came out to remember a friend and former student who was killed last Sunday.

#### • **Court Voids 'No More Kids' Order**

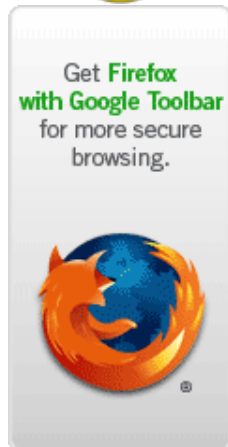
A state appeals court has overturned a Monroe County judge's order that a drug-addicted homeless couple have no more children.

#### • **Demolition Brings Closure**

A Seneca County town gathered Saturday to find closure in the destruction of a home where a terrible crime took place nearly six years earlier.

#### • **Teacher Sentenced for Bank Robbery**

CORTLAND, N.Y. A former teacher learned his fate for robbing a central New York bank.



**• Section V Football Highlights** 📺

LeRoy squares off against Avon and Finney faces Desales.

**• Teen Party Costs Elba Homecoming** 📺

It's homecoming for high schools across western New York, but the celebration has been all but called off in one Genesee County school district. School leaders cancelled most of the homecoming activities after many in the senior class attended a teen drinking party over last weekend.

**• GOP Attacks New DMV Law**

Governor Spitzer could be sued over his new driver's license law.

**• Tops & Martins Pull Beef**

Some local grocery stores are voluntarily pulling beef from their shelves after a recall from a New Jersey meat company.

**• Dominican President Visits RIT** 📺

Rochester Institute of Technology established a relationship with the Dominican Republic in 1996.

**• Local Students Protest Jena Six**

The prosecution of the Jena Six has become a topic of debate across the country and on college campuses, like the University of Rochester.

**• Evangelista Endorses Mike Green**

A key endorsement has been announced in the upcoming race for Monroe County District Attorney.

**• Meeting Sends Anti-Violence Message**

Some times the best lessons you learn in life happen outside of the classroom.

**• Dems Rip Brooks, GOP Again**

Democrats are blasting a Republican plan designed to wipe out Monroe County's budget gap by taking sales tax revenue to pay for Medicaid.

**• UAW Leaders Approve GM Contract**

Unionized workers are back on the job at two General Motors plants in upstate New York after a two-day nationwide strike against the automaker.

**• RG&E: No Coal At Russell Station**

Rochester Gas & Electric will not use clean coal technology at Russell Station.

**• Deadline for STAR Rebate Approaches**

Homeowners have nearly two months left to apply for New York's STAR Program and get their state tax rebates.

**• Tip Leads to Missing LeRoy Teen**

The man found with a missing teen from Leroy is charged with contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

**• More Toys Recalled**

The Consumer Product Safety Commission is recalling more toys.

**• Students Prep for Garage Sale**

St. John of Rochester sixth graders and their parents were up early Friday unpacking boxes, pricing and sorting. They're preparing for the school's annual garage sale fundraiser.

**• Do Homework for Student Loans**

Finding the right college for your child can be a long and difficult process. Part of that process for many parents includes get the right loans.

**• Center Says Budget Tax Changes OK**

So, the plan to withhold sales tax dollars from Monroe County Schools a fair plan?

• **A Fresh Start for Addicted Moms** 

Some Rochester area women showed off their new clothes to begin their new lives. But not long ago life was far from glamorous for these women.

• **Village Refuses Mayor's Resignation**

Webster's mayor's resigned, but the village will not accept it.

• **TV's Top Dancers Tap Into Town**

A popular television show is taking the show on the road and it stopped in Rochester Thursday night.

• **Community College Tuition To Go Up**

Community college students can expect to pay about \$100 more for tuition each year.

• **Brooks Defends Budget Plan**

Monroe County Executive Maggie Brooks is defending her controversial plan to eliminate a \$50 million county budget gap.

• **Economic Czar Hosts Regional Forum**



Economic development from the bottom up. Governor Eliot Spitzer says his administration will be the first to try it.

• **Supervisors React To Brooks Plan** 

Town supervisors, both Republican and Democrat, say they're glad that towns and villages will continue to receive sales tax revenue under County Executive Maggie Brooks' plan.

• **Kolcraft Playpens Recalled**

We have another product recall to pass along.

• **Murder Suspect Accused Again**

A Syracuse-area woman suspected of killing her first two husbands now faces an attempted murder charge.

• **'Hannah' Mania Begins in Rochester**

It's one of the hottest tickets in town, and some people are one step closer to getting them.

• **Fisher Homecoming Honors Women**

Homecoming Weekend at St. John Fisher College is also a celebration of women graduates.

• **Wal-Mart Expands Generic RX Program**

Wal-Mart is expanding its prescription drug program by about 10 percent.

• **Duffy Comments on City Budget Plan**

Rochester Mayor Bob Duffy released a statement in response to County Executive Brooks' budget plan, saying, "There have been no discussions or negotiations about this plan between the city And the county.

• **Six in NY Claim E.coli from Topps**

Topps Meat Company says its recent recall of more than 330,000 pounds of frozen beef patties is the first in the company's 65-year history.

• **Wristbands First, Tickets Second**

• **Lyons Standoff Ends with Suicide**

Police in Wayne County surrounded a Lyons home Wednesday evening and into the overnight.

• **Kendall Man Convicted in Porn Case**

An Orleans County man convicted of obstruction of justice was sentenced Wednesday.

• **LeRoy Teen Missing**

Police in LeRoy need help locating a 17-year old girl.

**• School Board Takes Legal Action** 

Local school superintendents are taking a closer look at the so-called "FAIR" Plan.

