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Gabe Dalmath Dies at 60

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- **Leading Environmentalist in Town**
A message about environmentalism Thursday night.
- **Where to Ride in Webster?**
A packed house at the Webster town hall Thursday night to talk about proposed restrictions for snowmobilers.
- **Traffic Moving Again on NYS Thruway**
Traffic is moving again on the New York State Thruway near the Route 390 exit in Henrietta following a tractor trailer accident earlier in the day.
- **City Business Law to Change**
A lot's changing in downtown Rochester. So is a one year old law some merchants have said makes doing business downtown harder.
- **Nieves Denies Rape Allegations**
A community activist, Christian minister and firefighter says he is not guilty of raping a child.
- **211 Center Receives State Funding**
Non-Emergency communication in the Finger Lakes will get help from New York State.



Gabe Dalmath, longtime news anchor for WHEC-TV, died Friday night.

He was 60 years old. The cause of death was cancer, according to an employee of the television station.

Dalmath joined WHEC in 1976 and anchored the 6 and 11 p.m. newscasts for 25 years, longer than anyone in the station's history. He was recognized with numerous broadcasting industry and community service awards.

Gabe Dalmath is survived by his wife, daughter and mother. He retired from the station in 2004 and went to work for Dalmath Associates, a communications company run by his wife, Jean.

Born in Hungary in 1946, Dalmath fled that country during the revolution in 1956. He came to the United States in 1959 and became a citizen five years later.

A graduate of Hunter College, Dalmath served as an adjunct professor at Rochester Institute of Technology, St. John Fisher College, and the State University of New York at Geneseo teaching courses in broadcast journalism and speech communications.

He was an avid windsurfer, skier and cyclist.



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• Seneca Cty Restricts Sex Offenders

The Seneca County Board of Supervisor has passed a new law restricting where sex offenders can live.

• YWCA Cuts Programs & Staff

The YWCA of Rochester and Monroe County announced it is cutting programs.

• Brighton Soldier Killed in Iraq

A local family is mourning the death of its son, who was killed in Iraq.

• Health Fair to Offer Eye Screenings

A health fair Saturday reaches out to Rochester's African American community.

• Scientists Restore Ancient Text

Two scientists from the Rochester Institute of Technology are using new imaging technologies to digitally restore and preserve an ancient manuscript.

• Comptroller Apologizes for Expenses

New York Comptroller Alan Hevesi apologized for failing to reimburse the state for using one of his employees as a chauffeur for his wife.

• Fire Destroys Penfield Trailer

Fire destroyed a trailer home in Penfield Thursday morning.

• Park Ridge Changes Names

A Rochester area hospital will soon take on a new name.

• Candle Sparks Blaze on Lux Street

Fire investigators say a candle may be to blame for a house fire overnight.

• Crash Victim Suffers Serious Injury

A man went to the hospital after a crash in Livingston County early Thursday morning.

• Man Crashes Car on Driving Park

A man escaped serious injury after a car crash in northwest Rochester Wednesday afternoon.

• RIT Students in on National Project

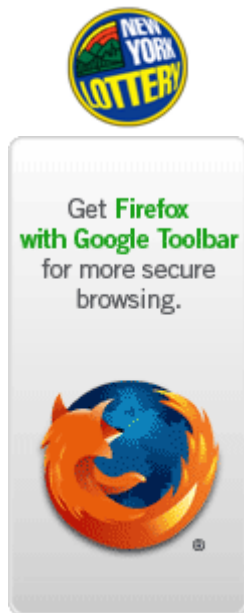
A Day in the Life of America: that story is emerging on a website full of photographs taken by college students across the country.

• Pirro: Investigation 'Improper'

Republican state attorney general candidate Jeanine Pirro said a federal investigation into an allegation that she secretly recorded her husband was "personal" and "highly improper."

• Marina Resort Coming to Orleans Co.

