



# LIGHTNING STRIKES TWICE

SABRES COULD ONLY MUSTER ONE GOAL AGAINST TAMPA BAY **SPORTS/1B**



## Counting the ways

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## SEN. ATTACKED

State Sen. Mark Grisanti and his wife were assaulted at the Seneca Niagara Casino. **LOCAL, 3A**

## 3 THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW TODAY

**1** Pop icon Whitney Houston died Saturday at the age of 48. Her publicist said Saturday that the cause of her death was unknown. **2A**

**2** Britain's biggest-selling newspaper was fighting to contain the damage after five employees at The Sun tabloid were arrested Saturday in an inquiry into the alleged payment of bribes to police and other officials.

**3** Warning of a "catastrophe" that would leave Greeks subsisting on food stamps and the country wallowing in bankruptcy, Greek leaders urged lawmakers Saturday to pass more painful spending cuts on the eve of a crucial vote to qualify for a massive bailout.

## TOMORROW THE BIG MELTDOWN

Some heavy-weights are battling it out to be the 'biggest loser.'

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**TALKING IT OUT:** Youth Bureau Director Melissa Junke leads participants in "Girl Talk" through a self-quizz exercise in the Safe Dates instruction program guide. Kari's Candle of Hope, a Lewiston-based nonprofit organization, purchases Safe Dates curriculum packages and donates them to middle and high schools in an effort to promote teen dating violence awareness and prevention.

# 'SAFE DATES' IN MIND

## Police, firefighters will 'play ball' for teen dating violence education

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Emergency responders will get the ball rolling on support for "safe" teen dating education.

City police officers and firefighters are friendly opponents in the first-ever Kari's Candle of Hope basketball game, set for March 3 at the Lockport High School gym.

Ticket and concession sales will benefit Kari's Candle of Hope, a nonprofit organization devoted to getting the "Safe Dates" education program into schools statewide.



**TEACH THE TEACHERS FIRST:** Kari's Candle of Hope presents workshops for education professionals to instruct them how to use the Safe Dates curriculum in classrooms.

Kari's Candle of Hope was founded by the parents of Kari Ann Gorman, an 18-year-old Wilson High School graduate who was shot and killed by her ex-boyfriend in 2008, after she ended their relationship. Shawn Wolf, 19, then killed himself.

Kari's mom, Kim Davidson, writes on the Candle of Hope

website that she didn't fully grasp what her daughter had gotten herself into while dating Wolf. Although she'd seen "changes" in Kari's behavior — sudden distance from old girl friends, quitting the cheerleading squad, downsizing her college and career plans to accommodate a

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## EDUCATION

# Learning to 'like' schools

**INTERACTION:** Districts using websites more, while some reach out with social media.

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With budget season, there can be a lot of unknowns, and local schools are looking for ways to better connect with the public. Meetings and newsletters may not always get a message across, so schools are looking online for a better avenue of communication.

Local schools are now putting budget information on their websites, as well as meeting agendas and accompanying meeting documents as required by the new state law. And now a few are even discussing social media, networking tools such as Twitter and Facebook. More than 400 million people are active Facebook users, with 70 percent

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# Romney wins Maine caucuses

**CLOSE:** Win could be questioned because several counties haven't voted yet.

## THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

PORTLAND, Maine — Mitt Romney eked out a narrow win in Maine's Republican caucuses, state party officials announced Saturday, providing his campaign with a much-needed boost after three straight losses earlier this week. But the former Massachusetts governor's margin of

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# Carpetbaggers inflict new car bug, and leave

**T**he new car bug hit me last week. The fever has subsided, but I'm not out of the woods. I stopped along the way from Buffalo on Wednesday, just for a comparative look.

I was lured to a dealer by a flier I received in the mail. It was a colorful fold-out with a silver key and secret code attached, and my bride suggested I may have won a prize. Having a free afternoon, I drove 9 miles down the road to see if I won a new car or a great electronic device. I soon learned that I just

missed a major prize, but was eligible for a \$5 Walmart gift card.

Should you want to waste an afternoon, take a flier. Like a marlin, I was tied up for about three hours before getting away.

First, there was the bait-and-switch. The flier showed a used 2011 Impala for \$16,000. Given \$4,000



**BILL** Wolcott

for my 2004 Impala, \$12,000 was my limit. However, the red Impala was not there. I don't know if it ever was.

The dealer did have some nice 2011 white Impala he would be happy to show me.

I was struck right away by the classy sedan. When I looked inside, the dash went right to my heart. OK, how much? My limit went up a few grand.

They looked at my Impala and came back with good news. I could have the 2011 Impala, which originally sold for \$29,000

for \$23,000 and my car. It was \$10 grand over my limit and I stood up and started for the door.

"Are you ready to buy today?" they asked. I said OK, but I'm not going to pay \$23,000.

The carpetbaggers, who had a temporary set-up on the side of the showroom, huddled. They worked on their adding machines, and my salesman returned.

He said something like, "I can't believe it, the deal they're giving you. They really want to move these over-stock used cars. Only a crazy man wouldn't take

it."

The price came down to \$16,999, with my car in trade. That's nearly \$17,000! I thought, I just saved \$6,000, but I can't do that without talking to my bride.

Soon we dressed the car with dealer plates and were on our way up the boulevard. I never looked under the hood, or even kicked the tires, but the dash was imbedded in my brain. The previously owned auto had bells and whistles I would never buy, but could soon get used to.

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