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Answers, Please

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When you leave Haviland Cove beach in Glens Falls, there is a sign just before the Feeder Canal bridge. The wording "No Trucks with 'R' Permits" is visible only to those leaving the cove.

What is the meaning and purpose of this sign? Emile Mainville Glens Falls

Before Jan. 1 of this year, trucks and other vehicles requiring permits for gross weights of more than 102,000 pounds were banned from crossing R-posted (restricted) bridges, such as the one that crosses the Feeder Canal near Haviland Cove.

That changed Jan. 1, when the weight limit on R-posted bridges was extended to include all vehicles operating at weights that require a divisible load overweight permit, according to the state Department of Transportation.

Divisible load overweight permits allow hauling of loads that can be split apart (gravel, for instance) that exceed legal transportation

weight limits. Cars and other vehicles that don't require weight permits are allowed to cross this

There are not many opporinities for bridges to posted in Glens Falls because there are only two bridges within the city limits, both owned by the state: Cooper's Cave Bridge between Glens Falls and South Glens Falls and the small bridge over the Feeder Canal.

'We have to realize that these bridges take a lot more weight than they used to," said Peter Van Keuren, a DOT spokesman, citing heavier trucks now traveling the state's roads. "Increased loads in trucks make bridges deteriorate faster.'

During Americade, I spoke with several people from Canada. They brought to my attention a question I had no answer for. They thought it was odd that in America we have whistles blow for noon and 6 p.m.

Can you tell us how those whistles originated and what the purpose is for them?

P. Bauton

The Lake George Volunteer Fire Department doesn't usually blow a noon whistle, so the whistle our Canadian visitors heard may have been an actual fire call, said firefighter Camille Codoluto. It may have also been sounded as a civil defense test.

The Lake George Fire Department has a whistle call at 6 p.m. daily. It operates the siren as a way to test the system. It also blows the whistle at 7 p.m. on the first Tuesday of every month.

Firefighters now have pagers, so they don't test the sirens as often as they once did in a practice dating back to the World War II era.

AngioDynamics sees double-digit growth

By SCOTT DONNELLY sdonnelly@poststar.com

QUEENSBURY AngioDynamics closed the books Friday on what has been an eventful — and highly successful — first year as a publicly traded firm.

The company reported net income for the year of \$4.5 mil-52 weeks that ended May 28,

"This quarter marked the completion of another great year at AngioDynamics and our first year as a publicly traded company."

> **EAMONN P. HOBBS** president and CEO of AngioDynamics

lion, a 45 percent increase from 2004. The medical device devel- June 1 to May 28. earnings of \$3.1 million for the opment and manufacturing

first year as a publicly traded company," said Eamonn P. Hobbs, president and CEO. "The continued sales and unit growth of the product lines on which we have particularly focused our sales support, such as the VenaCure procedure kits, and acceptance of our new products, such as the Morpheus (peripherally inserted central catheter) "This quarter marked the line, provide tangible evidence firm's fiscal year runs from completion of another great of our commitment to innova-

year at AngioDynamics and our tion and the high level of performance from our staff.

The company's stock price rose 4.8 percent in heavy trading Friday to close up \$1.18 at \$25.60. The firm's stock has traded for as little as \$8.90 over the last 52 weeks and as much as \$26.70. A total of 591,678 shares changed hands Friday, with average daily volume for the issue at 144,166 shares.

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ERIN R. COKER PHOTOS-THE POST-STAR Goodwin Avenue in Glens Falls features four very similar homes, built in 1925 for children of a former garment factory owner.

authorize borrowing \$200,000

to improve the sewer system in

Other work to come in the

the neighborhood.

Urban pioneers bring change

Goodwin Avenue group Turnaround neighborhood bringing change to area

By MAURY THOMPSON thompson@poststar.com

GLENS FALLS ◆ Frieda Toth spent about six months in 2002 walking the streets of Glens Falls in her spare time, looking for the ideal house to buy.

She wanted to live close enough to walk to her job at Crandall Public Library, yet have a house with some architectural character.