A new development could put a rural Orleans County



town on the map for Lake Ontario boaters

• **Webster May Limit Snowmobile Access**

The town of Webster will take up complaints of careless driving by some snowmobilers at a special meeting Thursday.

• **Three Local Firms Get Federal Funds**

Three Rochester area businesses have federal funding on the way.

• **Baxter Keynotes Breast Cancer Event**

Television and movie star Meredith Baxter made a stop in Rochester Wednesday on behalf of breast cancer education.

• **Second Man Guilty in Sperr Shooting**

Just one day after a guilty verdict against Anthony Horton in the shooting death of state trooper Andrew Sperr, a second man linked to the crime pleaded guilty.

• **Police Seek Grocery Bank Robber**

Rochester police are looking for a man who robbed a bank inside a grocery store Tuesday afternoon.

• **SUNY Raises Tuition at Some Schools**

The State University of New York raised tuition at most community colleges and hired a new head of the school system.

• **Passport Requirement Up for Vote**

Congress is expected to vote soon to delay the implementation of a passport requirement at the northern border.

• **Child Killer Moore Denied Parole**

Parole is again denied for a convicted child molester and killer.

• **Local Woman Sues Over Spinach**

A Monroe County woman is suing the California company she says packaged the spinach that made her so sick.

• **Judge Revokes License in DWI Case**

A judge suspended the license Thursday morning of the Monroe County Sheriff's deputy charged with DWI after a crash that killed a motorcyclist from Greece.

• **Spitzer & Faso Debate in Ithaca**

The two men vying to be New York's next governor squared off in a debate seen only on Time Warner Cable.

• **Independent Council Hired for WA**

The Monroe County Water Authority Board hired a lawyer Tuesday to look into whether the authority can

recoup nearly a half million dollars in pay and benefits wrongfully given to six former employees.

• **Chili Man Charged After I-490 Crash**

A North Chili man is in jail after a chase that ended on Interstate 490 Tuesday.

• **Thirteen Promoted at the RPD**

Tuesday was moving up day in the Rochester Police Department.

• **Violence Prompts Changes at School**

Increased violence outside one city school has prompted the district to change its policies there.

• **Wooden Statues Make Way for Bronze**

Wooden figures from a Brockport memorial to the 9/11 terrorist attacks are on their way to a New Jersey artist's studio.

• **New Housing Brings Hope, Concerns**

Developers are putting the finishing touches on Rochester's Carlson Commons. The housing development is made up of 144 affordable homes in the Plymouth Avenue area of Rochester. Some wonder if the development will bring real change or just cosmetic ones.

• **Give Back, Give Books with the REF**

A new campaign is trying to fill the shelves in city school libraries and add to the bookcases of its students.

• **Cameras Installed on RTS Buses**

The Rochester Genesee Regional Transportation Authority is working to make the roads safer for its drivers and customers.

• **Released Serial Rapist Back in Jail**

A serial rapist who preyed on women in Rochester back in the 1980s is back behind bars.

• **Horton Guilty in Sperr Murder**

Jurors returned a verdict of guilty on the same day they were charged with deciding the fate of Anthony Horton, the man charged in the murder of New York state trooper Andrew "A.J." Sperr last spring.

• **Trooper Speaks on ATV Shooting**

A New York state trooper, who shot and killed an all-terrain vehicle driver while on special assignment to find fugitive Ralph "Bucky" Phillips, spoke out publicly for the first time Tuesday.

• **Officials Closing on E. Coli Source**

California health officials say two bags of Dole baby spinach may help them find the source of a national E.coli outbreak.

- **Seminars on Budgeting are all Week**

"Be dollar-wise" all this week with the help of a series of seminars of your money.

- **Help Children Choose Drinks Wisely**

It's just as important to watch what your kids are drinking, as to watch what they're eating.

- **City To Offer 'Quincinero' Oct. 4**

More than 30,000 Hispanics make Rochester their home. The city is celebrating Hispanic heritage with a month-long series of events.

