



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

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Community Update: Week Ending 7/30/2010

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Rochester/Genesee Valley Regional Team. Congratulations also to Craig Carlisle of East Rochester High School for being named to the second team. Masterminds, an academic competition for high school students, quizzes students in a wide range of categories.

ASSISTING CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

July 26th was the 20th Anniversary of the passage of Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), landmark legislation enacted in 1990 to prohibit discrimination based on disabilities, similar to protections against discrimination based on race, religion, sex, national origin, and other characteristics. Among the many disabilities covered by the ADA, is the loss, or partial loss, of vision, which affects millions of children each year.

This week marked the 32nd annual New York State Empire State Games, held in Buffalo. Once again, amateur athletes from Monroe County joined fellow team members in neighboring counties to represent the Western Region - arguably the Games' most dominating Region since the beginning.

In 1978, New York State revolutionized amateur athletics with the inception of the Empire State Games. Since then, more than 40 states throughout the nation have instituted state games programs, attracting more than a half-million participants each year. As one of the largest amateur athletic programs in the United States, and patterned after the Olympic Games, the Empire State games has grown considerably, and now offers four distinct programs to New Yorkers: the Empire State Summer Games; Winter Games; Games for the Physically Challenged; and Senior Games. This year, more than 30,000 residents and amateur athletes participated in spring tryouts, in an effort to represent