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Virginia Tech massacre hits close to home

Williamsville artist's daughter tells dad: 'There was a shooting — I'm fine'

by **KIMBERLY M. KARCHER**
Editor

For Gustavo Glorioso, Monday morning started as it did every week.

He was busy teaching at Franklin Middle School in Kenmore and awaiting his usual morning phone call from his daughter, Asha, a freshman engineering student at Virginia Tech.

Little did Glorioso know that within

hours an entire nation would be captivated by the drama unfolding on the small campus in Blacksburg, Va., — the campus where his daughter, a 2006 Clarence High School graduate, was pursuing her collegiate career.

"She called me a little after 9:30 a.m. because she had to be at an appointment where the first shootings took place," Glorioso said. "When she got there there

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Melissa, Asha and Gustavo Glorioso celebrate during Asha's graduation from Clarence High School in 2006. Asha is a freshman engineering student at Virginia Tech.

Third Democrat plans run for Town Board

by **JESSICA L. FINCH**
Associate Editor

"Amherst can do better," town resident Mark Manna said about his decision to run for Amherst Town Board as a Democrat.

Involved with several development proposals, Manna said he wants to use his experience to serve the public.

"I have done a lot of work with Amherst residents in their fight for smart development. I think we can have both leaner and more efficient government and leaner and more efficient development," he said.

Manna is employed by United Food & Commercial Workers Local 1. He is also on the board of directors for the Coalition for Economic Justice, a non-profit group that works with community, religious, labor and

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Manna



Jack Mansour, 9, of Snyder, inspects a display of model military aircraft Sunday at the Knights of Columbus hall on Union Road, Cheektowaga.

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Military in miniature

Fans catch rare Sabres appearance at Pepsi Center

by **ELIZABETH TAUFA**
Reporter

While tickets to Buffalo Sabres games have been elusive this season, fans have found a way to get their in-person Sabres fix.

Sabres practice sessions have, throughout the season, been peppered with fans hoping to catch an up-close glimpse of their favorite players and maybe even an autograph.

On Friday, the Sabres were displaced from their downtown Buffalo home to the Amherst Pepsi Center near the University at Buffalo's North Campus because of the arena's necessary preparations for the final home game of the Buffalo Bandits' season.

Coming off their first playoff game — and their first win — the boys in the blue and gold headed north for the rare Pepsi Center practice and were met by a throng of fans seeking autographs.

"I came to get a birthday card signed for my sister," said Kenmore resident Jennifer Wallworth. "Her favorite player is Derek

Roy. I got her an autographed picture of him Tuesday."

Wallworth is a regular at Sabres practices with her son, 7-month-old Lawson, in tow. "I used to go up to Rochester to see the guys practice there," she said. "I come out now just to say hi to them."

Several area students took advantage of their spring recess by attending the practice session, but there were some present who were playing hooky for the day.

"I'm skipping class to be here," said Geneseo State College student Chris Maxwell. "I just wanted to watch the game back home (in Amherst)."

Maxwell noted that he and some friends from high school were trying to find tickets to the second game of the Sabres-Islanders series but would most likely have to watch at home.

Amherst residents Kim Goodman and Mis-sy McNutt made a group trip out of the practice session, bringing a total of five children ages 2 to 10 years.

"It's just a nice thing to do because the kids

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Michelle Goodman of Amherst enjoys a snack while watching the Buffalo Sabres practice at the Pepsi Center last Friday morning. Fans were not permitted into the rink and had to watch from the lobby.

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