**• Brooks' Budget Plan Passes** 

At a special session of the Monroe County Legislature Wednesday night, County Executive Maggie Brooks outlined a plan that she says will end the budget crisis without cutting services.

**• FEMA Offers Aid for Storm Damage**

Federal authorities approved disaster assistance for three upstate communities damaged by storms and flooding in June.

**• Man Sentenced for Stabbing Death**

A Rochester man was sentenced Wednesday for fatally stabbing a woman last year.

**• NBA Star Gives Back**

A former Syracuse University basketball star returned to campus Wednesday with a special gift.

**• A.G. Cuomo Speaks in Rochester**

New York State Attorney General Andrew Cuomo brought his staff to Rochester to continue a state-wide community partnership initiative.

**• Rifle in Bag Causes Lockdown**

Police say a student with a rifle in a bag caused a lockdown Wednesday at Saint John's University in Queens.

**• Bills Reassign Everett's Locker**

The Buffalo Bills have reassigned injured tight end Kevin Everett's locker space.

**• UR Contract Negotiations Continue**

At the University of Rochester, contract negotiations continue between the university and two unions representing nearly 1,400 employees.

**• Sightings Reported of Missing Woman**

Ontario County Sheriff's deputies provided an update in the search for a missing Conesus woman.

**• 'Take That Cancer'** 

She could be First Lady someday. Yet Elizabeth Edwards came to Rochester to talk about what it's like to be a cancer patient. She was the guest speaker for Highland Hospital's Breast Cancer Education Luncheon..

**• Pumpkins Smaller; Blame Drought**

With Halloween just around the corner, know that your Jack O-Lanterns may be a little smaller than usual.

**• Livonia Teen Charged with Rape**

A rape arrest tops news out of Livingston County Wednesday.

**• Craig Tries to Retract Guilty Plea**

Embattled Senator Larry Craig was not in attendance at a hearing that could determine his political future.

**• Buy 'Pink' ReNu to Fight Cancer**

A local company is trying to do its part to help fight breast cancer.

**• Adoption Program Helps Horses**

There's life off the track for retired racehorses, thanks to the efforts of the Finger Lakes Thoroughbred Adoption Program.

**• Burned Romulus House to Come Down**

A painful reminder of a fire that killed five people in Seneca County will finally be torn down.

- **VA Services to Include U of R Staff**

The transformation of the Canandaigua VA into a national mental health center of excellence continues.

- **Nationally, Students Gather to Pray**

If you see students gathered around the school flagpole at some point Wednesday, they're not protesting something.

- **Duffy Backs RPD's Street Cop Plan**

Police officers in Rochester are concerned about the street presence of some officers.

- **GM & UAW Reach Tentative Agreement**



Bargainers for General Motors and the United Auto Workers union reached a tentative contract agreement overnight.

- **Duffy Hears Monroe Ave. Concerns**

City Hall on The Road, a monthly mayoral outreach program in the Duffy administration, took to the sidewalks Tuesday evening.

- **Paralyzed Deacon Counts Blessings**

The story of injured Buffalo Bills tight end Kevin Everett has moved everyone to stop and think about how life can change in an instant, even when you're doing what you love.

- **New RCSD Policy Ensures Lead Safety**



Rochester school leaders reached a groundbreaking decision, approving New York State's first policy to protect students from lead poisoning.

- **Report: 4th & 8th Graders Scores Up**

A federal education report released Tuesday shows New York's 4th and 8th graders scored better than the national average in math and reading tests.

- **NYS: Overall Crime Rates Down**

New York State reports overall is dropping in the state.

- **Vick Indicted by State Grand Jury**

More trouble for suspended quarterback Michael Vick – this time from the state of Virginia.

- **Bush, Iran President Speak at U.N.**

President Bush says the U.S. will tighten economic sanctions against the leaders of the military regime in Myanmar and urged other nations to do the same.

- **Helping War Orphans Feel Safe**

An Orleans County organization is breaking cultural barriers and growing ambassadors in some of the most war ravaged parts of the world.

- **Students Get Revved Up for Reading**

Some Rochester school kids are getting revved up about reading, courtesy of NASCAR and Watkins Glen International Raceway.

- **Diocese Launches Ministries Appeal**

Rochester Diocese officials are making their annual Catholic ministries appeal.

- **Body Found Near Niagara on the Lake**

A body was found along the shoreline of Lake Ontario Monday night near Niagara County.

- **Man Pleads Guilty to Rape**

An Ohio prisoner linked to a seven-year old local rape by DNA pleaded guilty to the crime.

**• GM Strike Impacts Delphi Plant**

General Motors and the United Auto Workers Union have gone back to the bargaining table.

**• Local Sister Joins Sisters of Mercy**

A special ceremony that doesn't happen very often takes place this weekend.

**• Christian HS Offers New Scholarship**

College freshmen aren't the only ones who can benefit from scholarships.

**• Spears Pleads Not Guilty to Murder**

The Rochester man charged in an 11-year-old murder pleaded not guilty.

**• Teen Injured in ATV-Car Accident**

A teenager is in guarded condition after the ATV he was riding was struck from behind by a car in the Orleans County town of Ridgeway.

**• 30 Burglaries, Corning Man Accused**

State police linked 30 Steuben County burglaries to a Corning man.

**• Gamers Stay Up Late for Halo 3**

Gamers stayed up late to get their first shot at the hottest video game on the market.

**• Filmmaking Made Easier **

Films meant one thing in Rochester for generations, but Eastman Kodak's turn to digital isn't the only reason that's changing.

**• Abby W. Giving Free Soccer Clinics**

Young soccer players will get a chance to learn from one of the best next month.



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