"I walked around a lot of neighborhoods," she said.

Then one evening she spotted four identical houses on Goodwin Avenue and noted in her journal how charming they

Toth wound up buying one of the four houses built in the early 20th century for the family of Dennis McCarthy, the rounding streets that formed



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factories.

Toth and her husband, Glen Carlsen, are among a handful of property owners along Goodwin Avenue and surowner of two local garment an informal neighborhood asso-

More Inside

The identical houses on Goodwin Avenue were built for one man's children. Page B8

Please see RESIDENTS, Back Page ciation that worked with city officials to develop a five-year neighborhood improvement The city Common Council is voted Thursday to

Crash kills Corinth man

By DON LEHMAN

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A Corinth man was killed in an early-morning car crash in Fulton County that state police said was alcohol-related.

Howard R. Goman, 20, whose address was unavailable, died at the scene of the 4:33 a.m. crash on Route 30 in Mayfield, according to state police in Fonda.

The driver of the car in which he was a passenger, Warren M. Fitzgerald, 21, of Amsterdam, also died in the crash, police said.

State police Investigator Jeff Scholz said excessive speed and alcohol use appeared to be factors in the one-car crash.

Scholz said Fitzgerald was driving his 1999 Pontiac Gran Prix north when he went off the road after a curve near Nine Mile Tree Road. The car hit a tree, throwing Goman from the

The force of the crash severed the tree and also severely damaged the vehicle, police said.

The car was pretty much b ken in two," Scholz said.

Neither man was wearing a seat belt.

Scholz said investigators were working Friday to determine where the two men had been in the hours before the crash and where they were heading.

Scholz said the state police accident reconstruction unit was working to determine the car's speed at the time of the crash.

Mayfield is on the west side of the Great Sacandaga Lake.

Goman's uncle, Roy Goman of Salem, said Goman was raised in the Saratoga Springs area and his parents. Ken and Darlene, recently moved to Warrensburg. They could not be reached Friday.

Restaurant with lounge, 'stadium kitchen' planned

By MAURY THOMPSON

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GLENS FALLS ◆ Another dining and entertainment establishment is coming to downtown this one offering dinner with a live cooking show.

Developer Charles Cefalu said Thursday the former Merkel & Gelman department store building at 200 Glen St. will be renovated into a gourmet restaurant featuring a "stadium kitchen."

Patrons seated on the first floor will be able to look down into an oval-shaped kitchen and watch as chefs prepare various dishes. Patrons seated on the second floor will be able to watch via closed-circuit television.

During the afternoons and other times when it is not busy, the restaurant will offer semi-

"This is extremely high-end. We feel there is a need for it," Cefalu said. The concept is intended to

appeal to people who watch cooking shows on television, Cefalu "A lot of people like to watch. They don't like to cook, but they

like to watch people cook," city Attorney James LaPann said. "I'm definitely in that category," Mayor Robert Regan said.

"We'll be there — my wife and The restaurant, expected to be

be called "Posole at 200 Glen Main Street program to subsi-Street.'

"It's the Indian word for corn," Cefalu said.

A restaurant group from Saratoga Springs has tentatively agreed to operate it, Cefalu said. But if that does not materialize, he said, he will seek another operator.

"The Adagio Lounge" will be located in the basement. Space on the second floor will be used for banquets or as overflow dining space.

The third and fourth floors will be renovated into loft apartments, with two apartments on each floor.

open by the end of the year, will up to \$60,000 under the state's ground floor to house eight retail

dize the cost of renovations: \$10,000 for the facade and \$50,000 for the interior, said William Tompkins of Shelter Planning, a consultant to the city's Economic Development office.

Cefalu is the same developer who is renovating the former St. Mary's convent on Maple Street to house 20 condominiums.

A separate development company he heads recently purchased an old factory building at the corner of Elm and South streets from Peter Shabat. Cefalu plans to renovate the second and third floors to house 14 Cefalu is eligible for a grant of luxury loft apartments and the

store fronts.