- **Lightning May Have Caused Fire**

Weather may have been a factor in a fire that caused major damage to a home in Pittsford late Monday night.

- **House Passes School Security Act**

The House of Representatives passed a piece of legislation that would take school security to a whole new level.

- **Supermarkets To Stock Fresh Spinach**

The F-D-A is now advising consumers only to avoid fresh spinach grown in three California counties.

- **Motorcyclist Killed in City Crash**

A motorcyclist died in a Rochester crash Monday afternoon.

- **Warrant Leads to Chase, I-490 Crash**

Serving a warrant in Chili turned out to be more than routine.

- **Dems Propose Tuition Tax Credit**

Senator Hillary Clinton joined congressional candidate Michael Arcuri at a restaurant in Binghamton to talk education.

- **New Conservation Center Opens**

A conservation center designed to raise awareness and protect wildlife opened Monday in Wayne County.

- **More Funding for Renaissance Square**

The federal government is putting more money into Rochester's Renaissance Square project.

- **Spahalski Drops Insanity Defense**

The man charged in four area murders has dropped his claim of insanity.

- **Local E. Coli Case Has Spinach Link**

Monroe County health officials have confirmed a local case of E. coli infection. They believe spinach caused the person to get sick.

- **Dad Accused of Violating Probation**

A Penfield man recently charged with sexual abuse

pleaded not guilty Monday to violating his probation.

• **Rouse Guilty in Minister Murder**

One of three men charged in connection with the death of a city minister has been found guilty of murder.

• **Horton Prosecution Wraps Up Case**

An Elmira jury heard a detailed version of how State Trooper Andrew Sperr was shot as the trial of the man accused of killing him continues.

• **New Name, Same Mission**

A Rochester Catholic fundraiser has a new name, but the same mission.

• **Democrats Want Bi-Partisan Board**

Democrats in the Monroe County legislature have called for a thorough investigation into the actions of the Water Authority.

• **Carry-On Restrictions Eased**

The rules when traveling have changed again. This time, the government is easing the carry-on restrictions put in place in August, after British investigators foiled a terrorist plot to blow up airplanes bound for the United States, using liquid explosives.

• **Child Injured by Backhoe**

A 12-year-old boy suffered severe injuries Sunday after he was pinned beneath a backhoe.

• **Report: Girls Are Abused in Jail**

A new report says girls at New York's two detention facilities for juvenile females are sexually and physically abused by staff members.

• **Muslims Celebrate Ramadan**

Muslims are celebrating the holy month of Ramadan.

• **Tech Room Donated to Children**

A Rochester area high tech expert, who passed away last year, is living on in the lives of children with the Boys and Girls Club of Rochester.

• **Navy Unveils New Speed Boat**

It is a brand new ship for a brand new era and it is one that the U.S. Navy called an important tool in the war on terror.

• **RPO Begins Star Search**

The Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra is searching for a star. Eight to 10 winners will take the stage with the RPO in March.

• **Most Health Clubs Have No AED's**

A place that would seem obvious to have life-saving equipment on hand is actually lax when it comes to

compliance with New York State law.

• **New GA Police Chief from Rochester**

A former Rochester police officer has been named the chief of police of the Savannah-Chatham Metropolitan Police Department in Georgia.

• **Lake Regatta Helps Hospital**

Sailors from around the Americas finished their fourth day of racing on Lake Ontario in the J/24 North American Championship Regatta.

• **Church Closed in Dispute w/Diocese**

There was no 10 a.m. service Sunday morning at the church at the center of a legal battle with the Episcopal Diocese.

• **Fairport Crew Hosts Canal Regatta**

Hundreds of rowers hit the waters of the Erie Canal Sunday to compete in Fairport Crew Club's second annual Lift Bridge Regatta.

• **Many Question Bin Laden Death**

Many are questioning a newspaper report that Osama bin Laden is dead.

