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A photograph of a demolition derby at night. Several cars are crashing and spinning on a dirt track, creating large clouds of dust and smoke. Spectators are visible in the background under bright stadium lights.

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Cars maneuver for position as radiator fluid boils Tuesday evening during the demolition derby at the Trumansburg Fair.

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TRUMANSBURG — Behind the grandstand of the Trumansburg Fairgrounds under a cloudy, quickly darkening sky, Jay Milligan climbed upon the hood of a battered Ford and called out to the two dozen or so drivers milling in a sea of stripped-down cars lined up along the track. ♦ “Drivers, your attention please!” ♦ Some would find some sort of contradiction in a formal meeting ahead of the disorienting chaos of a demolition derby. But for 53 years, Milligan’s family company, JM Productions, has been staging derbies throughout New York state. ♦ “I started painting numbers and doing the white lines on the track when I was 10,” Milligan said.

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Cars start out in the second heat Tuesday evening at the demolition derby at the Trumansburg Fair.



Michele A. Harris was reported missing Sept. 12, 2001. Neither her body nor a weapon has ever been found.

Charged with murder of his wife

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For the fourth time, a jury will attempt to decide whether Cal Harris murdered his wife.

Schoharie County Judge George Bartlett set a trial date of March 2 for Harris during a brief conference Wednesday. Proceedings took place in the same courtroom where Harris' grueling third trial played out over four months before ending in a hung jury and a mistrial.

Bartlett gave Tioga County District Attorney Kirk Martin until Oct. 5 to respond to a court filing by Harris' defense team to dismiss the second-degree murder charge. Bartlett had previously denied such a request by the defense.

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ALBANY — The State University of New York said Wednesday it has finished developing a program that will allow students to transfer any credits toward their degree to any other SUNY school.

The system has aligned more than 32,000 academic courses, allowing students to more easily switch schools starting this school year — which gets underway this week for most SUNY colleges.

“When you start college at SUNY, we are going to do all we can to help you finish your degree on time and with

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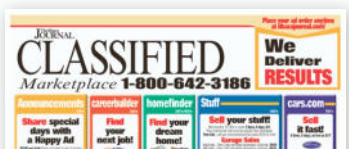
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