Andrea Lyons, executive director of Charles R. Wood Theater, said she looks out the window at the 200 Glen St. building every day. She said it will be great to see it fixed up.

Theater patrons, she said, are always interested in having diverse options for eating out before a show, adding that the concept for the new restaurant sounds intriguing.

"Taking a great old space and using it to the greatest of its capacity — very cool!" she said.

Regan, likewise, said the building has a lot of architectural

"That building has fantastic potential," he said.

Deaths

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Pauline Rose Nichols Glens Falls Arthur E. Shiell

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Friday's Winning Numbers Numbers

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4-20-21-37-38

7-18-27-35-54

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Late: 9-8-0

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The local job market continued its record-setting trend in June in the Glens Falls Metropolitan Statistical Area according to the state Labor Department. PAGE B3

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Residents bringing change to 3rd Ward

◆ RESIDENTS

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future would include new sidewalks, street lighting and landscaping.

Mayor Robert Regan calls the middle class couples moving into the neighborhood "urban pioneers."

More so than breaking new ground, Toth said, she and her neighbors are restoring the spirit of "urban industrialists" like McCarthy who once inhabited the neighborhood.

"It's definitely a 'turn around' street. It's an investment," said Lisa Cirelli-Flores, referring to the scope of work that needs to be done on many of the houses, as well as city infrastructure such as sewer lines and sidewalks.

Many houses in the neighborhood don't even have curb cuts for driveways, she said.

Homes in the neighborhood were built in an era when people relied on the trolley system instead of driving cars, Toth

Cirelli-Flores, an artist, and her husband, Frankie, bought their house — that they affectionately call "the green monster" — in late 2003.

Like Toth, they wanted to be close enough to walk to downtown concerts and shows in the evenings, yet not be too far off the Northway to get to places outside the area when they needed to.

So far they've concentrated of renovating the inside of their home, waiting to do exterior renovations until after the street is torn up for the sewer

Because neighborhood residents have been willing to fix up their properties, city officials were confident in making



Goodwin Avenue residents (who live in two of the four homes built in 1925) Frieda Toth and Glen Carlsen with their daughter Rosalie and neighbor Donna Digan-Lewis, front, with her daugher Breena, visit on the Toth porch Wednesday afternoon.

the neighborhood a priority for infrastructure improvements,

"You feel like you've got a mer partner in the homeowners," he

Homeowners began meeting with 3rd Ward Councilman Harold "Bud" Taylor and for-Economic city Development Director James

discuss improvements.

City officials did an income survey, and found out that residents on Goodwin Avenue, Birch Avenue, Gage Street and Washburn Avenue met the criteria to establish a targeted zone through the city's Community Development office, said Taylor, a Republican mayoral candidate.

Officials thus far have designated \$70,000 in Community Development office funding to the neighborhood over two years, Taylor said, much of which paid for studies and design work for the upcoming sewer system improvements.

The neighborhood group has been persistent.

'We really kept working the mayor's office and attending the meetings to make sure we were first on the list (for improvements)," Toth said.

Their activism didn't go unnoticed, Regan said.

"There's nothing better for neighborhood revitalization than residents who advocate to City Hall. It's when they give up that you have to worry," he

The neighborhood group also is building a strong social network by organizing activities such as annual block parties and neighborhoodwide garage sales, said Cherie Kory, manager of Heritage Apartments in the old school building on Glen Street between Goodwin and Union avenues.

"They are a very gregarious group," she said.

There is still much to be done, but slowly and steadily, the neighborhood is being revitalized, said Carlsen, Toth's husband.

"There's some good people, little by little, moving into the Martin about two years ago to neighborhood," he said.

Houses built identically for man's children

By MAURY THOMPSON

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GLENS FALLS ◆ Around 1912, Dennis McCarthy, who owned two local shirt factories, had four side-by-side identical houses built on Goodwin Avenue — one for each of his children.

But only one of the four children ever lived there.