• **Seneca Depot Will Offer Tours**

The public will soon get a chance to go on safari ... Right here in upstate New York.

• **Armed Gates Man Threatens Police**

Gates Police were able to subdue a man who threatened officers with a machete.

• **Doctors: No Additional Wounds**

State police said a report of additional wounds found in a state trooper shot during the hunt for Ralph Bucky Phillips was incorrect.

• **East End Hosts Cancer Fundraiser**

Charity fundraisers come in all shapes and sizes, but instead of walking or running for a good cause, hundreds crawled through Rochester's East End.

• **Council Pushes Same Sex Equality**

Rochester City Council is urging state lawmakers to pass a law that will allow same-sex couples in the state to marry.

• **Phillips Reportedly Admits Shooting**

The Buffalo News reports Ralph "Bucky" Phillips admitted to authorities he shot two state troopers in Chautauqua County in August.

• **Quick Meals Break Fast Food Rut**

Quick Meals are the food industry's latest effort to bring dining back home.

• **Company Looks at Upstate for Jobs**

Some new, high tech jobs could be coming to central New York.

• **Stella Maris Receives \$1M Donation**

Goodbye to the past, hello to the future this weekend for a children's camp in Livingston County.

• **First Lady Promotes Meier Campaign**

Upstate New York gets another visit from the White House this week. On Friday, Vice-President Dick Cheney came to Rochester to raise money for Congressman Randy Kuhl's re-election. Now, it's the first lady's turn.

• **Jury Finds Man Guilty of Murder**

ROCHESTER, N.Y.-- A Rochester man has been convicted of killing his former girlfriend.

• **State Invests In New Food Lab**

New York State is investing millions into the agricultural community in Ontario County.

• **Flood Relief Given to NY Counties**

New York's Disaster Relief program for the upstate flooding in late June has given out more than \$10 million to families and businesses in some of the hardest hit counties.

• **Shades of The 'Phantom'**

Next time you're at the Eastman Theatre ... Look up. There's a two and a half-ton chandelier over your head.

• **Report Says Osama Could be Dead**

Could Osama bin Laden be dead?

• **State Revokes Pepper Hill's License**

New York state has revoked Pepper Hill Day Care's license after allegations that a four-year-old girl was molested there.

• **RCSD Super Takes Job in Boston**

Rochester's superintendent of schools is leaving to take a job in Boston. Manuel Rivera says he'll leave the district a better place than he found it. He also says his successor will face some difficult challenges.

• **Rochester Scores Senate Debate**

Rochester will be the site for the first debate between Democratic US Senator from New York Hillary Rodham Clinton and her Republican challenger John Spencer.

• **School Tax Rebate Checks Coming**

New York State will start sending out \$700 million in school tax rebate checks this week.

• **Celebrating the Road to Recovery**

A local group working to recover from drug and alcohol addiction is celebrating its hard work through art.

• **First Lady to Visit WNY**

Western New York is scheduled to host the the first lady during the first week of October.

• **Crime Lab Panel's First Report Due**

While Buffalo and Syracuse have new, state-of-the-art crime labs, crime analysts in Monroe County are working in cramped and outdated spaces.

• **Lawyer Plans Insanity Defense**

Robert Spahlaski's attorney says he'll use the insanity defense in three of the four accused serial killer's cases.

• **Priest Hearing Scheduled for March**

The case of an elderly Gates priest accused of sexual abuse is adjourned until March.

• **Unsolved Case Gets New Help**

Some dates and times, a person never forgets. 10:04am, November 9th, 1979 stands out for John York. That's when Livingston County's Sheriff responded to a call for a body in a cornfield, off Route 20 in Caledonia.

• **Police to Get Surveillance Cameras**

The Rochester Police Department will soon get some high-tech help to fight crime. On August 22, the Rochester City Council approved \$500,000 for the department to buy surveillance cameras.



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