



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

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## Community Update: Week Ending 6/17/11

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occurrences of distracted driving. As an original sponsor of legislation to ban hand-held cell phones while driving and legislation to curb road rage, my focus has always been on making our roads safer and our law-abiding drivers safer. Besides strengthening the current law to deter drivers from texting-while-driving, key to this legislation is the educational component in the licensing process that will convey to our young drivers the dangers of unnecessary distractions, like texting. I am confident that this legislation will better prepare new drivers for the road, and will help a great deal in preventing future accidents and potential tragedies.

### June 21: First Day of Summer

With the official start of summer this week, more and more bikers are outside taking advantage of the warm

II between 1944 and 1946. After graduating from East Rochester High School, he was sent to Fort McClellan in Alabama for basic training and then deployed to Europe where he joined the famed 78th Infantry Division. When the 78th Infantry Division was inactivated a year later, Mr. Verzella was transferred to the 16th Constabulary Squadron charged with the occupation of Berlin – a post he held for nine months – and rose to the rank of Sergeant.

Returning home, Mr. Verzella attended SUNY Brockport, obtaining his Bachelor's degree in Education in 1950, and his Masters degree in

Administration in 1956. In 1959, he