One son opened a third shirt factory in Ballston Spa, living lives in one of the houses. there instead, said Robert Buckley, grandson

time between Glens Falls and Historic Places. Ballston Spa was a lot longer

One daughter married a man from Manhattan and lived there, and another daughter married and lived elsewhere

Only one son lived in one of Toth said.

the houses with McCarthy's wife after McCarthy died, Buckley said.

Mr. and Mrs. McCarthy's home was initially on the opposite side of Goodwin Avenue, facing the four identical houses. But it was moved a few years later, reportedly to Union Street, to make way for now the Heritage Apartments complex, said Frieda Toth, who

Goodwin Ave., is attempting to Lumber on Elm Street. have the four houses listed on Nearly a century later, Obviously, the commuting the National Register of

> McCarthy was born in Ireland and grew up in Warrensburg, where he worked in a shirt factory,

Buckley said. In 1879, he opened his first shirt factory in Glens Falls,

A wealthy man from New such as push-button light fix-Jersey wanted to set up a business for his son, and he agreed to finance it if McCarthy would head up operations.

"He had the expertise," Buckley said.

Buckley said his grandfather operated two shirt factories, one on Broad Street an addition to the school that is where Union Square is located now, and another near J.E. Sawyer & Co. on Glen Street.

Toth, who lives at 18 in McCarthy and Barnet bodies for a funeral home, he

four houses are still there, of some of those bodies may inhabited by four separate families.

three of the four houses have new babies, said Glen Carlsen, Toth's husband.

historic architecture, the abunhe said. "If you believe in that dance of windows and features stuff - Wow!"

The houses are exquisite, but not overbearing, Toth said.

"They're small mansions, if you will," she said. "You really don't want a big house, because then your whole life is taking care of the house.'

John Canfield, Goodwin Ave., said he really likes having a laundry chute.

Local lore has it that his McCarthy also was a partner house once was used to store

come back to visit from time to time, such as when he or his Coincidentally, families in wife hear strange noises or when their rubber tree suddenly sways without explanation.

"I know a lot of strange stuff Residents say they love the has happened in that house,"

AngioDynamics expects profits to keep climbing

◆ ANGIODYNAMICS

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The Dow Jones Industrial average rose 23.4 points, or 0.2 percent, to close at 10,651 Friday, while the Nasdaq composite rose 1.14 points to close at 2,179.74, a 0.05 percent increase.

AngioDynamics' headquarters is on Queensbury Avenue, and the company employs more than 250 in the invention, production and marketing of devices used to treat periphery vascular disease.

Its marquee products are the VenaCure procedure kit, which allows doctors to treat vascular disease using lasers. The Morpheus brand catheter offers improvements over other peripherally inserted central catheters in the way of flexibility and ease of use.

The company's fourth quarter saw net income of \$1.7 million, or 13 cents per share, on net sales of \$17.3 million. In the fourth quarter of 2004, net sales were \$1.5 million on sales of \$14.1 million.

The profit margin was affected because the company saw its effective income tax rate rise from 14 percent to 36 percent year-to-year. The rate increased because AngioDynamics former parent company, E-Z-EM, had reported capital losses that were carried over to AngioDynamics in the fourth quarter of 2004.

During the quarter, the company was named to the Russell 3000 and Russell Microcap stock indices and was named one of BusinessWeek magazine's 100 Growth Companies."

to exceed 20 percent compared with fiscal 2005, to approximately \$72 million. Year-over-year net income growth is expected AngioDynamics is an important to exceed 27 percent to \$5.8 mil- contributor to the region's econlion," he said. "Our plans also omy.

forward, call for the continued growth of AngioDynamics expects profits our sales force. We expect to to continue to climb at an have about 70 dedicated sales aggressive rate, Hobbs said. reps in the field over the next 3 months, up from 46 currently." reps in the field over the next 30

The news was also welcomed by Dan Stec, Queensbury town supervisor. He said Friday that

"The bottom line is they've got fantastic people there, and they've got a good product," Stec said. "Everything can't be tourism; you've got to diversify your tax base, and these are good, quality jobs at a good, quality company, and it's great that they're doing so well because it's good news for current and future residents.

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